

## **BRIGADIER-GENERAL HERBERT ARTHUR JONES CBE (1894-98)**

He was born on 27 October 1878 and excelled at athletics and cricket at the College (scored 218 not out).

The Framlinghamian in November 1897 carries the following report of him equalling CB Fry's world long jump record at Sports Day 1897 :

*"The sports, postponed from the Lent Term, were held on Saturday, October 9th, and were a great success in every way. The most remarkable feature was the splendid long jump accomplished by H. A. Jones, who negotiated 23ft. 6 ½ in. In point of distance actually covered, this equals C. B. Fry's world record jump at Oxford, but unfortunately Jones feat was accomplished on a downhill course, there being a fall of 14 ½ inches from the take-off to the place of alighting. Needless to say, the publication of this performance evoked considerable comment in the athletic columns of the leading papers, one and all of which gave Jones full credit for what he had done, while at the same time drawing attention, as was right, to the favourable conditions. It was, however, incorrect to say the wind was blowing strongly behind him. Next year every care will be taken to ensure a perfectly level jump, and then we shall see how much ought to be subtracted from the jump – variously estimated by different writers as from 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet."*

He was also goalkeeper for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys and the Masters and Boys XIs in their two victories over Ipswich Town during the 1897-98 season.

He went on to win Cambridge Blues for both athletics and cricket. At Jesus College Cambridge he won athletics Blue in 1899 and 1900 and was the first man to exceed 23 feet for the long jump at Fenner's. He was popularly known as "Jumping Jones of Jesus".

He also went on to play cricket for Somerset. Before joining the Army he was briefly a teacher at the College.

He enlisted with the Royal Army Services Corps in 1900 and initially became an instructor at the School of Instructors in Aldershot before becoming Adjutant at the East Anglian Divisional Supply Column in 1912.

He served in WW1 rising to the rank of Lt Colonel, before being appointed an Hon Brigadier-General on 17 April 1920. He was awarded the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix due Guerre.

After leaving the Army, he became a director of Imperial Tobacco and chairman of Campbell, Praed & Co (brewers).

He was awarded his CBE in 1942 for "For services as Chairman of a Committee on Royal Air Force Administration".