



Arnold Pumphrey, Bootham School 1904-8

The school magazine, "Bootham" has many references to Arnold Pumphrey. The following extracts are taken from "Bootham".

Class results Autumn term 1905:

Results for Half-term, End of term and Exams:

Lower Senior ...	1st	G. R. Dobrashian	72·8	A. Pumphrey ...	79	H. M. Lingford	65·7
	2nd	A. Pumphrey ...	71·7	G. R. Dobrashian	77·9	A. Pumphrey ...	61·8
	last	O. Clark ...	48·7	O. Clark ...	46	J. R. Hamilton ...	37·8

Class results Spring term 1906:

Lower Senior ..	1st ..	G.R.Dobrashian	73·0	{ H.M. Lingford }		
	2nd ..	{ H. M. Lingford }		{ A. Pumphrey }		75·6
		A. Pumphrey	72·5	G. R. Dobrashian		74·2
	last ..	G. B. Haughton	47·8	S. J. Willis ..		49·8

Class results Summer Term 1906:

		Half-Term.		End of Term.		Exams.	
Lower Senior	1st	A. Pumphrey	77·7	A. Pumphrey	79·7	G. R. Dobrashian	69·7
	2nd	W. M. Wilson	73·9	G. R. Dobrashian	78·9	A. Pumphrey	65·2
	last	G. B. Haughton	49·6	G. B. Haughton	47·4	G. B. Haughton	26·8

Arnold continued to do similarly well in his studies through the following years.

By Spring term 1907, Arnold had joined the school Football 2nd XI.

By Summer term 1907 Arnold had taken exams:

In Public Examinations we have taken the following places:—
Univ. of London School Leaving Examination, Matric.
Standard,

SECOND DIVISION—J. C. Barron.
P. Corder.
F. Gibbins.
A. M. Hughes.
A. Pumphrey.
M. Rowntree.
S. J. Willis.
W. M. Wilson.

By Autumn term 1907, Aronold was a Reeve (similar to Prefect).

In the First XI football report of Autumn term 1907:

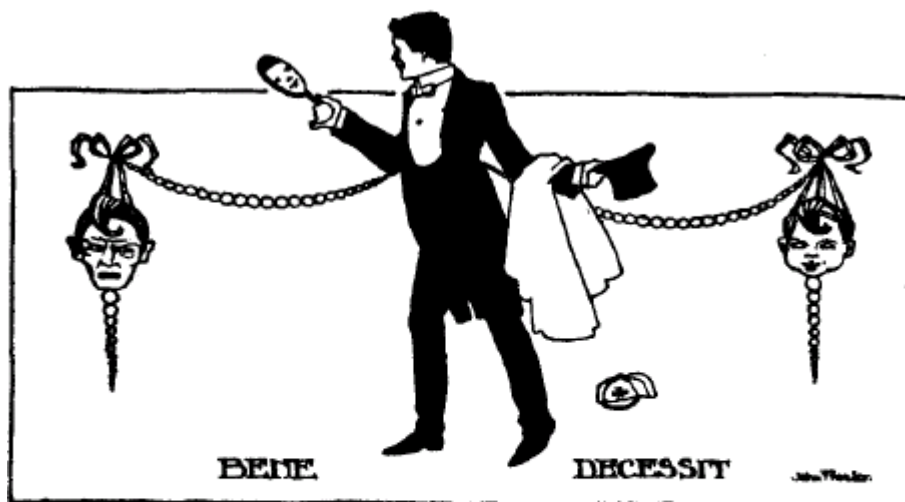
“Of the boys, Pumphrey was the best half, and Green the best full back.”

At end of Autumn term 1907:

		Half-Term Averages.		End of Term Averages.		Exams.
College Class	1st	Not placed		Not placed		A. Pumphrey*
	2nd					W. M. Wilson
	3rd					P. Corder
	4th					J. O. Holdsworth

(College is equivalent to 6th form.)

The June 1908 issue of Bootham magazine tells us:



ARNOLD PUMPHREY passed Matric. last summer and joined the College Class in the autumn. He was a good right half-back, and excelled in that position during the two terms that he played with the 1st XI. He was a Reeve; he leaves to study French on the Continent.

Also June 1908 issue tells us:

A large number of Senior boys passed the University Extension Examination in Modern History:—Burford, Blomfield, Carmichael, Dobrashian, H. Green, Gilbert, Hind, Walpole, Irwin, Levin, Littleboy, Midgley, Milner, Pickard, and Wilson, while Corder, H. L. Green, Holdsworth, and A. Pumphrey passed with distinction.

Notes from the Football Captain:

PUMPHREY, A.—A strong tackler, and a reliable half back, who has often put in sterling work against odds; defending well and passing well. He seemed to plan his battle so that it was good to play in front of him.

Arnold continued to play football at Bootham, in the Old Boys Team.

The November 1913 Issue of "Bootham" magazine tells us:

ARNOLD PUMPHREY (1904-8) has passed the Solicitor's Final Examination of the Law Society.

The December 1914 issue of "Bootham" includes:

MANY Old Scholars have felt that the way to freedom and a more enduring peace lies only through an appeal to arms, and have joined the fighting forces of the Crown. Even those who disagree with their principles will honour their motives and their courage.

We have endeavoured to make the following list of those serving as Regulars, Territorials, or in the Army Medical Corps as complete as possible, but there must be omissions; and we shall be glad to hear of any other Old Scholars serving with the Colours, with the names of their regiments:—R. H. Beck, A. Hunt, T. S. Impey, A. Impey, B. Harper, M. Haughton, G. Milner, B. Wright, A. Pumphrey, H. Pearman, J. Carr, T. A. S. Hamilton, D. Hamilton, J. R. Hamilton, G. N. Clark, A. Wilson, R. Burley, C. L. Bentley, E. Y. Priestman, J. Goodbody, O. Fayle, A. M. Hughes, E. Walker, G. P. Abbatt, F. Brockbank, C. Brockbank, J. G. Braithwaite, W. Irwin, L. P. I'Anson, W. M. I'Anson, P. Midgley, G. Cowpe, E.

The March 1915 issue of "Bootham" has lists of those involved in the War:

Bootham School War Lists.

(1) Under Military Discipline :—

[Those whose rank is not stated may or may not be privates.]

Including:

PUMPHREY, A., 5th City of London (London Rifle Brigade).

The March 1916 issue of "Bootham" has under the Bootham School War Lists:

Pumphrey, Arnold, Lieut., 20th Durham Light Infantry.
Pumphrey, Hubert.

The October 1916 issue of "Bootham" states:

CAPT. ARNOLD PUMPHREY has been slightly wounded in the July advance, and is able to return to his duties.

The June 1917 issue of "Bootham" states:

CAPT. A. PUMPHREY, mentioned in despatches, got the D.S.O. at the beginning of June.

The December 1917 issue of "Bootham" records:

PUMPHREY.—On the 21st September, 1917, killed in action, Arnold Pumphrey (1904-8), of Mayfield, Sunderland, aged 26 years.

The May 1918 issue of "Bootham" includes:



A. PUMPHREY.

and

In Memoriam.

ARNOLD PUMPHREY. A schoolfellow writes :

Arnold Pumphrey will be remembered by those who were of his year as an unusually clever boy, one of those who succeed without apparent effort, and after much less work than others undertake for a smaller result. That his career as a soldier should have been brilliant can have been no surprise to those who knew him.

When he became a Reeve in September, 1907, his cheerful presence added much to the liveliness of the studies. I remember his delight in rolling a five-shilling piece down the study corridor, a pastime much affected by the Olympians at that time. His nickname "Bunny" was a term of affection.

He was one of the four who enjoyed the fuller freedom afforded by visits thrice weekly to Leeds University to attend Economics lectures, and it was on these occasions that I learned to appreciate his cheerful and witty disposition.

Captain A. Pumphrey, D.S.O., enlisted in the London Rifle Brigade at the outbreak of war. He was in the second battle of Ypres, and in 1915 was gazetted to a commission as second lieutenant in the Durhams. He was promoted captain, went through the battle of the Somme, was mentioned in despatches, and later awarded the D.S.O., which was presented to him at Buckingham Palace by the King last June 30th.

P. C.

and

*Neither shall there be any more pain,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

- 1914 JAMES ROY HAMILTON.
CLARENCE LESLEY BENTLEY.
- 1915 HANS FREDERICK HUNDT.
LEONARD PERCY I'ANSON.
AUSTEN CAMPBELL DENT.
FREDERIC GARRATT TAYLOR.
OWEN FREDERIC GOODBODY.
ELLIS REGINALD MIDGLEY.
EDMUND YERBURY PRIESTMAN.
- 1916 JOSEPH THORP WAITE.
HENRY E. BOWN.
VICTOR MORTON CANSFIELD.
FRANK NICHOLS.
KENNETH MALLORIE PRIESTMAN.
DENYS ARMSTRONG.
GEORGE GILLIES.
CHARLES FREDERIC BURLEY.
- 1917 JOHN MACLELLAN MOWAT.
HAROLD GREEN.
RICHARD HERBERT SIKES.
OLIVER BERNARD ELLIS.
HAROLD EDWARD JACKSON.
ADOLPH BROADFIELD COHEN.
DOUGLAS JAMES SMALL.
GRAHAM LECKIE.
ARNOLD PUMPHREY.
ERIC BUSVINE BUTLER.
CHRISTOPHER JAMES ALEXANDER.
ARTHUR REGINALD DEANE.
LAWRENCE EDMUND ROWNTREE.
GILBERT PORTEOUS.
- 1918 ERIC HERBERT BIGLAND.
CARL NORTON LEVIN.
EDGAR HUBERT MALEHAM.
DONALD GORDON CLARK.
ALFRED WILLIAM JOHNSON.
HUBERT PUMPHREY.
STEPHEN WALKER.
ARCHIBALD CARMICHAEL.
NEVILL HAMPTON WALLIS.
NORMAN EDWARD GRIPPER.
GEOFFREY BIRDSALL.
HARWOOD WILLIAM BARTON.