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Life with the

Sappers

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A Pictorial History

of

The Ordnance Survey A/T Boys





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by

Peter "Tojo" Frampton





This Audio Visual Presentation

is dedicated to

Capt "Jack" Keleher GM



1917





1950





1943






A/T Boy "Tojo" Frampton









High on a hill Truth stands,
He that would seek her
About must, and about must go.

Manual of Military Survey 1952





OS A/T Boys - Bryn Howel 1943



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Lionel Tickner
Conk Gordon

Rastus
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Potter

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Cookson

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Jock
Gordon

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Stoddard

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McDermot

Roger
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Howe

George
Upchurch

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Dawson

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Warren

Ivy
Pinkney

Alf
Snaith

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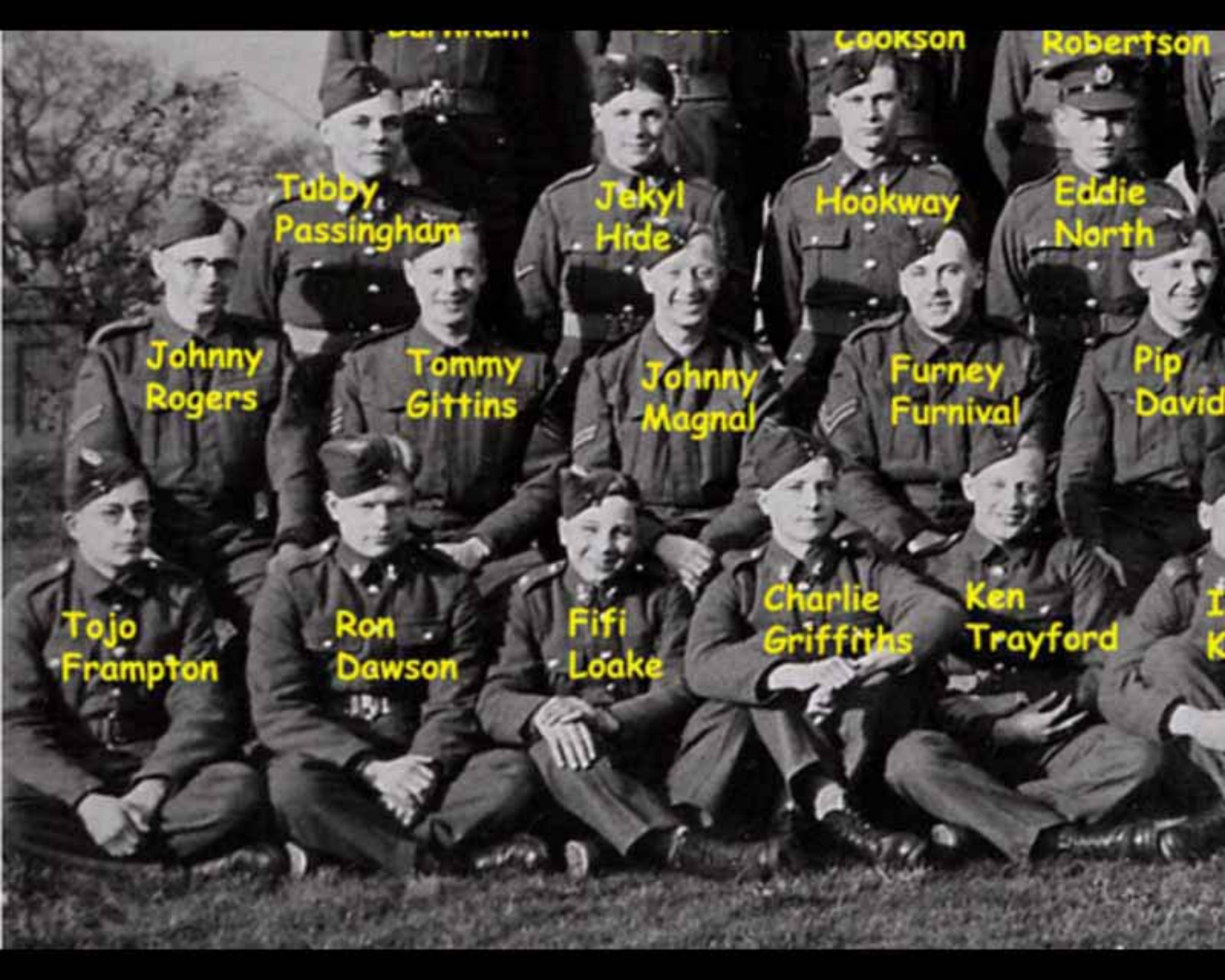
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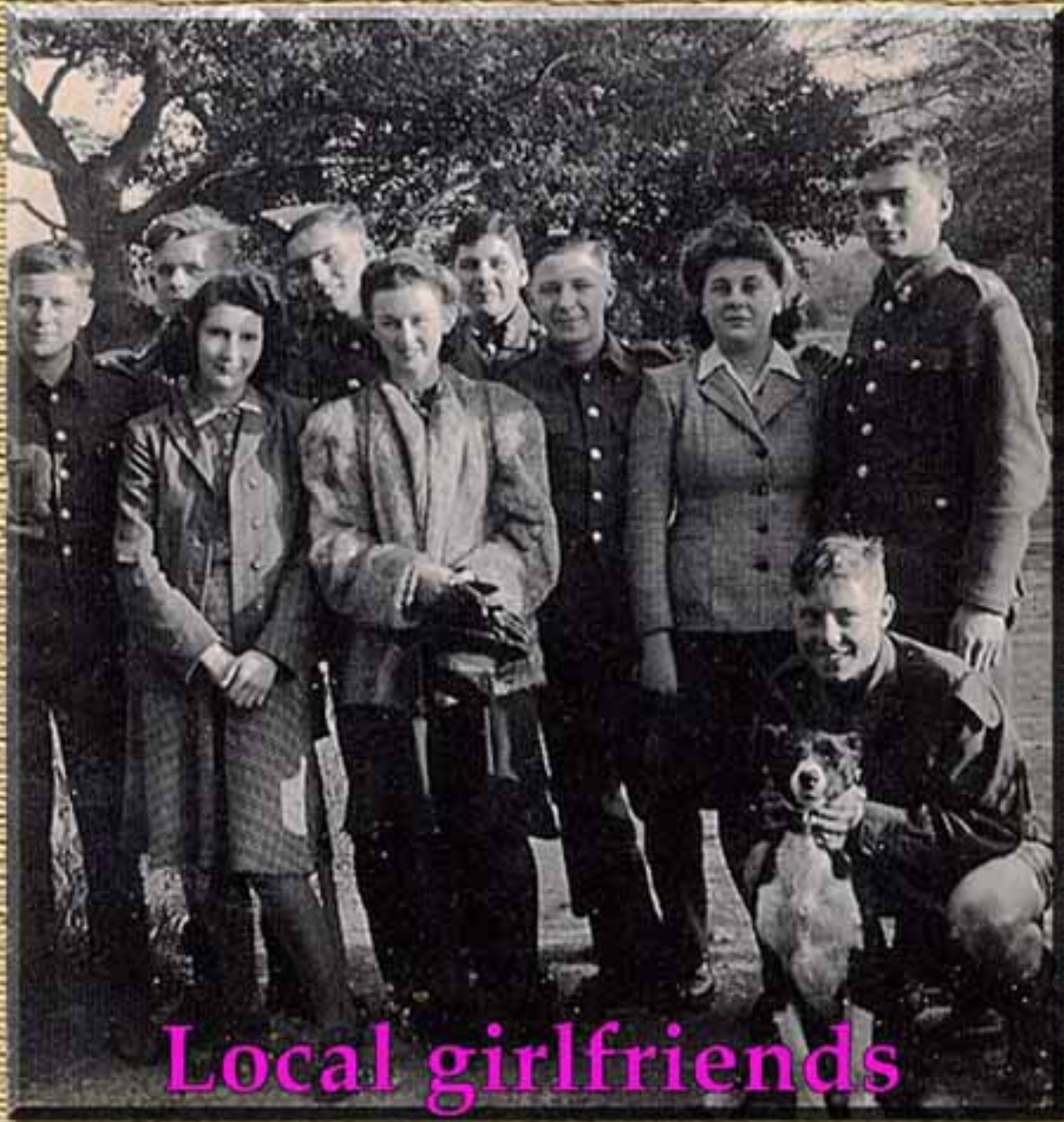
Field Exercise



At the bus stop



Buller Kent and Sylvia



Local girlfriends

Of course it started well before that!

In 1940 Capt Keleher first formed the RE boys as a seperate survey unit at the White House Hotel, Milford on Sea.

In 1941 as the unit increased in size they moved to the Grand Marine Hotel at Barton-on-Sea.



Grand Marine Hotel
Barton on Sea



Grand Marine Hotel
1941

Ken Cartwright

Joe Saunders

Alex Johnson

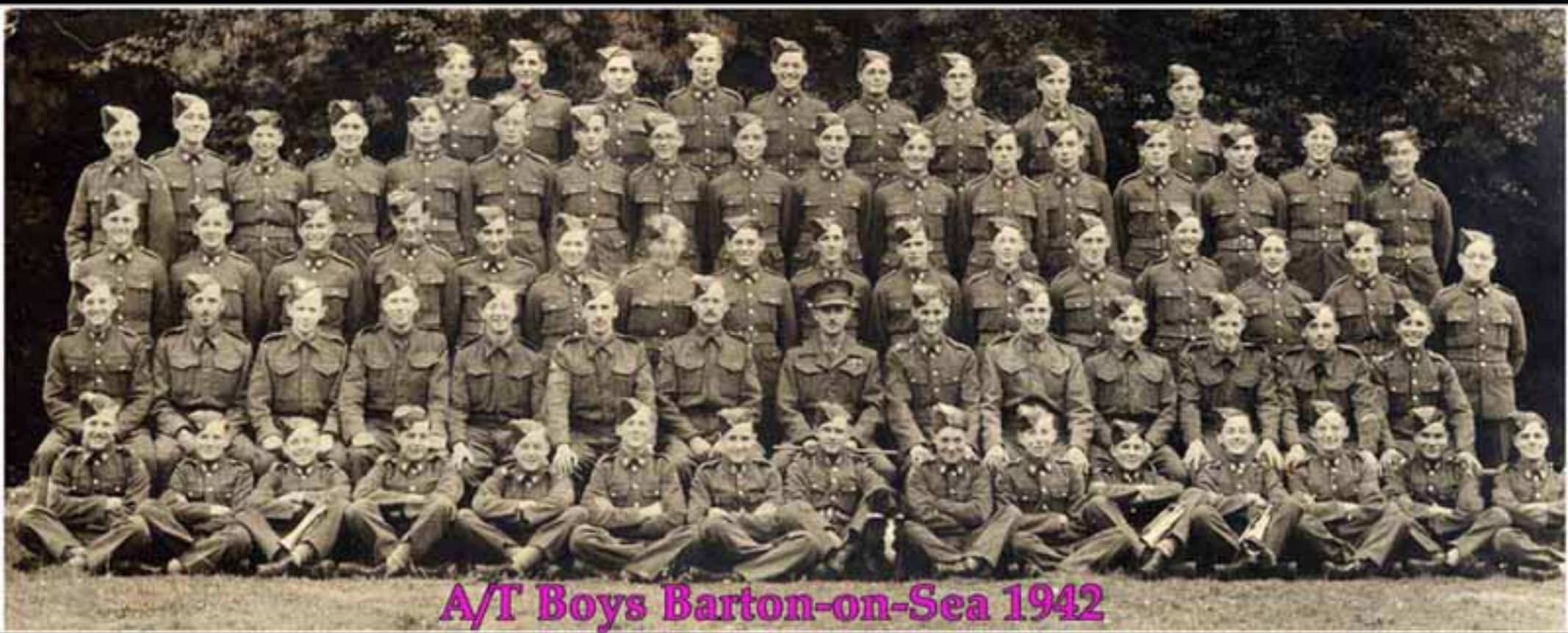
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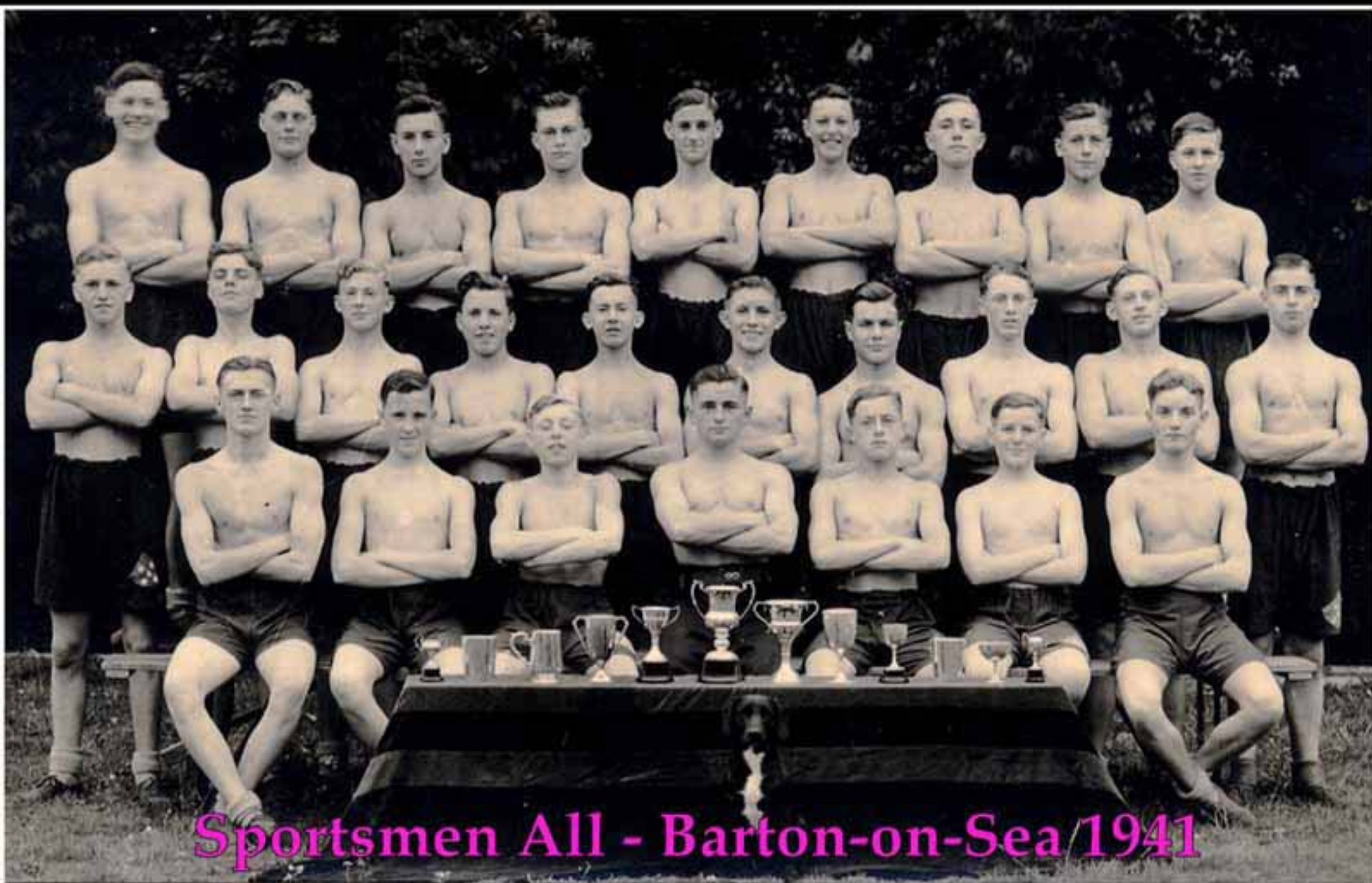
Sammy Hall

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Sports day Barton-on-Sea 1942





Sportsmen All - Barton-on-Sea 1941



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Griffiths**







Johnny Bickers at the Arsenal/Southampton match after boys PT display in 1942

FIRE FIGHTING BRAVES

An officer and a 17 years old apprentice tradesman in the Royal Engineers, both Solonians, have been awarded the George Medal for conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner during air raids on Southampton.

The recipients are Lieut. (Temporary Captain) J. Keleher and Boy Melville Searle Thompson.

Thompson, whose home is Pembroke, Hatley-road, Bitterne, Southampton,



LIEUT. (TEMPORARY CAPT.) J. KELEHER

covered himself with glory during bombing.

Incidendi and high explosive bombs rained on buildings. In the midst of the Inferno Boy Thompson, as he is described in the Service, moved coolly from one place to another, ready and eager to be of service.

COURAGE AND RESOURCE.

His conduct (in the words of one of his officers) was modest and inspiring, and he displayed intelligence, resource, courage and grit.

On the night of a raid Thompson was a member of a fire party detailed to tackle a fire. Captain Keleher entered the building with a hose, from which he directed water into the heart of the fire. His efforts to subdue the blaze were proving successful, but he was in danger of being overcome by smoke and chemical fumes.

EXTINGUISHED FIRE.

Two men, in turn, went into the building to relieve the officer, but both were unable to remain there any length of time. Then Boy Thompson followed him into the building. He saw the fire, and he saw the danger to his party. He saw the need for a hose, and he saw the need for a man to stand fast amid the acrid fumes and smoke and to extinguish the fire.

He saw the need for a man to enter another building in order to

ascertain the depth of a fire. He went up the only stairway and returned with useful information as to the situation of the fire on the top floor.

He acted regardless of the danger of the burning roof and ceilings collapsing.

Thompson was next seen sitting on the ground, alone, directing a hose on another building which was blazing fiercely. Suddenly a high explosive bomb fell on the burning building and there was a big explosion.

Thompson rolled over on his back to avoid the blast, and a moment later resumed his original position and carried on with his fire-fighting.

ON TOP OF SHED.

Afterwards he climbed on top of a wooden lean-to shed adjoining a building which was ablaze. His object was to direct a jet of water on to the fire. Owing to the low pressure of water, he realized that the jet would be more effective if operated from above ground level.

"THUMBS UP."

He remained in his precarious and exposed position for a long time. When a helper concerned for his safety shouted to him: "Are you all right up there?" Thompson looked down, grinned, and made the "Thumbs up" gesture.

Altogether he was engaged for more than six hours in strenuous fire-fighting.

Thompson is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Thompson. His father is a Customs officer.

He attended Westend School, and afterwards Hichen Secondary School.



MELVILLE THOMPSON

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Jack Keleher & Tommy Thompson awarded the George Medal

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Longleat Camp - 1946



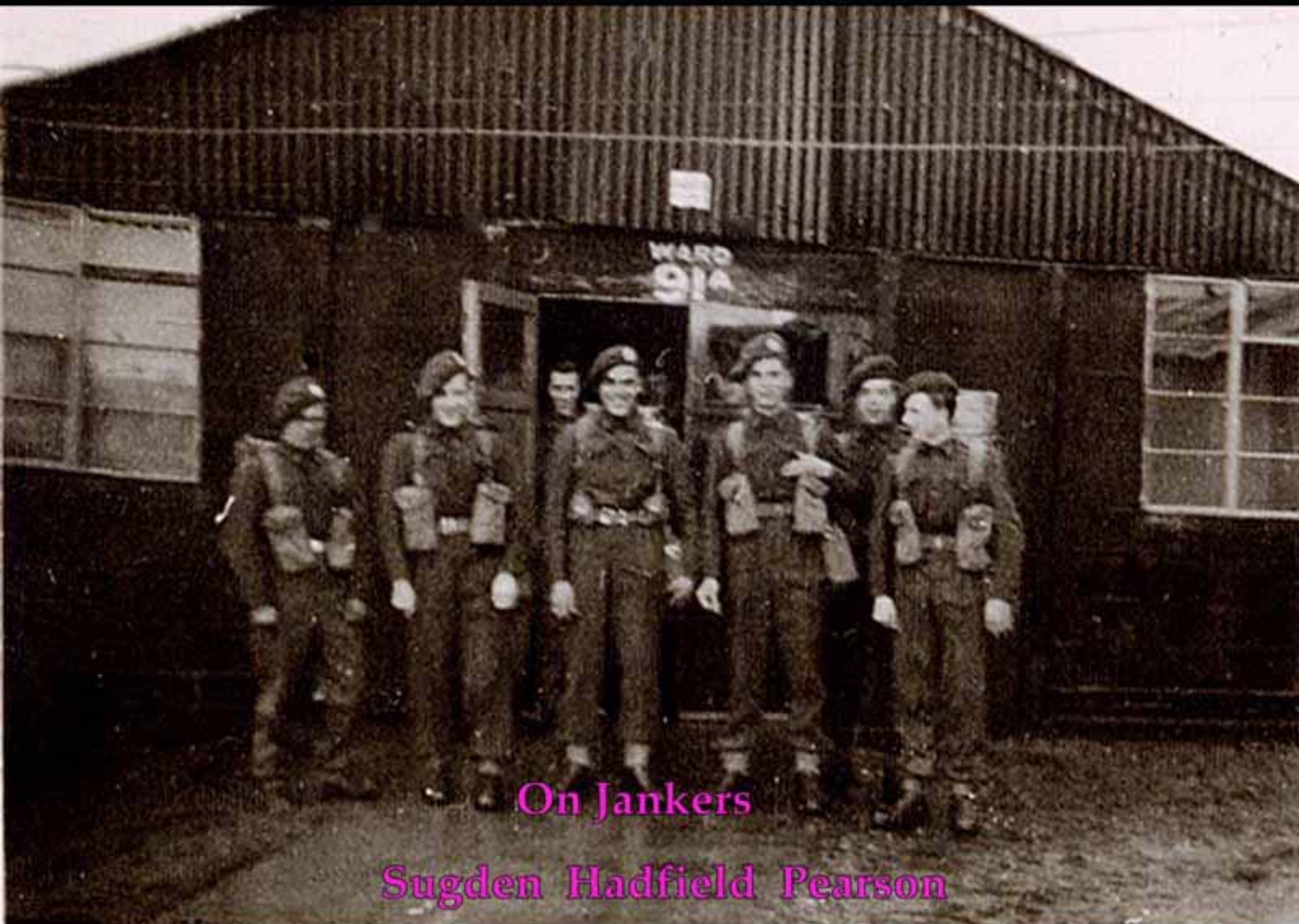
Boys Wing - Longleat Camp



Pete Patterson, Jock Sinclair, Don McFarlane



Ward 91 Football team



On Jankers

Sugden Hadfield Pearson



Mark Henshaw, Johnny Bickers



Doc Inglefield

Spud

Joan

Edgar Kennedy



Don McFarlane plane tabling at the Deverills