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[Photo: Peter O'Brien]  
DEPOT  
H.R.H. Princess Margaret inspecting the Guard of Honour at the Guildhall on 17th April, 1955, on the occasion of the Guildford Cathedral Pilgrimage

## CHAPEL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

GUILDFORD Cathedral has made great strides in the past twelve months, and the Regimental Chapel is taking shape. It is only possible to forecast an approximate date, but the architect (Sir Edward Maufe, R.A.) estimates that the Chapel will be completed during 1956.

All Travertine paving is completed in the Chapel Nave and beautiful paving of polished stone from Ashburton is now laid in the Sanctuary.

It is hoped that the four Grilles in the South Wall (through which the Chapel will be entered) will be in position at the end of this year. The Grilles are of wrought ironwork, each having at its peak one of the four Regimental Insignia. Beneath these four insignia the two Regimental Mottoes appear alternately, while immediately above the Paschal Lamb are the figures "1661".

The silver cross and candlesticks for the Altar, designed by Mr. Leslie Durbin, M.V.O., and executed by the Goldsmiths Company are a fine example of the best contemporary craftsmanship.

The Altar Book is being bound in Blue Oasis Morocco. The inscription inside has been designed by and is being carried out by Mr. Derek Benney, A.R.C.A., of the Guildford School of Art.

The design for the kneelers—generously and beautifully drawn by Lady Maufe—consists of the Paschal Lamb on a blue background with stripes in Regimental Colours above and beneath. The help and guidance of the Royal School of Needlework has been obtained for the preliminary work, so that the Ladies of the Regiment may the more easily undertake the embroidery.

During the great Pilgrimage of Witness to the Cathedral on 17th April, this year, H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited the Chapel, and was graciously pleased to show great interest in all that was being planned.

The response to the appeal for funds—inaugurated by General Sir George Giffard in August, 1954—has been immediate and generous, and to date the total £4,342 5s. 6d. has been reached, while a further £740 (approximately) has been covenanted.

The detail of gifts is as follows:

Gift	Presented or Promised by
One Grille ... ..	7th/24th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, O.C.A.
One Grille ... ..	The Mayor of Croydon's Fund.
Pavings ... ..	5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.
The Altar ... ..	6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.
The Sanctuary Rails ... ..	Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment.
The Altar Cross and Candlesticks	1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.
Lectern ... ..	Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Bromhead, C.B.E., J.P.
Bible for Lectern ... ..	The Colonel of the Regiment.
Altar Book ... ..	Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O.

H.M.S. *Excellent* have very generously promised a contribution to the Chapel Funds.

The number of individual subscribers (additional to the above) is 103.

The initial figure to be reached is £6,500, so that the sum of £1,400 is still required.

Amongst outstanding items are the 72 chairs required for seating. It is felt that there may be some individuals who would like to be associated with this part of the furnishings, and arrangements will be made to have the names of donors of chairs inscribed thereon. Anyone wishing to make such an individual gift should communicate with the O.C. Depot; the cost of a chair and inscription is £3.



## 1st BATTALION

THE last account of our activities concluded with mention of an operation against C.Ts. known to be upon the Mount Ophir feature. The tangible result of this operation, which finished on 6th September, 1954, was two C.Ts. killed and three surrendered.

Early in September, 1954, some redeployment of rifle companies took place, "B" Company leaving Bukit Serempan and moving to Labis. "C" Company also gave up South Johol and moved to Gemas. Both Companies came under command 2nd/6th Gurkha Rifles for operations.

Soon "A" Company drew blood when 1 Platoon (2/Lieut. B. D. Bartlett) in ambush positions on the Tangkak-Segamat road contacted and killed two C.Ts. Meantime Major I. P. Thompson left to go to a staff appointment and Major R. S. N. Mans took over "A" Company.

"C" Company at Gemas had been having a busy time with numerous ambushes in the local gardens, awaiting the collection of food by C.Ts. at night. This was a difficult task entailing lying up by day in full view of the locals from the near-by village. They were out of luck, however, and missed a kill when three C.Ts. entered the ambush position.

During the past few weeks information had been building up about C.T. movement on Mount Ophir once more. Particularly luxurious supplies of food had been ordered and it was thought that a meeting of the Johore/Malacca Border Committee was pending, which would include a number of high ranking C.Ts. As a result operation "Trapper" was launched from 27th September to 31st October, 1954. A jungle base, named "Braganza Base," was maintained on the mountain for a month by "D" Company under Major M. A. Lowry, platoons from other companies being under command at various times. A number of contacts with C.Ts. resulted, but unfortunately we had no kills. Caches of C.T. stores, including a modern Singer sewing machine, and various documents were found. The meeting place of the Committee was never discovered, and it is now known that as a result of our efforts the C.Ts. were forced to move and the meeting never took place. Indeed, as a result of continuous patrolling the mountain ceased to be a C.T. hide and base, the C.Ts. being obliged to move down to the more unsavoury swamp lands below. 9 Platoon (2/Lieut. J. J. Gibbons) of "C" Company were in ambush for fourteen days in support of this operation, the place being the now legendary "Nam Foo's Courier post," a particular tree which seems to exist in the minds of informers only.

After this operation "D" Company took over a new base at Bandan (near Segamat); one platoon went to their old base at Ayer Tekah. Previously 11 Platoon of "D" Company (2/Lieut. M. J. Foster) had moved to the FARELF Training Centre, Kota Tinggi, to act as demonstration platoon for the centre, the first platoon from a British battalion to do so. They returned on 24th November, having added to their laurels.

On 18th November, Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Major (Q.M.) S. W. J. Sharpe, M.B.E., sailed from Singapore in the troopship *Empire Orwell*. Major Sharpe thus completed 29 years' continuous service with the Regiment. Major H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E., assumed command of the Battalion and Major J. U. Stobbs left "C" Company to become Second-in-Command.

After Operation "Trapper" we sent one platoon on Mount Ophir. The platoon was changed frequently and by the time this policy was finally abandoned in April, 1955, each company came to know the mountain intimately.

On 15th December the North-East Monsoon reached Malaya and floods started to rise in the Battalion area as a result of four days' continuous rain. "C" Company at Gemas were cut off, the main truck road and railway were washed out and there was considerable flooding in Malacca district and along the River Maur. All companies were engaged in flood relief, boats were provided, tentage set up, 3-ton lorries were used for wading the flood-bound roads, petrol was supplied to the railway, and all the multitude of tasks in aid of an emergency were carried out.

A N.C.Os.' cadre commanded by 2/Lieut. J. G. W. Davidson happened to be on their final four-day operation when the floods rose and they spent a memorable night with the water rising in their base camp until it fortunately stopped when chest high. Their march-out the following day was more like a channel swimming contest. When you consider the average age of this cadre was probably only 20, it was quite an experience on a dark night in deep jungle.

Just before the floods, on 2nd December, a patrol from 7 Platoon, "C" Company (2/Lieut. N. J. Elliott) whilst on a routine jungle operation north-west of Gemas contacted three C.Ts. The C.Ts. were starting to cross a river on a fallen tree; at the same moment Corporal Tullett and his section started to cross the tree from the opposite end. Fortunately we opened fire first; one C.T. was killed instantly, one dropped in the river and was fired at and killed in the water, the third escaped. The body of the second C.T. was only recovered after extensive search and dragging operations in the river two days later.

Christmas was a staggered festival. Each rifle company in turn had a two-day holiday during which the traditional dinner was served and the Band visited. A Battalion pantomime was staged which travelled the roads and gave a performance at each company, plus two performances at Battalion Headquarters. Its title was "Babes in the Ulu," and the show depicted the life of a patrol in the jungle. The stars were Lieut. M. N. O'D. Pereira and C.S.M. D. Elkins, admirably supported by an excellent cast. The show was most successful and much appreciated by all ranks.

At this time the locations of the Battalion were:

Battalion Headquarters, Sp Company, H.Q. Company, Tampin; "A" Company, Bukit Serempan; "B" Company, Tanah Merah with one platoon in Braganza Base; "C" Company, Gemas; "D" Company, Bandan, with one platoon at Ayer Tekah.

The Mortar Platoon, M.M.G. Platoon and Drums should be mentioned. Apart from their normal work and training they were very often employed and organized as normal rifle platoons and more often than not were to be found on jungle operations. Additionally during the operation of Braganza Base in its early days, to preserve secrecy air supply was not acceptable. Carrying parties were therefore found from Battalion Headquarters and H.Q. Company, who spent happy days lifting rations, clothing, and all the impedimenta of war up the steep slopes of Mount Ophir.

During our Christmas festivals, and even beforehand, we had been standing by for operation "Petard." This was a battalion operation in which all companies took part together with artillery of 93 Field Battery, R.A., armoured cars of 11th Hussars and Federation Armoured Car Regiment, searchlights of 11 Independent Troop, R.A., police, and three Sunderland flying-boats. The background was that a food dump of no less than one ton of food had been built up in Kabun Bahru New Village, on the road between Tankak and Segamat. Informers could only give twenty-four hours' notice of when C.Ts. planned to collect the food, so that an almost constant stand-by was necessary. This was particularly hard on "D" Company, who for security reasons had to lie up

silently near the main road during the stand-by period. "D" Company were to carry out the assault, the remaining companies forming stops, the searchlights and Sunderlands dropping flares were to illuminate the area, while Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons and the Artillery filled in the gaps. On the evening of 3rd January, 1955, the operation took place, and 2 highly selective kills were made, one by 10 Platoon (2/Lieut. C. E. L. B. Carr) and one by "D" Company storeman and a M.T. driver. The C.Ts. killed were a District Committee member and a Branch Committee member, both from the same branch. In addition all the food was recovered, 33 members of Keban Bahru Communist organization living in the village were removed by the police, and a few days later five more C.Ts. of the branch surrendered. This operation therefore broke up the branch and its local organization. We discovered later that only 14 instead of an estimated 40 C.Ts. took part in the operation.

Before this, on 2nd January, 1955, 6 Platoon, "B" Company (2/Lieut. S. A. A. Block), killed the first C.T. of the year, both for us, and the first in Malaya.

On 31st December Brigadier M. C. A. Henniker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., relinquished command of 63rd Gurkha Infantry Brigade and Brigadier J. S. Vickers, D.S.O., assumed command. Brigadier Vickers' grandfather was in the Queen's in 1870. The Brigadier, in the later stages of the war, had command of 33rd Indian Infantry Brigade in Burma with this battalion, then under Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Terry, in the brigade.

On 3rd January we took over a deep jungle base from 2nd/6th Gurkha Rifles and 1 Platoon, "A" Company (2/Lieut. M. J. Credland) were flown in by helicopter. Meiktilla Base, as it was named, was thereafter occupied by different platoons in rotation, changing over by helicopter about every fortnight until we handed over the base to 1st/7th Gurkha Rifles on 3rd April, 1955.

At the end of the month, on 24th January, 1955, a combined force commanded by Major P. R. Swanson of 2 Platoon from "A" Company and 5 Platoon from "B" Company attacked an occupied camp at Mount Ophir, killing two of the five C.Ts. there. The operation was a result of information, and a S.E.P. (Surrendered Enemy Person) tried to guide the party to the camp. The guide became lost early and the fact that the camp was found was by a good deal of luck and determination on the part of Major Swanson. The camp was in a most unaccessible position on a steep slope beside a stream; to surround and attack was impossible, and the result was most creditable. A detailed account of this operation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Attention now abruptly switched to Malacca, a hitherto quiet area. As a result of a police patrol discovering a camp occupied by 15 to 20 C.Ts. during Chinese New Year (2nd February) and the subsequent thirty-minute battle when two C.Ts. were wounded but escaped, operations involving "C" and "D" Companies were mounted in this area. No startling results came out, but from now on the emphasis switched more and more towards Malacca State, where 5 Independent Platoon, M.R.L.A., was believed to have been re-formed, and a way from Mount Ophir from which the C.Ts. had moved as a result of our vigorous efforts of the last months.

During February we had a small party of ratings from H.M.S. *Birmingham*, to be followed later by some Royal Marines. We always welcomed visitors, and the Royal Navy in particular, whose presence generally brought us good fortune.

On 16th February "D" Company moved out into the middle of the South Gemas Forest Reserve with the double object of investigating cultivations seen by Auster aircraft and of constructing landing zones for helicopters. This latter task proved a long and exhausting one. Saws of all descriptions including a

power one were dropped by air. After many weary days the task was completed, and "D" Company had learned much about tree-felling.

February and March were months of patrolling in the Ayer Kuning and South Gemas Forest Reserves, a dull task with little results to show. This patrolling was carried out by "C" and "D" Companies, while "A" and "B" Companies roamed in their hunting grounds of Mount Ophir and the swamps to the south. This was also a time of unsuccessful contacts with C.Ts. so that, despite all the hard work, there was very little to show for it all and our luck seemed to be out.

At the end of March 17th Gurkha Division held a M.M.G. Concentration at Bandan, the concentration being run for the Division by the Battalion. It was an interesting, but hard-working interlude for those concerned. Our M.M.G. Platoon, under Sgt. Reynolds, obtained excellent results, but had a slight advantage as they had been used as guinea-pigs for all the rehearsals!

On 9th April attention was again rapidly switched to Malacca State, where "B" "C" and "D" Companies were deployed on the trail of 5 Independent Platoon, M.R.L.A., after an ambush when a police corporal riding a motor cycle was killed. Unfortunately no C.Ts. could be found.

On the night 19th/20th April Sagil new village on the main road Tangkak-Segamat was the scene for an operation involving the whole Battalion, a "little Petard" called "Mentor"! Again the information concerned the collection of food by C.Ts. After a stealthy approach in darkness the village was surrounded, no mean task. One selective kill resulted, a branch committee member being killed by a recruit training platoon. The Battalion was still occupied on the latter stage of this operation, when "D" Company were rushed away to the Malacca area to follow up an ambush by 5 Independent Platoon in which two police officers were wounded. Heavy bombing by the R.A.F. followed the next morning.

Meanwhile our future was changed with rumours and indecision. Our dates of retraining in Singapore were moved from November to August to June, our immediate destination was a move to the north into 26th Brigade, to be changed within a few hours to a move south to 99th Brigade. However, within a few days firm orders were received by the Battalion to move south in June to the Kota Tinggi police circle in 99th Gurkha Infantry Brigade area. "A" and "C" Companies moved in advance on 28th and 29th April to Kota Tinggi and Pengerang peninsula respectively. They were almost immediately involved in operation "Rex" mounted against the C.Ts. in the Pengerang peninsula. This was an all services effort, the Royal Navy bombarding from the sea. "C" Company base at Gamas was taken over by "D" Company, 2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers, who came under the Battalion for operations.

There was one last incident in Malacca on 6th May, when a police patrol bumped 5 Independent Platoon in the Malacca "White area" by the reservoir and within two miles of the town itself. All troops took the field at once, and for forty-eight hours cordoned off areas in the hopes that the C.Ts. would try to break through. The Band, Officers' Mess staff, cooks and everyone from Battalion Headquarters came out, but once more 5 Platoon eluded our clutches. The cordoning was followed by a protracted search of the Malacca forest areas by "B" and "D" Companies, M.M.G. and Mortar Platoons, recruit training platoons and the police and Home Guard, all to no avail.

We now started to pack up and were loading trains destined for Johore Bahru, the station for Kota Tinggi, when the Battalion was switched to Kluang, fortunately on the same railway line. This sudden change of plan found men and stores scattered over most of Johore. Tactical Headquarters itself was



deployed and running three operation rooms in Tampin, Kluang, and Kota Tinggi. Eventually the Battalion collected together and took over from 1st East Yorks at Kluang, "A" and "C" Companies moving up from the south a few days afterwards. We were relieved by 2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers at Tampin and by 5th Malay Regiment at the company bases, and so after fourteen months we were finally away from our old haunts.

Immediately "A" and "C" Companies were deployed with a platoon in each of six "bad" villages, to encourage the inhabitants and for general supervisory duties as well as local patrolling. Kluang Police circle we found to be an even busier area than our old one. Daily and nightly there were C.T. incidents, murders, shots fired at vehicles on the main road, the railway blown up, estate managers ambushed, parties of 20 plus C.Ts. entering villages at night and taking the guns from the Home Guard. All this and much more happened during a brief and busy month at Kluang.

During this time "D" Company carried out more jungle operations, being lifted in and out by helicopter, while on 17th June 6 Platoon, "B" Company (2/Lieut. N. R. E. Jacobs), contacted four C.Ts. on an estate, killing one.

From 25th to 30th June the Battalion moved by road, and by companies independently, to Selarang Barracks, Singapore, to relieve 1st East Yorks on internal security duties in Singapore and to retrain.

During the time that the Battalion has been on operations from 25th March, 1954, to 30th June, 1955, 30 C.Ts. have been killed, 8 wounded and 17 surrendered in the Battalion area, and quantities of stores and documents have been recovered.

Retraining has been a busy time for all. Annual classification has been carried out, company exercises and administrative refit concurrently with internal security rehearsals and reconnaissances.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated on 14th and 15th July; a separate account appears elsewhere. The annual Administrative Inspection was held on 25th and 26th August, followed by a parade for G.O.C., 17th Gurkha Division, Major-General R. N. Anderson, C.B.E., D.S.O., on 31st August.

Now as the narrative concludes "B" and "D" Companies are deployed once more in "bad" villages in 99th Gurkha Infantry Brigade area, "B" Company under command 1st/2nd Gurkha Rifles in the Johore Bahru Police Circle and "D" Company under 1st East Yorks in the Kluang Police Circle.

#### A PATROL ON MOUNT OPHIR

Our guide was an engaging Tamil—an ex-schoolteacher and now an ex-communist terrorist. He had recently deserted his companions far up on the slopes of Mount Ophir, which loomed 4,000 feet above our Company Base Camp.

With confidence he informed the police and ourselves that for the usual compensation, if success were achieved, he would lead us quickly in a matter of three hours to a large C.T. camp on Mount Ophir. Here he told us would be gathered an imposing galaxy of important and not so important C.Ts. With a little luck they would be celebrating the Chinese New Year (23rd January) with a feast of some magnitude.

A quick review of the resources available to "B" Company showed that 5 Platoon and Company Headquarters alone were not committed. A quick telephone call produced the loan of a platoon from "A" Company. At 1400 hrs., leaving the camp in the charge of the C.S.M., the cooks, and one or two others, the patrol set off in transport to the start point.

#### THE OFFICERS



Back Row—Lieut. M. E. Girling; 2/Lieut. H. M. Hare; Lieut. J. G. W. Davidson.  
Third Row—2/Lieut. B. A. J. Martin; 2/Lieut. T. B. Mason; 2/Lieut. T. J. Peerless;  
2/Lieut. J. E. Kaufmann; 2/Lieut. S. A. Willis; 2/Lieut. M. C. W. Credland.  
Second Row—Capt. P. Mallett (S.C.F.); 2/Lieut. M. J. Shuldharn-Leigh; Lieut. G. C. Sharpe; Lieut. P. M. Stamp; Capt. A. G. Jones; Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira;  
Lieut. J. R. Samuel (R.A.M.C.); 2/Lieut. N. R. E. Jacobs; 2/Lieut. C. M. Wigan; 2/Lieut. C. C. Surtees.  
Front Row—Capt. (Q.M.) J. E. Griffin; Capt. C. B. Curtis, M.C.; Major C. B. Rodger; Major M. A. Lowry; Major J. U. Stobbs; Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.; Capt. P. A. W. G. Durrant; Major J. B. C. Palmer; Major P. R. Swanson; Capt. M. J. D. Perrett-Young; Capt. E. J. Orme (R.A.P.C.).



From the moment the patrol debussed near Bekoh it was apparent that our guide's confidence in his ability to lead us to the C.T. camp was on the wane.

Fortunately we had with us another surrendered C.T. who by dint of cross examining the Tamil was able to get us started towards the mountain in an approximately correct direction. Now Mount Ophir is a large mountain with many spurs and ranges, so our spirits somewhat flagged at this poor start and haphazard guiding. Nevertheless, stopped every two or three hundred yards, progress over a period of five and a half hours was slowly made. Now and then a bearing on points known to the guide were taken off the map and the rough direction indicated to our Tamil of these places on the ground. At this stage it transpired that he had never been out of the elusive C.T. camp on this side of the mountain. Visibility was about fifteen yards and the route was climbing and dropped over very steep ground. It can be seen that we were labouring under certain disadvantages.

Darkness was slowly closing in on us and so, finding a comparatively level piece of ground, each man dug himself a ledge and a tea cold meal and so to sleep.

Morning drew an acknowledgement from our now reluctant C.T. that he did not know where he was nor where the C.T. camp was. Reorienting him as far as possible through the interpreter and by judicious threats and promises, he was persuaded to recommence his ineffectual path. The direction of Bekoh and another landmark were given him every hundred yards, both lying behind our course of progress. One moment he recognized a re-entrant or spur, the next he retracted his recognition. Hope went up and down accordingly.

The climb had become precipitous. One instant we were laboriously hauling ourselves by thick vines up a near vertical rock face, the next moving tortuously through thick undergrowth. Frequent halts were needed, not only for the purpose of aiding the Tamil but for assisting the heavily laden signaller up and over the more difficult bits.

Several hours of this brought the guide to a halt with the irrevocable statement that it was useless continuing the search. The question was whether to start fan patrolling immediately or to search the top of the ridge first. Fortunately as it turned out I decided to climb on.

The leading scout had travelled no more than 200 yards when he stiffened, tensed with excitement. The signal came back with a distinct smell of cooking. Packs were quickly and quietly dumped. The terrain was such that it would be impossible to surround the area by the orthodox drill. An assault from up the hill downwards was necessary; stops must be put out where possible. Nothing could be seen because of thick jungle and huge boulders ten feet and more high. We worked on the smell. The platoon of "A" Company moved round the right flank as far as a large ravine would allow. Company Headquarters provided the stops on the down slope; 5 Platoon moved round on the left flank with the dual task of providing the assault party and stops on the slopes above the suspected camp. All credit must go to each and every man for the efficient and speedy execution of these orders.

Very cautiously 5 Platoon climbed the steep rocks, fearful of breaking a twig or sending a loose stone hurtling downwards. With the smell to guide the outflanking was carried out smoothly. At the top of the spur a small recently used track ran towards the C.T. camp. Three groups peeled off and moved with added caution round the top of the camp. Nearer and nearer until without warning a khaki-clad figure was seen. The signal to assault was given by a carefully aimed shot that killed the C.T. outright. A fusillade, followed by a charge, revealed a second bandit who was also killed. 5 Platoon found itself in a most cleverly built camp for about forty. There were four levels cut into

the side of the mountain, each level being concealed from the level above.

At this stage further firing was heard from the cut-off party near the lower levels. It subsequently transpired that three C.Ts. who were completely hidden from the assaulting party had made their escape by leaping down into the ravine. Visible only for a few seconds to the cut-off party who had fired at them, they got away. One was wounded as could be seen from the blood trail.

A follow-up was in progress within a few minutes which continued for nearly two miles. Here it became evident that the three C.Ts. had split up. Shortly afterwards the trails were lost and reluctantly the party returned to the C.T. camp.

One of the C.Ts. proved to be a Malay called Osman, listed as No. 2 on the District Wanted List.

As luck would have it, the camp had been left several hours before by about ten other C.Ts. This was discovered from the neatly piled packs remaining in the camp. No doubt they had set off on a provisioning expedition to the near-by villages.

With a lost guide we had found the lost camp we were looking for.

### GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE CELEBRATIONS, 1955

This year, because of our heavy operational commitments in June, the celebrations were held on 14th and 15th July at Selarang Barracks, Singapore. These dates had the added advantage that during July for the first time for sixteen months the Battalion was concentrated.

The guests were officers and ratings from H.M.S. *Newfoundland* (Captain R. E. Portlock, O.B.E., R.N.), then undergoing refit in the Naval Dockyard, Singapore. In addition to the customary events of the occasion, the opportunity was taken to hold various sporting competitions which had hitherto been impossible to organize in the Federation.

On 14th July the Battalion played H.M.S. *Newfoundland* at cricket and scored a decisive victory by 113 runs, 2/Lieut. J. G. W. Davidson scoring a gallant 98. In the evening the Royal Navy played us at football and won by 5 goals to 3. During half-time the Bluejacket "Band and Drums" gave a vigorous if somewhat unorthodox display. Later that night the officers entertained the officers of H.M.S. *Newfoundland* to dinner, whilst the ratings were entertained in the N.A.A.F.I.

On the morning of 15th July a fun fair was organized by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess. A scavenger hunt was one of the shows and a remarkable collection of objects was collected, including all the Second-in-Commands stock of cheroots.

In the afternoon a swimming gala was held in the garrison swimming pool, to be followed by the final of the inter-platoon football competition. In the evening a corporals' and privates' dance was held in the N.A.A.F.I.

On the afternoon of 16th July a battalion athletics meeting was held on the R.A.F. ground at Changi. A varied programme of events was held; the chain of command race saw some somewhat unathletic figures take the field.

Later, in the evening, a ball held by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess brought the celebrations to a fitting close.

### BAND

The past year has indeed been busy for the Regimental Band, and amongst our many and varied duties and engagements we have played for H.H. The



Sultan of Johore's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, visits to Kampongs and New Villages, beating of "Retreat" at various towns in the Federation of Malaya and Singapore, Dance Band and Military Concerts to our own troops in Jungle Base Camps, concerts in Singapore at the Turf Club, Golf Club, Swimming Club and Unit Messes, Church Services, Officers' Mess concerts and Ceremonial Parades, whilst the Battalion has been retraining.

With the older members of the Band leaving, and the heavy strain on instruments due to long travelling hours and the humidity of the climate, these duties have at times been difficult to perform; however, we have always had good reports of the Band and this shows credit to all concerned.

#### BAND VISITS A KAMPONG

The engagement starts with the arrival in camp of the transport; not Cook's coaches, complete with upholstered seats and wireless, but plain three-ton lorries without seats, and at times minus hoods and superstructure.

The Band are then assembled, instruments in one hand, rifle in the other, and fifty rounds of ammunition slung around the waist. At a little distance from the main party stands two Bren gun teams, a superior look on their faces, as if to say, we are the important men in this operation. The Bandmaster then arrives on the scene complete with his whistle, map-case and revolver, not forgetting his sword and baton.

Details are then given as to the best way of parting company with a lorry in the event of an ambush, and so with Cole Porter, Bach, Mozart, Hammerstein Rodgers in our folios, instruments under seats, rifles at the alert position, away we go. It is possible that the Bandmaster had decided on an "ambush rehearsal," and so with the stopping of his vehicle, and the disappearance over the side of his team, we all do likewise. The hope of all is that in the event of the real thing it will be as easy.

Destination is now reached. Each Kampong has its own distinctive smell. Rifles and other arms are deposited in the local police station and our bandstand is located. The bandstand can range from a well set out padang (village recreation ground) to the local basket-ball pitch.

This is the signal for all the local children and villagers to turn out in strength. With a local population of Chinese, Indian, Malay and Tamil, who all dress in their own costumes, it presents a picturesque scene.

The programme then commences, and the louder the music the greater the applause, so it is thought that Overture 1812 is more appreciated than "South Pacific." Popular items are the xylophone and bells.

At the end of the programme the Band is usually treated to tea, bananas and orange squash by the locals. Arms are drawn from the police station, the Bandmaster shakes hands with the village headman, and so back to camp.

This, then, is a brief description of our most common engagements in Malaya. Perhaps our audiences are not as quiet as the U.K. audiences, or engagements as remunerative as Scarborough, but nevertheless very interesting, and an important aspect in the plan to get the military and civil population to work together for peace in Malaya.

#### SPORT

The past year has seen much activity in the Battalion's sporting world, although many ambitious projects have had to be curtailed because of the amount of travelling involved. Whilst Battalion Headquarters was at Tampin and Kluang, and rifle companies were widely scattered, sport was mostly played

at inter-platoon level, and Battalion representative teams were mainly drawn from Headquarters and Support Companies. Now that the Battalion is undergoing retraining at Selarang, however, we have been able to tackle things on a much grander scale.

#### FOOTBALL

In the Calbeck Cup competition after a thrilling game, played at Tampin, we lost by 1—4 to the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment; and in the Army Cup (Malaya) we lost to the tune of 0—7 to 2nd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers at Changi, Singapore.

#### HOCKEY

At Tampin we were fortunate in possessing a piece of ground large enough for seven-a-side games, and an inter-department competition was started with H.Q. and Support Companies. This was very keenly contested and it was estimated that 160 members of the unit were playing regularly. "B" Company meanwhile had constructed a five-a-side enclosed pitch at Tankak and were playing whenever possible.

At battalion level we played many friendly matches in Malacca against Chinese schools and local clubs. In the Army Cup (Malaya) we were drawn against the Depot Malay Regiment at Port Dickson and lost 0—7.

#### CRICKET

Little cricket was possible at Tampin, but since moving to Selarang a really strong Battalion team, plus a 2nd XI, has been produced. They are competing favourably against various Corps teams, including beating R.A.F. Changi, who are the Singapore League leaders, by five wickets. 2/Lieut. Davidson has represented the Army in Malaya versus Singapore Services.

#### RUGBY

We met the redoubtable Fijians in the first round of the FARELF Rugby Cup. The game took place at Bata Bahat before a crowd of notabilities, including the Director of Operations, General Sir Geoffrey Bourne. Although overwhelmed by a score of 61 points to 3 we had the satisfaction of knowing that 2/Lieut. Doyle, in scoring our only try, was the first man of the season to cross the Fijis' line.

#### ATHLETICS

On moving to Kluang we found that there were more facilities in the nature of playing fields and some much needed practice was put in by the enthusiasts. In the Garrison Sports several individuals were entered; the outstanding performers being Pte. Fleming ("D" Company), who won the three mile race, and the indefatigable Pte. Thomas, who completed the double by winning both high and long jumps. The mile medley relay team were successful the following day in winning the invitation event at the Engineer Training Centre's Annual Sports.

#### BOXING

In the first round of the FARELF Team Championships we were drawn against 11th Hussars. There were eleven bouts, of which four resulted in knockouts. The best bout was undoubtedly between the first string welterweights: L./Cpl. Weston (Drums) and Tpr. Pickles. Pickles won narrowly on points, but Weston covered himself with glory with a great display of skill and

gameness which had the crowd on their toes with excitement. Ptes. Rawlins and Singh both won with first round knockouts in the welter-weight and light heavy-weight respectively, whilst Pte. Grossmith as first string light-welter did everything bar knock his man out, to win convincingly on points. In the bantam-weight we were represented by an old stager, Pte. Wallace, who was far too experienced for his opponent and won easily on points. Despite this, however, the remainder of our opponents were that little bit better and the final result was a win for the 11th Hussars by seven bouts to four.

### SHOOTING

At the Malaya Command Rifle Meeting, 1955, in the over-all competition for the Champion Unit the Battalion maintained the same position as last year—sixth out of twenty-six major units competing. The Battalion was eighth in the rifle and second in the Open Invitation Shoot, in which we this year represented 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade. It is well worth noting that the standard this year was far higher throughout than last. Last year we won the rifle with 617 points and this year we were eighth with 652. That we should improve ourselves, even though not winning, is satisfactory. The Battalion was again represented by "B" Company in the Jungle Range Shoot and that team did very well indeed, coming sixth against very strong opposition.

We look forward to going to next year's meeting with two years' experience to work on and with high hopes of a good result. Then we shall have to start thinking about teams for Bisley.

Army Rifle Association Non-Central Match Results.—In the A.R.A. 1954 non-central matches abroad the Battalion did well. The following places were obtained: The Queen Victoria Trophy, 3rd; the King George Cup (Officers) 5th (549); the Royal Irish Cup (Sergeants), 3rd (530); the Young Soldiers' Cup, 5th.

The Company Shield.—2nd, "C" Company (509); 3rd, "B" Company (501).

The Pink Column enjoys a rather unaccustomed change of air in the Officers' Mess.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

At the time of writing the Battalion is on retraining at Selarang Barracks, consequently the Mess is together for the first time since February, 1954.

During November, 1954, we held a Regimental Dinner Night at which we said farewell to our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E., and our Quartermaster, Major S. W. J. Sharp, M.B.E., who were leaving for U.K. We were sorry to see them go and we tried to make up for it by giving them as good a time as possible on their last night in the Battalion.

Our dance to celebrate the "Glorious First of June" was a unique occasion as it was the first Mess function that many wives of members had ever attended in Malaya. C.S.M. Fairbanks and his committee worked really hard at making this dance a success and something to remember when we are back up-country. The Mess was beautifully decorated for the occasion and there was a glass of rum punch waiting for the arrival of each guest.

The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Hill attended and we also had the pleasure of seeing old friends in the forms of Major and Mrs. Rodger and Major and Mrs. Savage. R.Q.M.S. Atkins managed to make the long journey from his new home at Kuala Lumpur.

We congratulate the following members on their promotions: To W.O.II, C./Sgts. Hosken and Aukett; to C./Sgts., Sgt. Deacon, Watson, Redford and Burn.

We also offer our congratulations and best wishes to O.R.Q.M.S. O'Loughlin and Mrs. Miriam Hanbury on their marriage.

Finally, we offer our heartiest congratulations to R.S.M. J. B. Simmons, M.C., on the award of the M.B.E.

### CORPORALS' MESS

For the first time in sixteen months, junior N.C.Os. have at long last met again at Selarang. Though the atmosphere has changed from that of eagerness to get into the jungle to that of "wonder what comes next" in retraining, it is heartening to see once again the bright lights of Singapore and to meet many of our old pals who have been spread throughout Malaya in the past.

Though the past months have been hard, and little time found for entertainment, we have on auspicious occasions, particularly the "Glorious First of June," been hosts to the Royal Navy. This year saw the Mess in the wake of H.M.S. *Newfoundland*. In return few of us were lucky enough to become nautical in the South China Seas, and despite having to be taught NOT to use the expression "sharp and blunt end," the ship's company of the *Newfoundland* treated us really royally.

The Commanding Officer and all officers of the Battalion honoured us with their presence on Boxing Night, also the R.S.M. and members of the Sergeants' Mess. Though the Mess was small and the multitude large, thinning out process came about on announcing that the buffet had commenced. The centrepiece of this wonderful banquet was occupied by the P.M.C's. pet turkey and little room was to be found on the table for other delights. However, like the decorations, though crowded, all went well.

Needless to say there have been many and varied changes in the Mess. Promotions, demobilization and postings have taken their toll of the "aged" gentlemen, and in their place we find a very much younger element. Orangeade seems to have taken the place of beer despite the encouragement of the believers in this age-old "anti-malaria" beverage. However, we offer our congratulations to all new members and a warm welcome to the Mess. To those who have left us we wish all the luck in the world wherever they may be.

### HISTORY

Recruits' written Regimental history test at the Depot, September, 1955:

Question: Why does the Regiment celebrate the Glorious First of June?

Answer: Because H.M.S. *Pinafore* went down with No Man on Board.

### KOHIMA MEMORIAL

THE Imperial War Graves Commission in its Annual Report says: "The structure is in good condition, some letters require repainting, and this is being attended to. There is a small flower border. The Memorial is in an area which is now being built up as Police lines and has barracks both in front and behind it."



## THE FEDERATION REGIMENT

BY GENERAL SIR GERALD TEMPLER, G.C.M.G., G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

I HAVE recently had the honour of being appointed Colonel of the Federation Regiment. As many readers will know, this Regiment is largely officered in the higher ranks by British officers, warrant officers and senior N.C.Os. I think, therefore, that it will be of interest to readers to know a little bit about them.

Until quite recently it was impossible for any inhabitants of Malaya to join any branch of the Armed Forces of that country unless he was a Malay by birth. Since only approximately 45 per cent. of the inhabitants of the Federation of Malaya are Malays (the remainder being Chinese, Indians, Pakistanis, Ceylonese and Eurasians), this obviously presented a good many political problems in view of the fact that this little country is on its way to self-government, within—so we all hope—the British Commonwealth of Nations. It was obviously unfair that more than 50 per cent. of the inhabitants of the country were unable to take part in any way in its defence, when at the same time we were tell g them that it was their duty to owe a 100 per cent. allegiance to that country.

The plan took a good deal of making, since the idea was, of course, a strange one in Malaya. However, the difficulties were got over, and the first recruits for this new Regiment started to form up on 15th September, 1953, in Taiping, a delightful town in the State of Perak. The 1st Battalion of the Regiment is now fully operational, which reflects a great deal of credit on all concerned. It may seem that it has taken a long time to get even one battalion going, but when the Regiment started to form there was obviously not a single officer, warrant officer or N.C.O. available from any community other than the Malays. From the beginning it was decided that we must stick as rigorously as possible to the racial split, which it was decided should be 40 per cent. Malay, 40 per cent. Chinese and 20 per cent. others. On the present total establishment of 729 All Ranks this should produce 292 Malays, 292 Chinese and 145 others. In point of fact the strength today is 294 Malays, 286 Chinese and 148 others, and I reckon this is very good. The Regiment today should have 18 Malay, 18 Chinese and 10 other sergeants and above. Actually it has got 21 Malays, 6 Chinese and 9 others in these categories. But considering that we had to start with recruits on the square that is not bad either.

It obviously takes a longish time to produce officers from nothing. Today the Regiment has 13 seconded British officers, 3 warrant officers and 3 sergeants with it. There are also 21 Asian officers, of which 3 are Malay, 10 Chinese and 8 other races, and at Sandhurst there are now 22 cadets of the Federation Regiment, the vast majority of whom come from races other than Malays. There are a further four cadets at the Officer Cadet School at Eaton Hall, Chester. I have seen a good deal of the boys at Sandhurst, and they are doing admirably. One, a young Ceylonese, is a Junior Under Officer and is also one of the star turns in the Sandhurst rugby side. I hope it will be possible for the cadets of the Federation Regiment to do a short attachment to a Depot of a British unit before they return to Malaya at the end of their training in this country. In the course of time officer training will be carried out at the Federation Military College in Malaya. A good start has already been made with this, but it will be some few years before it is functioning properly and in a position to accept the full responsibility for training the young officer entry both of the Malay Regiment and of the Federation Regiment. And so for the next few years

the young officers for these two regiments will continue to be trained in the United Kingdom.

Today the Federation Regiment handles the recruiting and training of the other small multi-racial units which were started at the same time, *i.e.*, The Federation Armoured Car Regiment, Federation Signals, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and so on.

Financial considerations permitting, it is the intention to raise a second battalion and a third battalion of the Federation Regiment in the next few years. The experiment is a very exciting one, and it has got off to a very good start. Those who know the difficulties in a country containing a multi-racial society will appreciate how fine a thing it is for a country of that sort to have a unit or units of young men, of different religions and different communities, all living together in the same barrack rooms, eating the same food, and getting on with each other like a house on fire.

I am very proud of having played a part in the raising of this Regiment. And also very proud of being its Colonel. But for some years to come its success will depend to a great extent on the British officers, warrant officers and sergeants seconded to it under the liberal terms of A.C.I. 484/54.

There are likely to be vacancies in all ranks in the near future, and anyone who is interested can find out details on writing to Lieutenant-Colonel T. H. Trevor, O.B.E., 1st. Bn. The Federation Regiment, Butterworth, P.W., Malaya.

## UNITED SERVICES CORPS

MEN of H.M. Forces about to complete their service engagements may be interested in the following information about the United Services Corps.

This Corps was founded in 1908, with the two main objects of:

- (a) Finding good employment for ex-Service men, preferably as soon as possible after they leave the Services; and
- (b) providing employers with well turned out uniformed men who are thoroughly trustworthy.

Its main operations are confined to the London area. The chief types of employment for which the Corps caters are: Commissionaires, Clerks, Messengers, Receptionists.

Members of the Corps wear uniform. This is compulsory, and each member is required to purchase it on enrolment. The cost is subject to market fluctuations; the current price of the first full issue of kit is £16 8s. 6d.

The enrolment fee is £7 5s. plus £1 deposit (which is for payment of Fidelity Bond costs), and there is an annual subscription payable of £1.

The Corps operates a widow's relief fund, the joining of which is optional; this fund provides grants to members' widows.

Service men requiring further details about the Corps can obtain them by writing to the Secretary, United Services Corps, 19 Hand Court, Holborn, London, W.C.1. Alternatively, they can write and make an appointment for a personal interview. The latter is recommended.

## DEPOT

### GENERAL

THE long overdue improvements to accommodation have at last started and the first bricks of the new Dining Hall and Cookhouse have been laid. On 17th April, 1955, H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited Guildford for the Cathedral Pilgrimage. The Depot provided a Guard of Honour, which was commanded by Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E., and a party to line the streets. Her Royal Highness congratulated the Guard of Honour on its bearing and turn-out.

An "Army at Home Day" was held on the 9th July, 1955, at which over 4,000 members of the public attended. Displays and exhibitions by many arms of the Service were on show.

The Permanent Staff has undergone several changes and the following are now serving in the Depot: Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (*vice* Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E.); Capt. M. F. Reynolds; Lieut. P. S. Field; Lieut. A. B. S. Faris; Lieut. M. J. Doyle; Lieut. (Q.M.) J. W. Kemp (*vice* Lieut. (Q.M.) J. E. Griffin); R.S.M. B. Noke; C.S.M. F. Bohm (*vice* C.S.M. C. Davis); C.Q.M.S. A. Poole; C.Q.M.S. W. Scott; Sgts. H. Bingham, P. Butcher, A. Lawrence, P. Gibbs, A. Cakebread, M. Pearson.

### STATISTICS

Nearly 400 men have been trained since November, 1954. The Depot has continued its high rate of regular recruiting from National Service men and the Commanding Officer has received from the Chief of Staff, Eastern Command, a letter of congratulations.

### RECRUIT COMPETITIONS

#### Twenty-Sixth Intake—

Champion Platoon: Tangier Platoon; Sgt. P. Butcher  
Best Recruit: Pte. R. Coveney  
Best Shot: Pte. M. Young

#### Twenty-Seventh Intake—

Champion Platoon: Corunna Platoon; Sgt. P. Gibbs  
Best Recruit: Pte. R. Knowles  
Best Shot: Pte. A. Pridie

#### Twenty-Eighth Intake—

Champion Platoon: Salerno Platoon; Sgt. H. Barnes  
Best Recruit: Pte. W. Noble  
Best Shot: Pte. J. Ainge

#### Twenty-Ninth Intake—

Champion Platoon: Corunna Platoon; Sgt. P. Gibbs  
Best Recruit: Pte. L. Costa  
Best Shot: Pte. J. Fallon

#### Thirtieth Intake—

Champion Platoon: Tangier Platoon; Sgt. P. Butcher  
Best Recruit: Pte. A. Pannel  
Best Shot: Pte. R. Pearson

#### Thirty-First Intake—

Champion Platoon: Corunna Platoon; Sgt. P. Gibbs  
Best Recruit: Pte. P. Sidery  
Best Shot: Pte. C. Ayliffe

### Thirty-Second Intake—

Champion Platoon: Tangier Platoon; Sgt. P. Butcher  
Best Recruit: Pte. J. Williams  
Best Shot: Pte. R. Hearne

### VISITORS

The following have taken Passing-Out Parades since September, 1954: Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Harris, K.B.E., C.B., M.C.; Major-General C. P. Jones, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.; Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.; Brigadier J. J. McCully, D.S.O.; Brigadier C. R. Price, C.B., C.B.E.; Colonel G. R. Stevens, O.B.E.; Colonel J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E.

### TRAINING

The Annual Administrative Inspection took place on 8th February, 1955. Brigadier J. J. McCully, D.S.O., Deputy Commander Home Counties District, was the inspecting Officer and the Depot received an excellent report.

It has been a very busy summer for all members of the Permanent Staff who have continued to give assistance to Cadets and volunteer units.

The unit's cooks did extremely well this year in winning the Eastern Command Cooking Competition (Desmond Betts Trophy). The team consisted of Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Daniels and Pte. Jacobs, all of the A.C.C.

Monthly Officers' Training Days have been held. Visits were made to the R.A.S.C. in Aldershot and to the R.A.F. Station at Odiham. The latter visit was just before the Farnborough Air Display and the Depot party had a most interesting day. A small number were given flights in DH Venom jet aircraft.

### SOCIAL

The Glorious First of June was celebrated this year at the Depot and we were lucky to have fine weather during the two days in which a large party from H.M.S. *Excellent* were here. There were many social functions, including a guest night in the Officers' Mess, a Social in the Sergeants' Mess and an All Ranks' Dance.

In addition to the annual cricket match, tennis, squash, basketball and baseball matches were also played.

On 29th September, 1955, the officers entertained the Mayor and seven members of the Corporation to dinner. This was the first time that the new Mayor, Councillor H. H. Kimber, had visited the Depot.

### SPORT

#### FOOTBALL, WINTER, 1954

Matches played 24, won 6, drawn 1, lost 17; goals for 69, against 99.

The Depot won the White Shield (West Surrey League Sportsmanship Trophy) for the third time in four seasons.

#### HOCKEY, WINTER, 1954

Matches played 10, won 1, drawn 1, lost 8; goals for and goals against cannot be published.

#### CRICKET, 1955

Matches played 10, won 3, drawn 2, lost 5.



## SHOOTING

*Home Counties Brigade Meeting:* The Depot was sixth in the Inter Depot Open Match and sixth in the Inter Depot Recruits Match.

*Home Counties District Meeting:* The Depot was 13th in the Main Competition and third in the China Cup. These were disappointing results after last year's successes.

## SQUASH

The Depot squash team were runners up in the Home Counties District Squash Championships. They lost to S.M.E. Chatham, 2-1 in the final.

## BOXING

The boxing training of recruits has been increased and inter-platoon and individual championships are now held for each Intake during the evening and the recruits' parents are invited to attend.

In the Home Counties District Novices Boxing Championships the Depot, which was one of the smallest units taking part, had four boxers in the finals. Three of these won their weights and the fourth was awarded the prize for best loser.

A friendly match was held against the Depot The East Surrey Regiment, at Kingston. The result was a win for the Depot by six bouts to four.

## 1st CADET BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

At the Royal Tournament the Wallington Company Corps of Drums, assisted by personnel from the 2nd/5th Cadet Battalion, played for twenty-five minutes prior to the afternoon performance on 4th June and were congratulated on their display.

Annual Camp was held at Dibgate, Shorncliffe, from 7th to 21st August. On Sunday, 14th August, General Sir Robert Haining presented C.S.M. Dowie (John Ruskin Company) and C.Q.M.S. Webb (Reigate Company) with the Lord-Lieutenant's Badge, awarded each year to outstanding cadets in the county. The guard on that day was provided by our Selhurst Company, winners of the Inter-Battalion Guard Mounting Competition.

On 27th August 12 cadets from Selhurst and John Ruskin Companies represented Surrey A.C.F. in the TV programme "Arenascope."

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## REGIMENTAL CRICKET

## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. H.M.S. EXCELLENT

Played at Stoughton on 26th and 27th May. Result—Queen's won by 20 runs.

## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

1st Innings	2nd Innings
Lt.-Col. P. C. Hinde, b Gibbs ... 24	Lt.-Col. P. C. Hinde, b Naylor ... 35
Lieut. E. R. Paton, b Charman ... 6	Lieut. E. R. Paton, b Charman ... 10
Lt.-Col. J. E. Flint, lbw Whitehead ... 51	Lt.-Col. J. E. Flint, lbw Naylor ... 43
Major H. W. Hall, b Gibbs ... 67	Major H. W. Hall, b Naylor ... 5
P. G. T. Kingsley, Esq., b Naylor ... 12	P. G. T. Kingsley, Esq., c Woodcock b Naylor ... 1
Lt.-Col. M. T. N. Jennings, b Naylor ... 22	Lt.-Col. M. T. N. Jennings, not out ... 12
Lieut. M. J. Doyle, b Naylor ... 6	Lieut. M. J. Doyle, not out ... 4
Lt.-Col. F. A. H. Ling, b Gibbs ... 0	C.S.M. D. Elkins, b Naylor ... 0
C.S.M. D. Elkins, c Hammond, b Naylor ... 0	C.S.M. D. Elkins, b Naylor ... 19
Lieut. P. S. Field, not out ... 0	Extras ... 19
Pte. J. Hedges, b Gibbs ... 0	
Extras ... 7	
Total ... 195	Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 129

*Bowling.*—1st innings: Whitehead, 1 for 46; Charman, 1 for 34; Gibbs, 4 for 38; Naylor, 4 for 70. 2nd innings: Whitehead, 1 for 55; Charman, 1 for 12; Naylor, 4 for 43.

## H.M.S. EXCELLENT

1st Innings	2nd Innings
Cdr. Hammond, b Hedges ... 74	Cdr. Hammond, b Hedges ... 96
Lieut. Walkey, b Hedges ... 9	Lieut. Walkey, b Hedges ... 3
Lieut. Woodcock, c Paton b Kingsley ... 6	Lieut. Woodcock, c Paton b Hall ... 27
Lt.-Cdr. Hill, b Paton ... 12	Lt.-Cdr. Hill, lbw Hedges ... 0
Mid. Stevenson, c Paton b Kingsley ... 1	Mid. Stevenson, b Hedges ... 0
O. A. Gibbs, st Hinde b Hall ... 12	O. A. Gibbs, b Hedges ... 8
Cdr. Naylor, st Hinde b Hall ... 5	Cdr. Naylor, b Kingsley ... 0
C.P.O. Charman, b Hedges ... 13	C.P.O. Charman, c Elkins b Hedges ... 3
C.P.O. Whitehead, not out ... 9	C.P.O. Whitehead, lbw Kingsley ... 8
Lieut. Moir, not out ... 2	Lieut. Moir, st Hinde b Kingsley ... 1
Lieut. Holt did not bat ... 9	Lieut. Holt, not out ... 0
Extras ... 9	Extras ... 6
Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 152	Total ... 152

*Bowling.*—1st innings: Paton, 1 for 30; Hedges, 3 for 62; Kingsley, 2 for 24; Field, 0 for 14; Hall, 2 for 15. 2nd innings: Paton, 0 for 27; Field, 0 for 12; Hedges, 6 for 34; Kingsley, 3 for 45; Hall, 1 for 32.

Other matches were:

18th June, v. The Blues, played at Stoughton, lost by 61 runs. The Blues, 170 (C. Sage, Esq., 83; D. Mitchel, Esq., 33. Pte. Hedges, 4 for 45; Pte. Bellord, 3 for 26). The Queen's Royal Regiment, 109 (Pte. Castle, 21; Cpl. Dare, 32. Sage, 4 for 48; Cooke, 3 for 7).

19th June, v. The Grasshoppers, played at Stoughton, match abandoned at 4.30 p.m. Grasshoppers, 61 for 3.

21st June, v. The East Surrey Regiment, played at Stoughton, lost by 10 wickets. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 101 (T. Rowney, 38; Lieut. Doyle, 25; Major Wyatt, 19). The East Surrey Regiment, 102 for no wicket.

23rd June, v. Charterhouse Masters, played at Charterhouse, match drawn. Charterhouse Masters, 198 for 9 dec. (Gibbs, 99; Day, 29). The Queen's Royal Regiment, 172 for 8 (Pte. Hein, 63; Lt.-Col. Ling, 47; Lieut. Doyle, 39).

In addition to those who played in the *Excellent* match, the following represented the Regiment: Major Wyatt, Lieut. Cleverly, Lieut. Faris, Lieut. Pierssené, 2/Lieut. Mason, T. Rowney, Esq., Cpl. Dare, Pte. Bellord, Pte. Castle, Pte. Gillies.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Bolton visited the Depot on 14th March, 1955. General Sir Ivo Vesey and Lieut.-Colonel C. R. K. Bacon called at the Depot on 5th May, 1955.

Colonel R. G. Clarke stayed the night at the Depot on 7th September, 1955.

Colonel Sir Frank D. Watney, who joined the Volunteers in 1889, and R.S.M. Gostling, who joined the 1st Battalion in 1880, attended the Old Comrades Association Garden Party on 26th June, 1955.

Brigadier R. C. Halse, recently promoted, is Director Army Legal Services at the War Office.

Colonel J. Sykes-Wright has been appointed Commander 162 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), with the temporary rank of Brigadier.

Colonel D. G. Loch is a member of the Standing Group Office to the North Atlantic Council. His address is 55 Boulevard, Beausejour, Paris (16).

Capt. D. F. Kellie received the award of M.B.E. in the New Year Honours List.

Capt. N. A. H. Marsden visited the Depot in September. He is going to Korea as Camp Commandant of a Sub-Area.

Major R. P. Mangles is at the War Office in M.I. Branch.

Major C. J. D. Haswell is D.A.Q.M.G. (Maint.) at H.Q., Home Counties District.

Mr. R. M. Wingfield, who served with 1st/6th Queen's in the invasion of Normandy and Germany, has described his experiences in a book, *The Only Way Out*, published recently by Hutchinson & Co. and priced at 12s. 6d.

Capt. D. J. Wright is G.S.O.3 at H.Q., Aldershot District.

The following were present at a Memorial Service for Colonel G. N. Dyer at Worplesdon Parish Church on 7th September, 1955: The Colonel of the Regiment; General Sir George Giffard; Major-General G. A. Pilleau; Brigadiers H. G. Veasey and B. E. L. Burton; Colonels R. G. Clarke, L. C. East, H. G. Duncombe, and F. J. Davis; Lieut.-Colonels D. E. Bathgate, M. W. H. Pain, Sir Stephen Pierssené and D. L. Lloyd Owen; Majors R. O. Sillem and F. Waspe; Capt. C. A. Haggard and E. D. Drew; Sgt.-Major A. L. Stent; and representing the Other Ranks of the Regiment, C.S.M. Wickens, Sgt. P. Gibbs and Cpl. G. Allsopp.

## THE NORTHERN RHODESIA REGIMENT

IN 1955 it was announced that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to approve an alliance between The Queen's Royal Regiment and the Northern Rhodesia Regiment. Readers of the JOURNAL will therefore be interested to learn something about the new allied Regiment, the existence of which may have been, until recently, quite unknown to many.

The Northern Rhodesia Regiment as such, has only been in existence since 1933. But it had its origin in the police forces of that part of Central Africa which is now known as Northern Rhodesia. To trace its history one must, therefore, go back to the pioneering days of the end of the last century when Cecil Rhodes sent his columns northwards from Mafeking to found the new British colonies which were later to bear his name. To administer these territories a charter was granted in 1889 to the British South Africa Company. To assist it in its task of administering the new territory the Company raised and equipped its own police forces, and it is from these that the Northern Rhodesia Regiment is directly descended.

Initially in what is now Northern Rhodesia there were two police forces, the North Eastern Constabulary and the Barotse Native Police, each responsible for maintaining law and order in opposite ends of the territory. The former, which was raised in 1891, was originally composed of British officers in command of Indian Sikh and Mohammedan sepoys. The Indians were gradually replaced by African natives, but their influence can still be remembered as certain military terms in use to this day in the Regiment have an obvious Indian Army origin.

In 1912 the two police forces were amalgamated into the Northern Rhodesia Police. This force adopted the badge of the Barotse Native Police, which consists of a crested crane mounted on a scroll bearing the motto "Diversi Genere Fide Pares" (Different in race, equal in loyalty). This is the badge of the Regiment today.

The Northern Rhodesia Police was organized into two branches, the military branch, which composed the bulk of the force as its duties previously had mainly been of a military nature, and a small civil branch to take over the ordinary police duties in small towns which were then beginning to grow.

In the 1914-18 war the military branch fought as an infantry battalion in German South-West Africa and in the East Africa campaign alongside the King's African Rifles. A memento of this comradeship is a fine statuette in silver of an African soldier which was presented by the 1st King's African Rifles and which still has a place of honour in the Officers' Mess.

The East African campaign in the First World War, although not spectacular, was a long protracted one in which immense distances were covered on foot in pursuit of the elusive German commander General von Lettow-Vorbeck. The Regiment's battle honours of "S.W. Africa, 1914" and "E. Africa, 1914-18" were well earned.

The military branch still continued to function as such after the war and carried out many tasks ranging from establishing cattle cordons, escorting boundary commissions, assisting in survey work and doing pioneer work on roads and generally assisting in the development of the new colony.

In 1933, however, the force was reorganized and the military branch was divorced from the Police and became the Northern Rhodesia Regiment. The appointment of British personnel at this time continued to be made by the Colonial Office, and it was not until 1937 that officers and N.C.Os. were seconded from the British Army. The first Commanding Officer to be so seconded was



Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Dimoline, M.C., Royal Signals (now Major-General Dimoline, Colonel Commandant of the Regiment). His Adjutant Lieut. G. H. W. Goode (Queen's), at that time is now the present Commanding Officer.

The Regiment again went to war in East Africa in 1939, absorbing great numbers of Africans and European settlers and officials from all walks of life to supplement the regular officers and N.C.Os. In all eight battalions of infantry were finally raised. These saw service in British Somaliland, Abyssinia, Madagascar, Middle East, Ceylon and Burma. The 1st Battalion distinguished itself in 1940 in British Somaliland at the Tug Argan Gap where, together with the East African Light Battery and the Machine gun Company of the Somaliland Camel Corps, it withstood the attacks of the invading Italians for four days although outnumbered by ten to one. The spirit with which the Regiment fought in this battle is shown by their gaining no less than fifty-three decorations and awards, including two Military Crosses, five Distinguished Conduct Medals, a Military Medal and a British Empire Medal. To commemorate the achievement the Regiment now holds its Regimental Day on the anniversary of the battle for the Tug Argan Gap.

In 1941 a Northern Rhodesia Brigade was formed consisting of the 2nd (commanded by Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Veasey, D.S.O., Queen's), the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Regiment. This Brigade took part in the campaign in Madagascar. Meanwhile the 1st Battalion went to Burma and under the Fourteenth Army fought its way down the Kabaw Valley. It was followed later by the 3rd Battalion, which operated in the Arakan.

When the war ended the Regiment was quickly reduced to its peace-time establishment of one battalion. After a short spell in its own country the 1st Battalion carried out garrison duties in Somalia until such time as those duties were taken over in 1952 by Italian forces on behalf of the United Nations. On its return to Northern Rhodesia it then settled down to a spell of peace-time soldiering in the pleasant surroundings of Lusaka, the capital of the territory.

In 1954, with the birth of the new Central African Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the Regiment became part of the new Central Africa Command. It is as part of the Federation's contribution towards the Imperial effort to bring peace to the Commonwealth that the Regiment is now serving in Malaya.

So much for the history of the Regiment. Now for a few words about its association with the Queen's. In the first instance there is a long association through General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., who served in the King's African Rifles alongside the military branch of the Northern Rhodesia Police in the 1914-18 war, who later as Inspector-General of the Royal West African Frontier Force and the King's African Rifles inspected the Regiment in 1937, and who was recently at the same time the Colonel of the Queen's and Colonel Commandant of the Northern Rhodesia Regiment. Then there have been two Commanding Officers from the Queen's—Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Veasey, D.S.O., (2nd Battalion, 1940-1943) and Lieut.-Colonel G. H. W. Goode, O.B.E., (2nd Battalion, 1944 and 1st Battalion, 1953 to date). The latter is also the first Northern Rhodesian born officer to command the territory's own Regiment.

Since the announcement of the alliance every opportunity has been taken of the presence in Malaya of battalions of both Regiments to cement the association. The Band of the Queen's greeted the Northern Rhodesia Regiment on their arrival in Singapore in November, 1954, and later Battalion H.Q. at Tampin liberally entertained the Northern Rhodesian advance parties on their way up to their operational areas, whilst the cooks at Gemas provided enormous breakfasts for the main body which passed through there by train. At the Tug Argan Celebrations at Temerloh in August this year the Northern Rhodesia

Regiment entertained a cricket team from the Queen's and were beaten by them! Finally on Salerno Day in Singapore the massed Bands and Drums of the two Regiments beat Retreat together, a ceremony which was repeated on the Singapore Padang on 28th September.

The alliance has therefore been effected, but it is hoped that a very close association will be maintained. There are now a number of young officers in the Regiment who are members of the permanent forces of the Central African Federation, and it is hoped that, when they visit the United Kingdom on courses or leave, they will feel that the home of the Queen's in Guildford is equally a home for them, where they may meet officers of their allied Regiment and absorb some of the traditions of the British Army. In the other direction there are also ample opportunities for officers and N.C.Os. of the Queen's to learn something of the African Colonial Forces. There are at present only two Queen's Officers serving with the Northern Rhodesia Regiment (the Commanding Officer and Capt. E. G. W. Hogg) and no British N.C.Os. Vacancies will exist for both shortly after the Regiment returns to Rhodesia in 1956. For those who seek interest, service with an African Regiment provides a fine experience of serving with cheerful and loyal soldiers and of playing an important part in the development of a new and vigorous territory. Moreover, the conditions of service in Rhodesia, with a good climate, first-class sporting facilities and adequate family accommodation, are hard to beat in these days.

## 5th BATTALION

THE 5th Battalion has had a good year. Training from the platoon level upwards has gone remarkably well, culminating with 44th (H.C.) Divisional Exercise "Dover Castle." It has been a successful shooting year also. The strength of the Battalion is now 43 officers and 672 other ranks, of whom 23 officers and 170 other ranks are volunteers.

### TRAINING, 1955

This has been a "C" year, which, being interpreted, means that it has been a year when commanders and staff have been trained and tested and individual training has had necessarily to take second place. In addition to four week-end T.E.W.Ts. for officers, we have carried out five battalion exercises, of which three were held during week-end training and the others took place during camp in addition to a two-day exercise and four-day divisional exercise mentioned above. This latter exercise, "Dover Castle," was the first occasion on which a Territorial division has employed simulated atomic weapons. The Battalion remained well in the van throughout, not only on foot but also bucketing and bouncing in jeeps and on tanks across Salisbury Plain. There have been complaints about the size of the Plain for modern training, but to the Battalion it seemed large enough.

During camp between 3rd-16th July we were based near Tweseldown Racecourse. In addition to formation training, each platoon carried out a field firing exercise, involving all platoon weapons.

A full-scale battalion church parade was held in Aldershot on 9th July at which Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., took the salute and which was attended by our Honorary Colonel, Colonel C. R. Wigan, M.C., T.D., D.L., and other ex-officers of the 5th Battalion.



The Champion Company Cup was again won by "D" (Woking) Company, with H.Q. Company as close runners-up.

Seventy-five N.C.Os. attended the N.C.Os. Spring Cadre, and every man has now carried out his annual range classification with rifle and Bren.

Needless to say, the sun has shone as benevolently on us as on others throughout the summer.

## SHOOTING

### T.A.R.A. (DECENTRALIZED) COMPETITIONS

The Battalion achieved its best results since the war in the T.A.R.A. decentralized competitions.

We were 4th out of 41 teams entered for the Lord-Lieutenant's Challenge Shield, 12th out of 70 entries in the Simpson Challenge Cup, 7th out of 21 in the Imperial Tobacco Challenge Cup, 18th out of 59 in the Young Soldiers' Match, and 12th out of 188 teams in the competition for the light Machine Gun Cup.

## BISLEY

Unfortunately, owing to the coincidence of Annual Camp and Bisley this year, our regular contenders, most of whom occupy responsible positions in the Battalion, had to put duty first and were unable to shoot. Two young ex-1st Battalion soldiers, L./Cpl. Goode and Pte. Smith, who could compete both distinguished themselves by winning cash prizes on their first appearance in this class of shooting. The Battalion headed all the teams in the Division in the China Cup.

### BATTALION RIFLE MEETING

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on the R.M.A. Ranges at Sandhurst on Sunday, 18th September, 1955. The weather was kind as ever and some good shooting resulted. One satisfactory feature of the meeting was the success of some of the younger members of the Battalion and the close rivalry of "B" and "D" Companies. Lunch was provided for competitors and their families; the latter seemed thoroughly to enjoy the day on the ranges and it was very pleasant to see so many there. They were addressed by the Colonel of the Regiment, who kindly presented the prizes. Full results were as follows:

Competition	Won by	Runners-up
Inter-Company All Arms ...	"D" Company	"B" Company
Inter-Company Rifle ...	"B" Company	"D" Company
Inter-Company L.M.G. ...	"D" Company	H.Q. Company
Falling Plate ...	"B" Company	
Battalion Champion-All-Arms ...	C.S.M. Guest	Sgt. Burnham
Battalion Champion Rifle ...	Sgt. MacCready	Lieut. Stanley
Battalion Champion L.M.G. ...	Cpl. Dawson	Sgt. Burnham
W.Os. and N.C.Os. All Arms ...	C.S.M. Guest	
W.Os. and N.C.Os. Rifle ...	Sgt. MacCready	
W.Os. and N.C.Os. L.M.G. ...	Cpl. Dawson	
W.Os. and Sergeants All Arms ...	C.S.M. Guest	Sgt. Burnham
W.Os. and Sergeants Rifle ...	Sgt. MacCready	C.S.M. Sharman
W.Os. and Sergeants L.M.G. ...	Sgt. Burnham	C.S.M. Guest
Corporals and L./Corporals All Arms ...	Cpl. Hatto	Cpl. Dawson
Corporals and L./Corporals Rifle ...	Cpl. Hatto	Cpl. Woodward
Corporals and L./Corporals L.M.G. ...	Cpl. Dawson	L./Cpl. Bonfield
Privates All Arms ...	Pte. Smith	Pte. Norman
Privates Rifle ...	Pte. Smith	Pte. Gaines
Privates L.M.G. ...	Pte. Giddings	Pte. Smith

Individual results were as follows:

### CLASS "A"

All Arms.—1, Sgt. Burnham; 2, C.S.M. Guest.

Rifle.—1, Lieut. Stanley; 2, Sgt. MacCready.

L.M.G.—1, Sgt. Burnham; 2, C.S.M. Guest.

### CLASS "C"

All Arms.—1, Cpl. Dawson; 2, Pte. Giddings.

Rifle.—1, Pte. Bailey; 2, Pte. Giddings.

L.M.G.—1, Cpl. Dawson; 2, Pte. Giddings.

### CLASS "B"

All Arms.—1, Pte. Norman; 2, Pte. Gaines.

Rifle.—1, Pte. Norman; 2, L./Cpl. Mason.

L.M.G.—1, Cpl. Moore; 2, Pte. Gaines.



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### "A TERRITORIAL"

Sgt. Burnham shown with his team's prize

### 44TH DIVISION AND HOME COUNTIES DISTRICT MEETING

This year the Battalion again came first amongst the Territorial teams in the main competition and was 4th in the whole district. Half the Territorial team which beat the Regular Army team at the end of the meeting were members of 5th Queen's. Sgt. Burnham is to be congratulated on coming 3rd in the Championship-at-Arms.

So ended the shooting year, with one of its most cheering notes the increased numbers and successes of the young soldiers now firing for us. Let them be encouraged to go from strength to strength, and let Major Saunders, the team captain, and Capt. Johnson, the team secretary and organizer, be congratulated on another successful year.



## OFFICERS' MESS

Major M. H. Prescott is congratulated on the award of the T.D. and clasp and Major A. C. Overington on the award of the T.D.

We are very sorry indeed to lose Major J. F. L. Clarke, M.B.E., T.D., on retirement after thirty years in the T.A., during which time he has rendered outstandingly loyal, conscientious and, above all, consistent service.

The following officers are congratulated on their promotion: Majors J. D. Wade and P. J. Rodwell; Capts. D. G. Wilson, H. R. J. Bascombe, J. R. Gill, D. A. Robinson; Lieuts. H. R. Oliver, R. L. Burnett, D. H. Jones, P. M. R. Mackintosh, R. M. Stanley, V. A. McInnes, R. M. F. Ross, N. Clark and M. J. Harvey.

The following officers have joined the Battalion since 1st October, 1954, as National Service officers: Lieuts. V. A. McInnes, N. Clark, M. J. Harvey, R. M. F. Ross, P. M. R. Mackintosh, D. H. Jones, R. N. Stanley and H. R. Oliver.

During the same period the following officers have left the Battalion: Major A. C. Overington, Capts. G. J. Chandler, P. N. Morshead; Lieuts. J. G. Giggins, C. T. Leys, B. G. Cartledge, P. Dawney, E. R. Paton, B. C. Stowe, D. M. Taylor, D. H. Franks, A. S. Day and W. B. V. A. Gates.

In December the annual Christmas Dance was well attended, and we were glad to welcome our newly appointed Brigadier and several old members of the Battalion.

In May we held a cocktail party to say good-bye to Major M. R. H. Stopford, who has been our Adjutant for the past three years.

At Annual Camp a most successful Guest Night was held, at which we entertained the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel C. R. Wigan, M.C., T.D., D.L., and three former Commanding Officers of the Battalion: Lieut.-Colonel H. H. Merriman, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel A. F. F. Young, O.B.E., T.D., and Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel D. L. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. and Major H. B. Watson, T.D., were also present.

In November we are having our first officers' dinner night in the Mess at Sandfield Terrace, and it is intended to have such a dinner night quarterly in future.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

The year 1955, now nearly passed into the realms of history, will at least be remembered for its summer.

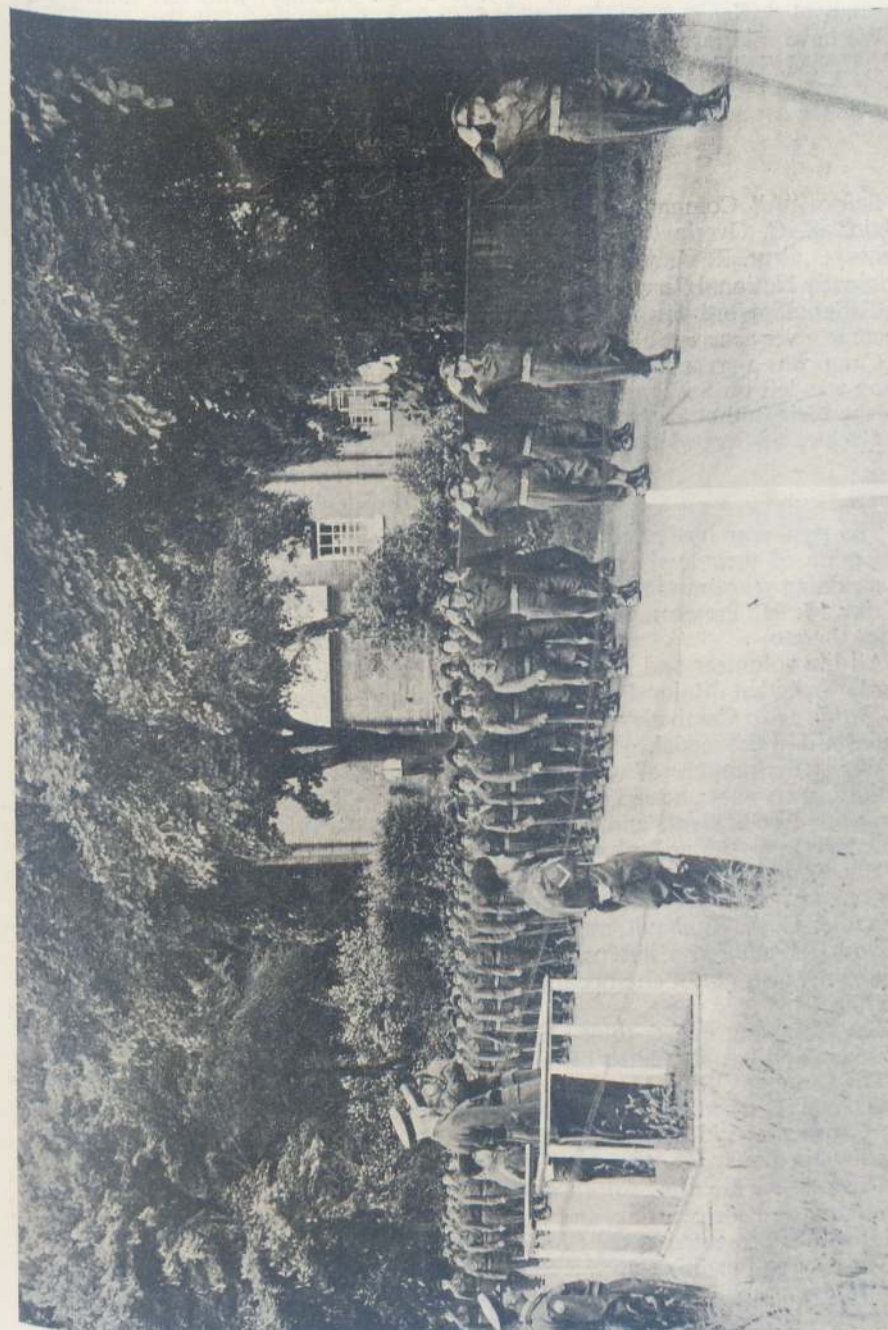
After the rush of Christmas festivities the tempo slowed down until the approaching spring weather (imagined rather than felt) started us on our round of week-ends.

For field training we tried No. 3 W.E.T.C. at Crowborough, new ground for most of us, and a trifle bleak, but with a formation camp in mind some useful training was carried out.

Camp, if strenuous, was interesting and thoroughly enjoyed, although little time was available for social activities. We managed a Mess dinner, and, in spite of being nearly washed away by a thunderstorm and cloudburst in the afternoon, the usual evening with the C.O. and officers.

Congratulations to the following on their promotion: C./Sgt. Hudson to C.S.M., Sgts. Bryers and Playford to C./Sgt.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members: Sgts. Whiting, Worden, Alexander, McCourt and Watts; also Sgt. Smith, who came to us



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The Battalion marching past the Colonel of the Regiment after the Annual Camp Church Parade, 1955



from 536 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.), and Sgt. Toomey, who has joined the permanent staff.

We have said farewell to the following and wish them every success in civil life: C.S.M. Saddington, C.S.M. Waldron and Sgt. Martin.

### NEWS FROM T.A. CENTRES

#### REIGATE ("A" COMPANY)

Before "A" Company went to camp there was a change in command, as Major A. C. Overington, T.D., retired and is now on the T.A. Reserve of Officers. Capt. R. K. Asser assumed command, being the first of the post-war originally National Service officers of the Battalion to do so.

C./Sgt. Playford took over as C.Q.M.S. from C./Sgt. Haybittle, who has become a very successful Sergeants' Mess caterer.

Camp was a great success, being judged from the fact that none of the Company was left on Salisbury Plain and no one fell off a tank during the exercise on the Plain, although there were some near scrapes.

Since camp Sergt. Harding has been promoted C.S.M.

#### CAMBERLEY ("B" COMPANY)

The past year has been a very successful one for "B" Company, with the exception of their lowly place in the Champion Company Competition; and the training year draws to a close with the news that the Company Commander, Major M. H. Prescott, has been awarded the Territorial Decoration and a clasp thereto.

All the volunteer and N.S.V. members of the Company appreciate the very hard work that Major Prescott does for them—riding a push bicycle from Crowthorne to Camberley twice a week, come sunshine or snow, fully justifies the award of the medal.

Whilst the number of volunteers in the Company remains too small, their enthusiasm waxes; attendance at evening drills and week-end training continues to be excellent, and whatever the Company undertakes to do it does cheerfully and with no lack of volunteers.

The Company celebrated the "Glorious First of June" with an invitation dance, and were pleased and proud to welcome the Brigade Commander, Brigadier G. A. Rimbault, and the C.O., Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O. Major J. Wade, who left us earlier in the year to assume command of Sp Company, also put in an appearance; he realizes that we are always pleased to see him.

The Company outing took place on 11th September. Two coach-loads of members and friends visited Littlehampton.

The Company Rifle Meeting took place on the R.M.A. Range on Sunday, 28th August, when Sgt. Burnham regained the Company Championship and the Camberley and District Club Cup; but Cpl. Hatto gave him a very good run for his money.

This year we are firing for a Company Bren Championship concurrently with the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and this trophy, together with the Section Leading Cup, will be presented at the Company Dinner.

The Section Leading Cup was won by Cpl. Watkins.

The Company Dinner, which we hope will become an annual event, will take place on 11th November, when we trust that the attendance of National Service men will be rather better than was their support of the Rifle Meeting.

It is a continual source of surprise and regret to the volunteer element of the Company that the National Service men should continue to stand aloof from our social and sporting activities. Perhaps some of those now serving with the 1st Battalion will read these notes and realize that their service with us will not be all work and no play. There is plenty of play if you want it—we pride ourselves on being the best Social Club in Camberley and the only one to which you are paid to belong!

#### DORKING ("C" COMPANY)

We have said farewell to Major H. M. W. Harris, who has joined Battalion Headquarters as second-in-command, and we welcome in his place Major R. C. H. Saunders. We have also said good-bye to C.S.M. Waldron, who has joined the Atomic Energy Commission. We are still awaiting his replacement.

In May we provided a guard of honour and bugler for the opening of the Westcott War Memorial.

#### WOKING ("D" COMPANY)

Lieut. D. A. Robinson is congratulated on his promotion to Captain.

The Company again won the Champion Company Competition at camp, this being the fourth year in succession.

The following are congratulated on their success at the Battalion Rifle Meeting: C.S.M. Guest, Battalion Champion-at-Arms; Sgt. MacCready, Champion Rifle Shot; Cpl. Dawson, Champion L.M.G. Shot.

## 6th BATTALION

### OFFICERS

THE past twelve months have seen many changes, and we have sustained a great loss in the departure of Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Flint, T.D., who saw active service with the 2nd Battalion and in Burma. He joined the 6th Battalion (T.A.) on its re-formation in 1947 as Second-in-Command and took over command in 1950. Normally his tour of duty would have ended in 1953, but he agreed to serve for an additional year. His loss will also be felt in the field of sport, for he played regularly during Regimental Cricket Week.

We have, however, been very fortunate in that Lieut.-Colonel M. T. N. Jennings has come to us from Portugal, where he has been a member of a Military Mission for the past two years. He has lost no time in settling down and we feel sure his stay with us will be a happy one.

Major S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D., has also left us and is now with the 1st Battalion in Malaya. His stay, while short, will be memorable for his first-class advice on training.

Capt. J. F. Hancock transferred to R.A.R.O. and was relieved, as Adjutant, by Capt. H. C. Millman.

Major A. E. Reynolds, whose departure after 39 years' service with the Regiment we mentioned in the last edition of the JOURNAL, was relieved, as Quartermaster, by Major S. H. Sellicks.

Thus, between the autumn of 1954 and the spring of 1955, all officers of the Permanent Staff—and the Regimental Sergeant-Major—changed.

T.A.R.O. has claimed Capt. T. D. O'Leary, Capt. R. F. P. Wright, Lieut. D. W. Dare and Lieut. J. E. Burr.

New arrivals have been Lieut. M. C. Greenleaf, 2/Lieut. C. J. Bright, 2/Lieut.



R. A. Bembridge and 2/Lieut. J. J. Gibbens, all of whom seem to be happy with their new surroundings.

### TRAINING

The week-end training season again started with Officers' T.E.W.Ts. based, in the main, on the exercise for annual camp, starting on Divisional level for the senior officers, a Brigade T.E.W.T. for Company Commanders and specialists, and ending with our own unit exercises for junior officers and W.Os. and Sergeants. Then followed successive week-ends for companies, each company devoting one week-end to range classification courses and another to tactical training.

Sp Company fired all their weapons at Lydd this year. The anti-tank platoons were particularly successful on the jink range, impressing even the usually stolid range warden. 3-inch Mortars, too, had a first-class shoot, while M.G. Platoon fired a fantastic number of rounds, much to the detriment of the targets.

H.Q. Company had their week-end training at Crowborough to get the H.Q. "wheels" moving again in readiness for Annual Camp.

### ANNUAL CAMP

Not since 1947 has the sun shone so gloriously during our Annual Camp period, which was indeed fortunate as most of our time was spent in the field.

Based on Bourley, near Aldershot, the first week was devoted to exercises on a small scale (Battalion and Brigade) to build up to the final Divisional Exercise during the second week on Salisbury Plain, which involved a considerable approach march with which to start and finish.

A new innovation was tried for Officers' Guest Night by which we were able to receive about sixty guests instead of the usual dozen or so. Our guests were invited to a cocktail buffet supper party which we hope everyone enjoyed. We were honoured by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, our own Honorary Colonel—Colonel J. G. Bevington—and members of most of the affiliated arms in the Division. We were also particularly pleased to welcome Major E. B. Clowes from the Depot with some of his staff.

### SHOOTING

We have obtained very good results at the 44th Division Rifle Meeting. For the second year running we had the champion-at-arms, while our team won the Hong Kong Tankard.

There is therefore, no doubt that the shooting standard of the Regiment is being maintained. Results were as follows:

44th H.C. Division Champion-at-Arms: Lieut. P. Dorey, 106 (H.P. 120), Winners, Hong Kong Cup, with a score of 288. Team: Riflemen: Sgt. Todd, Cpl. Davis, Cpl. Leach, Pte. Fay, Pte. Nutting, Pte. Sharkie. L.M.G.: C.S.M. Vance-Cotsford, Sgt. Lampard.

### ATHLETICS

In the Eastern Command Cross-Country Championships, held in March the Battalion acquitted itself well, with Pte. Lyne narrowly beaten into second place by Bdr. Barrett, the English International, with L./Cpl. Cleverly (5th) and L./Cpl. Hine (6th). Lieut. Rogers also ran well.

Invited to represent Eastern Command in the T.A. Cross-Country Champion-



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### 6th Battalion Shooting Team—44th Division Rifle Meeting, 1955

Pte. Nutting, Cpl. Davis, C.S.M. Vance-Cotsford, Cpl. Leach, Major Beach, Lieut.-Colonel M. T. N. Jennings, Lieut. Dorey, Pte. Sharkie, Sgt. Lampard, Sgt. Todd, Pte. Fay.

ships on 26th March, Pte. Lyne won the Individual Championships in a time of 28 mins. 49 secs. over a distance of 5½ miles, while L./Cpl. Hine came 12th.

In the T.A. Athletic Championships held at Aldershot on 25th June, the following gratifying results were obtained by the Battalion: Three miles, 1st Pte. Lyne; 2nd, L./Cpl. Cleverly. One mile, 3rd, L./Cpl. Hine. Mile medley relay, 3rd, 6th Queen's team.

### BOXING

In the T.A. Boxing Championships, Pte. Symons, selected to represent 44th Division in the welter-weight class, was beaten on points.

We also entered representatives in the T.A. Swimming Championships and motor-cycle trials, and it is noteworthy that the Battalion gained 9th place in the Queen's Challenge Trophy, which is awarded annually to the T.A. unit in U.K. with the best all-round sports record.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The football team is about to get under way, as is the basket-ball team, and a full fixture list has been arranged for the latter team. C.S.M. Elkins and Sgt. Humphreys are excellent guides, counsellors and friends and, although we shall be sorry to lose the valuable services of Sgt. Westover (to 1st Queen's), we hope to do well.

As in the field of sport, so in the field of learning; we must congratulate Lieut. R. C. Southern on gaining a double first in Modern Languages.

We have had a very full social life in the Mess, General J. Y. Whitfield honouring us at dinner soon after his succession to Colonel of the Regiment.



But we were most unlucky with our Glorious First of June as the transport strike forced us to cancel the dinner which had been arranged for Officers of H.M.S. *President*.

At the Officers' Club Dinner, held in June, fourteen members of the Mess attended, forming quite a high percentage of the total.

To launch our evening parades after our return from Annual Camp, a social night was held in the Men's Canteen and competitions of various natures were held. About eighty volunteers entered into the spirit of the evening, and it is hoped to repeat these activities once each month during the winter period.

The Sergeants' Mess sponsored a dance and social in the drill hall on 24th September, at which 200 people were present, including representatives from the Sergeants' Mess of local T.A. units and factory sports clubs.

## 598th L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (4th BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT), T.A.

BY LIEUT.-COLONEL J. E. G. MORIARTY

AT the time of publication of the last JOURNAL the Regiment had reached its maximum strength since the war, and according to the camp and administrative reports had achieved a high standard of efficiency; now the Regiment as such has ceased to exist, and it is my final duty to recount the story of its dissolution.

Shortly after the individual training season had begun the Commanding Officer was ordered to attend a G.O.Cs. conference, at which it was announced that A.A. Command was to be abolished; a high proportion of regiments completely disbanded, and the remainder contracted to the strength of a battery. By now readers will be familiar with the strategic reasons which have been publicly announced and will probably themselves be involved in the fundamental reorganization of the Army made necessary by the development of nuclear weapons.

The original conference was held in strict secrecy, and there followed a most difficult period of several weeks during which innumerable returns were called for and various phases of the plan of reorganization were revealed; at one time the "Gilbertian" situation was reached whereby the Honorary Colonel and the Commanding Officer each had conflicting information and instructions which they were pledged not to reveal to one another. Because of its efficiency and high volunteer strength the Regiment was originally selected as one of only 5 per cent. required to produce two batteries, but this was subsequently changed to one battery in order that another regiment in the county might be saved from complete disbandment.

After the first shock of disappointment and initial confusion caused by premature announcements in the Press, it was realized that except for a relatively few Field officers, senior W.Os. and N.C.Os. almost all volunteers would be able to continue serving in the remaining battery, in other T.A. units, the cadets or the newly forming Army Mobile Defence Columns. The problem of retaining the maximum number of volunteers was considerably eased when the

Brigade Commander directed that the permitted surplus of establishment of the complete Regiment be allocated to the remaining battery.

On 14th May, 1955, the formation of "Q" (4th Queen's) Battery at Croydon with a strength of over two hundred was completed and, together with the Band, all batteries from Coulsdon and Sutton reorganized into a new Regiment, 565 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), with Regimental Headquarters at Sutton. The details of 598 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment), T.A., were disbanded on 30th June, 1955. Major B. Gill, T.D., was posted as Second-in-Command of the new Regiment and Major P. O'Connor as O.C. "Q" (4th Queen's) Battery; Major R. O. Nebel, T.D., was directed to raise and command a "Queen's" sub-unit of an Army Mobile Defence Column, and Lieut.-Colonel J. E. G. Moriarty, Major S. O. Nebel, T.D., and Major W. P. Phillips, T.D., were posted to the reserve.

The disbandment and amalgamation entailed an immense volume of work, the main burden of which inevitably fell on "A" and "Q" branches of the permanent military and civilian staff, who performed their task so well that we were unofficially informed that we headed the list in the Command disbandment progress report. This result was achieved by the untiring efforts of the Adjutant, Capt. D. N. Howell-Everson, T.D., the Quartermaster, Major L. S. Slater, R.S.M. Williams, Sgt. West, the Chief Clerk, and all other members of the permanent staff who have served the Regiment faithfully during their tour of duty and contributed in full measure to its success.

The Regiment was most fortunate in having as Honorary Colonel at this time Colonel B. L. Evans, T.D., D.L.; his unique experience extending over more than forty years' active service in both wars and many years of voluntary work with the Surrey Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association enabled him to give most valuable and wise counsel on our many problems.

It was decided that the code word "Suicide" allotted by the authorities to this operation was quite unsuited to the spirit of the "4th Queen's." Throughout their history extending back more than two hundred years the Volunteer Forces of Croydon have been subjected to many changes of title and role. This latest change was regarded as the end of a chapter in a long story yet to be completed, and every effort was made to preserve the continuity with the past. With this in mind no final social function as such was held, but the Officers' Dinner was organized on a rather more elaborate scale than usual. Almost all past Commanding Officers attended, and we welcomed as guests the Mayor and Representatives of the County Borough of Croydon, the Colonel of the Regiment and Depot Commander of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

In conclusion, I cannot do better than quote a message received from the Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment: "It is sad that the full life of the 4th Battalion and 598 L.A.A. Regiment should undergo a further change; nevertheless the vitality which springs from a great tradition is passed on to the 4th Queen's Battery in the confident knowledge that it will worthily maintain those high standards and spirit which are its proud heritage."

Colonel B. L. Evans, T.D., D.L., late Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, writes:

"Owing to the reorganization of A.A. Command, the Regiment came to its end on 29th June, 1955, leaving one battery with the sub-title '4th Queen's' as part of a new A.A. Regiment, thus closing nearly a century of honourable service as a Battalion of Infantry and later as an A.A. Regiment."

The 4th Queen's, like so many battalions in the Territorial Army, can trace its origin far back in history, but its official history dated from 1859. This is so well recorded from 1859 to the close of the 1914-18 War in Vol. VII of the



History of The Queen's Royal Regiment, Chapter XIV/XVII, and subsequently in Vol. VIII, Chapter III and Appendix D, that no words from me are necessary.

Details regarding the laying up of Colours and the safeguarding of Regimental plate and private funds have still to be settled. In the meantime, former officers may like to know that Colonel R. Papworth and I have been nominated as Holding Custodians of property and funds.

During its ninety-six years' service the Battalion and Regiment has always been based on Croydon and has enjoyed the closest association with the County Borough. In 1953 the Croydon Council placed a plaque in the Town Hall, unveiled by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on 31st January, 1953, in honour of the 4th Queen's. This now becomes its Memorial. My final act as the last Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion was to address a letter of thanks to the Mayor of Croydon for the help, encouragement and kindness it had received from the County Borough during this long association. In this letter I recalled briefly the war service of the Battalion and Regiment, and in his reply the Mayor said *inter alia* 'Your letter was so interesting and contained much that I feel is of historical interest that I have passed a copy of it to the Chief Librarian so that it may be preserved with any notes on the History of the Regiment. In wishing the remaining Battery good fortune, I know it will worthily uphold the traditions of the 4th Battalion and of The Queen's Royal Regiment.'

## THE QUEEN'S BATTERIES, 570 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (T.A.)

THE past year has been for us one of unceasing change and disturbance. As many will know, the pre-war and war-time 7th Battalion was re-formed on 1st May, 1947, as 622 (Queen's) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), and flourished in this new role with some distinction at their old drill hall in Braganza Street, Walworth. It is a real regret that so few old Queen's members stayed with us, having rejoined their former unit in 1947. Be that as it may, the Regiment gradually grew, mastered the 3.7 gun, a number of expensive predictors and radars, and an assorted variety of other strange instruments. It is perhaps worthy of note that in every single year that the Regiment went to camp it had a different set-up as regards equipment; if variety is the spice of life, we certainly got it in full measure.

Then in the autumn of 1954 it was announced that A.A. Command was to be disbanded, and for some weeks the future of the Regiment was in doubt. Eventually our fate was known; we were to amalgamate with 570 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (First Surrey Rifles) (T.A.).

622 and 570 were in this process each reduced from three batteries to two. The old 570 will be better known to many Territorials as the 21st London Regiment, and they served throughout the last war as a L.A.A./S.L. Regiment. The new Regiment, called 570 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), has four batteries, two of which, "P" and "Q," bear the subsidiary title "First Surrey Rifles," and our two being called "R" (Queen's) and "S" (Queen's) Batteries. R.H.Q. is at the old R.H.Q. of 570 in High Wood Barracks, Lordship Lane, Dulwich, whilst the two Queen's Batteries are still at Braganza Street. "P" Battery is at Flodden Road, and "Q" Battery is with R.H.Q.

## AMALGAMATION PARADE

SATURDAY, 14th MAY

On a rather showery afternoon—we were fortunate in having the parade just between showers—a very short parade was held in the yard at Braganza Street which symbolized the amalgamation of 622 and 570. The old 622 flag was lowered by R.Q.M.S. J. D. Sullivan, who carried it away in slow time; the new 570 flag was then marched on and was raised by Sergt. G. C. Lytton. Afterwards tea was served in the drill hall to the 200 and more who were present. Displayed around the Great War memorial was the Regimental Silver together with other trophies, and draped on either side were the Colours, which had only just been returned from the Royal School of Needlework where they had been repaired and netted. There were many guests present, amongst whom we were pleased to welcome the Colonels of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment (Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., D.L.), both of whom were making a first visit to our H.Q.; the Rt. Hon. George A. Isaacs, P.C., D.L., J.P., the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor of Southwark; the Town Clerk (Mr. E. J. Pitt, M.A.) and the D.L. of Southwark (Colonel A. J. Page, T.D.); the Secretary of the County of London T. and A.F. Association (Brigadier K. Horwood, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L.), and Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Detwiler, who commands the 92nd A.A. Battalion, U.S. Army, at Brize Norton, with whom we have exchanged visits on a number of occasions during the last few years. Also present were Major C. H. Nice, T.D., and Major A. C. Beach, T.D., of the 6th Battalion, Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (a pre-war Adjutant), and Major F. Waspe from the Depot; and of course many from the O.C.A., headed by Mr. F. F. Rowley, M.C., their hard-working Honorary Secretary.

All these changes have naturally caused a big turnover in the unit. Our Honorary Colonel since the re-formation in 1947, Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., has reluctantly relinquished this appointment, and the new Honorary Colonel is Colonel J. C. Putterill, T.D., who held that honour in the old 570. The C.O., Lieut.-Colonel H. de G. Warter, O.B.E., T.D., has left and now commands a T.A. Field Regiment; the Adjutant, Capt. S. A. W. Bush—incidentally the very first volunteer on 1st May, 1947—has left, as also our Quartermaster, Major W. H. Owen.

## ANNUAL CAMP

After enduring three wet camps at Towyn in 1950, 1951 and 1954, and enjoying two more pleasant ones at Bude in 1952 and 1953, we returned to Weybourne in Norfolk this year, which we last visited in 1949. The camp was from 27th August to 10th September, and it was of course our first camp with the L.A.A. gun. Both Batteries did very well in their shooting, each getting a sleeve on the same morning. The weather was kind generally, some days being quite hot, and shirt-sleeve order was the usual dress. Whilst at camp we were visited by the D.L. for Southwark, Colonel A. J. Page, T.D., by the G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, Lieut.-General Sir F. W. Festing, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., and many others. The Honorary Colonel, Colonel J. C. Putterill, T.D., lived in for a number of days and took part in the sports held on the second Thursday. In addition to the main job of practising and firing the 40-mm. guns, there was a number of other courses on Wireless and M.T.



## THE QUEEN'S BATTERIES' MUSEUM

By now it will be known to many that we have opened at Braganza Street a small Museum to preserve in a fitting manner objects presented and acquired relating to the history of this Volunteer Unit. It is also to show the National Service man what the connections are between his unit, this locality, the Queen's Royal Regiment and the Royal Regiment of Artillery. That we have not been able to do this until now is due to the fact that we have not had a suitable room available; R.H.Q. now being at Dulwich, this can be put right. Lest it should be thought that this Museum is in competition with that at Stoughton Barracks, may we take this opportunity to say that we have received much encouragement from the Queen's Royal Regiment, and most welcome and exceedingly generous donations of money from our sister T.A. Battalions—the 5th and 6th. Further, although we are now Gunners, should anything happen to the Queen's Batteries, the Museum, including the display cases, would be lodged at Stoughton Barracks in the Regimental Museum of the Queen's Royal Regiment.

## WHAT THE SOLDIER USED TO WEAR

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ONE who has soldiered during the last portentous half-century has played many parts and worn many costumes. In my memory the masque opens with the cadets of the London Rifle Brigade lining the route for the triumphal march of the C.I.V., the City of London Imperial Volunteers, from Waterloo to Guildhall, where they were to be banqueted on their return from the South African War.

Luckily, as it turned out, we were allotted a quiet sector behind the barriers in King Street and had only to control a small crowd of privileged spectators. The surging mob had broken the cordon on Victoria Embankment, and after a long delay we were called on to salute not an ordered column but straggling groups, veritable bottle parties; each individual soldier arm in arm with friends and relatives, hats having been exchanged as was the gala ritual of those days. One imagined that discipline was restored before the Lord Mayor's Chaplain said grace.

### CADETS IN GREEN-BLACK

We were armed with D.P. cavalry carbines and our uniform, except that it was green-black, might have suitably graced a musical comedy page-boy, pirouetting on to the stage, with an expensive parcel from the milliner or the florist; our tunics were braided and fastened with invisible hooks; we wore pill-box caps, held at the correct angle by chin-straps and patent leather bandoliers, carrying shiny pouches, designed, it would appear, rather for *billets-doux* than ammunition or rations.

The scene then shifts to an Oxford University camp at Shorncliffe, where we practised what we called "bug-shooting" dressed in scarlet tunics and heavy blue serge trousers, with scarlet piping; our headgear alternated between infantry spiked helmets for ceremonial, blue forage caps for walking out—and, believe me, we did that with some swagger on the front at Folkestone—and slouch hats for field work. It was a hot summer and we mostly paraded in shirt-sleeves, resulting in hideous sunburns on the chest and arms and rifle bruised shoulders. The final torture came when a thunderstorm caught us five miles from camp and dinners; those serge trousers proved to be water absorbent, and a ton weight round the legs was not conducive to marching.

## BUG-SHOOTER TRANSFORMED

The advent of the Officers' Training Corps altered all this. As senior N.C.O. of my college I was bidden to the Senior Common Room, New College, to meet Haldane, the Secretary of State for War, and to partake of sherry, in which we toasted his new model army and pledged our willingness to prepare for *Der Tag*. Later a larger undergraduate audience in the Town Hall enthusiastically accepted the scheme for the transformation of the "Bug-shooters" into O.T.C. as outlined by Haldane and Lord Lucan; though Sir Ian Hamilton, immaculate, waisted, and debonair in full evening dress, somewhat reduced the temperature when he remarked, shooting out his cuffs: "I've always found that the nice girls like a fellow in uniform!"

Nevertheless, that night initiated the khaki era at Oxford; field days and camp were taken seriously, we studied for Certificates "A" and "B", and in due course were commissioned in the Special Reserve of Officers or the Territorial Army. Special Reserve training was done with the regular battalion, and that meant the acquisition of mess dress. So, one hot summer evening, with a new tin case filled with supposedly impeccable uniform—supplied, alas, by the wrong tailor—I reported for duty, to be informed that for the first night I was quartered in lodgings outside the barrack gates.

### STEP-IN TROUSERS

There is much in an officers' life that is not taught at the university. I imagine a Sandhurst cadet would have known how to step into (which accurately describes the correct method, as I was to learn later from my soldier servant) tight overall trousers, strapped over Wellington boots. By a miracle I contrived the impossible and then, exhausted by my contortions, and with my no longer stiff white collar clinging to my neck, realized that it was ten minutes to eight and my lodgings the best part of a mile from the Officers' Mess. Could one and ought one to cycle in mess dress? One had to and did.

There were other costumes, fancy dress, which the Reserve officer with a limited uniform grant could well do without; the frock coat and crimson sash, *de rigueur* for court-martial, and full dress for church parades and levees, functions which an attached officer was pleased to avoid.

I received in June, 1914, orders to be ready to join the Expeditionary Force, a railway warrant, and a draft for £50 to buy battle equipment, valid as soon as mobilization was proclaimed; H.M. Government, however, by simultaneously proclaiming a moratorium froze this credit. Was I to report for duty unarmed? My quandary was solved by the then chairman of the sports' club, of which I was not a member, instructing the secretary to help me and others in similar plight as long as the cash lasted. So I got sufficient sovereigns to buy a revolver in Pall Mall and the last pair of German binoculars the Army and Navy Stores was to sell for many a day.

The few days before embarkation were fully occupied; the battalion had been brought to strength by reservists and I had to get my platoon organized—rapid fire brought up to standard on the range, and route marches to accustom the troops to the heavy marching order pack. There were, too, personal chores, like getting my sword sharpened, breaking in a pair of issue boots, and making sure that my packed valise would pass the quartermaster's exacting scales.

### THE SAM BROWNE

Modern warfare was then an unopened book. In my regiment, officers wore their Sam Browne belts with two braces to carry the panoply of war—map-case,



rolled Burberry, field glasses, sword and revolver. In that uniform we retreated from near Mons, inspecting during halts feet, chins and rifles—the order or importance depending on the whim of one's company commander; and denying cigarettes to such as were deficient of one or both puttees. The tragedy of being unmistakably officers came with our advance beyond the Aisne, in drill book artillery formation, so often practised on Laffan's Plain. The Huns had been taught by this time to identify British officers, and eleven of ours were picked off in that our first major engagement.

Later, as a very junior staff officer, I was to wear red tabs and red-banded cap, a uniform which provided an unmerited cachet on leave boats and among one's civilian friends, and brightened Whitehall during the War Office lunch hour.

How different things were in the next war is in everybody's memory; battle-dress for all and indiscernible badges of rank. In the Home Guard, those of us who had known the all-pervading deference to uniform of the old army accepted personal camouflage joyously.

*Note.*—The author of the above article, Capt. H. J. Pulein-Thompson, M.C., served with the 1st Battalion in 1914 and went overseas with it in the original Expeditionary Force.

## LONDON GAZETTE

EXTRACTS FROM 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1954—13TH SEPTEMBER, 1955

### REGULAR ARMY

- George Bryan Redfern from R.M.A. Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenant, 6th August, 1954.  
 Lieut. P. G. Collyer to be Captain, 24th May, 1954.  
 Major F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, 20th April, 1954.  
 Major D. L. Lloyd-Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., to be Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st July, 1954.  
 Lieut. (Q.M.) J. E. Griffin to be Captain (Q.M.), 17th December, 1954.  
 Lieut. D. J. Wright to be Captain, 22nd December, 1954.  
 Lieut. A. Donaldson to be Captain, 22nd December, 1954.  
 Lieutenant-Colonel (Temporary Colonel) M. V. Fletcher from Queen's, to be Colonel, 9th May, 1954.  
 Colonel T. H. Dyke, D.S.O., to be Brigadier, 1st January, 1954.  
 Capt. (Q.M.) S. H. Sellicks to be Major (Q.M.), 25th April, 1950.  
 Major H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, 18th November, 1954.  
 Capt. C. B. Rodger to be Major, 4th February, 1955.  
 Major (Staff Q.M.) R. W. Jackson, M.B.E., Emp. List (2) to be Lieutenant-Colonel (Staff Q.M.), 17th September, 1954.  
 2/Lieut. Gerald Clement Sharpe from Nat. Serv. List to be Second-Lieutenant, 12th March, 1955, with seniority 21st April, 1953.  
 Lieut. (Q.M.) James William Kemp from Short Serv. Commn., to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), 1st November, 1954.  
 Jeremy Valentine Warner Johnson from R.M.A. Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenant, 4th February, 1955.  
 Capt. J. F. Hancocks retires receiving a gratuity, 1st April, 1955.  
 Capt. D. H. Foskett to be Major, 7th December, 1954.  
 2/Lieut. G. C. Sharpe to be Lieutenant, 21st April, 1955.  
 Capt. M. R. H. Stopford to be Major, 27th April, 1955.  
 Lieut. P. H. Clayton, to be Captain, 21st October, 1954.  
 Major N. T. Lennan, M.C., retires on ret. pay, 20th June, 1955.  
 2/Lieut. M. J. Doyle to be Lieutenant 4th July, 1955.  
 2/Lieut. J. G. W. Davidson to be Lieutenant 31st July, 1955.

### SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

- Capt. N. E. Savage to be Major, 23rd January, 1955.  
 Lieut. E. G. W. Hogg to be Captain, 12th February, 1955.  
 Capt. H. A. G. Blake (Emp. List 4) to be Major, 17th February, 1955.  
 6086227 W.O. Cl. II Ronald Joseph Hall to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), 20th January, 1955.  
 Capt. V. T. Farrup to be Major, 20th July, 1955.  
 Capt. D. L. Fennell (Emp. List 4), to be Major, 26th August, 1955.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

- Major (Q.M.) A. E. Reynolds, M.B.E., M.M., T.D., having exceeded the age limit retires 15th October, 1954, retaining the rank of Major (Q.M.).  
 Capt. (Actg. Maj.) K. W. Homer to be Major, 12th November, 1954, with seniority 18th May, 1954.  
 Major James Geoffrey Bevington, T.D., to be Honorary Colonel of a T.A. unit, 11th January 1955, vice Major-General Ivor Thomas Percival Hughes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L. resigned.  
 Capt. J. D. Wade to be Major, 18th February, 1955.  
 Lieut. J. H. E. Mendl to be Captain, 1st January, 1955.  
 Capt. P. J. Rodwell to be Major, 18th February, 1955.  
 Capt. W. J. R. Price from R.A. to be Captain, 5th June, 1955, with seniority 1st July, 1953.  
 Capt. W. G. Allen from R.A. to be Captain, 5th June, 1955, with seniority 1st August, 1953.  
 Lieut. A. J. Cooke from R.A. to be Lieutenant, 5th June, 1955, with seniority 6th February, 1953.  
 Lieut. J. H. W. Thomas, from R.A. to be Lieutenant, 5th June, 1955, with seniority 24th October, 1954.

### NATIONAL SERVICE

- The following National Service officers have joined during the above period:  
 J. E. Kaufmann (1st Battalion), B. A. J. Martin (1st Battalion), C. O. Surtees (1st Battalion), D. W. Baldock (K.A.R.), F. V. D. Tennant (Somaliland Scouts), S. B. Lack (1st Battalion), R. G. Borneman (R.W.A.F.F.), T. B. Mason (1st Battalion), S. A. Willis (1st Battalion), J. W. Hunt (Somaliland Scouts), N. H. Lindo (1st Battalion), A. C. Tidmarsh (1st Battalion), J. S. C. Tidmarsh (K.A.R.), T. J. Wills (K.A.R.), J. J. H. Boulbee (K.A.R.), T. E. Smith (1st Battalion).

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### M.B.E.

*For Service in Malaya.*

Major R. P. Mangles; Major (Q.M.) S. W. Sharp; Major J. O. Cosgrove; R.S.M. J. B. Simmons.

#### B.E.M.

Sgt. W. A. Redford (Royal Sussex Regiment), attached 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

M.B.E.: Major C. J. Grindley.

### MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Capt. H. C. Millman, Kenya.  
 Capt. N. C. Frame, R.A.M.C. (Attached 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment);  
 Sgt. R. P. Gould; Sgt. R. A. Jennings; Pte. R. D. Anstee (Commander-in-Chief's Certificate), Malaya.

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

1954

THE Annual Dinner was held at the Dorchester Hotel on 29th October. The following dined:

Lieut.-Colonel P. Adams, T.D.; Major N. B. Avery, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel D. E. Bathgate; Major A. C. Beach; Major C. P. Benton, M.C.; Major J. G. Bevington, T.D.; Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Bolton, D.S.O.; C. N. Bradnock Esq.; C. J. Bright, Esq.; Colonel B. E. L. Burton; Capt. D. E. Champion-Jones; Major J. F. L. Clarke, M.B.E., T.D.; Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major D. R. G. Clement; Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E.; Colonel J. B. Coates, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.; Lieut.-Colonel H. P. Coombe, O.B.E.; Major F. W. H. Denton; Major K. Mc.L. Douglas; Capt. E. D. Drew; Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Capt. P. A. W. G. Durrant; Colonel G. N. Dyer, C.B.E., D.S.O.; Brigadier T. H. Dyke, D.S.O.; Major C. R. C. Elverson; Colonel B. L. Evans, T.D., D.L.; P. S. Field, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Flint, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel M. Forrester, D.S.O., M.C.; Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel D. L. A. Gibbs, D.S.O.; General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O.; J. R. Gill, Esq.; M. E. Girling, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Gray, M.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston; Capt. C. A. Haggard; A. Hanlon, Esq.; Capt. J. F. Hancock; Capt. K. W. Homer; Capt. A. J. Hoghton; Major W. S. Hooker, M.B.E., T.D.; Major-General I. T. P. Hughes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L.; Capt. E. V. L. Isaac; Major F. J. Jebens, M.C.; Major K. A. Jessup; Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Johnson, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.; Capt. D. F. Kellie; Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.; Major A. C. Lynch-Staunton; Major M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.; J. W. M. Mansel, Esq.; Brigadier-General F. C. More-Molyneux-Longbourne, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadier J. F. Metcalfe, C.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel J. E. G. Moriarty; Major C. H. Nice, T.D.; T. D. O'Leary, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel M. W. H. Pain; Major J. C. B. Palmer; Colonel R. Papworth, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.; Capt. J. C. Parrish; Major S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. P. Phillips; Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E.; Major-General G. A. Pilleau, C.B.E., M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel J. F. K. Ponsford; Major G. G. Reinhold, M.C.; M. F. Reynolds, Esq.; Brigadier P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Major A. N. S. Roberts, O.B.E.; Capt. W. W. B. Rodger; Major J. G. Rustad; Major E. G. Sandys, M.C.; Major S. R. G. Scott-Gall; Capt. J. W. Sewell; G. C. Sharpe, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel L. S. Sheldon; Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D.; Major F. J. Snowdon, T.D.; Colonel J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E.; M. L. Teale, Esq.; Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel H. de G. Warter, O.B.E., T.D.; Major H. B. Watson, T.D.; Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel N. A. Willis, O.B.E.; R. F. P. Wright, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel A. F. F. Young, O.B.E., T.D.; Major P. M. C. Zehntner.

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The Annual Dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club, on 24th June, and the following dined:

Lieut.-Colonel P. Adams, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel D. E. Bathgate; Major A. C. Beach; Major J. G. Bevington, T.D.; Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Bolton, D.S.O.; Colonel J. D. Boyd, D.S.O.; C. N. Bradnock, Esq.; Brigadier B. E. L. Burton; Major J. F. L. Clarke, M.B.E., T.D.; Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major D. R. G. Clement; Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel H. Cook, M.C.; M. J. Doyle, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Major C. R. C. Elverson; A. B. S. Faris, Esq.; Capt. G. A. Fearnside-Speed; P. S. Field, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Flint, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel M. Forrester, D.S.O., M.C.; Major D. H. Fokett; Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C.; General Sir George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O.; J. R. Gill, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Gray, M.B.E.; M. C. Greenleaf, Esq.; Capt. C. A. Haggard; Colonel R. C. Halse, C.B.E.; Capt. K. W. Homer; Major W. S. Hooker, M.B.E., T.D.; Major-General I. T. P. Hughes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L.; Major F. J. Jebens, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel M. T. N. Jennings; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.; Major P. R. H. Kealy; Major G. B. Lane; Capt. G. S. Lee; Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.; Major A. C. Lynch-Staunton; Lieut.-Colonel M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.; J. W. M. Mansel, Esq.; T. B. Mason, Esq.; Major W. Masterson, O.B.E.; Capt. J. H. E. Mendl; Capt. H. C. Millman; Capt. J. B. Mollo; Brigadier-General F. C. More-Molyneux-Longbourne, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major C. H. Nice, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel M. W. H. Pain; Capt. J. H. Pappin; Capt. J. C. Parrish; Major S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. P. Phillips; Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Capt. M. F. Reynolds; Brigadier P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Major A. N. S. Roberts, O.B.E.; Capt.

W. W. B. Rodger; Capt. C. W. Roff; Major S. H. Sellicks; Lieut.-Colonel L. S. Sheldon; J. H. Sillem, Esq.; Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D.; Colonel J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel H. de G. Warter, O.B.E., T.D.; Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel N. A. Willis, O.B.E.; Major P. M. C. Zehntner.

The Reunion Garden Party took place on 25th June, 1955, at Stoughton Barracks, and unlike the two previous years we were blessed with fine weather, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield received the guests who numbered 125.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel J. E. G. Moriarty and the Officers, the band of 598 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment), T.A. played selections of music during the afternoon.

The membership of the Club is 443.

## NOTICE

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL.—Old copies of the JOURNAL can be obtained from the Editor, Stoughton Barracks, price 1s. per copy, post free. Copies of the following are out of print: 1926, May and November; 1927, May; 1928, May; 1930, May and November; 1931, May and November; 1951, May; 1954, November.

## THE SERGEANT-MAJOR

The following letter to *The Infantryman* is reproduced by kind permission of the Directorate of Infantry.

Sir,

A Major in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, writing in the Regimental Journal, deplores the rapidly spreading practice of using the terms "W.O.I" and "W.O.II" instead of the traditional and time-honoured title "Sergeant-Major." It is indeed to be deplored; what is wrong with the titles R.S.M. and C.S.M.?—these titles are specific, apart from anything else, instead of merely being a rank grade. The use of W.O.II on paper when referring to a Company Sergeant-Major is the first step towards addressing a C.S.M. as "good morning, W.O.II," an abomination which I am told has been heard.

Historically the rank of Sergeant-Major is a distinguished one. In 1547, the High Constable who commanded the Army became Captain General, which title for the Commander-in-Chief continued until 1758. The deputy C.-in-C. was the Lieutenant-General; third in command was the Sergeant-Major, who was responsible for arranging the dispositions of troops in the field and reconnaissance before battles took place. In 1618 the title became Sergeant-Major-General, until 1670, in the reign of James II, when "Sergeant" gradually was dropped; hence the apparent illogical precedence of Lieutenant-General; Major-General. In the early Eighteenth century sergeant-majors were non-commissioned officers; Warrant Officers were only instituted in 1879 and in 1881 R.S.Ms. became Warrant Officers. The two classes of Warrant Officers were not instituted until 1915, two years after the Colour Sergeants of the right half



companies of Infantry Battalions had become Company Sergeant-Majors when the double company organization was abolished.

In addition to the regrettable practice already mentioned one sometimes hears Colour Sergeant addressed as "C.Q.M.S." or even "Q"; how much better it is to use the time-honoured and historic title of Colour Sergeant. In the case of Regimental Sergeant-Majors, some Regiments address them as Mr. So and so in order presumably to give them additional prestige, but with the historical background which they possess, no more honourable titles could be used than those of regimental and company sergeant-major.

Yours, etc.

"Historicus."

## OBITUARY

List of those known and reported to have died since last publication:

### DIED ON SERVICE IN MALAYA

No.	Rank and Name	Bn.	Service	Date of Death
22875349	Pte. H. Duff	1st	1953-1954	25. 3.54
14937050	C./Sgt. D. Shaw	1st	1945-1955	4. 3.55
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	Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Buchan	4th V.	1896-1898	30. 4.54
	Colonel J. H. Waite	4th		4.12.54
	Major J. W. M. Denton		1918-1948	23. 1.55
	Surgeon-Lieutenant C. S. Palmer	4th V.	1907-1908	26. 2.55
	Major R. J. Holliday	4th V.	1898-1907	
		24th London		
		Regt., The Queen's	1910-1919	19. 3.55
	Lieut. P. L. Leighton		1916-1921	5. 4.55
	Colonel G. N. Dyer, C.B.E., D.S.O.		1900-1936	
			1940-1941	31. 8.55
	Colonel H. S. Kelly	R.I.A.S.C.	1925-1937	
		1937-1946	1937-1946	17. 9.55
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6076137	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) E. J. Shales	2nd	1898-1926	19. 8.54
8421	Pte. S. Tolfrey	1st	1905-1914	15. 9.54
6079711	C.S.M. G. Hicks	1st & 2nd	1922-1945	8.10.54
6078464	L./Cpl. W. G. Parsons	2nd	1920-1927	8.11.54
6079388	Cpl. C. H. Hodson, M.M.		1914-1919	15.11.54
9053	Pte. F. L. Burgess	2nd	1907-1915	19.11.54
	C. Gumm	4th Queen's		11.12.54
22129	L./Cpl. S. C. Burnett, D.C.M., M.M.	5th Queen's	1916-1921	12.12.54
6628	Pte. A. G. Archer, M.M.	2nd & Royal		
		Artillery	1899-1919	5. 1.55
6076798	Pte. L. G. Vineall	2nd	1914-1922	13. 1.55
4070	C.S.M. H. H. Small	2nd V.B.	1899-1908	
240013		5th Queen's	1908-1919	2. 2.55
	Bandmaster A. E. Stock	2nd	1904-1913	25. 2.55
6084030	Pte. F. C. Broad	1st	1927-1931	25. 3.55
9182	L./Cpl. J. Moody	2nd	1907-1919	4. 4.55
8541	Pte. H. C. Burch	2nd	1905-1919	10. 5.55
	Pte. J. Almond (40)			18. 5.55
6389	Pte. J. Crew	2nd	1900-1912	26. 5.55
903	Pte. J. S. Pollard	3rd	1908-1919	28. 5.55
3434	Cpl. J. Southern	1st & 2nd	1891-1900	12. 6.55
6102713	Pte. R. Curry	1st/5th	1940-1946	14. 6.55
240875	Pte. A. Waterman	1st & 5th	1914-1919	25. 6.55
40249	Pte. T. S. Brooker	2nd	1916-1919	18. 7.55
808	Pte. J. J. Mann	Volunteer Bn.	1893-1908	
		2nd	1914-1919	30.7.55

### COLONEL G. N. DYER, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Colonel George Nowers Dyer, who died on 31st August, 1955, aged 74, was educated at Rugby and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the 1st Battalion in 1900. Promoted Captain in 1911, he was Adjutant in 1912-13. In 1914 he was Staff Captain of 3rd Infantry Brigade and went to France with it in the original Expeditionary Force at the outbreak of the Great War. In 1915 he was appointed Brigade Major and later in the same year he was promoted Major. Afterwards he was G.S.O.2, first with 217 Division and then with 34th Division until the end of the war. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his services.

After the war, following three years with the 1st Battalion, during which he commanded it in its initial weeks in Londonderry, he commanded the Depot from 1922 until 1925. Two years later, after further service with the 1st Battalion, he was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and appointed Commandant of the Army School of Physical Training. In 1932 he became Inspector of Physical Training with the rank of Colonel, and held the appointment until his retirement from the Army in 1936. In 1935 he was awarded the C.B.E.

In the Second World War he was recalled and was in command of the Army Physical Training Corps in 1940-1941. He afterwards served in the Home Guard until 1944.

Colonel Dyer was a good games player and represented the Regiment at polo, rugby football, racquets and hockey. He will be remembered best, however, as a swordsman, for he represented the Army in fencing from 1925 to 1931 and was captain of the British Fencing Team (versus the U.S.A.) when it visited the United States of America in 1926.

During his time at the Depot the Regiment became prominent in the Army Inter-Unit Fencing Competition, and to his influence much of the Regiment's enthusiasm and success in this sport was due. In 1926 the Regimental team from the Depot and the 1st Battalion won for the first time both the Eastern Command and Army Inter-Unit Fencing, being unbeaten in the final pool.

This victory was repeated in 1927 and 1930 and only missed by one point in 1929. During these years the Regiment was without doubt the foremost fencing unit in the Army.

No one took more interest or devoted so much time to the well-being of the Regiment, and his activities on its behalf were numerous and varied. He had been a member of the Committee of the Old Comrades Association for many years and of the Officers' Club since its inception in 1946. His wise counsel and balanced opinions were always valued at any deliberation.

He was largely responsible for the inauguration of the Regimental Journal in November, 1925, and was its first Editor, which he remained until 1946. Although the Journal ceased publication during the war years he continued to manage its affairs.

From 1939 until 1945 (except for the period when he was recalled to the Army) he was Chairman of the Regimental Welfare Committee which dealt with clothing and comforts for the battalions of the Regiment. After his retirement from the Army he undertook much voluntary work, and was Chairman of the Surrey County Council Playing Fields Association from 1937 to 1949; Chairman of the British Association for Physical Training 1937 to 1949; President of the well-known Birmingham Fencing Club from 1935; Chairman of his local branch of the British Legion for many years; and from 1946 until 1954 he was Vice-Chairman of the Royal Tournament with which he had so long been connected. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the large gathering of his friends

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COLONEL G. N. DYER, C.B.E., D.S.O.

and those representing many institutions who were present at a Memorial Service held at Worplesdon Parish Church on 7th September.

By his death the Regiment has lost a faithful and devoted officer who rendered outstanding service for over fifty years.

His son was killed in a motor accident in 1942 whilst serving with a Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, formerly the 14th Battalion of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

To his family we offer our deepest sympathy.

#### MAJOR J. W. M. DENTON

Major John William Mingay Denton had been in ill-health for some years before his death, which occurred on 23rd January, 1955. He was educated at Tonbridge and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Regiment in April, 1918. In the First World War he served with the 11th Battalion and was severely wounded. From 1919 to 1939 he served with the 1st Battalion except from 1933 to 1937, when he was Adjutant of the old 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he went to Malaya in a Staff Appointment with the Intelligence Branch, but in November suffered severe injuries in a motor car accident and lost the sight of an eye.

He returned to duty in 1942 when he commanded the 70th Young Soldiers Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment for several months before going to the War Office in the M.I. Branch.

In June, 1944, he went to France on the Lines of Communication, eventually becoming Town Major of Lille, where he remained until the end of the war. From 1946 until his retirement in 1948 he commanded the Depot Cadre Party. He was employed as Administrative Officer at the Depot after his retirement, but, due to failing health, was forced to give up in June, 1950.

In spite of his infirmities Major Denton never complained and was invariably cheerful, and it says much for his stout-heartedness and determination that he continued to serve as long as he did.

To his widow and daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

#### COLONEL H. S. KELLY

Colonel H. S. Kelly died suddenly in Sydney, Australia, on 17th September, 1955. He was educated at Charterhouse and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the 2nd Battalion in 1925 in India. In 1933 he was posted to the 1st Battalion in China and in 1937 transferred to the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, rising to the rank of Colonel in the late war.

He was a good all-round sportsman; his main interests being pig-sticking and big-game shooting. A charming and gay companion, his death at the early age of 50 will be a sad blow to his many friends.

To his family we offer our deepest sympathy.



## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT MUSEUM FUND

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1953	£	£ s. d.	1953	£	£ s. d.
—	45	39 1 10	105	—	108 15 0
—		83 6 2		Subscriptions	...
—		0 5 8		Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	...
45		122 13 8			...
60		—			...
£105		£122 13 8	£105		£122 13 8

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

CAPITAL ACCOUNT			CURRENT ASSETS		
£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
25	Balance as at 1st January, 1954	85 8 0	85	Cash at Bank	71 7 0
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for	...	...	Cash in Hand	...
60	the year ...	—	—		0 2 4
			—85		
85	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for	85 8 0			
	the year ...	13 18 8			
		71 9 4			
		£71 9 4			
			£85		£71 9 4

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.—We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account which are in accordance with the Books of account. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Museum Fund as at 31st December, 1954, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the deficiency for the year ended at that date.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1955.

1 & 2, HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD,  
GUILDFORD.

THURLOW, BOYCE & CO, Auditors,  
Chartered Accountants

## JOURNAL ACCOUNT

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

EXPENDITURE		1953		INCOME	
	£ s. d.	£		£ s. d.	
Printing and Postage of Journal	220 7 7	174	Subscriptions and Sales	...	183 7 11
Less Advertisement Revenue	59 9 11	32	Grants—Officer Commanding, Depot	...	...
		25	Trustees, 2nd Battalion	...	...
Printing and Postage of Newsletters	160 17 8	—	57		30 0 0
General Postages	52 9 4				
	2 6 0				
	215 13 0				213 7 11
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	—			Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	2 5 1
					...
	£215 13 0				£215 13 0

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the Books of Account. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the JOURNAL Account as at 31st December, 1954 and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the deficiency for the year ended at that date.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1955.

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Chartered Accountants.

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATIONS

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.

### ASSOCIATION

*Membership.*—Life members, 1,679; annual subscribers, 511; Total, 2,190, as compared with a total of 2,174 for 1953. Old and young soldiers who have served in the Regiment, who would maintain their subscriptions of 2s. per annum, would, as always, be welcomed as members.

*Loans.*—The sum of £223 was expended in loans to assist members. The sum of £422 is still due from members on account of loans made.

*Employment.*—The problem of housing appears to be one that confronts the married man who leaves the Regiment. Many members of the Association have informed the Secretary of employment vacancies, and assisted in many ways. The Committee are grateful for this assistance. We much appreciate the help given by the Regular Forces Employment Association, who have placed 39 members in employment during the year.

*Local Representatives.*—Members of the Association and Secretaries of O.C.As. of other disbanded Battalions of the Regiment have again proved of the utmost value.

### THE CHARITABLE FUND

The sum of £900 was received from the Army Benevolent Fund during the year. The Forces Help Society and S.S. & A.F.A. continue to be of the greatest help in every way. Other O.C.As. of the Regiment and Organizations also assist whenever possible. We are most grateful to all.

### GRANTS

The sum of £1,318 1s. 9d. was expended in helping 226 cases, as compared with £1,397 18s. 6d. in 238 cases in 1953. Details of cases so assisted were briefly as follows: general ill-health, etc., 76. Widows: education of sons, 2; aged, 11; sickness, 5; housing difficulty, 3; general difficulty, 11; special glasses, 1; removal expenses, 1; husband killed in accident, 1. Disabled: 24; slackness in trade, 3; accidents at work, 8; T.B. cases, 13; aged couples, 15; housing difficulty, 12; ex-P.O.W. (wife in difficulty), 1; aged man, 1; Christmas (Chelsea Pensioners), 2; son killed in action (assist mother), 1; assistance to obtain employment (tools, etc.), 2; ex-prison help for family, 3; mental cases, 3; son in Malaya (mother hard pressed), 1; disabled child, 1; to visit son in hospital, 2; crippled mother of son in Malaya, 1; wife in prison (husband care of two children), 1; ex-P.O.W. illness, 1; South African War veterans, 3; domestic problems, 8; funeral expenses, 9. Cases investigated and considered no grants, 27.

### DONATIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

	£	s.	d.
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School	10	10	0
Regimental Forces Employment Association	50	0	0
Guildford Branch, S.S. and A.F.A.	1	1	0
H.F. Society, Guildford	1	1	0
Star and Garter Home for Disabled	5	5	0
St. Dunstan's	10	10	0
Headquarters, S.S. & A.F.A.	10	10	0

Headquarters, Forces Help Society	10	10	0
Surrey Convalescent Home for Men	1	1	0
Headquarters, British Legion	1	1	0
Sir Beachcroft Towse ex-Service Fund for the Blind	2	2	0
Sir Frederick Milner Fund for Village Settlements	3	3	0
Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows	10	10	0

As approved at Annual General Meeting, 1954.

Additional Grant made by Committee, 19th August, 1955—	5	5	0
Officers' Welfare Branch, S.S. & A.F.A.			

### ALL RANKS' DINNER CLUB

Life Members, 388; annual subscribers, 284. Total 682, as compared with 648 for 1953.

### ALL RANKS' ANNUAL DINNER, 1954

Thanks to the kindness of O.C., 6th Battalion, and his staff, the dinner was held in the Battalion's Drill Hall. Major-General Whitfield, as Chairman, read greetings telegrams he had received and gave the 200 members who attended full news of the Regiment's activities during the past year. He laid special emphasis on the need for raising the funds required to furnish and equip the new Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral, and appealed to all to help in this great task.

### THE WAR MEMORIAL HOLIDAY FUND

The sum of £284 19s. 6d. was expended on holiday grants for the following cases: illness, 5; war widows, 8; T.B. cases, 1; aged, 9; widowed mother (daughter ordered rest after constant care), 1; widow, 1; disabled, 4; two children convalescence, 1; mental case (child), 1; mother ordered rest, 1; doctors ordered rest after illness, 5; parents to visit son ex-Malaya, 1; Chelsea Pensioners to attend garden party, 1. Total of 39 cases, as compared with 38 cases for £309 17s. 3d. in 1953.

In view of the income over expenditure for the year in this account, the Committee have decided that the amounts of grants made shall now be raised by £1 for each individual.

### ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE AND GARDEN PARTY, 1955

This Reunion was held on Sunday, 26th June; the Church service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, being in command of the parade. The lesson was read by the Colonel of the Regiment, and the address was given by the Rev. F. W. Bowler, M.B.E., one-time Chaplain of 2/5th Queen's and 169 (Queen's) Brigade in the last war. After the service the parade, under the command of Brigadier B. E. L. Burton, marched past the Guildhall, where the Colonel of the Regiment, accompanied by the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor H. H. Kimber, took the salute. In the afternoon the Garden Party Reunion took place at the Depot. Old friendships were renewed, and many visited the Regimental Museum. The Band of the 598 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment), T.A., played at both the Church Parade and the Garden Party, where they entertained the gathering to an excellent programme of music terminating in the beating of "Retreat". We are most grateful to the Officer Commanding this Regiment for again allowing us the services of the Band.



The numbers attending were disappointingly small, and in view of the glorious weather this was somewhat surprising. It is hoped that all Old Comrades will make a point of noting the date and turning up in force in 1956.

### THE ALL RANKS' DINNER, 1955

The All Ranks' Dinner was held at Lyons' Oxford Street Corner House on Saturday, 1st October. Numbers attending were 210. Major-General Whitfield, Colonel, The Queen's Royal Regiment, as Chairman, read a greetings telegram from the 1st Battalion in Malaya. He also informed all of the latest Regimental News. He advocated that branches of the O.C.A. should be formed throughout Surrey and London, with a view to stimulating interest in the O.C.A. and the Regiment generally, especially among the younger generation who are serving and have served. He asked all who felt they could assist in this project to inform the Secretary, O.C.A.

### 24TH LONDON REGT., 7TH QUEEN'S O.C.A.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL the activities of this Association have followed established custom and need little comment.

There was the Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the Memorial in Kennington Park in conjunction with the unit, the A.G.M. of members in February, the annual Reunion Dinner in March, and the Parade and Service of Homage in May under the auspices of the Federation of O.C.As. of the London T. and A. Units. Regrettably, attendances at these meetings did not come up to expectations nor to those of the previous year.

In passing, it should be noted that the next Reunion Dinner has been arranged for 24th March, 1956.

It is also worthy of note that on 14th May many of our members were present at the ceremony of Amalgamation of the Unit with 570 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (1st Surrey Rifles) (T.A.); for the record, it is now called the Queen's Batteries, 570 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.).

If the existence of the Association ever needed justifying, the effort in support of the establishment of the Chapel of the Queen's Royal Regiment in Guildford Cathedral is one more instance which amply does so. Our appeal, launched in October, 1954, attracted contributions totalling £201 10s., whilst members in annual general meeting unanimously agreed to donate from the funds of the Association the sum of £400 to defray the cost of one of the grilles to the Chapel.

### OFFICERS' FAMILIES FUND

The Officers' Families Fund fulfils an important need. It gives financial help and advice on personal problems to the widows and dependants of officers of the Royal Navy and the Army killed in action or whose death was attributable to service. The Army is much the larger beneficiary and last year some £17,000 was spent on Army families.

I know that regiments already have a long annual subscription list which they cannot reduce and that the same applies to individual officers, but I very much hope that any who are in a position to do so will give as much financial support as they possibly can to the Officers' Families Fund. Any subscription, however small, will be most warmly welcomed.

26th September, 1955.

(Signed) JOHN HARDING, F.M.

Donations to Officers' Families Fund, 104 Gloucester Road, London, S.W.7.

## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The following have recently been presented:

- Full and Undress uniforms with accessories; Commission, dated 1889; drawings of 4th Battalion Colours, 1910; Imperial Service Badge, 1914-18; copy of Volunteer Regulations, 1803: Colonel Sir Frank D. Watney.
- Medals and photograph album, Capt. Stacey: Mrs. Stacey (widow).
- Medals Cpl. Poulter: Mrs. Marrant (sister).
- Medals Cpl. Willard, Pte. Frost: Capt. Hurley.
- Medals R.S.M. Holt: Miss Holt (sister).
- Medals Capt. Routley: Miss Routley (daughter).
- Medals Sgt. Skitteral: Mr. Skitteral (son).
- L.S. & G.C. Medal, Dmr. Thornton: Mr. Christie.
- Regimental Medal, 1910/1919: Rev. Robinson.
- Publication *Principal Events*, 1914-18; Badges, souvenir handkerchief, 1899-1902; badged, match box case: ex-R.S.M. Stent.
- Framed and glazed Muster Roll, 2nd Battalion, 1896: Mrs. Harris.
- Chinese C.T. clothing and literature: 1st Battalion.
- M.R.L.A. (C.T.) flag: 2/Lieut. Block.
- Electric torch, taken from bandit in Malaya: Sgt. Barnes.
- Snapshots, Queen's men's graves, Hamburg, 1944-5: Capt. Sandys.
- Fragment of Colour carried by H. E. Redmond, 1844: Major Davis (grandson).
- Commission of H. E. Redmond, 1842: Sir John Elliott.
- Home-made Mau Mau rifle: Capt. Millman.
- Mauser automatic pistol with butt extension: Major Burke.
- S.M.L.E. rifle, 1914: Capt. Harding.
- German automatic pistol; No. 4 bayonet; knife used by B.T., Burma, 1939-45: Major Wyld.
- Commando knife, Burma, 1944: Sgt. Bingham.
- Dress Sword and Scabbard, W. R. Ratton: C. H. Ratton (brother).
- Queen Victoria chocolate box, 1900: Mr. S. Hayward.
- Iron Ration, South Africa, 1899-1902: Sgt. Quinell.
- Warrant, S. M. Garvin, 1894: Mrs. Garvin (widow).
- Menu card, H.Q. Wing 1st Battalion, Xmas, 1918, Pte. Waterman: Mrs. Lintott (Daughter).
- Side Drum given him in 1935; framed and glazed photograph, M.G. in action South Africa, 1899-1902: badged, silver book match case: Colonel Clarke.
- Badged wall case with O.R. helmet plate: Mr. Coldman.
- Silver Badge, T.A., 1939: Major Smith.
- Leather strap with horse brass, Regimental badge inset: Mr. Henderson.
- Militiaman's small book, Dmr. J. Newman: Mr. J. D. Newman (son).
- Small book, clothing and savings account and certificates, C./Sgt. Davis: Mr. R. C. Smith (stepson).
- Regimental Standing Orders, 1846; three prints—Lance and Pennant, 16th Queen's: purchased.
- 5th Queen's Training Programme, 1939; New Testament active service edition, 1939; Swagger cane, Cranleigh O.T.C.: Major Clowes.
- Documents and medals (2), B.S. Westby: Mr. A. Westby (son).
- Newspaper cutting, 6th Battalion, Arras, 1917: Mr. Chandler.
- Officers' coloured sash, aiguillette, Rules and Articles of War, 1856, No. 1; edition of *The British Gazette*, 1926: Colonel Bacon.
- Turkish rifle bolt, Suvla Bay, 1915; collection of Divisional Signs, emergency pack, 1944; 4 volumes *Naval Military Despatches*, 1914-18: Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Bolton.
- Scarf, crocheted by H.M. Queen Mary: Major Rothery.
- Photographs as under have been presented by:
  - Major-General Hughes, (9); Colonel Clarke (6); Mrs. Witcomb (20); Lieut.-Colonel Milligan (2); Mr. Fudger (2); Capt. Tamplin (1); Mr. Martin (10); Major Spencer-Johnson (1).

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