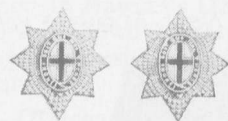
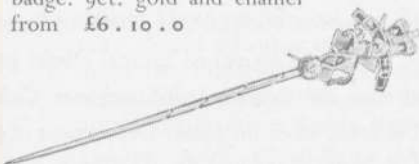


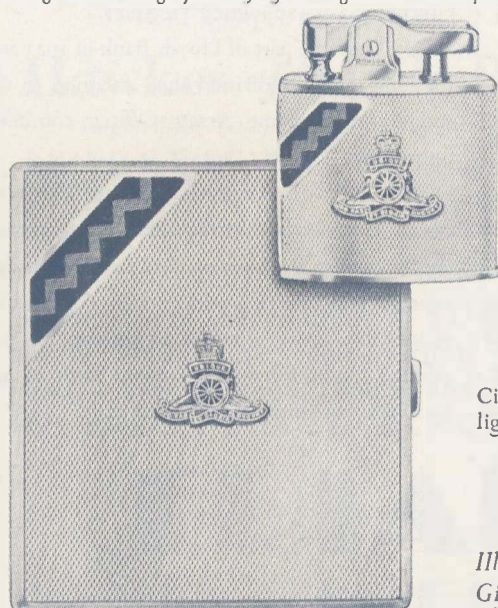
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ARMY REORGANIZATION

IN July the long-awaited decisions on Army Reorganization were announced and the changes in the Infantry of the Line became known. The pattern of the Infantry System is to be found in fourteen Brigade Groups, each consisting of three or four regiments.

The number of battalions is to be reduced by seventeen, and this is to be achieved by the amalgamation of thirty Regiments of the Line and the disbandment of two Guards battalions.

There is to be one regiment only based on the county of Surrey, and this involves our amalgamation with the East Surrey Regiment. Regimental Depots are to be closed down and one Brigade Depot is to deal with the intake and training of recruits for all regiments. This Depot will not come into being before 1st April, 1959, and it may be not till 1960 or 1961.

In order to bring about a closer relationship between the regiments of the Brigade, a Brigade cap badge is to be worn, although collar badges, buttons, etc., will continue to be regimental. (In our case the existing embellishments will be combined in some form.)

There will be an amalgamated R.H.Q. at which various Regimental matters will be dealt with, e.g. O.C.A., and this will have a small civilian staff. Located probably at this R.H.Q. will be a regimental museum containing the old possessions of both regiments. In addition, primarily for the future, but probably displaying some existing Regimental items, a new Brigade Museum will be established. This Museum will be located at the Brigade Depot, which will almost certainly be at Canterbury.

The Brigade, which is to come into being on 1st April, 1958, will continue to be known as "Home Counties Brigade," the component Regiments being:

The regiment formed from the Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment.

The regiment formed from the Buffs and the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The Middlesex Regiment.

The appointment of Colonel of the Regiment will continue, but there is to be a Representative Colonel of the Brigade—elected from among the Colonels of Regiments—who will have general co-ordinating authority over all the regiments; his staff officer will be the Brigade Colonel, who will have greater executive power than at present, including control over the Brigade Depot.

Regimental Bands are to disappear, probably not before 1962 unless the run-down makes them musically ineffective earlier, and in their place there will be one Brigade Band. Drums and fifes will remain as at present.

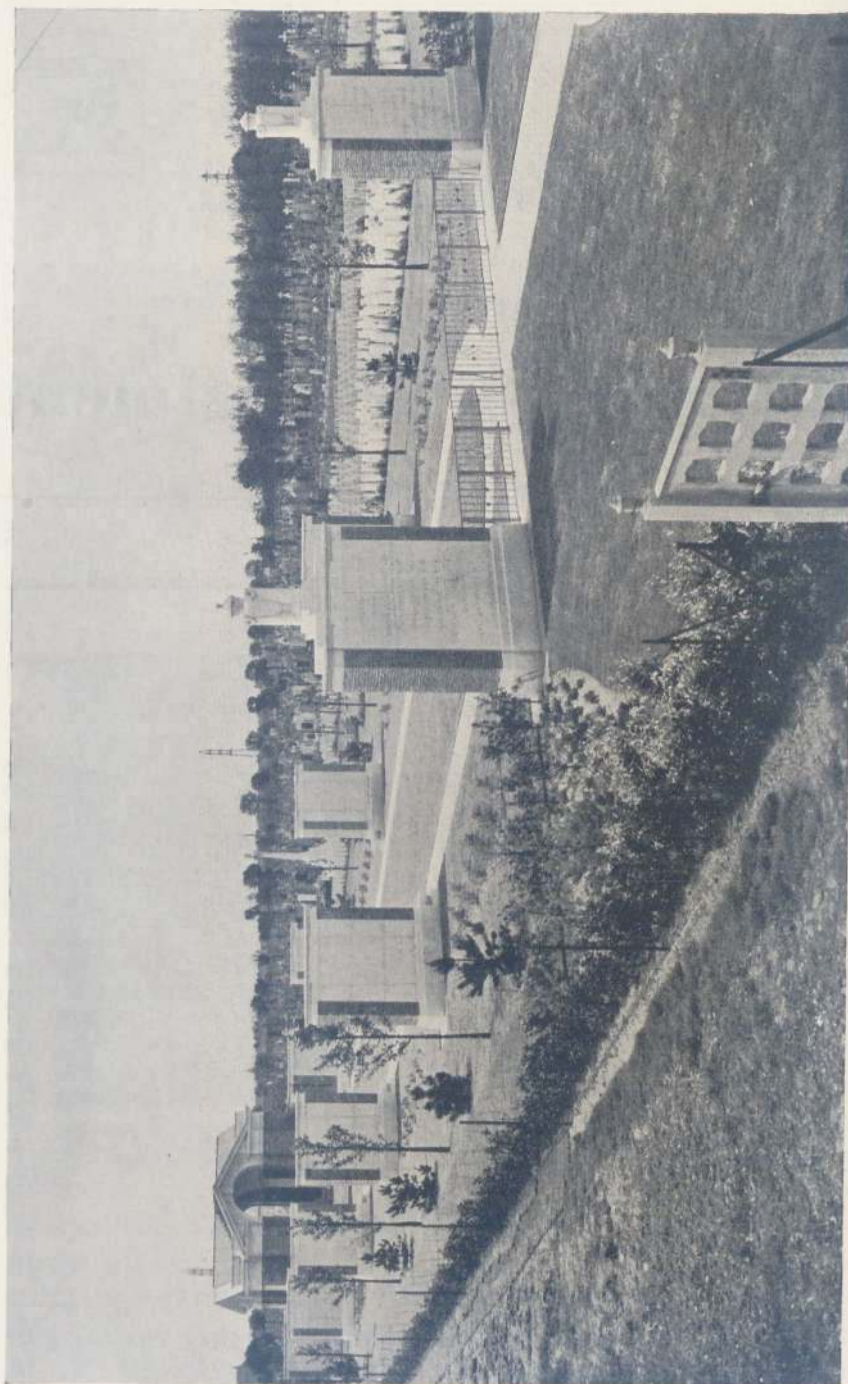
T.A. Battalions will retain their present titles and badges and will be affiliated to the new amalgamated regiment.

Officers will continue to be commissioned into regiments, but will come on a Brigade seniority roll on reaching the substantive rank of Major.

As at present, a recruit will enlist into the Brigade and give his preference for which regiment he will serve in.

Initially both sets of Colours will be carried. In due course one set of Colours for the new regiment will be presented.

These are momentous changes and it is inevitable that there should be some sadness at the disappearance of a number of the traditional features of our regimental life. The changes, however, are necessary if the Army is to meet



The Dunkirk Memorial
(see page 133)

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the needs of 1957 and future years, and it is the duty of all of us, past and present, to rally round the new regiment, and to impart to it the strength and impulses which we have inherited from our forbears, so that posterity may look back on 1957 with gratitude for the loyalty and enthusiasm shown by our generation.

A joint Amalgamation Committee is being set up to examine and report to the Colonels of both Regiments on the many problems which will be placed before it, and, with the abundance of good will with which all concerned are consistently showing, there is no doubt that any difficulties will be happily resolved.

J. Y. W.

CHAPEL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

SINCE the last report a year ago great progress has been made and the Regimental Chapel is nearing completion. The altar is in position with both the frontal and the dorsal; these are adornments of great beauty. The frontal, which is the generous gift of Miss Malcolm-Wood and her sister, consists of a fine green and blue silk damask centred with a gold and silver embroidered chalice supported by two angels. The embroidery is the personal work of Miss Malcolm-Wood. The dorsal, in striking and effective contrast, is of flame-coloured damask with the devices of the Holy Spirit and the cathedral worked upon it in gold.

The carpet in the sanctuary tones with the dorsal, as do the kneelers for the steps.

The altar rails, of seasoned oak picked out in gilt, are not only the gift of H.M.S. *Excellent*, but are the entire work of her shipwrights. The craftsmanship is of a high order and adds in no small degree to the character and dignity of the Chapel.

After some initial difficulty a very satisfactory design for the chairs has been achieved. They are of oak exactly in keeping with the altar rails, and the full total of seventy-two are now in place. Forty have been provided by individual donors, while complete rows are the generous gifts of our Allied Regiments—the Queen's York Rangers, the City of Newcastle Regiment and the Northern Rhodesia Regiment. There are still sixteen available for presentation.

The embroidery of the kneelers by the ladies of the Regiment is continuing and seventeen have been completed.

The lighting has been installed and makes its own contribution to the beauty of the Chapel.

During the 700th charter anniversary celebrations at Guildford, Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip visited the cathedral and spent some time in the Chapel.

Financially the position is satisfactory. Although one or two items remain to be completed, the donations already received, plus the sums due from accruing covenants, should be sufficient to meet our present liabilities.

(See pictures on pages 125-128)

1st BATTALION

THE account in the last JOURNAL of the Battalion's doings ended in August, 1956, with the hope that we should be allowed to stay in Selarang Barracks, Singapore, until we left for Europe in December. That was not to be. The riots in the city in October led to a hasty move, while the Suez trouble at the same time delayed our move back home until March.

This account therefore starts with the Battalion maintaining its Headquarters in Selarang, having an internal security role, with two companies based there, "C" Company (Major P. R. H. Kealy) and Support Company (Major D. H. Foskett). "A" Company (Major J. B. C. Palmer) was at Linden Estate, "B" Company (Major A. C. Lynch-Staunton) at Pekan Nanas, and "D" Company (Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E.) at Tampoi, where tactical Headquarters was. Headquarter Company at Selarang was commanded by Major C. J. Grindley, M.B.E.

September and October were spent in patrolling the estates, and ambushing, chiefly on information. Towards the end of October, companies were deployed in the jungle to the north-east of the Battalion area, following a large-scale raid in two villages in the operational area of 2/10th Gurkha Rifles. The area was very swampy and hard going, but 6 Platoon "B" Company (2/Lieut. D. C. W. Perkins) made contact with four communist terrorists on 23rd October and killed one. This operation was continuing when the internal security disturbances in Singapore, an account of which appears separately, started on 25th October.

From 2nd to 16th November the Battalion stayed in Selarang Barracks, having as guests the 1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers. Although crowded, it was pleasant having the whole Battalion together, even though the period proved to be rather short. Congratulatory messages on our part in the riots were received during this period from the Chief Minister of Singapore, His Excellency The Governor and the General Officer Commanding, Major-General D. D. C. Tulloch, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.

On 16th November "A" Company moved back to Linden Estate, and by 26th November "B" and "D" Companies were at their old bases at Pekan Nanas and Tampoi, where also was Battalion Tactical Headquarters again.

Until 20th December, companies were engaged on patrolling and searching the rubber and jungle edges, the object being to find and eliminate 5 Independent Platoon, Malayan Races Liberation Army. Although our near neighbours, 1/2nd Bn. King Edward's Goorkha Rifles, had contact with a gang of 30 on 9th December, no physical contact was made by the Battalion during this period. "C" Company, the M.M.G. and Mortar Platoons were based in Selarang Barracks and on occasion were released from their internal security role to work with the other companies in Johore. As was typical of so much of the operational work, it was a hard monotonous task, although it all helped to deny food and rest to the terrorists.

On 20th December the Battalion concentrated in Selarang for a Christmas break until 4th January. All the customary entertainments were held, noteworthy amongst which were the children's party run by the W.Os. and Sergeants' Mess, and a fancy dress football match on Boxing Day morning between the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. A most excellent pantomime, written by Capt. A. Donaldson was produced during this period, entitled "Sinbad the Soldier." It had been written for the voyage home by troopship, but lost nothing by being seen in Singapore. Principal parts were taken by Sgt. Marshall, R.A.V.C., Lieut. T. D. G. Mulady, Lieut. G. B. Redfern, C.S.M. Fairbanks, and Padre

Mallett. The show was performed not only for the Battalion and families, but for the patients of the British Military Hospital and the local Crippled Children's Home.

On 31st December the bases in Johore were taken over by 2nd Bn. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The Queen's remained as internal security Battalion for Singapore, but permission was granted for us to operate three companies in Malaya on jungle patrols, remaining based on Selarang. From 4th January to 14th February, 1957, the Battalion therefore had three companies permanently in the jungle. Companies went into the jungle for them from six to ten days each, either on foot or by helicopter, being resupplied by air drop if necessary. The object was to search out 5 Independent Platoon and the Layang Layang Branch of the Communist Party organisation and the area extended from some ten to forty miles north of Johore Bahru. The tactical headquarters was withdrawn, and communication with the patrols was from Singapore, a distance of up to forty miles. It speaks very highly for the Signal Platoon that on no occasion was communication impossible, in spite of the atmospherics which always create difficulties in the early morning and late evening. This last fling in the jungle led to successes which heartened the Battalion after the previous unrewarding work in the last six months of 1956.

On 28th January "C" Company, commanded by Major P. R. H. Kealy, was based in deep jungle north of the Poh Lee Sen river. Five terrorists approached the Iban sentry, who fired and killed one of them. The remainder fled, and in the ensuing follow-up with a tracker dog, one more terrorist was killed and one wounded. The two killed were both members of the South Johore Region Guard Unit.

At the end of January, 5 Independent Platoon were located in a comparatively small area in Geylang Patah, and "A" and Support Companies, under command Major S. W. Peet, formed part of a cordon to trap them. Unfortunately the cordon was not tight enough to stop all movement through the area and on the night 31st January/1st February the bandits broke through. "A" Company, commanded by Lieut. M. C. W. Credland, saw a number of figures, and after considerable firing by both sides, found bloodstains and many enemy packs. The Mortar Platoon, commanded by Lieut. T. G. D. Mulady, killed one terrorist early in the morning of 1st February. Search in the morning revealed twenty packs containing chiefly food. A week later the bodies of two more terrorists were recovered, both of whom died of the wounds inflicted by "A" Company. One, Chan Tiat Koh, was an important person in the communist world, the Political Commissar of the South Johore Region Guard Unit. The other two (one a female) were armed members of 5 Platoon. On 14th February all troops left the jungle and so ended three years of operations in Malaya. The total number of eliminations attributed to the Battalion was 46, but the work carried out over this period cannot be judged by figures alone; there is little which can demonstrate the hours spent on patrol in jungle, rubber, oil palm and swamp. The countless hours by day and night spent in watchful ambush and the monotony of checks on vehicles and inhabitants in the villages and estates.

During the two weeks before we finally left Singapore we were visited and addressed by the following General Officers: General Sir Francis Festing, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief Far Eastern Land Forces; Lieut.-General Sir Robert Bower, K.C.B., C.B.E., Director of Operations Malaya; Major-General R. N. Anderson, C.B.E., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding 17 Gurkha Division; and Major-General D. D. C. Tulloch, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., General Officer Commanding Singapore Base District. Parting gifts were

received from the Federation of Malaya Police, the Chief Minister and Government of Malaya, H.Q., 17 Gurkha Division, and H.Q., 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade.

On 18th January, 1957, the first element of the advance party for Germany left Singapore, consisting of Major J. B. C. Palmer and 28 other ranks. The Battalion was not to stage in the United Kingdom, but individuals were to be sent on leave from the ship on docking at Southampton, crossing to Germany as their leave expired. This meant that the advance party had to fly home, take leave, and assemble in Iserlohn two weeks before the ship with the main body arrived at Southampton.

The last two weeks of February were spent in the completion of packing, and on 28th February the barracks at Selarang were handed over to 2nd Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers, and we spent two nights in the Nee Soon Transit Camp. On 2nd March the Battalion embarked in H.T. *Empire Orwell*, and were seen off by a host of friends and well-wishers. The bands of 1/2nd Bn. King Edwards Own Goorkha Rifles (Lieut.-Colonel S. P. M. Kent) and of 2/10th Bn. Gurkha Rifles (Princess Mary's Own) (Lieut.-Colonel O. N. Smythe) played on the quayside during the afternoon until shortly after three o'clock, when the ship pulled away. The strains of Auld Lang Syne played by the band of the 1/2nd were echoed by our own band playing on "B" deck.

The voyage was round the Cape, owing to the blocking of the Suez Canal, but it gave many an opportunity of seeing South Africa and the Canary Islands. Finally on 4th April the ship docked at Southampton. Many friends, relatives, serving and past members of the Regiment greeted the Battalion, headed by the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Whitfield, General Sir George Giffard and Lady Giffard, and the Mayor of Guildford.

Another phase in the 296 years' history of the 1st Battalion opened at Iserlohn in March, when the advance party arrived and took over Mons Barracks. The barracks had been empty for four months and so required more than the normal cleaning up. By 26th April the first leave party ex *Empire Orwell* had joined, and training was able to start.

On 18th May, a composite company commanded by Major Palmer and consisting of 150 all ranks went to Sennelager for platoon training, and by this time most of the leave parties had returned, the strength of the Battalion being 24 officers and 390 other ranks.

The Battalion was stationed in Iserlohn from 1949 to 1953 and so we were on familiar ground. The barracks are not, however, the same as previously occupied, but are just as good. The training areas locally are rather restricted, and we are now the guests of the West German Republic. As we arrived in the middle of the training season, life has been very hectic so far.

The Glorious First of June came before the Battalion was at full strength and was celebrated by marching to church for a service of commemoration. We then had to make intensive preparations for the parade in honour of the Queen's Birthday on 13th June. In spite of the short time available, a performance was put on which drew congratulations from the German Press and the Brigade Commander, Brigadier P. H. W. Brind, D.S.O., O.B.E., who took the salute.

On 1st July the Battalion went into camp at Soltau, some forty miles from Hamburg, for company training for three weeks. We had our first real taste of co-operation with tanks and of training in Europe. On 19th August Battalion training took place at Arnsberg for two weeks in very bad weather, and at the time of writing preparations are being made for Brigade training for three weeks, which will complete the cycle of collective training for the year.

SALERNO DAY, 1957

Salerno Day, 1957, was celebrated in excellent style by a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Whitfield. Another most important feature was the invitation extended to the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment to take part in our celebrations. A number of officers, warrant officers, N.C.Os. and men, headed by Lieut.-Colonel O'N. Wallis, M.C., visited and took part with us, as our future companions-in-arms. On 2nd September a regimental guest night took place in the Officers' Mess. On the next day a cricket match took place against the East Surreys, which we just lost, preceded by a Battalion parade in honour of the Colonel of the Regiment. Some 300 officers and men took part, and a short and simple parade finished with an address by General Whitfield.

On the evening of 3rd September the beating of "Retreat" took place before some 300 guests, and a cocktail party was held in the Officers' Mess. The Sergeants' Mess held a ball the same evening, and a cinema show was held for the soldiers. A special lunch with the Band in attendance was put on in the men's dining hall at midday.

The invitation to the East Surreys was a very happy thought, and firm friendships on which to build the amalgamation was made by all ranks. It is hoped to send a party to visit the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment in December, before they leave Germany.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. R. D. HILL, M.B.E.

By the time the JOURNAL appears, Colonel Hill will have relinquished command to Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd-Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. He took over in November, 1954, from Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E., and bore the brunt of the operations in Malaya for more than two years. We shall be very sorry to see him and Mrs. Hill go, and wish them every success in the future.

INTERNAL SECURITY DISTURBANCES IN SINGAPORE

25TH OCTOBER—2ND NOVEMBER, 1956

On 13th October the Minister of Education in Singapore closed the Chun Cheng School and the Chinese High School. A large majority of the students had refused to leave the schools and camped there. Because the students were defying authority and trying to influence other schools to take similar action, it was decided on 25th October to enter the schools in order that parents could be given a chance to talk to their children and persuade them to come home. After this action had been resisted by the students the Government told them they had till midnight to leave the schools or they would be turned out forcibly. Serious rioting broke out on the afternoon of 25th October outside the two schools and it was decided to clear them forcibly at first light the next day. It was decided to move certain troops to prearranged positions in Singapore.

At 10 p.m. that night a message was received at Selarang from Singapore Base District to move the Battalion immediately down to the city. "C" Company moved at 11 p.m. and Support Company forty minutes later. All the lights went out in Selarang during this period which delayed the move. Both Companies arrived at the base area at Headquarters Singapore Military Forces an hour after they left Selarang.

At 9.30 p.m., Tactical Headquarters at Johore Bahru also received orders to move the whole Battalion immediately to arranged dispositions in Singapore, transport being sent to the Causeway at midnight. At this time, "A" Company, together with 6 Platoon "B" Company and 10 Platoon "D" Company were well inside the jungle.

The companies in Malaya were ordered to move as soon as they had sufficient transport, leaving a small rear party in base. Tactical H.Q. moved to Beach Road Police Station, arriving at 3 a.m., 26th October. "D" Company moved to Kallang Airport Terminal Buildings, arriving shortly afterwards. "B" Company moved to the Civil Defence Training Centre. Headquarters, 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade arranged to get "A" Company and 6 and 10 Platoons out of the jungle, 6 Platoon marching and the remainder coming out by helicopter to Linden Estate. They then moved in motor transport to Singapore.

At 3.45 a.m. the C.O. attended for orders at Pearls Hill, the combined Police and Military Headquarters. As a result companies were ordered to be ready to erect road-blocks and strong-points in the city at 6 a.m.

At 6.30 a.m. the police cleared the two schools, and crowds started assembling in the vicinity. A crowd of about 2,000, mainly students, assembled in the Bukit Timah Road and started moving towards Newton Circus.

At 8.15 the Commissioner of Police requested full-scale military assistance. Fire could then be used to disperse unlawful assemblies if the crowds refused to disperse after being warned.

Shortly afterwards orders were received to erect and man all road-blocks and strong-points. This had been prearranged and reconnaissance had been carried out some months beforehand. Civilian traffic was to be allowed to pass through, but control and search of suspicious vehicles was to be carried out. Road-blocks were erected as follows: "B" Company, junction Bartley/Serangoon Roads; "D" Company, Sir Arthur's Bridge and Kampong Bugis Gasworks; "C" Company, Merdeka Bridge; and Support Company at the Britannia Club.

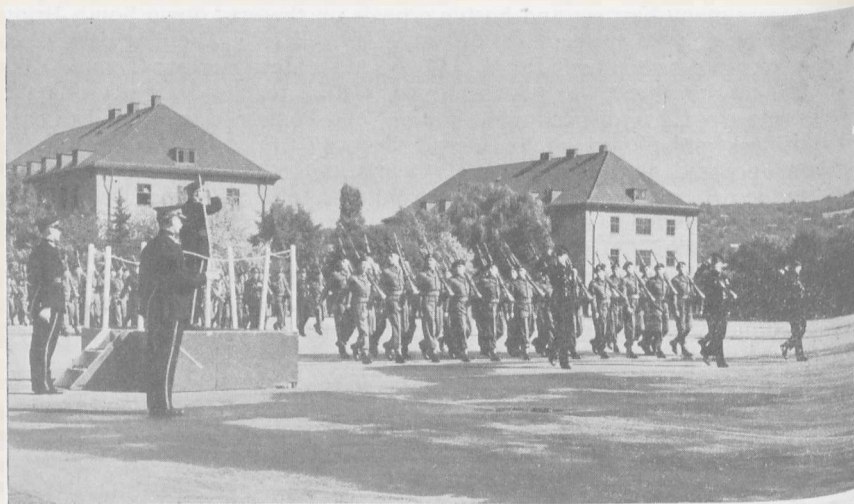
Unlawful assemblies were reported in a number of places, a crowd of 400 at the S.T.C. Bus Depot, Upper Aljunied Road; 1,000 factory workers moving along the Bukit Timah and Farrar Roads; a crowd of 300 up in the area Jalan Besar Stadium. Our road-blocks at Sir Arthur's Bridge and Merdeka Bridge found that their blocks were causing great traffic disorganization, vehicles being held for miles on either side. At 1.15 p.m. "C" Company (Major P. R. H. Kealy) was ordered to move to Pearls Hill with the Machine Gun Platoon. The Company came across many barriers and hostile crowds on the way down South Bridge Road, which delayed their arrival at Pearls Hill till 1.45. The Company Commander received orders from the G.O.C. to send a platoon down Temple Road and clear it. Here there was a large crowd in the street, and a party of police was having trouble in dispersing it. The M.M.G. Platoon was ordered to carry out this task and moved off in Internal Security formation. As soon as the platoon appeared at the entrance of the street the crowd dispersed, which became the patterns of events when our soldiers appeared on the streets during the riots. The Company remained in this area guarding three bridges over the Singapore river till 27th October.

During the afternoon rioting became more widespread, and incidents were taking place all over the island. Vehicles were stopped by road barriers and burned, police were attacked with bottles and stones, and much wanton damage was caused.

Several European motorists drove up to the road-block on Merdeka Bridge manned by 9 Platoon (2/Lieut. T. E. Smith) during the afternoon and reported that their cars had been stoned by hooligans about 600 yards west of the bridge. The platoon medical orderly gave first-aid to several injured motorists. A troop of armoured cars was sent to the scene with Police, but as soon as they had gone the attacks were resumed. The Platoon Commander left a guard on the road-block and double marched his platoon to the scene and charged and routed the rioters. About an hour later further incidents of stone-throwing were



1st Battalion Band and Drums Marching Through Cape Town, South Africa, March, 1957



1st Battalion: The Colonel of the Regiment Taking the Salute, Salerno Day, 1957

reported about 800 yards from the same road-block. The platoon embussed and drove to the scene and again charged the rioters, breaking the gang up and arresting eight who were still holding stones.

During the late afternoon 12 Platoon (2/Lieut. J. V. Warner-Johnson) at Kampong Bugis Gasworks started having trouble with rioters between them and Sir Arthur's Bridge. A crowd of about 200 entered the Kallang Road from various side streets and began throwing bottles and stones at the platoon. The Platoon Commander formed a block and advanced down the road, whereupon the crowd melted into the side streets. As the platoon withdrew, hooligans reappeared and continued throwing bottles and stones for a considerable time. The crowd began forming up on the main road again and the Company Commander Major I. D. Beattie having arrived on the scene, took a small patrol to one of the trouble spots and after giving a warning fired one round at a ring-leader. The crowd immediately dispersed and there was no more trouble in that area that night.

During the evening of 26th October the riots generally became worse. The Police opened fire in Guillemard Road, Geylang Serai, Lavender Street and in Nee Soon Village. Jurong Police Station was attacked. The Jurong English School was burnt down and numerous traffic lights were destroyed.

The Mortar Platoon (Lieut. T. G. D. Mulady) was ordered to investigate the area of Jalan Besar at 10.30 p.m. The platoon moved to the Rochor Canal and advanced up Jalan Besar. They reached a road barrier of barrels, timber and two 3-ton lorries. On the further side there were bonfires and burning wheelbarrows at every road junction, and a crowd of about 500 were on the road 250 yards ahead. The barrier was removed and the platoon continued advancing. The crowd dispersed, but re-formed, and after several sorties by the platoon, finally dispersed.

A report was received at Selarang the same evening that one of our trucks, on its way back to Tampoi, was in a ditch. A recovery vehicle with a one-ton lorry with escort was sent out to find the vehicle. On the Tampines Road the two vehicles came across a road barrier and were attacked by a crowd of rioters. The one-ton lorry was badly damaged and they were forced to return to Selarang. A platoon then left Selarang and after going through eight road barriers along the Tampines Road found the lorry burnt out in the ditch near Yio Chu Kang Village. The driver had come across a barrier across the road, tried to drive through it and skidded off the road into the ditch. The driver got out and went with an escort to the near-by police station and a gang of Chinese came and set fire to the truck.

From 9 a.m. on 27th October the Battalion came under command of 63rd Gurkha Infantry Brigade who were based at Kallang Airport with "D" Company and "A" Company, who had arrived earlier in the morning from Selarang. "D" Company was ordered to erect a road block at the junction of Rochor Road and Victoria Street.

A certain number of incidents took place during the morning, but on the whole the situation was much quieter than the day before. The main source of worry was the possibility of a Sino-Malay clash. A Malay had been murdered by Chinese the day before and a large funeral procession was laid on. Fortunately no trouble developed. During the previous night a number of trade union leaders and Communists were arrested.

At about 7 p.m. on 27th October trouble started again at Kampong Bugis Gasworks. Two parties of rioters started forming in the side streets on either side of the Kallang road between Kampong Bugis Gasworks and Sir Arthur's Bridge and throwing bottles and stones at 12 Platoon, who were still on the

road-block at the gasworks. A police party arrived and a police riot squad was called up. A combined action for clearing the crowds of rioters took place, and the area was made quiet, but not before fire had been opened. 12 Platoon fired two shots. Thirteen rioters were arrested and one woman was wounded and taken to the hospital.

On 28th October "C" Company were given the task of manning roof-top vantage points at the Cathay Cinema, the Registrar of Vehicles Building, the 7th Storey Hotel, the White House Hotel, 433 Victoria Street, 53 Arch Street, 343 Beach Road and four points in Jalan Besar Stadium. The idea of these vantage points, which consisted of four men and a policeman with a wireless set, a white flag, tear gas and a dye bomb, was to act in conjunction with a helicopter on spotting crowds assembling and to drop tear gas on to the crowds and open fire on anyone seen committing arson. The attention of the helicopter was obtained by waving the white flag and throwing a dye bomb.

The situation now was very quiet and the Battalion's main task, besides manning road-blocks, was to enforce the curfew by numerous road patrols. On 29th October the Battalion cordoned an area while the police searched the houses. A number of arrests were made and incidentally a good deal of opium recovered.

The rest of the time till 2nd November was a question of taking over road-blocks from other units and moving "C" Company to Raffles Institute and then to Siglap Secondary School. The curfew was lifted for longer periods each day until 2nd November, when it was lifted completely, and the Battalion returned to barracks.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The second half of 1956 was a time of speculation. Would we be home for Christmas? The answer came in October when the Battalion moved into Singapore to help deal with the Singapore Riots, and our departure was delayed. Most were rather disappointed, but the Mess, normally scattered in little groups all over Johore, settled down to a brief "get together." During this period an Inter-Regimental Boxing Match was held against the Royal Welch Fusiliers at Nee Soon. After the match all members were kindly invited to the Royal Welch Fusiliers Sergeants' Mess.

Preparations for Christmas seemed to be hampered neither by the operations up country nor by the un-Christmas-like weather. The celebrations went off to a flying start on Christmas Eve. The Mess accepted the very kind invitation from the officers to a cocktail party, and the Regimental Band provided the background to a very pleasant social occasion.

The whole Battalion attended Divine Service during the morning, conducted by our Padre, the Rev. Peter Mallett. The singing of Christmas carols to the music of the Regimental Band took all those present a little nearer home.

Afterwards, the officers joined us in the Sergeants' Mess for an informal hour before serving Christmas dinner to the men. During the afternoon C./Sgt. Aukett and a few other brave spirits worked hard to give the children their Christmas party.

Boxing Day was an occasion to be remembered. The Officers and Sergeants' football match was a great victory for us. Even the stoutest spirit among the officers could not prevail against our hose party backed up by a three-ton armoured truck. The hard-working band and drums again gave their ungrudging efforts in making the match a great show.

The day ended with a Regimental evening, followed by a dance.

Very soon the Mess was again divided to meet operational needs. At week-

ends, however, most members were able to enjoy the tombola and social held each Sunday evening. This was a period of rapid changes. The advance party to Germany was being organized. The Mess was visibly shrinking. The departure date was on everyone's mind.

Before leaving Selarang for home the Mess was honoured to receive a farewell visit by Lieut.-General Sir Francis W. Festing, K.C.B., C.B., D.S.O. We wound up the social side with a farewell dance in order to wish well the many friends the Mess had made in Singapore.

The *Empire Orwell* sailed from Singapore on 2nd March, 1957.

We settled down to the thirty-day voyage round the Cape of Good Hope very quickly. In between shore leave at Colombo, Durban, Cape Town and Las Palmas the members took part in a number of activities, including dances and socials, for passengers. The Band, conducted by C./Sgt. Barker, gave several concerts.

A memorable event was the Fair, with many fascinating events and side-shows. C.S.M. Fairbanks showed more than a little devotion to the party spirit as the "Wild Man." We trust that those enormous raw bones he gnawed for the evening did not taste as gruesome as they looked.

In spite of the length of the voyage there was no evening which was not spent pleasantly.

At Southampton R.S.M. Cheeseman of the Regimental Depot Sergeants' Mess was waiting on the quayside to welcome the Battalion.

There were many changes and new faces in the Mess when we reassembled at Mons Barracks, Iserlohn. Our first function in Germany was a social evening at the kind invitation of the 3rd Hussars Sergeants' Mess. This was a magnificent success, for which we are indebted to the 3rd Hussars members. We held a return social for them on Saturday, 7th September.

During the Salerno Day celebrations, 1957, a ball was held in the Gymnasium at Mons Barracks. A large number of guests attended including Major-General J. Y. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield, the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Hill, Regimental Officers and their ladies, the Commanding Officer of the East Surrey Regiment and Mrs. Wallis and the R.S.M. and seven members of the East Surrey Sergeants' Mess. Their presence helped to make the evening a great success.

CORPORALS' MESS

At Christmas, 1956, the first opportunity for many months arose for a Corporals' Mess function, and a very good party was held on New Year's Eve in the Mess at Selarang. Soon afterwards another party was arranged to say farewell to our Iban trackers. This came shortly after one of them attached to "C" Company had killed a communist terrorist, and was therefore very appropriate. At both these functions the Commanding Officer and other officers were present.

The Corporals' Mess in our barracks in Iserlohn is excellent and comprises a large reading room and a billiard room. Unfortunately as yet we have not got our own bar, but it is hoped to remedy this soon.

A large number of new faces have appeared in the Mess, and many older corporals have reappeared. We welcome them all, and trust that their stay with us will be a happy one.

BAND NOTES

In one way and another, the last eleven months or so from November, 1956, to September, 1957, have been busy and eventful ones for the Regimental Band.

In January, the Band was due to return to England by air, but unfortunately permission was refused by War Office and the flight was cancelled twenty-four hours before they were due to leave. This was rather a severe blow after the formalities of "jabs" and passport photographs had been successfully negotiated, and especially so for those who had already served three years with the Battalion. As a consolation prize, they received a week's leave, whereupon everyone promptly forgot all about going home and threw themselves into the gay Union Jack Club life once again!

After much speculation, the Band finally left with the Battalion on the *Empire Orwell* on the 3rd March. We were, unfortunately, without the services of the Bandmaster, who flew home at a later date. However, his duties were admirably carried out by C./Sgt. Barker. For the Band the voyage was fairly pleasant, with just enough work to keep them busy. The most important job *en route* was the march round Cape Town with the Drums, which appeared to be watched by almost the entire population as the mayor took the salute.

On arrival at Southampton we said good-bye to our three sergeants, Sgts. Barker, Boynton and Probert, who returned to civilian life after being in the fold for so long. They are all settled down in their respective jobs now, and doing very well. We should like to wish them the very best of success in their new life. Another member who left us was Pte. Boyden, who left us in April and is now a happily married man. In his capacity as band secretary and second cornet player, as well as giving moral stability to the Band, he will be sadly missed.

The last few months have seen a big change in the N.C.O. strength of the Band. We should like to congratulate Sgts. Lancaster, Stevenson and Matlock on their recent promotion. Congratulations also go to Cpls. Collins and Whittaker. Cpl. Collins also joins the ranks of the married along with Ptes. Crawley and Collinson, to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations and sincerest wishes for the future.

On returning to the Regimental Depot at Guildford we were rejoined by Bdsn. Machin, Rubins and Court, who had just completed a year's training at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. We welcome them back and are pleased to note that the Band is very much better for their company. We are to lose five more members to the School of Music this year. They are Bdsn. Cumming, Haysted, Lemon, Bromige and Benn. At the Depot, we found ourselves caught up in a whirl of activity with preparations in full swing for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Guildford. Prior to the visit the Band did a highly successful concert in Guildford Castle grounds, as well as a passing-out parade at the Regimental Depot. The visit of the Queen was of course a very big day for the Guildfordians, and was made even more colourful by the parade of the guard of honour supplied by the Regimental Depot and the Regimental Band, which were both well received by the populace.

This parade concluded our programme in England and after a short leave the Band once again returned to the Battalion on the 12th July. Again we were faced with another large programme of events, including a four-day visit to Wuppertal and Hilden, where concerts were given by both the Military and Dance Bands. The two bands also gave a troop's concert in the Gymnasium at Mons Barracks, which was described as the best to date. Throughout August many varied jobs were done, some of them orthodox—none so much as the pitching of tents for the Battalion at the training ground at Arnsberg. Several concerts, parades, etc., led up to Salerno Day, at which the Band played for the Battalion parade, the troops' dinner, a dance in the Sergeants' Mess, and a beating of "Retreat."

CORPS OF DRUMS

The Drums returned to Guildford on 3rd June, 1957, after nearly two months' leave. Our strength was down to seventeen, but we found that many were very rusty after such a long period away, especially the drummers who had joined towards the end of our stay in Malaya. In spite of this we beat "Retreat" in Guildford with the Band, and O.C.A. members who were present were very pleased with the performance. The most memorable event of the stay at Guildford was the parade with the guard of honour on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to the Borough, which thrilled us all.

On 13th July we rejoined the Battalion in Iserlohn, having lost L./Cpl. Holloway and Dmr. Clarke. We could ill-afford to lose these flute players, but within two weeks we beat "Retreat" again, which impressed us.

Our strength in August was increased by four, and, thanks to Cpl. Richardson, these men were ready for the Salerno Day parades. He has worked very hard to get the side-drummers ready in a very short time. L./Cpl. Wilson has also been a great asset on the bass drum, setting a very steady pace, the basis of all marching for the Band and Drums.

The Drums had a busy day on Salerno Day, with a parade in the morning and the beating of "Retreat" in the evening. Everyone commented favourably on the reappearance of the scarlet tunics.

GOOD SHOW!

(With apologies to no one.)

We have dug pits and holes in the high woods,
We have slept in the bogs down below,
We have ridden on tanks
Up steep crumbling banks.
And put up a jolly good show!

For hours in the heat of the peat land
And days in the cold of the hill,
We have rushed to attacks,
And crashed on our backs,
Like Gadarene swine after swill.

Our rations are really quite tiny,
Platoons live in one single hole,
When you dig in a troop
(One tank—one big scoop)
You have no one to send on patrol.

Pristinae virtutis MALAYA,
Where our sig comms were seldom in doubt,
We come up on the air
With expectant despair,
To be met with a "Nothing heard—out!"

Yet, we love it out here in Rhine Army
And are hourly expecting the snow.
Then its back to OGs. boys
For one final freeze boys!
Won't that be a jolly good show!

I. D. B.

DEPOT

ON looking back through the pages of the Depot Digest of Service it is hard to believe so many activities could be filled into one year. June and July were perhaps the most interesting. The Glorious First of June celebrations were held at the Depot on 31st May and 1st June. The traditional cricket match took place which the Regiment just managed to win in a very close finish.

During the last week of June and first week of July, Guildford celebrated the 700th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter as a Borough. Centre point of the celebrations was a Historical Pageant held in Shalford Park. Over 1,000 players took part, including a detachment of 40 men from the Depot. On 27th June, in connection with the celebrations, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Borough. Her Majesty inspected a Guard of Honour consisting of 48 men from the Depot, commanded by Capt. A. G. Jones, in the High Street opposite the Guildhall. Afterwards Her Majesty and Prince Philip visited the Cathedral and were shown round the Regimental Chapel by the Colonel of the Regiment.

On 24th August the Depot Army-at-Home Day was held at Stoughton Barracks. All kinds of displays were given including a jungle rescue scene, a motor-cycle display, a support weapons race between the 5th and 6th Queens, and the Massed Beating of "Retreat" by four Bands. In addition, the Corporal guided missile was on display. Our chief guest was Lieut.-General Sir Charles Coleman, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E. The weather was kind and it is estimated that approximately 5,000 members of the public attended.

Space precludes detailed accounts of other activities, but events have included: The presentation to the Depot by his mother of the George Cross won by Pte. Brooks of the 1st Battalion in the Quetta earthquake in 1935; the retirement of Mr. J. Witcomb on 31st May; and the award of M.B.E. to Buzz Waspé in the Birthday Honours.

The new cookhouse was opened on 13th May, to a barrage of newspaper reporters, B.B.C. announcers and television. It is a magnificent building, much appreciated by all who live at the Depot.

Arrivals.—The following have joined the Depot Permanent Staff. Officers: Command—Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., assumed command of the Depot 1st July, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Lieut. G. B. Redfern from 1st Battalion to Permanent Staff.

W.Os. and Sergeants: R.S.M. H. Atkins from 6th Battalion, C.S.M. D. Fairbanks, C/Sgt. V. Aukett, Sgt. M. Pearson and Sgt. A. Cager from 1st Battalion.

Departures.—Officers: Lieut. A. B. S. Faris to Federation of Malaya Forces, Lieut. M. J. Doyle to A.D.C. to the G.O.C. Eastern Command, Lieut. (Q.M.) C. W. Cheeseman to 6th Battalion on appointment to Q.M. Commission.

W.Os. and Sergeants: C.S.M. F. Bohm, C./Sgt. W. Scott and Sgt. S. Lea to the 1st Battalion.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET

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

Played at Stoughton Barracks on 31st May and 1st June, 1957. Result—The Queen's Royal Regiment won by 8 wickets.

H.M.S. EXCELLENT

1st Innings		2nd Innings	
M. A. Bevan lbw b Napier-Ford	13	M. A. Bevan lbw b Napier-Ford	10
Comd. R. J. Hammond run out	11	Comd. R. J. Hammond b Holland	98
Lieut./Comd. Hill st Lowry b Varley	4	Lieut./Comd. Hill lbw b Tidmarsh	28
Lieut. Faulkner b Napier-Ford	11	Lieut. Faulkner lbw b Tidmarsh	22
Sub/Lieut. Mawer b Napier-Ford	29	Sub/Lieut. Mawer c and b Varley	15
C.P.O. Charman b Varley	8	C.P.O. Charman b Varley	16
C.P.O. Seaman b Napier-Ford	5	Comd. Naylor not out	10
Comd. Naylor b Napier-Ford	7	Brice not out	48
Brice b Napier-Ford	17	Rear-Admiral Begg b Varley	7
Rear-Admiral Begg not out	0	Extras	3
Capt. Davies c and b Varley	2		
Extras	1		
Total	108	Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	257
		C.P.O. Seaman and Capt. Davies did not bat.	

Bowling.—1st innings: Napier-Ford, 6 for 64; Varley, 3 for 43. 2nd innings: Napier-Ford, 1 for 40; Varley, 3 for 20; Holland, 1 for 95; Tidmarsh, 1 for 35; Doyle, 0 for 24.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

1st Innings		2nd Innings	
Cpl. Debell c and b Seaman	11	Cpl. Debell hit wkt. b Brice	0
Major R. S. N. Mans c and b Naylor	44	Major R. S. N. Mans b Naylor	21
Major Sewell b Sharman	0	Major Sewell not out	91
2/Lieut. Fuller b Seaman	5	2/Lieut. Fuller not out	60
Capt. Doyle c and b Seaman	15	Extras	7
Major Lowry b Sharman	15		
J. Tidmarsh, Esq., st Hammond b Sharman	18		
Lieut.-Colonel Ling c and b Naylor	22		
Pte. Holland b Naylor	15		
J. Varley, Esq. not out	26		
Capt. Napier-Ford c and b Naylor	2		
Extras	12		
Total	185	Total (for 2 wkts.)	184
		Capt. Doyle, Major Lowry, J. Tidmarsh, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel Ling, Pte. Holland, J. Varley, Esq., and Capt. Napier-Ford did not bat.	

Bowling.—1st innings: Charman, 3 for 60; Brice, 2 for 44; Naylor, 4 for 57; Seaman, 1 for 15. 2nd innings: Charman, 0 for 39; Brice, 1 for 47; Naylor, 1 for 61; Begg, 0 for 25.

Other matches were:

4th July, *v.* Charterhouse Masters, played at Charterhouse, lost by 9 wickets. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 146 (Debell, 43. Crawford, 3 for 19). Charterhouse Masters, 147 for 1 wicket (Ulloyot, 86 not out; Day, 53).

12th July, *v.* 33 Parachute Light Regiment, R.A., played at Stoughton, match drawn. 33 Parachute Light Regiment, R.A., 176 (Stepto, 38; Bullock, 38. Hope, 4 for 36). The Queen's Royal Regiment, 67 for 9 (Hayward, 6 for 30).

13th July, *v.* The Blues, played at Stoughton, lost by 2 wickets. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 145 (Debell, 51. Fairbairn, 4 for 39). The Blues, 150 for 8 (Fairbairn, 63. Townsend, 3 for 35).

14th July, v. The Grasshoppers, played at Stoughton, lost by 29 runs. The Grasshoppers, 129 for 4 (Rimbault, 34). The Queen's Royal Regiment, 100 (Doyle, 27, Strachan, 4 for 34; Hollowood, 4 for 45).

In addition to those who played in the *Excellent* match the following represented the Regiment: Capt. Field, Capt. Millman, Lieut. Hope, 2/Lieut. Tatham, R. Croydon, Esq., E. L. Townsend, Esq., Sgt. Dunkeld, L./Cpls. Gillis, Heath and Shorter and Ptes. Scott, Power and Thomas.

THE GEORGE CROSS

IN 1940 King George VI instituted the George Cross "for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger" and agreed that holders of the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for Gallantry should receive the George Cross instead.

The George Cross ranks second only to the Victoria Cross and takes precedence before every other Order, Decoration or Medal.

In May, 1935, the 1st Battalion was stationed in Quetta at the time of the disastrous earthquake and took a leading part in the rescue work in the stricken city.

For their outstanding services L./Cpl. G. Henshaw and the late Pte. A. R. Brooks of the 1st Battalion were awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for Gallantry in recognition of their selfless devotion to duty in saving the lives of injured people.

On Sunday, 7th April, 1957, Mrs. Brooks, the mother of the late Pte. Brooks, presented to the Regiment the George Cross that her son had won in India in 1935.

To mark this memorable occasion a small ceremony was held in the Officers' Mess at the Depot. To it were invited many of the officers and other ranks who



Depot—George Cross Ceremony

(Photo: W. Dennett, Guildford)

Standing—Capt. J. W. Kemp; Capt. C. W. Litton; Major R. P. Mangles; Lieut.-Colonel D. E. Bathgate; Capt. W. K. Roadknight; Mr. E. C. Whitney; Mr. H. Deacon; R.S.M. W. Kettle.
Seated—Mr. G. Henshaw, G.C.; Mr. C. Howlett; Lieut.-Colonel N. A. Wills; Major F. J. Jebens; Colonel H. G. Duncombe; Capt. A. D. Foster.

were serving in Quetta at the time and a small luncheon party was given in their honour.

The Officer Commanding the Depot received the George Cross on behalf of the Regiment and welcomed Mrs. Brooks, the members of her family, and other guests. He also expressed to Mrs. Brooks the thanks of the Regiment for her generosity in giving her son's George Cross to the Regiment for safe-keeping, and he assured her that it would be an inspiration not only to the present but also to future generations who served with the Regiment.

The following were present from among those who were serving in Quetta in May, 1935: Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonels N. A. Willis, O.B.E., and D. E. Bathgate; Majors F. J. Jebens, M.C., and R. P. Mangles, M.B.E., M.C.; Capt. J. W. Kemp, A. D. Foster, J. Griffin, W. K. Roadknight, M.B.E., and C. W. Litton; R.S.M. Kettle; Messrs. E. C. Whitney (ex-C.S.M.), H. Deacon (ex-C.Q.M.S.), G. Henshaw, G.C. (ex-L./Cpl.) and C. Howlett (ex-Pte.).

5th BATTALION

IT has been a year of change, experiment and great enjoyment. In the autumn when our former Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O., was seeing the shape of things to come at Maralinga, the future of the 5th Queen's seemed uncertain. However, by the time our new Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel H. M. W. Harris (a Territorial and war-time officer in the Regiment) had taken over, the Government had made it clear that a promising future stretched ahead for the Territorial Army, but as a purely volunteer force. Innumerable ideas were debated throughout the year for increasing our numbers, but all agreed that a first-class camp was a "must"! Fortunately, thanks to the weather and the excellent staff arrangements, we had a really outstanding camp at Castle Martin. So we start a new Training Year confident that all is well with the Territorial Army and hopeful that the Jubilee Year will bring us a big increase of strength.

We were fortunate and very honoured to have had all the companies represented lining the route on the occasion of Her Majesty The Queen's visit to Guildford towards the end of June.

TRAINING

Last year the Battalion trained for its Civil Defence duties. This year the emphasis has been on orthodox military individual and sub-unit training. In February, a recent innovation—a W.Os.' and Sergeants' TEWT—was held at Horsham at which a defensive battle was first of all discussed on a model and later puzzled out on the ground. The whole week-end was a great success and another on similar lines will be held next year.

Now that all Army Cadet Units in the Battalion's area are affiliated with us, no opportunity has been lost of encouraging them to take part in our training. A good example was a week-end exercise held in May against a Company of the 10th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (Territorial Army), in the Hindhead area. It was good to see the action of two alert Cadets who pounced on and captured a Parachute infiltrator. That this kind of training is fruitful to all is shown by the number of senior cadets who have joined us and who have proved to be extremely good.

The training areas near the site of our annual camp at Castle Martin were ideal for what we wanted, and to give every man the maximum practice with personal weapons the Training Major devised several ranges similar to those used by the



5th Queen's: The W.O.s. and Sergeants' Defence Exercise at Horsham

Photo: J. Marren, Horsham

1st Battalion in Malaya. Each man passed over the course with a rifle, sten or light machine-gun, and even experienced shots soon appreciated the difficulty of instantly hitting unexpected targets at close range.

The chief events of field training at camp were the Battalion field-firing-attack exercise held in the Welsh mountains to the north. The Companies, completely self-contained, were pitted against each other on a circuit through fine mountain country. "A" Company came out the winners, their patrols taking to heart best the lesson that in this type of guerilla warfare surprise is all important.

SHOOTING

The Battalion shooting has again this year been of a very high standard, the main successes being in the Territorial Army Rifle Association Decentralised Competition where the following results were obtained: High Sheriffs' Challenge Shield, 2nd out of 101 entries, score 571, winners' score being 572; Services Conditions Challenge Cup: 2nd out of 66 entries; Lord-Lieutenant's Challenge Shield: 7th out of 51 entries. Bisley was a little disappointing this year, although some members of the team had very good shoots.

At the Divisional Rifle Meeting held at Hythe the Battalion team obtained the highest score of any Territorial Army team competing, being placed fifth out of forty Regular and Territorial Army Units. Sgt. Burnham is to be congratulated for being second in the Champion-at-Arms, only being beaten by one point. Also a good shoot by Sgt. MacCready, who got a possible at 500 yards, gave him equal first in that practice.

In the Inter-Divisional Kolar Cup Competition the Battalion again had six representatives.

OFFICERS' MESS

We have said good-bye to the following officers: Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.; Major (Quartermaster) H. W. Johnson, Lieut. R. H. Barrow, Lieut. J. W. M. Blanch, Capt. J. Mollo, Lieut. M. O. Rudkin, Lieut. E. R. B. Wills. We have welcomed the following officers: Major M. A. Lowry, M.C., Lieut. (Quartermaster) R. J. Hall, Lieuts. D. W. Billinghamurst, P. L. Hope, A. C. B. Tidmarsh, J. S. C. Tidmarsh.

A dinner night was held at Sandfield Terrace during March. Our guests included Colonel C. R. Wigan, M.C., T.D., D.L., whom the Mess thanked for his help and support as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion in addition to his noble and generous parting gift of a silver statuette. This statuette, together with a replica, is to be presented each year to the best soldier. Colonel Harris also took the opportunity to thank Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O., on behalf of the Mess for all his work as Commanding Officer of the Battalion. This night he was being dined out.

The Christmas dance and party was held in December and, as usual, turned out to be a very pleasant evening, although somewhat marred by the petrol shortage that was temporarily in existence at the time.

At annual camp the Mess was very pleased to welcome Major-General W. F. R. Turner, D.S.O., Commander, 44th (H.C.) Infantry Division, to a luncheon party during the first week. During the second week a Guest Night was held at which the principal guests were Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Brigadier G. A. Rimbault, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. This Guest Night was particularly successful—it was fine enough after dinner for a rather unorthodox cricket match which everyone seemed to win. One noteworthy innovation—the officers entertained the whole Battalion to dinner at an ancient inn near the camp. This will be long remembered for the excellent after-dinner speech of Cpl. Rowley.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Looking back over the year, now that the Training Year has nearly ended, we can say it has been a good year.

Our Mess Dinner held at Ye Olde King's Head, Horsham, was a great success, being timed to take place during the W.Os. and Sergeants' T.E.W.T. week-end, a T.E.W.T. much enjoyed by the large numbers of members attending. At the dinner we were honoured by the presence of our Honorary Colonel—Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O. One sad note being that we had to bid farewell to our Commanding Officer—Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.—who has left us to take up a new appointment at the War Office. On parting, Lieut.-Colonel Ling presented to the Mess a beautiful portrait of Her Majesty The Queen, a gift that will always be treasured by the Mess.

At camp the Mess once again functioned at full strength and a most enjoyable and happy Mess it was. We were delighted and honoured to have the Colonel of the Regiment—Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.—with us on the evening we were at "at home" to the officers.

We congratulate Cpls. Thompson, Evans and Cheeseman on their promotion to Sergeant. Also Sgts. Fillery and Alexander to C./Sgt., and Sgt. Homersham to W.O.II. We also extend a hearty welcome to Bandmaster Jameson, C.S.M. Boseley, C.S.M. Sawyers, Sgt. Lane and R.S.M. Esler.

We bid farewell to R.S.M. Kettle and wish him every success in civilian life. In closing we wish C.S.M. Rodgers, leaving us to join the 1st Battalion, and C.S.M. Sharman on his discharge, all the very best in the future.

REUNION

At the beginning of May a very successful reunion organized by Colonel L. C. East, D.S.O., O.B.E., was held at Sandfield Terrace, and was attended by some 350 past and present members of the Battalion. Besides Colonel East, other speakers were Major-General I. T. P. Hughes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., and General Sir Lashmer Whistler, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. It was so successful that it is being repeated next year, and it is hoped that an even larger number of old members will attend.

COMPANY NOTES

REIGATE ("A" COMPANY) AND DORKING ("C" COMPANY)

The two Companies have continued to train together during the past year. The association has been a happy and not unsuccessful one. Shortly before camp Lieut. P. L. Hope joined "C" Company after completing National Service and, abetted by C.S.M. Boniface, he has made remarkable progress in reviving Dorking's sturdy independence in the way that matters most to us today, the recruiting of sound volunteers. The only cause for alarm is that "A" Company may now be left behind in the arms race, and massive retaliation by a sparkling programme of social events is already being planned.

This training year has been marked by the institution of the Wigan Award by our former Honorary Colonel, and it is gratifying to record that the first winner of this award for the best all-round volunteer below the rank of Sergeant was Cpl. (now Sgt.) Evans of "A" Company. The combined Companies team won the Battalion Winter Small Bore Championship, which they only lost the year before by the Quartermaster's discovery that C./Sgt. Playford of "A" Company had—quite inadvertently—used a peculiarly exotic foresight in a critical match.

At the annual camp "C" Company distinguished itself by attaining twice the score of any other Company in the field-firing competition, and both "A" and

"C" Companies did considerable mischief to the rest of the Battalion in the Commanding Officer's patrolling exercise in mountainous rain forests. Altogether it was a refreshing experience to attend camp as a body of volunteers, and there will be much to offer those who join us in the future.

Our P.S.I.—C.S.M. Rodgers—is leaving us shortly to rejoin the 1st Battalion, and our thanks are due to him for the first-class work he has done whilst he has been with us; we extend a welcome to his successor—C.S.M. Boseley.

CAMBERLEY ("B" COMPANY).

Because the Battalion left for camp on 1st June, the Company's annual 'Glorious First of June Ball had to be held a fortnight early. The Company was honoured by the presence of Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., and Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.

The Annual Rifle Meeting took place on Sunday, 14th July, on the range at Sandhurst. The winner of the Rifle Championship for the third time running was Sgt. W. H. Burnham, the Battalion Cook Sergeant. The Company's L.M.G. Cup was won Cpl. L. T. Rowley. A very exciting triangular L.M.G. and Rifle Match between Surrey (Camberley) Battalion Home Guard and "D" and "B" Companies of 5th Queen's was won by "B" Company. This was the third and last time that this match with the Home Guard had been fired. Now that the Home Guard has been stood down the Camberley Battalion has very kindly given a cup to be competed for annually between "B" and "D" Companies of 5th Queen's.

The latest recruit to volunteer for service with the Company is C.S.M. H. V. Sharman, who has now completed his twenty-five years with the Colours and has joined the G.P.O. His replacement as Permanent Staff Instructor is Sgt. B. E. Lane.

WOKING ("D" COMPANY)

The Company regretfully said good-bye to Major J. H. Pappin at the end of March on his assuming command of H.Q. Company, and have welcomed in his place Major J. D. Wade.

On 30th March a very successful dance was held at the Drill Hall, attended by over 120 people, amongst whom we were glad to see a strong contingent from the local Home Guard. The event proved so popular that it is being repeated again soon, and it is hoped that all old Queen's men in the area will contact us for further particulars.

So far this year we have welcomed six newcomers to the Company, including three boys: it is noticeable that some of the latter have already acquired a taste for beer!

Camp was very successful and we managed to retain the Champion Company Cup. All were agreed that it was the most enjoyable camp for a long time, and we hope that this will be reflected in future recruiting figures.

In July we were pleased to join with "B" Company in a Rifle Meeting which, in spite of doubtful weather, provided a good day's sport. The support from the Company was most gratifying and it is intended that this should be an annual fixture.

GUILDFORD (H.Q. COMPANY)

Since the last JOURNAL there has been a change in Company Commanders—Major J. H. Pappin has taken over from Major J. D. Wade.

The Company, despite lack of numbers, has had a good training year, all the platoons of the Support Group having successfully carried out their roles at annual camp. At camp those in the M.M.G., Mortar and Signal Platoon all

attended cadres and the way they performed in the Battalion Field Firing Exercise was proof that the instruction obtained had gone home.

The Company made its mark at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, nearly sweeping the board. Individual winners were Sgt. Shuff, winner of Battalion Champion at Arms, Sergeants' Mess Cup and runner-up for Battalion L.M.G. Cup; L/Cpl. Smith, winner of Corporals' Cup and L.M.G. and runner-up to Sgt. Shuff in the rifle.

At the Depot "At Home" Day the Company beat 6th Queen's in the Support Weapons race by nearly forty seconds.

6th BATTALION

ALTHOUGH petrol rationing severely restricted the scope of week-end training during the spring and opportunities of launching out into the country were lost, the Battalion has once again had a full and active year. In spite of the limitations on training, cloth model exercises together with "outside" lectures were conducted in preparation for Annual Camp, where, over the excellent training areas of Castlemartin, the Battalion was able to put theory into practice.

The annual Administrative Inspection took place on 26th March and the Battalion obtained "a very good report."

Whilst the strength of the Battalion still remains low, recruiting during a difficult period in the life of the Territorial Army has more than made up for wastage and numbers are growing, if only very slowly. There are also hopeful signs of a step-up in recruiting during the coming months.

Once again the Battalion has played its full part in the many shooting and sporting fixtures controlled by the Territorial Army Sports Board and, whilst the results have not always been of a high order, the Battalion has been represented at practically every competition arranged.

CEREMONIAL

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, 1956, parades held at Bermondsey and Croydon were attended by some 250 volunteers and National Service men and were well supported by members of the Battalion's Old Comrades Association. The Corps of Drums headed the march to and from Bermondsey Parish Church, during which our Borough Privileges were exercised. The salute was taken by the Mayor of Bermondsey.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the granting of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Bermondsey, a Thanksgiving Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday, 5th May, 1957, and a parade, during which the Borough Privileges were again exercised, was held. The Mayor of Bermondsey once more kindly took the salute and we were very pleased that the Colonel of the Regiment was able to be present.

TRAINING

Although, as has been previously mentioned, petrol rationing severely interfered with training on the ground, week-ends at Bermondsey and Croydon during the winter and spring were spent over the cloth model. Additionally, an inter-company first-aid knock-out was held and won by H.Q. Company, who went on to win the 47th Infantry Brigade Competition and thus represent the Brigade in the Divisional final.

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A View of the Chapel showing three of the four Grilles



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The Interior of the Chapel



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The Altar, showing the Dorsal, the Frontal and the Sanctuary Carpet



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The Grille bearing the Royal Cipher of Queen Catherine of Braganza



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The Altar with, in the foreground, the Altar Rails presented by H.M.S. "Excellent"

In May, we were fortunate in being given a lecture and demonstration by the Chief Instructor, Fieldworks Wing, S.M.E., whilst Support Company attended a cadre at No. 3 W.E.T.C., Crowborough.

SHOOTING

Three teams again competed in the T.A. Small-bore League and improved upon the results of last year. The Battalion "A" Team were fourth in Division 8, "B" Team eighth in Division 10 and "C" Team (Croydon) finished fifth in Division 9.

Major D. R. G. Clement, Lieuts. P. J. Dorey and J. F. Storey, and Cpls. R. Higgins and R. Wapshott shot considerably well and averaged over ninety (H.P.S. 100) over the season.

In the 47th Infantry Brigade .22 Inter-Unit Competition, fired centrally at Duke of York's H.Q., the Battalion team was unlucky to lose by two points with borrowed rifles—apparently Parker Hale sights were not allowed!

On the open range, a most successful Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley on 18th/19th May, when the Battalion were guests of the London and Middlesex Rifle Association. Conditions were ideal and as a consequence the standard of shooting was correspondingly high. Results were: Inter-Company Rifle Championships, "B" Company; Inter-Company L.M.G. Championships, Support Company; Champion-at-Arms, W.O.II W. Dorey; Champion P./Staff Shot, W.O.II D. Fraser; Officers v. Sergeants Match, the Officers; Champion T.A. Officer Shot, Lieut. P. J. Dorey; Champion T.A. W.O./Sergeant Shot, W.O.II W. Dorey; Champion T.A. Shot. Corporals and below, Cpl. J. Levy; Novices' Challenge Cup, Pte. W. Tait; Inter-Rank Falling Plate Competition, the T.A. Officers.

As regards annual range classification, to date approximately only fifty-five all ranks have fired. However, with nine marksmen and twenty-one first-class shots with the rifle and four marksmen and fifteen first-class shots with the Bren, the standard has been very satisfactory.

Major D. R. G. Clement and Lieut. R. J. Dorey were awarded medals as members of the successful Divisional Kolar Cup Team.

ANNUAL CAMP

Annual Camp this year was held at Castle Martin, near Pembroke, in South Wales, from 15th to 29th June. With perfect weather and first-class training areas it proved to be one of the most enjoyable camps for several years.

Training in the main was devoted to sub-unit and individual level, but extensive field firing areas, which were greedily taken advantage of, together with suitable sites for watermanship training, made a varied and interesting programme possible.

We were delighted that the Colonel of the Regiment came down to see us to spend two clear days watching our training and talking to all ranks, and during his visit we were fortunate in holding a guest night in the Officers' Mess. In addition to Major-General W. F. R. Turner, D.S.O., G.O.C. 44th (H.C. Infantry Division (T.A.)), and our Brigade Commander, Brigadier D. R. Wilson, O.B.E., we were particularly pleased to entertain Brigadier T. Hart Dyke, D.S.O., and Brigadier R. C. Halse, C.B.E., who were visiting camp at the time.

This year also gave the Corps of Drums an opportunity to show their paces, since beating "Retreat" by the massed Bands and Drums of the 7th and 8th Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment together with the Drums of the 6th Queen's was held on two occasions. The first took place in camp during the

visit of G.O.C. 44th (H.C.) Infantry Division and the second in Pembroke Castle before the local civic authorities.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

At Boreham Wood on Sunday, 14th April, 1957, the Battalion competed in the London Scottish T.A. "Seven-a-side" Competition. After victories over 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and the H.A.C. in the early rounds they defeated 291 Field Regiment in the final. The Battalion team was: Lieut. J. D. Blumson (captain), Lieut. P. J. Dorey, Lieut. D. J. L. Hughes, Lieut. S. Whitmore, Lieut. H. W. Gawthrop, C./Sgt. M. Nason and Pte. R. Young.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

In Richmond Park on Sunday, 24th February, 1957, the Battalion retained the Divisional title and were only narrowly defeated by 10th Bn. The Parachute Regiment in the Command event. In the *Daily Telegraph* Cup, run at Chester on Saturday, 23rd March, 1957, the team finished sixth. The outstanding individual performances of the season were again put up by Cpl. A. Hine, who finished second in all three events.

The Battalion team was: Lieut. C. J. Guerrier (captain), Lieut. D. J. L. Hughes, C./Sgt. L. Smith, Sgt. E. Blackeby, Cpls. A. Hine, J. Cleverly, J. Watts, L. Ware, L./Cpl. R. Handley.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

For the first time for some years the Battalion competed in the T.A. Challenge Cup. On Sunday, 6th November, 1956, the Battalion were, however, defeated in the first round by eight goals to one by H.Q., 131st Infantry Brigade (T.A.). The Battalion team was: C./Sgt. L. Smith (captain), W.O.II W. Edwards, Sgt. C. Squirrell, Cpls. J. Collins, W. Cutler, L. Ware, Ptes. L. Lake, B. Cobbold, E. Brammer, B. Clarke.

ATHLETICS

At Aldershot on Saturday, 15th June, 1957, a Battalion team again competed at the T.A. Athletic Championships. Individual results were as under, and in the unofficial team aggregate placings the Battalion finished third with six points:

Pte. F. Davey, 120 yards hurdles, 1st: Cpl. A. Hine, 1 mile, 1st: 3 miles, 1st.

BASKET-BALL

The Battalion again competed in the London (T.A.) Basket-ball League. Detailed results for the 1956/57 season were as under:

				Pts.			
P	W	L	D	For	Against	Pts.	Posn.
10	2	8	0	173	367	12	8th

The Battalion team was: Lieut. H. W. Gawthrop (captain), Lieut. J. F. Storey, W.O.II W. Edwards, C./Sgt. L. Smith, Sgts. E. Blackeby, G. Mills, Cpl. L. Ware, Ptes. B. Cobbold, E. Brammer.

FIRST AID

At Chelsea on Thursday, 14th March, 1957, H.Q. Company team won the 47th (London) Infantry Brigade (T.A.) Section of the Divisional Sub-unit Competition. In the Divisional Finals, held at Shorncliffe on Sunday, 28th April.

1957, the team was placed sixth. H.Q. Company team was. C./Sgt. L. Smith, (captain), Lieuts. R. A. Russell, C. J. Guerrier, C./Sgt. E. Wear, Sgt. L. Doyle.

SERGEANTS' MESS

During the year we have had a very full and varied programme of training and sporting activities and the Mess can justly feel satisfied that they have played their fair share.

The social side of life has not been too hectic, however, we have had several social evenings.

An unofficial social evening was held prior to the Christmas break which turned out to be very successful, and there was no lack of the Christmas spirit. A farewell party was held for W.O.II Elkins and Sgt. J. Humphries (both P.S.Is.) in February, who have now left us for the 1st Battalion.

We would like to thank them both for the sterling work they did during their tour here in Bermondsey, and especially for their keen interest shown at all times at all sporting and social events. We wish them all good luck for the future.

At Camp this year we were honoured by a visit to the Mess by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., the Divisional Commander, Major-General W. F. R. Turner, D.S.O., the Brigade Commander, Brigadier D. R. Wilson, O.B.E., Brigadier T. Hart Dyke and Brigadier R. C. Halse, C.B.E.; on the last night we were pleased to entertain the Commanding Officer and officers of the Battalion.

Finally we would like to welcome to the Mess W.O.I Fraser, W.O.II Wells, Sgt. Stiles (all P.S.Is.), Sgt. Brear, on transfer from the Royal Engineers and who is our civilian chief clerk, Sgt. Chapman and O.R.Q.M.S. Davis (late R.S.M. of this Battalion). We sincerely hope their stay will be long and happy.

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

THE past year and the 1957 Camp will be remembered as the year we nearly returned to pre-war conditions. We have for a change not been reorganized: we have not been employed in training National Service men in completely new jobs; and we went to camp again on an all-volunteer basis. That we had new equipment during the year is natural—but this is certainly a post-war feature. And lastly, something of a more "T.A." feeling is with us now.

If our numbers at the 1956 camp were small, there were even fewer in camp this year. For whilst in 1956 we had the tail of the N.S. men—the one-camp-only postings—this year it was purely volunteers. A good camp in some ways, it had its frustrations. The training was slow, for the programme had no firing on it for the first part of the camp. Shoot we did, though, eventually, and we qualified for the *Sunday Times* Trophy: the presence of Messrs. Flood, Fluke, Sopp, Bromige and Bremer of the O.C.A. on this day must have weighed in our balance surely! (O.C.A. please note: more and longer visits next year please.) In addition to the already mentioned most welcome party of Old Comrades, Colonel A. J. Page, T.D., the D.L. for Southwalk, visited us, and slept in. To the Officers' Guest Night Mr. R. Bruce Lockhart, Headmaster of Gresham's School, Holt, was a guest of the Queen's Batteries; many will know that this school is governed by the Fishmongers' Company, with which Company the Queen's Batteries have inherited a long standing friendly and very pleasant link.

Turning from our 44 mm. to our .303 in., we congratulate Sgt. T. Lock, of

"R" (Queen's) Battery, in winning the Giblin Cup and £2, and Sgt. J. Love, of "S" (Queen's) Battery, in winning the Andrew Cup and £5. We had two days on the ranges; one, 30th June, of intense heat, and the other, 21st July, of unceasing rain.

With the aid of much improvisation by our P.S.Is., B.S.Ms. C. W. Wilson and W. Tipple, the dome in the Drill Hall has been more in use this year. A very fine cloth model by B.S.M. Tipple has also proved of use in training whilst the construction of the cinema has already been noted in a News-Letter. We are fortunate in having such able P.S.Is. for, as well as making these training aids, they have organized and got going our sports, such as badminton and basket-ball, to a degree we have never experienced before. Those who play enjoy them very much.

Passing to even lighter subjects, the neighbourhood has been enchanted (or enraged, depending on its taste) by the music (or noises) from our recently formed skiffle group. Their first public performance was at a Sergeants' Mess social on 20th July when all had a good time. The officers have continued their dinners and other entertainments, details of which have already been noted in News-Letters. The number of serving members being small, we are very glad to have the company of many of our honorary members, and we are sure the presence of our Mess guests gives them as much pleasure as it does us.

Supplies have at last been received of our "Queen's" titles. In recognition of our inheritance, dating from 1883, when we became the 4th Volunteer Battalion of The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), and continued from that year until 1947, when we were converted to Gunners, authority has been granted for all ranks to wear immediately beneath the title of "Royal Artillery" on our shoulders the additional one of "Queen's." These new titles have been specially made, for, unlike the standard ones, they are "round-topped and flat-bottomed"; the colour is the normal white on red. The two titles together form a neat semicircle on the shoulder. That we should wear this distinction is in the true T.A. tradition, and will, we trust, lead to much good.

If we have made more references to fun than fighting it should not be thought that our role in the T.A. is not a serious one. We have a very important part to play in the defence of the country; our duties and specific role are known to many; and, as in 1939, because we are A.A., our call to duty has priority over many other arms of the T.A. Because of this importance—a fact perhaps not appreciated enough—it is all the more important that those who volunteer to join us know their jobs. And if by being in the T.A. for this vital cause one has a good time, enjoys the comradeship of others, has a fortnight's camp with one's friends and their companionship throughout the year, what better than that?

NEWS IN BRIEF

6084385 P. Tracey, late 2nd Battalion, joining in 1929, was ordained Priest by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on 21st September, 1957. His address is 16 Barbourne Road, Worcester.

Major S. W. Peet has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G. at North Midland District. 2nd Lieuts. S. T. W. Anderson and P. de S. Barrow, son of the late Major D. de S. Barrow, M.C., have joined from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Major J. O'C. Cosgrove, M.B.E., has been appointed Staff Captain, H.Q. Land Forces, Persian Gulf.

Lieut.-Colonel G. G. Reinhold is now commanding 1st Bn. The Parachute Regiment.

Capt. S. J. Dale, D.C.M., has been awarded the Cadet Forces' Medal.

Mr. J. Witcomb, who had been Mess Caterer of the Sergeants' Mess at the Depot since 1923, retired in June. He joined the Regiment in 1902 and for many years was a member of the Band, and was employed in the Quartermaster's Stores before going to pension in 1923. Many members of the Regiment will remember his familiar figure which never seemed to grow any older, in fair or foul weather going about his duties in barracks. We wish him all success in his well-deserved retirement.

It is notified for information that picture postcards, one showing the interior of the Chapel of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the other a view of the altar, can be obtained from the Administrative Officer, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford. The price is sixpence each.

THE DUNKIRK WAR MEMORIAL

By COLONEL L. C. EAST, D.S.O., O.B.E.

(Who represented the Regiment and laid a wreath at the foot of the Regimental Tablet)

THE ceremony of the unveiling of the Dunkirk Memorial took place on the afternoon of Saturday, 29th June, and was performed by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester and General Ganeval, representative of the President of France, while the Chaplain-General to the Forces, Canon V. J. Pike, took the service. The memorial commemorates some 4,700 soldiers who were missing after Dunkirk and have no known graves: it is also a memorial to our national deliverance. It lies on the edge of the civilian cemetery some two miles from the beaches and the landward end of the Mole. It consists of a central shrine open on four sides, made of brick, with wings at the four corners; the shrine is 24 ft. high with an internal area of 450 sq. ft. In the wings are set tablets of white Portland stone, on which are engraved the names of the Dead. In the shrine there is an oak table on which is a register of names. In the west opening is a glass window on which is engraved a picture of the beaches, showing columns of troops, the aircraft overhead, and the little boats. The memorial itself is at the west end of a grass lawn leading from the cemetery entrance: eight simple pillars, on which names are also engraved, form an avenue along the lawn.

The British Legion organized the attendance of 1,540 relatives and friends, to many of whom the Queen Mother spoke personally after the ceremony. At the invitation of the Imperial War Graves Commission there were some 250 representatives of Corps and Regiments present, most of whom laid wreaths; wreaths being in the first place laid by representatives of certain notables such as Sir Winston Churchill, various ambassadors and Governments. Among many serving and retired senior officers, Field-Marshal Alexander was noticeably present, while Field-Marshal Montgomery was much in evidence, and Field-Marshal Templer accompanied Her Majesty. Of interest to the Regiment was the presence of General Sir Ronald Adam, Commander of III Corps in 1940, of which 131 (Queen's) Brigade formed part. Guards of honour were provided by the Grenadier Guards and the 43rd French Infantry Regiment.

In conclusion it may be said that in appearance the memorial is nice; plain, simple and well laid out. The picture of the beaches is most impressive and it is the beaches which remain as the most vivid memory of Dunkirk in May and June, 1940.

LONDON GAZETTE

EXTRACTS FROM 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1956—20TH SEPTEMBER, 1957

REGULAR ARMY

Major M. T. N. Jennings to be Lieut.-Colonel, on the Employed List (1), 27th February, 1956.

Timothy Lionel Trotman from R.M.A. Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenant, 27th July, 1956.

Major W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., to be Lieut.-Colonel, on the Employed List (1), 28th February, 1956.

Lieut. (Qr.-Mr.) J. W. Kemp to be Captain (Qr.-Mr.), 6th November, 1956.

Major G. G. Reinhold, M.C., to be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, 9th November, 1956.

Capt. N. A. H. Marsden to be Major, 11th May, 1956.

Major A. R. C. Mott retires on retired pay, 8th December, 1956. (Reserve Liability.)

J. F. Metcalfe, C.B.E., to be Brigadier, 14th September, 1956.

Capt. J. W. Sewell to be Major, 13th January, 1957.

Capt. G. B. Curtis, M.C., to be Major, 7th June, 1956.

2/Lieut. J. V. Warner-Johnson to be Lieutenant, 4th February 1957.

Lieut.-Colonel (Staff Qr.-Mr.) R. W. Jackson, M.B.E., Employed List (2), retires on retired pay, 21st February, 1957.

Paul Anthony Gray from R.M.A. Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenant, 21st December, 1956.

Lieut.-Colonel (Temp. Col.) G. H. W. Goode, D.S.O., O.B.E., to be Colonel, 1st March, 1957.

Major (Qr.-Mr.) S. H. Sellicks to be Lieut.-Colonel (Qr.-Mr.), 1st January, 1957.

Capt. Herbert Reginald Gill from Short Service Commn., Employed List (3), to be Lieutenant (Qr.-Mr.), 1st January, 1957.

Lieut. (Qr.-Mr.) H. R. Gill to be Captain (Qr.-Mr.), 1st January, 1957.

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. R. Gill to be Major (Qr.-Mr.), 25th May, 1957.

(T/Brig.) B. E. L. Burton to be Brigadier, 11th January, 1957.

Lieut. A. B. S. Faris to be Captain, 3rd August, 1957.

Major S. R. G. Scott-Gall retires receiving a gratuity, 1st August, 1957. (Reserve Liability.)

Major E. A. W. Lockyer, M.B.E., retires on retired pay, 1st September, 1957. (Reserve Liability.)

Lieut. P. S. Field, M.C., to be Captain, 3rd August, 1957, with precedence next above A. B. S. Faris.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel G. G. Reinhold, M.C., from Queen's, to be Lieut.-Colonel on the Employed List (1), 22nd May, 1957.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. W. Johnson to be Major (Qr.-Mr.), 28th May, 1957.

6086669 W.O. Class I Norman Morris Mew (453132) to be Lieutenant (Qr.-Mr.), 7th June, 1957.

6085776 W.O. Class I Charles William Cheeseman (453426) to be Lieutenant (Qr.-Mr.), 2nd July, 1957.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Honorary Major Patrick Desmond Newman (late Queen's), to be Captain, 9th November, 1956, with seniority 22nd July, 1954, and is seconded for service on the Staff.

Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) J. H. Pappin to be Captain, 20th November, 1955, with seniority 1st March, 1952.

Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) J. C. Parrish to be Captain, 6th June, 1957, with seniority 2nd September, 1953.

Major (Actg. Lieut.-Colonel) H. M. W. Harris to be Lieut.-Colonel, 12th May, 1957, with seniority 18th March, 1957.

Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) R. K. Asser to be Captain, 5th August, 1957, with seniority 1st July, 1954.

Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) D. G. Wilson to be Captain, 8th September, 1957, with seniority 9th September, 1954.

TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY DECORATION

Captain W. J. R. Price, 17th September, 1957.

EFFICIENCY MEDAL (TERRITORIAL)

Captain (Hon. Major) K. A. Jessup, 22nd January, 1957.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

For Services in Malaya

M.B.E.

Major R. S. N. Mans, period 1st January to 30th June, 1956.

MILITARY CROSS

Major J. B. C. Palmer, period 1st July to 31st December, 1956.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

22590943 Corporal T. Lamkin, period 1st July to 31st December, 1956.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.; Captain A. G. Jones; Bandmaster I. E. Gaines, period 1st January to 30th June, 1956.

Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.; Major W. J. F. Sutton; Captain P. A. W. G. Durrant; 6094340 Sgt. W. Geeves; 14804834 Sgt. M. Battrick, period 1st July to 31st December, 1956.

For Services with Trucial Oman Levies

M.B.E.

Captain P. H. Clayton.

For Services in Cyprus

MILITARY CROSS

Lieutenant P. S. Field, 2nd July, 1957.

Civil List

BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Major F. Waspe, M.B.E.; Mr. C. Humphries, M.B.E.; Mr. W. Parsons, M.B.E.

NATIONAL SERVICE

The following National Service Officers have joined during the above period:

S. F. Stride; F. M. Langton; M. J. Thompson (R.E. Longmoor). M. G. P. Foster (K.A.R.). J. W. Farrar; A. W. Fuller; R. R. Davies; R. S. Hill (all 1st Battalion). C. J. Marchant; D. J. Tuck; L. F. J. Walters; J. D. Gilderdale; H. I. C. Lawrence (all R.W.A.F.F.). J. West (Depot).

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

ON 26th April, 1957, the Officers' Club held a cocktail party at the Army and Navy Club to welcome the officers and their families of the 1st Battalion on their return from Malaya. Major-General J. Y. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield received the guests who numbered 142. Everyone enjoyed a thoroughly successful evening.

The Annual Reunion Party took place at Stoughton Barracks on 22nd June. The Band of the 1st Battalion played selections during the afternoon, and after tea the Band and Drums beat "Retreat."

Unfortunately it was a little cold and some light rain later in the afternoon rather marred the day, "Retreat" being beaten on the grass in front of the marquee, for the convenience of the guests, instead of on the square.

Major-General J. Y. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield received the guests who, with members, their families and friends, numbered 135.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club on 4th October.

1957. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., presided, and the guests were Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., Colonel, the East Surrey Regiment; General Sir Lashmer Whistler, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., and Lieut.-General Sir William Stratton, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O. The latter two officers were war-time commanders of the 131st and 169th Queen's Brigades.

Major-General L. O. Lyne, C.B., D.S.O., was unfortunately unable to attend owing to illness.

Members dining:

Lieut.-Colonel H. L. Adams, T.D., 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., C. J. Bright, Esq., B. D. S. Burton, Esq., Brigadier B. E. L. Burton, Capt. D. D. Champion-Jones, 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, Colonel J. B. Coates, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Major C. F. Cole, Lieut.-Colonel H. Cook, M.C., Major G. B. Curtis, M.C., Major F. W. H. Denton, Capt. M. J. Doyle, Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., Major L. V. Fane-Gladwin, Capt. G. A. Fearnside-Speed, 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 J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., Major H. R. Gill, Colonel G. H. W. Goode, D.S.O., O.B.E., M. C. Greenleaf, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston, C. J. Guerrier, Esq., Brigadier R. C. Halse, C.B.E., Lieut.-Colonel H. M. W. Harris, Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E., Major 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., Brigadier H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., Capt. E. V. L. Isaac, Major F. J. Jebens, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel M. T. N. Jennings, Major K. A. Jessup, Lieut.-Colonel J. H. F. Johnson, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., Capt. D. F. Kellie, M.B.E., 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 M. A. Lowry, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., Brigadier J. F. Metcalfe, C.B.E., Capt. H. C. Millman, 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, Brigadier G. V. Palmer, C.B.E., T.D., Capt. M. N. O. Pereira, Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E., Major-General G. A. Pilleau, C.B.E., M.C., Brigadier P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major A. N. S. Roberts, O.B.E., Major C. B. Rodger, Capt. C. W. Roff, Major R. C. H. Saunders, Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel L. S. Sheldon, R. C. Southern, Esq., F. P. T. Tallent, Esq., Capt. J. M. A. Tamplin, Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O., J. V. Warner-Johnson, Esq., J. West, Esq., G. R. N. Wetton, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel N. A. Willis, O.B.E.

The membership of the Club is 464.

OFFICERS' PENSIONS SOCIETY

OFFICERS WIDOWS' PENSIONS

WE have previously published short articles giving information about the aims and activities of the Officers' Pensions Society. It may not be generally known that the Society does much work on behalf of the widows of retired officers, whom they consider to be amongst the hardest hit and most neglected members of the community in this age of inflation.

It is realized that many officers' widows have no idea of their eligibility for a pension nor do they know how to set about making a claim for one when their husbands die. The Council of the Society decided some time ago that when a member died his widow should immediately be offered a year's free membership and all assistance she might need in making application for her pension. When a member's death is reported, therefore, a letter is sent to his widow at once, offering the sympathy of the Society in her loss and explaining exactly how and to whom she should make application for her pension according to the branch of the Service in which her husband had served.

Although, on the Society representations, widows' pensions were practically doubled in 1953 and the means test was abolished, they are still pitifully small, and many widows without other means cannot hope even to exist on their pensions alone without finding some form of employment. This, of course, is extremely difficult for an elderly lady who has led a comparatively sheltered life and had no training for earning her own living.

Members of the Society will know that a memorandum has recently been submitted to the Minister of Defence asking for a complete review of officers' retired pay and giving high priority to the question of making widows' pensions bear a more reasonable relationship to their late husbands' retired pay. It is believed that this matter is now receiving sympathetic consideration by the Minister, and it is hoped that improvements may be made during the lifetime of the present Government.

It is a matter of importance for every officer who retires to add his weight by joining the Society, and to this end all those who are not yet members are urged to write to the Assistant General Secretary, the Officers' Pensions Society, 171 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, who will be pleased to forward particulars and an application form.

THE PENNANT

The October number of *The Pennant*, which is the journal of the Officers' Pensions Society, has been greatly enlarged and contains a number of articles which should be of great interest to officers who are likely to fall into the redundancy zone.

Sir Frederic Hooper, the newly appointed Chairman of the Resettlement Board, has contributed a most interesting article, and "The Problems of Resettlement," by Rear-Admiral C. T. Jellicoe, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., Joint Director of the Officers' Association Resettlement and Employment Department, is very helpful.

In addition there are reprints of articles from the *Manager*, the *Economist* and "Letters to a Soldier" from the *Stock Exchange Gazette*. The last named gives most valuable advice on such subjects as investments, buying a business, insurance and income tax.

It is felt that serving officers who are likely to retire in the near future, but are not yet eligible for membership of the Society, would like to have a copy of this publication. Arrangements have therefore been made by the Officers' Pensions Society for the supply of copies to non-members at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. (Cash with order, please.)

Applications for copies should be sent to: The General Secretary, Officers' Pensions Society, 171 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

DURING the past year the more interesting items that have been acquired are: George Cross and medals of the late Pte. A. R. Brooks. Presented by his mother.

Military Cross and medals of the late W./Cdr. V. C. Harvey. Presented by his widow.

Orders and medals of the late Brigadier-General W. J. Glasgow.

First field dressing, South African War, 1899-1902. Presented by Colonel R. G. Clarke.

Loose-leaf war diary, 2nd/22nd London Regiment (The Queen's), 1916-18. Presented by 6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

A number of medals presented by relatives.

A quantity of foreign army weapons, bugles, swords, flags and badges.

Some British uniforms worn by officers of the Regiment during the past one hundred years.

Photographs as under have been presented by:

Capt. Pullien Thompson (1), Capt. Tamplin (5), Mr. Wright (2), Sir Irving Gane (1), Colonel Boyd (30), Major Denton (17), Mr. Muir (1), Brigadier Piggott (1), General Sir George Giffard (1), Major Mans (3), Mr. Evans (1), Mr. Fudger (1), Miss Higgins (2), C.S.M. Wickens (1), Lieut.-Colonel Bacon (1), Capt. Foster (1).

OBITUARY

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

No.	Rank and Name	Bn.	Service	Date of Death
	A./Capt. G. H. Golding, M.M.		1923-1946	29.12.56
	Major N. B. Avery, M.C.		1914-1918	19. 1.57
	Capt. R. L. Atkinson		1914-1918	20. 1.57
	Major J. G. Collins		1922-1926	6. 5.57
	Lieut. S. N. Penlington		1940-1946	13. 6.57
	Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson, M.C.		1914-1919	8. 8.57
	Wing Commander V. C. Harvey, M.C., D.C.M.		1916-1926	14. 8.57
	Lieut.-Colonel (Q.M.) O. K. Belchem, O.B.E., M.C.		1897-1931	7. 7. 57
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85083	Pte. H. S. Turnham	10th	1918-1920	30. 6.56
6092098	Pte. C. Townsley	1st/5th	1940-1945	27. 9.56
200194	Pte. B. F. E. Rogers			31.10.56
1414479	Sgt. D. Adam	1st	1955-1956	10.56
3859	Pte. J. E. Starling	2nd	1892-1913	2.11.56
6091702	Pte. C. W. Arnold	2nd/6th	1939-1945	11.56
22250537	Pte. K. P. Cruickshank		1950-1953	13.11.56
6859	Q.M.S.I. G. R. Price	1st & 2nd	1901-1922	7.12.56
6076838	Pte. J. J. Short	2nd	1919-1922	7.12.56
8529	R.S.M. A. H. Cook	2nd	1905-1918	21.12.56
6094027	Pte. M. T. Sarahs	2nd/7th	1940-1946	26.12.56
6076535	Pte. F. Calyer	2nd	1916-1923	27. 1.57
6079368	Pte. H. J. Collis	2nd	1921-1938	3. 2.57
6078847	Pte. C. E. Knell	2nd	1921-1939	14. 2.57
8274	Sgt. H. M. Swain	2nd	1897-1919	7. 3.57
6077064	Pte. G. Bendall	2nd	1919-1926	9. 3.57
6083423	Sgt. J. H. Toone	1st & 15th	1924-1946	1. 4.57
23221512	Pte. S. J. Bailey	1st	1955-1957	2. 4.57
7861	L./Cpl. F. R. Welham	2nd	1903-1910	4.57
			1914-1915	18. 4.57
6250	Sgt. J. W. Beach	2nd & 8th	1913-1919	8. 5.57
6077339	Pte. H. R. H. Pemberton	2nd	1917-1921	10. 5.57
	R.Q.M.S. Keyse	22nd		
2219	Pte. G. F. Smith	2nd	1887-1894	17. 6.57
			1899-1900	
			1914-1918	

No.	Rank and Name	Bn.	Service	Date of Death
6076191	C.Q.M.S. A. Stedman	1st	1906-1928	21. 6.57
23384631	Pte. M. Fischer	Depot	1957	4. 7.57
6007035	Sgt. A. Dymock	2nd	1937-1945	27. 7.57
6078436	C.S.M. C. C. Hoare	2nd	1901-1923	31. 7.57
6572598	Cpl. J. S. Boughton, M.M.	2nd	1922-1935	17. 9.57

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL (Q.M.) O. K. BELCHEM, O.B.E., M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel Belchem, who died on 7th July, 1957, at the age of 78, was the son of the late Capt. F. G. Belchem, who was Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion from 1883 to 1893. Lieut.-Colonel Belchem joined the Regiment in 1897 and served with the 2nd Battalion throughout the South African War. Between that war and the First World War he was in turn Orderly Room Sergeant and Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion and Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion. At the outbreak of war he was commissioned to Quartermaster's rank and after some service with the 3rd Battalion he saw active service with the 6th and 2nd Battalions, and was awarded the Order of the British Empire and the Military Cross.

He was Quartermaster at the Depot from 1919 until 1931, when he went to the Army School of Education at Shorncliffe as Adjutant and Quartermaster. He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in January, 1932, and retired in November, 1934.

He was a strict disciplinarian and old soldiers of his day will recall his high sense of duty and his efficiency as a Quartermaster. He was always cheerful and unperturbed, and although he never appeared to be in a hurry he was always a busy man and interested himself in many hobbies.

He was a good games player and a particularly fine cricketer.

His son, R. F. K. Belchem, Royal Tank Corps, had a distinguished record in the last war and at the end of it was Brigadier, General Staff, at 21st Army Group under Field-Marshal Montgomery.

To his widow and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

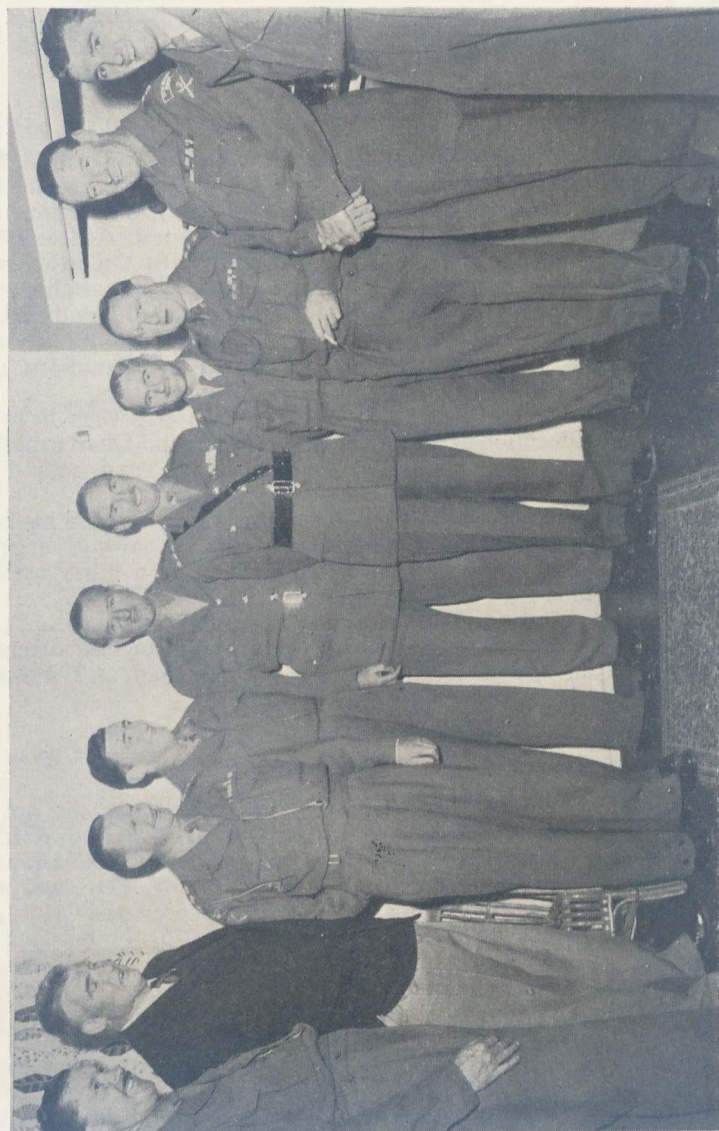
WING COMMANDER V. C. HARVEY, M.C., D.C.M.

Wing Commander Harvey who died on 14th August, 1957, at the age of seventy, was commissioned in the field whilst serving with the Royal Irish Regiment as a Company Sergeant-Major and joined the 2nd Battalion in October, 1915. He was promoted Temporary Captain in July, 1916, and was awarded the Military Cross in September, 1916. He had previously won the Distinguished Conduct Medal at St. Eloi in February, 1915, for bringing in wounded under fire.

From October, 1917, to December, 1918, he was seconded for service with the West African Frontier Force in Sierra Leone and after service with the 1st Battalion he was again seconded from November, 1920, until March, 1925, to The King's African Rifles in Tanganyika. He retired in 1926 and for a number of years farmed in East Africa.

During the last war he was employed in an administrative post with the Royal Air Force and reached the rank of Wing Commander. Wing Commander Harvey was a member of the Officers' Club and the Old Comrades Association and took the greatest interest in the Regiment. He was a regular attendee at the All Ranks' Dinner and frequently came to the Garden Party at Stoughton Barracks.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.



[Photo: Newcastle Herald]

City of Newcastle Regiment, October, 1956

Major F. P. Connor; Lieut.-Colonel J. Mather; Capt. A. Jones; Lieut. Masson; Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O. (Queen's); Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E. (Queen's); Capt. J. Grant; Capt. Richards; Lieut.-Colonel F. Cox, O.B.E., E.D. (Commanding Officer); Lieut. A. Strang.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATIONS

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

ASSOCIATION

Membership.—Life members, 1,780; annual subscribers, 613; total, 2,393, as compared with a total of 2,542 for 1955. We are still most anxious to obtain more members from those who served in the 1939-45 War, and those who served with the 1st Battalion, whom we welcome home from Malaya.

Loans.—£186 was expended in making loans to assist members. The sum of £96 remains due to the account.

Employment.—The Regular Forces Employment Association have placed 33 men in employment during the year. Particulars of employment have been received from members and other sources. We are most grateful to all concerned.

Local Representatives.—Branches of disbanded units of the Regiment's Old Comrades' Associations and Local Representatives have given us most valuable assistance in many ways during the year.

THE CHARITABLE FUND

The Army Benevolent Fund made grants amounting to £625; £21 was received from the 24th London Regiment, O.C.A. We are most grateful for this assistance. S.S.A.F.A. and the Forces Help Society have given us every assistance possible, as usual.

Grants.—The sum of £987 6s. 2d. was expended in grants to assist ex-members in difficulty; 179 cases were dealt with. Brief details of these cases are as follows—**Widows:** Education of child, 5; war, 14; general need, 24; man killed in Malaya, 1; blind, 1; clothing for son, 1; on husband's death, 1. **Others:** Aged, 9; general ill-health, 59; T.B. cases, 7; disabled, 10; accident, 8; wife deserted by husband, 3; housing problem, 7; ex-P.O.W., 2; funeral expenses, 5; removal expenses, 1; man in prison, aid for family, 1; dental, 1; aged man's clothing, 5; divorce case, 1; domestic problem, 3; assist in re-employment, 3; mental, 2; Chelsea Pensioners, 2 (Christmas); clothing for son, 1; write off loan, 1.

DONATIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

	£	s.	d.
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School	10	10	0
Regular Forces Employment Association	50	0	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
Star and Garter Home for Disabled	5	5	0
St. Dunstan's	10	10	0
Headquarters, S.S.A.F.A.	10	10	0
S.S.A.F.A., Guildford	1	1	0
Headquarters, Forces Help Society	10	10	0
Guildford Forces Help Society	1	1	0
Headquarters, British Legion	1	1	0
Surrey Convalescent Home for Men	1	1	0
Officers' Branch, S.S.A.F.A.	5	5	0

ALL RANKS' DINNER CLUB

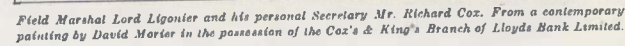
Life members, 403; annual subscribers, 339; total, 742, as compared with 665 for 1955.

JOURNAL ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

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, 1956, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended at that date.

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Chartered Accountants



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