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The History of Hampstead School 1961 - 2016



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**Through the
Decades...**

**...from
Haberdashers
To Hampstead**



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**Haberdashers
Askes Boys
School moves
from Hoxton to
what is now the
West Block on
Westbere Road.**





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Earliest known photograph 1908 with the West & North Blocks in the background





Front (West) Block; North Block 1910

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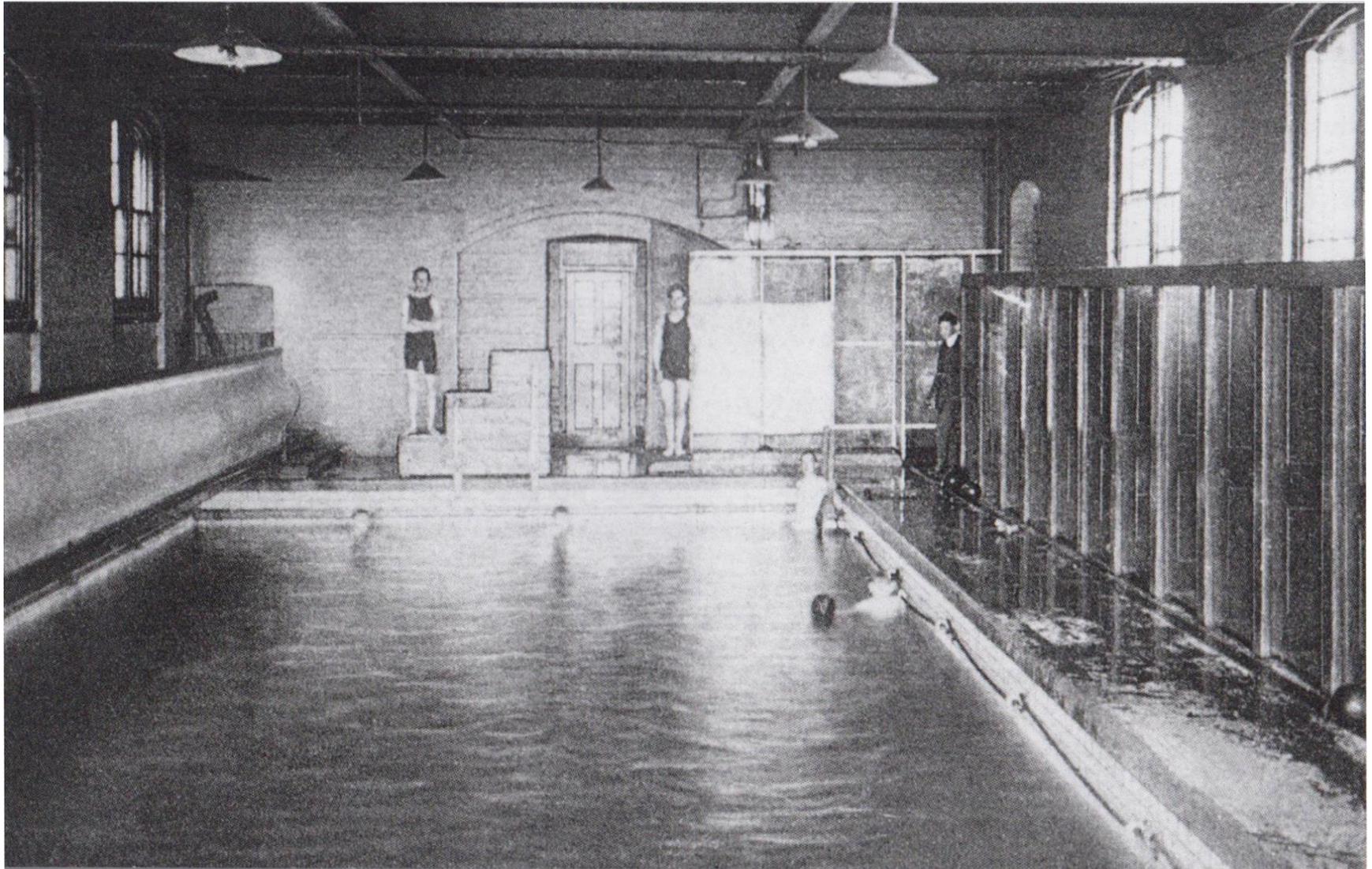
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Swimming Pool 1910





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School Hall (now the ILC) in 1910





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Cadet Corps 1914

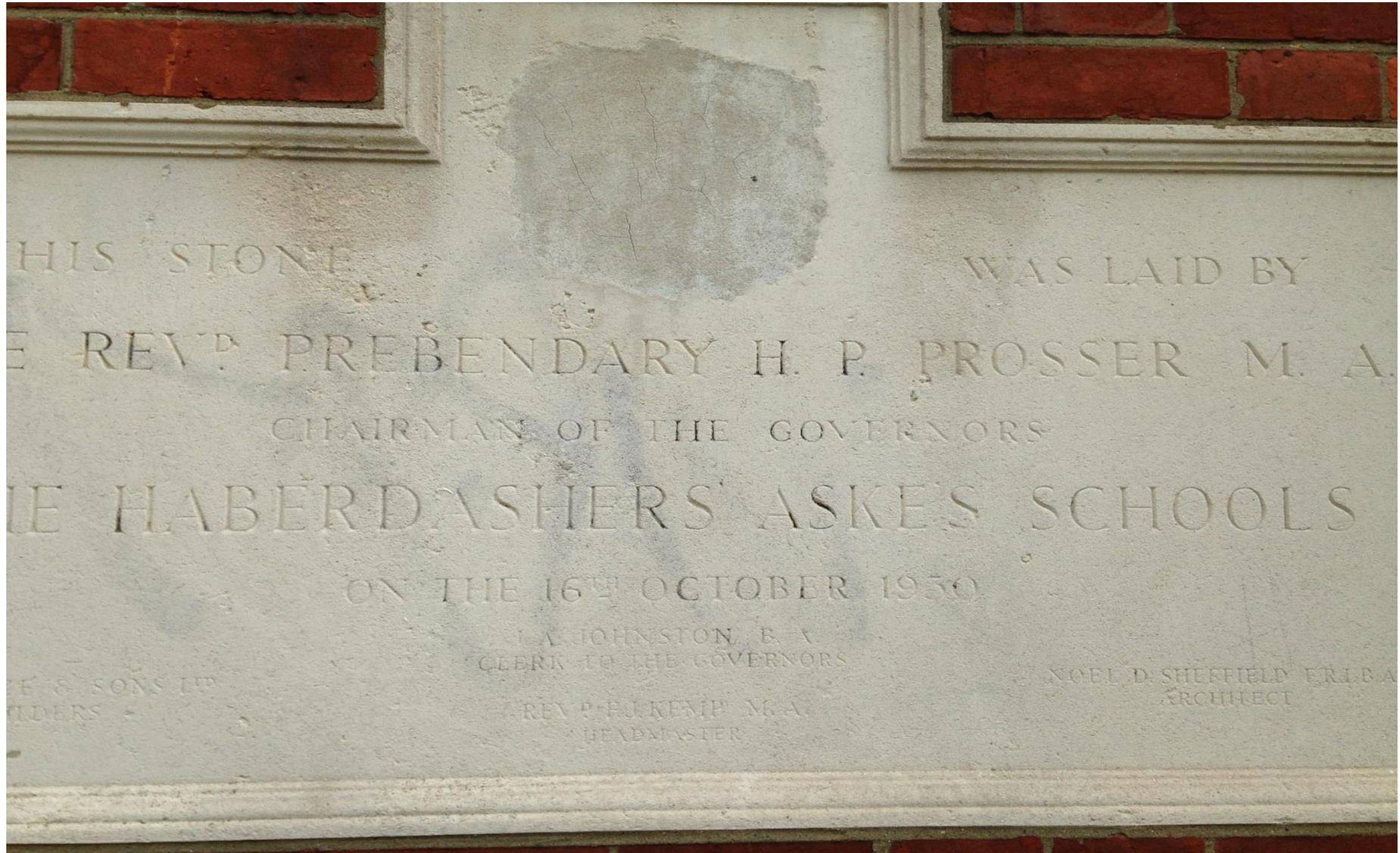


The Headmaster Mr. Wagstaff is third from the left in the middle row.
Over 100 boys from the school lost their lives in the conflict



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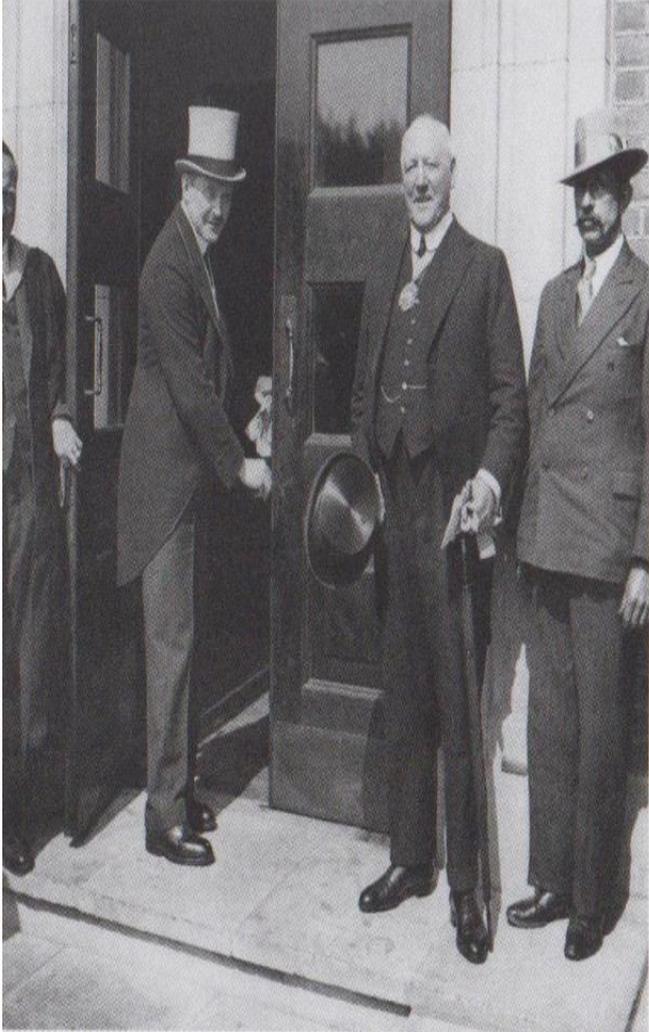
South Block (old Science Block) opens 1930





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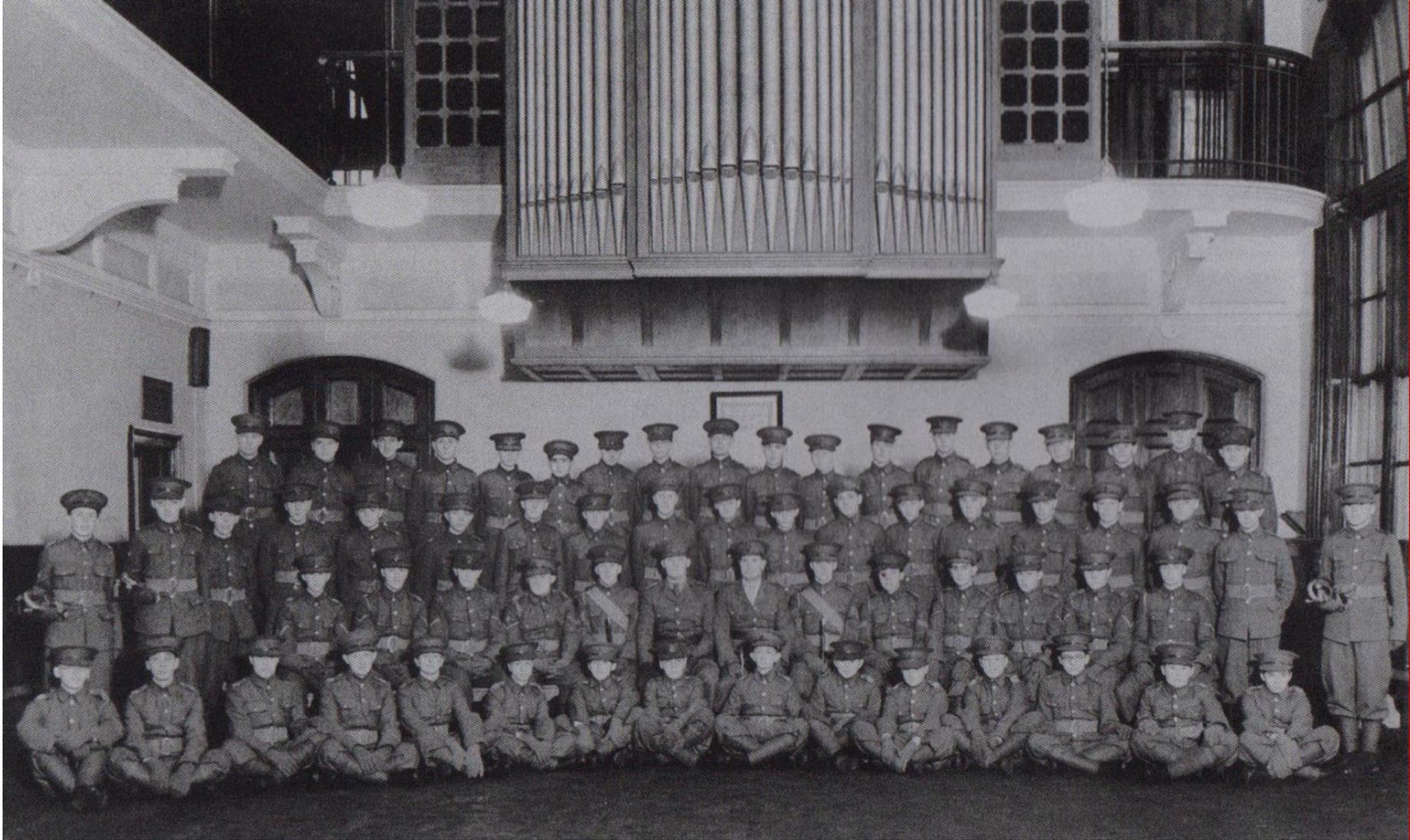
South Block 1930





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Officer Training Corps ILC 1939

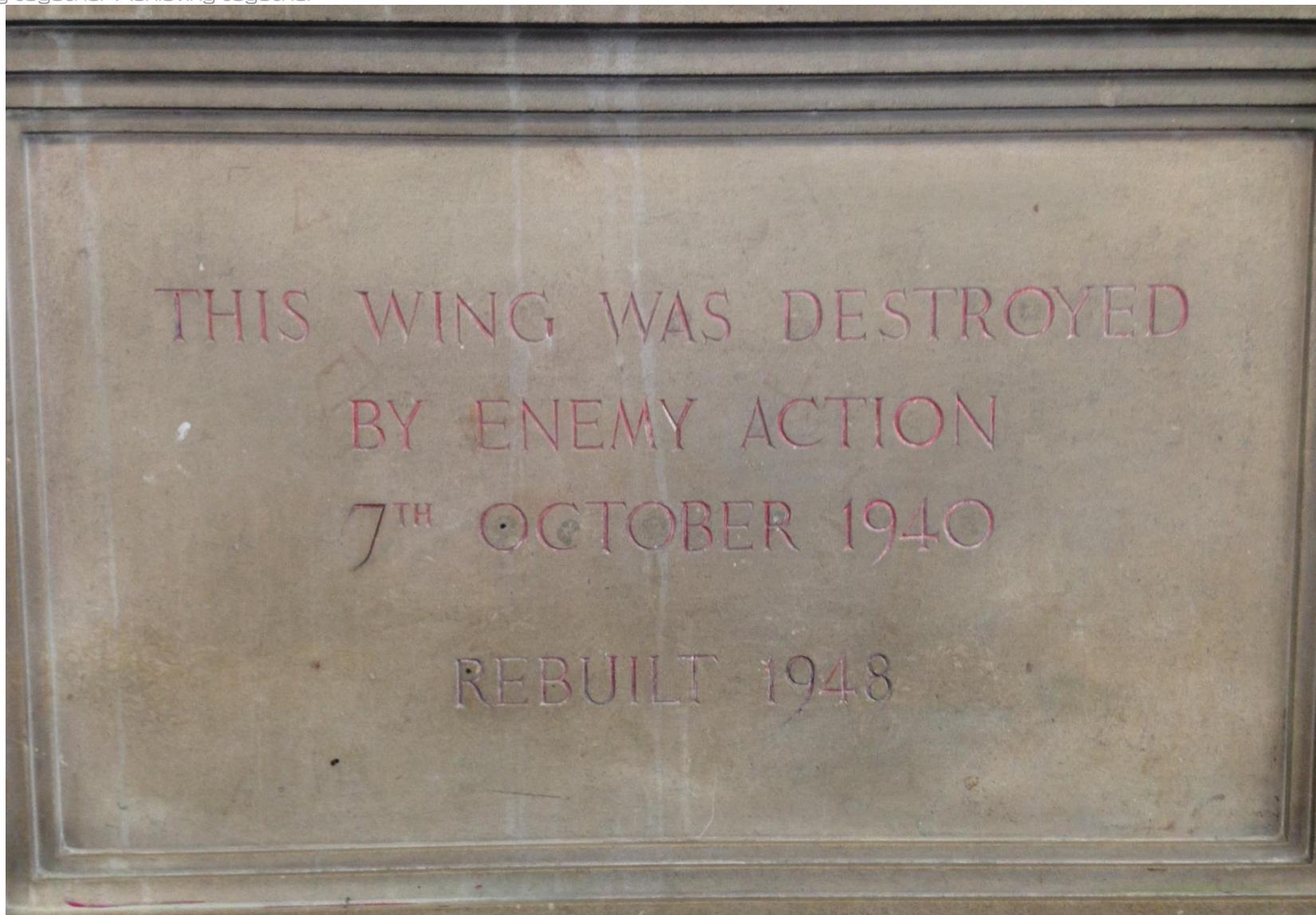




West Block bombed 1940

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Gym 3 & Hall (ILC 1950s....)





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South Gate Entrance Late 1950s





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**1961 Haberdashers moves out as
the Inner London Education
Authority acquires the site for the
new Hampstead School, one of the
first new wave of comprehensive
schools in London.**





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1960s





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1960s....



The Staff Room (now Room 15 in west Block), originally the Headmaster's Office



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1960s....





"New" Block....1967

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Restraint combined with excitement

John Stillman was blunt enough to ask me to look at the new building at Hampstead School, Westbere Road. I had seen the report of the opening by Christopher Chataway on October 17 in the Ham & High and had noted, as he had with justifiable chagrin, that the architects had not been mentioned.

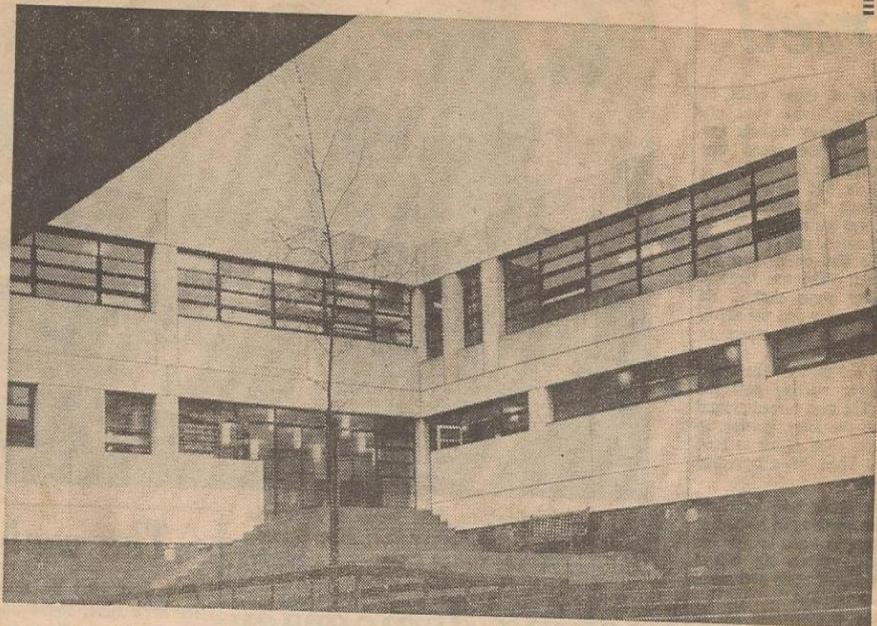
When Haberdashers' Aske's School moved to Elstree, the GLC took over the existing buildings, a rather dour Victorian block, with a nondescript extension and a science block in the faceless thirties style, and commissioned Stillman and Eastwick-Field to design extensions and improvements to provide a school for some 1,350 pupils of which at present about 850 occupy the premises completed two years ago.

The problem was not an easy one, nor has it been helped by a degree of vandalism in the early stages of occupation. The Headmaster's laudable aim is to create what he described as a compatible society and the atmosphere now prevailing suggests that he is well on the way to achieving his object.

John Stillman's succinct reply to the question as to what he and his team of architects had sought to do was "to create a varied environment" and the degree of their success was confirmed by the Head when he intimated that the boundaries of these individual areas of environment were easily defined.

The general impression of the new block, which is large, but appears less so and pleasantly intimate, is one of chunkiness.

Broad expanses of windows broken down into narrow



thick, but not coarse, black joints and combine to present a varied, complex facade pattern with blue brick retaining walls providing a firm contrast.

The plan is complex, with areas of considerable variation in size and use linked together by stair halls dominated by chunky stairs and chunky handrails.

The doors throughout are also chunky and were it not for this thick solid character the early vandalism would have wreaked havoc, instead of which the effect is merely one of considerable battering. This, perhaps, is only to be expected where brilliant

might seem austere, but the gyms and assembly hall exude a spaciousness and that is surprising when one knows of the limited budget available.

The exuberant murals in the art section corridors are refreshing, just as the galleried arrangement of the assembly hall and the switchback roof to the gyms provide an equally refreshing departure from the norm.

But, inevitably, first impressions tend to be affected, perhaps unduly so, by the detailing of external works. Here I give the architects full marks for both restraint combined with excitement.

which a delightful angled flight of brick steps leads up to first floor level. This is uncluttered by handrails, which indicates unusual powers of persuasion on the part of the architects on those authorities who prescribe innumerable unsightly yet practical safeguards for such facets of building structure.

The external areas have been broken down into a series of walkways and quiet secluded corners, all of which add immeasurably to the humanisation of this school.

More is the pity that few of these attributes are

penetrate beyond Haberdashers' Aske's original street facade; but should you be sufficiently interested, as hope you are, a call to the Head's secretary might we open the gate for a view of most satisfactory answer to the fears that a large school must inevitably result in loss of intimacy and individuality.

John Stillman's bluntness has paid off and I, for one am suitably impressed at his achievements.

A word of warning, however, to architects convinced of the merits of their work



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© MR. CHRIS CHATAWAY — an opening speech.

New Hampstead school opened by Chataway

THE new £52,000 Hampstead School will have a "profound" effect on Camden and London, Mr. Chris Chataway, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, said on Tuesday at the opening ceremony. Already the school had given an indication of what it was going to be like, he told an audience that included Hampstead's MP Mr. Ben Whitaker, the Mayor of Camden, Cllr. Mrs. Millie Miller, councillors, teachers, and parents. "Already 75 per cent of the children returned after their fourth year, to complete another full year of education." For good or ill, Mr. Chataway added, Hampstead School was going to mould the lives of thousands of people over a long period. And he congratulated ILEA and the school architects "on the way they have blended the old and new to produce an excellent result." Hampstead School, a comprehensive in Westbere Road, West Hampstead, opened six years ago in buildings formerly used by the Haberdashers' Aske's School. New buildings and equipment were added at a cost of more than £52,000 and the old buildings were remodelled and modernised.

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"New" Block...1967

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The scene at Hampstead School during Mr. Chataway's speech at the official opening on Tuesday



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1970s....





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Late 1990s.. ILC built from old hall





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Refurbished Pool





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Sixth Form Centre 2004





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New Entrance 2006





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**Dame
Tamsyn
Imison
Building
DTI
2010**





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East Block & Sports Hall Nov 2016



...South Block & Outdoor Spaces June 2017