



The Journal of The Queen's Royal Regiment

VOL. XII

OCTOBER, 1959

No. 1

CONTENTS

	<i>Frontispiece</i>	PAGE
MAJOR-GENERAL J. Y. WHITFIELD, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.		1
FOREWORD BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT		2
AMALGAMATION		4
1ST BATTALION		20
REGIMENTAL DEPOT		22
THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE AT GUILDFORD		22
DEPOT, THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT AND THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT		25
5TH BATTALION		26
6TH BATTALION		32
THE QUEEN'S BATTERIES, 570 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (T.A.)		34
AFFILIATED REGIMENTS		34
REGIMENTAL CRICKET		35
LONDON GAZETTE		36
HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE NEWS		38
THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL		42
THE PRIEST'S DESK—MALAYA, 1954-1957		47
THE THIRD COLOUR OF THE 1ST BATTALION		48
THE REGIMENTAL INSIGNIA AND MOTTOES		48
THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM		52
OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES		52
OFFICERS OF THE QUEEN'S NOT SERVING WITH THE 1ST BATTALION		53
THE CADET BATTALIONS		54
THE ALL RANKS' GARDEN PARTY		56
OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION		56
OBITUARY		58
NOTICES		59

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS

	PAGE
BRIGADE CAP BADGE AND REGIMENTAL BADGE	2
THE GLORIOUS 1ST OF JUNE	6
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT AND OFFICERS, 1ST BATTALION	8
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT AND WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS, 1ST BATTALION	8
THE DRUMS	9
THE CONNAUGHT SHIELD TEAM	10
MARCH PAST THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT	11
AN INCIDENT FROM "JACK'S ALL RIGHT"	12
THE FINALE OF THE TATTOO	13
PTE. LAWLESS RECEIVES HIS LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	13
THE BOOKMAKER'S STAND	14
1ST BATTALION SWIMMING TEAM	18
MURAL IN THE OTHER RANKS' DINING HALL AT GUILDFORD	24
TWO REGIMENTAL FLAGS AT CANTERBURY	25
THE COLOURS OF THE 1ST BATTALION	28
5TH BATTALION MARCHING THROUGH REIGATE	43
THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL	47
THE PRIEST'S DESK	47
THE REGIMENTAL INSIGNIA	48-51



[Photo: Haywrightson]

MAJOR-GENERAL J. Y. WHITFIELD, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT, 1954-1959

FOREWORD

THE first number of THE JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT was issued in 1925, and in a Foreword written on 5th October General Sir Charles Monro Bart., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., Colonel of The Regiment, commended the new venture to all members, past and present, and expressed the hope that the JOURNAL would provide a periodical record of the achievements of The Regiment.

All who read the JOURNAL will recognize how fully this hope has been fulfilled.

Under the skilled and devoted direction of its first Editor, the late Colonel G. N. Dyer, C.B.E., D.S.O., the JOURNAL set a standard of excellence which has more than once been quoted as a model for Regimental journals. Successive Editors have striven, despite many difficulties, to maintain the standard set up with the first number. Although the conditions following the end of the Second World War necessitated a reduction in the amount and size of the contents, the standard has been maintained.

Now, exactly thirty-four years later, on 5th October, 1959, it falls to me to write the Foreword for the forty-fifth and final number.

On fourteenth of this month—the two hundred and ninety-eighth Anniversary of our first Muster Parade on Putney Heath, under the Earl of Peterborough in 1661—The Regiment is to be amalgamated with our great Sister Regiment of Surrey, The East Surrey Regiment, to become The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Although the JOURNAL of our own old Regiment has to come to an end with this number, the history and the traditions in which we have grown up will be carried forward to The Regiment in its new form, and the story of present and future generations will be faithfully recorded in the new JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT.

I could not end this Foreword without first expressing the thanks of The Regiment to all those who have laboured since 1925 to produce and maintain the successive numbers of our JOURNAL, and finally to reaffirm our faith in the great future of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

J.Y. Whitfield.

Chiddingfold,
5th October, 1959.

Major-General
Colonel, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

AMALGAMATION

OUR own 1st Battalion will arrive in the United Kingdom on 17th September from Iserlohn, and after leave will join the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment at Bury St. Edmunds. A few days later—on 14th October, the two hundred and ninety-eighth Anniversary of our first Muster Parade on Putney Heath in 1661—the two 1st Battalions will be amalgamated and the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment will come into being, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel G. A. White, M.B.E. There will be a simple ceremony of Guard Mounting to mark the occasion. The new Brigade cap badge will be worn for the first time on this day, not only by the Regiment, but by all Regiments of the Home Counties Brigade.

In similar manner the present joint Depot of The Queen's and Surreys will be amalgamated to form the Depot of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, being merged into the Brigade Depot in 1960.

Regimental Headquarters, under Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O. (Retd.), as R.O.II, was established at Kingston on 1st July.

Plans are being made to hold a Ceremonial Parade on the occasion of the Presentation and Consecration of the New Colours in the spring of 1960. Details have not yet been fixed, but everyone will be notified through the usual channels when the plan is firm.

The Brigade cap badge, illustrated on this page, was adopted for the following reason. The area covered by the Brigade lies in the heart of the country occupied by the Saxons in early times. This is one of the few historical backgrounds common to all six of the famous Regiments making up the Brigade. The Saxon Crown forming part of the badge has six points visible, each point representing one Regiment. The sword is a military sword, and is, of course, a well-known military symbol. The Scroll was added to give finish to the badge and to indicate the name of the Brigade.

The Regimental collar badge, also illustrated, is our Paschal Lamb within the Eight-pointed Star and surmounted by a St. Edward's Crown, the two latter being part of the present Surrey's badge.

The new Regimental Colour will embody both our present Regimental



The Brigade Cap-Badge



The Regimental Badge

Insignia, and that of The Surreys. Our own Third Colour will be retained in the Amalgamated Battalion.

OFFICERS' CLUB

The two existing organizations will be merged to form The Officers' Club, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. The annual subscription will be £2 5s. 0d.

The two Old Comrades' Associations are being merged into one Regimental Association. Officers will not pay individual subscriptions direct to the Regimental Association. Instead out of the total subscription received annually by the Officers' Club a bulk payment on the basis of 10s. per officer will be made to the Regimental Association.

There will no longer be a separate subscription to the All Ranks Dinner. For Other Ranks Life Membership will be obtained by one payment of 10s. Those who have already contributed not less than 10s. in Annual Subscriptions will automatically become life members.

RE-UNIONS

All re-unions will be amalgamated. The form they will take and the venue will be decided by the committees responsible.

REGIMENTAL TIE

The present tie will cease to be the Regimental tie on 14th October, 1959. A new tie embodying the Colours of both Regiments has been approved, and can be obtained from Gieves of Bond Street.

MUSEUMS

There will be three Museums in the future:

- (a) The new Army Museum to be set up at The R.M.A.S.
- (b) The Brigade Museum to be set up at Canterbury.
- (c) The Regimental Museum at Kingston.

The allocation to Museums has yet to be determined but the Regimental Museum at Kingston will include a Regimental Records and Archives Office. Certain items of particular interest to Territorial Battalions are being offered to them.

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL

The new JOURNAL of THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT will be issued twice yearly in May and November, beginning in May, 1960. There will be no Newsletter.

THE TERCENTENARY

The Tercentenary will be celebrated in 1961, and after Amalgamation a new Committee is to be set up to make recommendations to the Colonel of The Regiment as to what form the Tercentenary should take in the light of the changed circumstances.

The necessary information about the Officers' Club and The Regimental Association will be circulated in due course.

* * *

To mark the close association between The Regiment and the Borough since 1876, The Mayor and Corporation of Guildford are to be presented with the silver lamb which formed part of the Colour Stand of the 2nd Battalion.

1st BATTALION

HUMAN beings are impressionable creatures; those by their demeanour appearing least concerned being often those most affected by sentiment and emotion.

And so, upon anyone who has been associated with the passing of even a fragment of the old order, upon anyone who has watched what he believes to be the death of a great tradition, there must fall an indefinable sense of having stood for a moment under the lamp of history.

Association with the end of a long chapter of greatness, particularly an end not entirely unworthy of all that has gone before, may tend to cloud, if only for a moment, the true relationship between the end and the past. History has no end.

The life of the First Battalion is now drawing rapidly to an end and the chapter closes on 14th October, 1959. We who are now serving with the Battalion in Iserlohn regard the move back to England on 16th September as the real closure, for on that date the Battalion as we know it disintegrates. Much will be said about this ending, in many places and pubs in many parts of many countries where Queensmen live their private lives or still serve.

"Old men forget, and all shall be forgot," the words Shakespeare put into the mouth of Henry V over three hundred years ago everlastingly refute their own meaning. The story of the Queen's emblazoned with courage and glory, may be likened to the flame of a candle that has cast light upon the story of England for so nearly three hundred years.

That candle flame is now to be extinguished. Anyone may blow out a light but in doing so they cannot abolish or destroy all that was illuminated by that light.

"My Lord!" as Sir Patrick Hastings said to the learned Judge. "We must. I fear, proceed, for we can never go back."

On, and to the new Regiment a stalwart band will carry the traditions and the standards of the Queen's. It is a band in whom we who are left have a satisfying confidence. A second-in-command, an adjutant, a quartermaster and at least two company commanders, more junior officers, senior W.O.s., N.C.O.s., and men who are the link to unite the two great chains of history that form the past of two Regiments, from now to be one.

We, who have served with the Battalion for the last two years of its life hesitate to record our attempts to bring about a memorable ending, for we are daunted if not by the ghosts at least by the glories of the past.

The details of the past two years are set forth in the Newsletters that have been published. Let not this last appearance on a printed page be devoted to a simple chronicle of trivialities, that on such and such a date we did this and later we did that. Perhaps we did, but so much of it does not matter, many other Regiments in the British Army of the Rhine do the same things with similar degrees of success every year. Rather let us think back, over the short time that we have been in Rhine Army, since April 1957, and with all humility place here and now upon the record those items or events which we think may never have been done before.

Firstly, the winning of the Duke of Connaught's Shield for unit stretcher-bearers. This was notable and important because in this competition everything depends upon the skill and knowledge of the lance-corporal or private soldier, put through exhaustive tests under conditions where he must answer and act for himself without any assistance. It is a real test in individual ability; to have

won it against the keen competition of British and Canadian units is an achievement.

Secondly, the launching of the Battalion Group in a most ambitious and final exercise against the Netherlands Forces in Holland—Exercise "Zwaan Song."

It seems that the Queen's have not been really active in Holland since 1692, but in July of this year we fought a delightful battle, both militarily and socially, hoping to end up our training in one memorable climax. A detailed description of the exercise is included elsewhere in this edition of the JOURNAL.

Thirdly, the formal drive-past of the Battalion on the Command Inspection by the Brigade Commander in December last year. So often have we paraded and marched past to martial music, but we can find no record of any previous drive past in battalion transport, with the Inspecting Officer acknowledging the salutes from well-dressed files of three-ton cargo vehicles, sweeping past the saluting base. Administratively our record is reasonable. Without previous warning the Battalion can parade, ready-for-war, in one and a half hours from the time the code word for an emergency is received, and in the thirteen separate administrative inspections made during the winter months all gradings except three were "good" those three were "excellent."

Fourthly, the astonishing achievement of two young lance-corporals, Sopp and Warner, who within the terms of the wager between the Commanding Officer of the Queen's and the Commanding Officer of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards reached Casablanca. The conditions of the bet were that no Queensmen would reach North Africa within the five-day time limit of the Easter initiative tests. The stake was twenty sovereigns. The tale of their journey appeared, in some detail, in Newsletter No. 26 for May 1959, and need not be repeated here, but it may well be that this was the first visit to North Africa by serving members of the First Battalion since 1684.

Our final gesture in Rhine Army was to win the Rhine Army Swimming Championship in the last week of July—we last won it in 1953. This success has a paragraph to itself elsewhere in this JOURNAL, but it was most heartening to return from a memorable exercise in Holland to win a sporting championship and so to underline our departure from the Command. The team, also as mentioned separately, went on to win the Army Championships.

At this stage in the life of the Battalion it is easy to slip into the snare of complacent self-eulogy, to list in our minds our little successes and as the end approaches, to lose sight of the great deeds of the past. It is a sobering thought that in the opinion of every generation of soldiers the Battalion of today is never quite as good as it used to be. It is a great thing to have served in a Battalion that for 298 years has never been quite as good as it used to be.

In writing the final chapter all that we who serve in the Battalion have tried to do is bring about an end that does not dishonour the past.

It was at the end of March and beginning of April that the first real pressure of the impending celebrations for the Glorious First of June, and the training programme, became apparent.

As the celebrations were to be not only the last in the life of the Battalion but also our farewell to B.A.O.R., it was decided that they would, if possible, be memorable. The programme was ambitious, and there were times when it seemed that we might be attempting too much, but the results fully justified the third, unpublicized motto of the Battalion *omnium per die dextrum erit*; for it was all right on the day; not just once, but on each of the six days of the celebrations. Rather than condense into a few lines a report of a week described by the Colonel of the Regiment as "surpassing in standard and



The Glorious 1st of June—Marching Past in Slow Time

excellence all his previous experience in the Regiment," an extract from the Commanding Officer's talk on the British Forces Network is published at the end of these notes.

From 13th to 20th of April we went to Haltern for Infantry/Tank co-operation training with "C" Squadron of the Royal Scots Greys. The weather was excellent, though dust made conditions trying, and as a culmination a rather impressive demonstration of the advance to contact battle was given to the Buffs, new arrivals in the Brigade Group. It was a most enjoyable break in the preparations for the Glorious First.

On 28th of April the Battalion was reorganized to make the best use of dwindling resources of manpower; we now have only two rifle companies, "A" and "B"; Support Company, and H.Q. Company.

The Chaplain-General came to Iserlohn on 14th May to dedicate a window in the German church that since the war has been used as a Garrison chapel. The window depicts St. George and the Dragon, and on one side are the badges of the Regiments that have been stationed here. Prominent amongst them is that of the Queen's.

The sudden death on 3rd May, 1959, of Major N. E. Savage, our Paymaster, who transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps from the Queen's came as a great shock to us all. He will be sadly missed.

The Battalion left Iserlohn on 11th June for an exercise with the Royal Scots Greys at Soltau. By some misunderstanding, the exercise, prepared by the Greys, began at 6 p.m. on the 11th and not on the morning of the 12th as originally agreed. This involved the Battalion in an approach march of 208 miles in M.T. to go straight on to an exercise lasting until 6 p.m. on 13th June. The fact that everything went without a hitch, despite the lack of warning, reflected great credit on such people as the Quartermaster, the M.T.O. and Colour-Sergeants. From Soltau we went up to the ranges at Putlos, on the Baltic, now controlled by the German Army. This was a pleasant week marred to a certain extent by the accidental drowning of three German soldiers in

a bathing party. This accident caused some apprehension, for the beach was dangerous, but an order was published stating that "drowning is strictly forbidden in 1 Queen's" and we were then able to enjoy the limited bathing facilities without fear of repercussions.

On 30th June we went to Hameln for Exercise "Queen Charlotte II," officially described as watermanship training but in reality the annual Battalion regatta. After preliminary practice, thirteen crews entered for the Braganza Trophy, won by "Petzing's Paddlers," a "B" Company team under 2/Lieut. Petzing, with "Kuller's Korrikle" a close second. "Kuller's Korrikle" was captained by C./Sgt. Palmer and the crew consisted of regimental signallers. In the competition for boats knocked out in the first round of the Braganza Trophy Cpl. Leach commanding "The 47th Intake," the M.T. platoon, won a stirring victory. The whole regatta was the greatest fun and taught a lot of people a great deal about assault boats in a very short time.

* * *

Capt. Clinton-Jones, R.A.M.C., Medical Officer of the 1st Battalion, was a member of the winning doubles in the Rhine Army Tennis Championships, 1959.

* * *

Pte. Oxford of the 1st Battalion was second in the Army Inter-Services 100-kilometres cycling road race on 6th June, 1959.

The following is a list of the officers, warrant officers and sergeants serving with the 1st Battalion at the time of its return to England for amalgamation with the East Surrey Regiment:

Battalion Headquarters—Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.; 2/I.C., Major C. J. D. Haswell; Adjutant, Capt. M. F. Reynolds; I.O., Lieut. B. D. S. Burton; R.M.O., Capt. G. B. Clinton-Jones, R.A.M.C.; Paymaster, Capt. N. E. Jones, R.A.P.C.; Padre, The Rev. W. J. C. Wall; R.S.M., R.S.M. G. E. Mileham; Bandmaster, Bandmaster W. Lynes; O.R.Q.M.S., W.O.II J. A. McGregor; Drum-Major, Drum-Major B. Morris; Battalion Intelligence Sergeant, Sgt. J. Last; Regimental Provost Sergeant, Sgt. F. Stevens; M.I. Sergeant, Sgt. W. Watret.

Support Company—Commanding Officer, Capt. M. J. Doyle; C.S.M. W.O.II J. Morris; Colour-Sergeant, W.O.II R. Gould.

W.T. Staff—W.O.II K. Yonwin; C./Sgt. A. Watson; Sgt. F. Isaac, M.M.

Mortar Platoon—Lieut. P. A. Gray; Sgt. D. Wheeker; Sgt. R. Jennings.

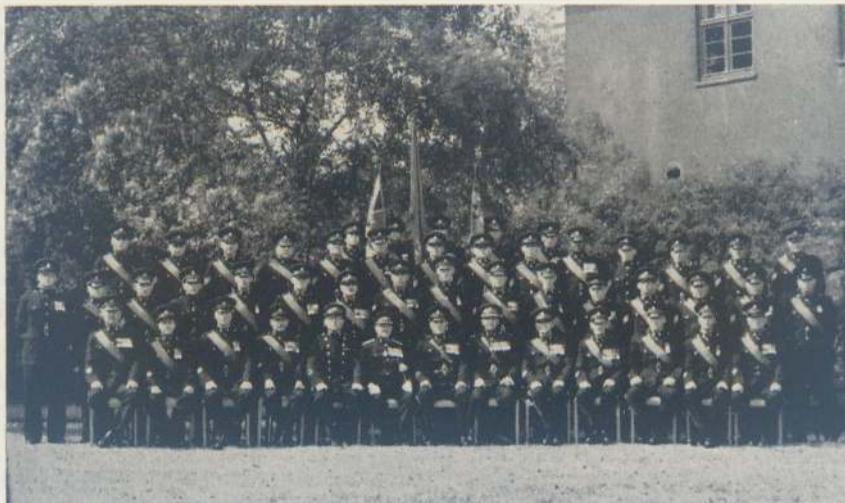
Anti-Tank Platoon—Lieut. P. de S. Barrow; Sgt. R. Vickers.

Assault Pioneers—2/Lieut. J. E. Gerelli; Sgt. G. Mogford.

H.Q. Company—Commanding Officer, Major G. B. Curtis, M.C.; R.S.O., Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira; M.T.O., Capt. J. F. G. Hayes; Assistant M.T.O., 2/Lieut. J. B. Bowden; Quartermaster, Capt. J. W. Kemp; P.R.I., Major V. T. Farrup; Administrative Officer, 2/Lieut. P. F. Ross; Administrative Officer, Lieut. M. Julian, Mx.; R.Q.M.S., W.O.II D. Adkins; C.S.M., W.O.II R. Wildgoose; Colour-Sergeant, C./Sergeant L. Jessup; P.R.I. Sergeant, C./Sgt. P. Gibbs; Married Families Colour/Sergeant, C./Sgt. G. Toomey; Signals Colour-Sergeant, C./Sgt. A. Palmer; Signals Sergeant, Sgt. A. Briggs; Q.M. Staff, Sgt. A. Fell, Sgt. L. Rice; M.T. Sergeants, Sgt. J. Eldridge, Sgt. L. James; Company Accounts Sergeant,



The Colonel of the Regiment and Officers, 1st Battalion



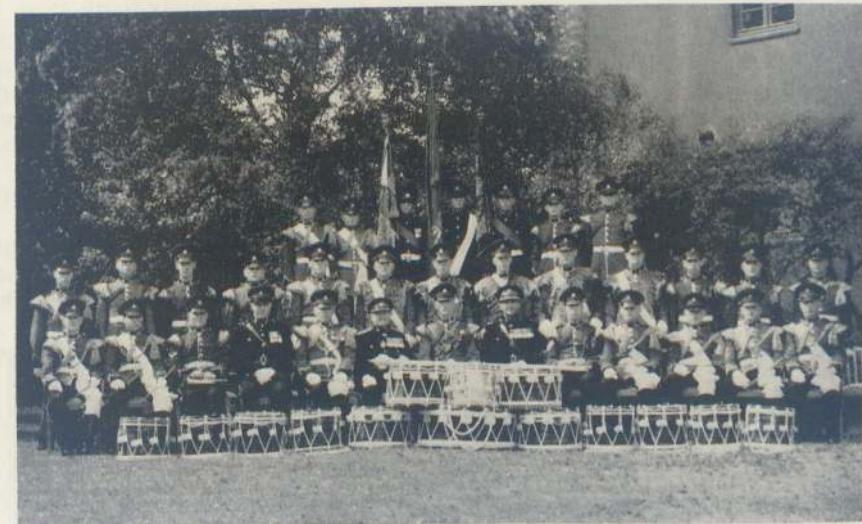
The Colonel of the Regiment and Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion

Sgt. H. Sayers; Officer's Mess Sergeant, Sgt. A. Archer; Sergeant's Mess Caterer, Sgt. A. Cakebread; Drums Sergeant, Sgt. L. Richardson; Band Sergeant, Sgt. B. Matlock; Sergeants in the Band, Sgt. D. Shaw, Sgt. O. Machin.

RIFLE COMPANY

"A" Company—Commanding Officer, Capt. A. Donaldson; 2I.C., Lieut. T. L. Trotman; Platoon Commanders, 2/Lieut. R. W. Acworth, 2/Lieut. C. E. J. Allanson; C.S.M., W.O.II J. Rodgers; Colour-Sergeant, C./Sgt. C. Reynolds; Sergeants, Sgt. D. White, Sgt. E. Lockwood.

"B" Company—Commanding Officer, Major I. D. Beattie; Platoon Commanders, 2/Lieut. S. J. Petzing, 2/Lieut. J. M. C. Swan, 2/Lieut. M. A. Prentice; C.S.M. W.O.II L. Wilson; Colour-Sergeant, C./Sgt. L. Piper; Sergeants, Sgt. M. Pearson, Sgt. J. Evans.



The Drums

THE CONNAUGHT SHIELD

(Extract from "The Quadrant"—the Magazine of the Fourth Division). In the Connaught Shield Competition, held at Sennalager from 24th—26th March, the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment beat fifteen other teams to win the Shield for the first time.

The Connaught Shield was presented by His Late Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught for annual competition by stretcher-bearers of all Regiments and Corps serving in Aldershot Command. The competition took place each year from 1899 to 1913 and again from 1919 to 1939. During the Second World War the Shield was kept at the Depot, Royal Army Medical Corps, and in 1950 was handed over to the Director of Infantry, when annual competitions were started in B.A.O.R.

The team from each unit consisted of a non-participating team captain who could be a sergeant or a corporal, and eight lance-corporals or privates. The competition itself is divided into three separate parts under different judges;

an oral test followed by practical first aid, each lasting twenty minutes, culminating in a field test with a time limit of thirty minutes. Points are deducted for over-running this limit. The field test is a casualty sweep under battle conditions; the locating of one lying and one walking wounded casualty, first aid and evacuation over obstacles under fire. Each unit time is split into two teams of four men for the test, both teams completing a casualty sweep.

The first two days of the competition were spent in the preliminary rounds from which the first three teams with the highest marks go forward to the final on the third day.

At the end of the preliminary rounds 1 Queen's were in the lead with 716 points, followed by 1 Seaforths with 712, and 2 Canadian Guards bringing up the rear with 704 points. These teams were more than 100 points ahead of all other competitors.

The final morning of the competition was a period of great strain for teams and supporters, for no scores were announced until the Corps Commander presented the Shield to the winners.

No details of the oral or practical tests are ever published and they take place behind closed doors, but spectators are able to watch the field tests from beginning to end. The task of the judges must have been a severe test of objective impartiality, for to the layman there was little to choose between the three finalists, who set a very high standard of fieldcraft, movement over obstacles, skill, practical knowledge of first aid, and physical fitness.

At last, in a tense atmosphere, the Corps Commander came into the taped enclosure where the three teams of the finalists awaited the result.

In a few words General Sir Michael West stressed the vital part that stretcher-bearers play in maintaining the morale of units in battle and the great importance of a high standard of unit first aid. He then announced the



The Connaught Shield Team

1 Queen's had won the Shield with a margin of 21 points, 1 Seaforths were second and 2 Canadian Guards third.

He commented on the improvement shown by 1 Queen's who in the previous year's competition had been placed at the foot of the list.

In this achievement by 1 Queen's a large proportion of the credit for the team's success must go to their Regimental Medical Officer, Capt. Clinton-Jones, R.A.M.C., who was responsible for their training, but this does not detract from the skill and enthusiasm shown by the team consisting of: Team Leader, Cpl. Cox (not participating); Team No. 1, Ptes. Knapp, Harman, Bullett and Turner; Team No. 2, L./Cpl. Sopp, Ptes. Morris, Payne and Wright; Reserve, Pte. Jackson.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S B.F.N. BROADCAST ON THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE, 1959

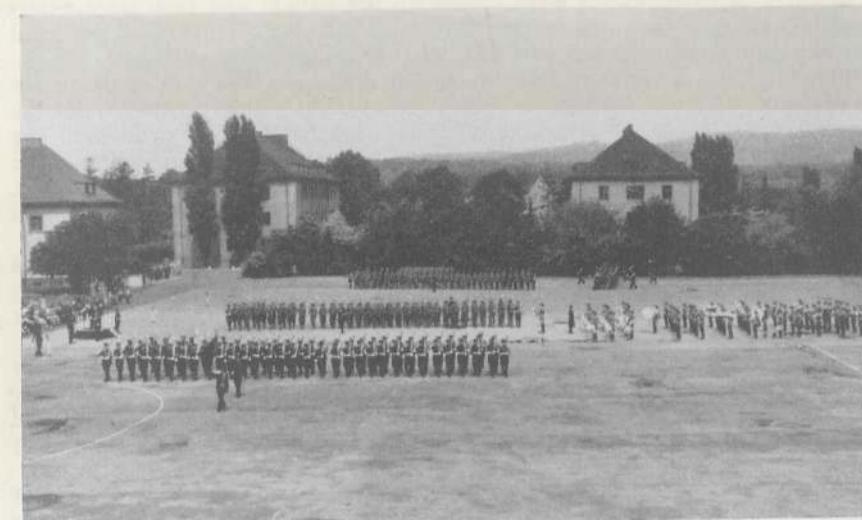
At the beginning of this year I spoke one Sunday morning about the Naval action of The Glorious First of June in which the Regiment took part as Marines in 1794.

A total of 12 officers and 442 men of The Queen's were aboard five ships of Admiral Lord Howe's Fleet, which won such a magnificent victory over the French off the west coast of France.

All that happened 165 years ago. One hundred thirty-three years earlier The Queen's Royal Regiment was formed in 1661. The Regiment paraded for the first time on 14th October of that year.

14th October is a significant date for on the same day this year—298 years later—The Queen's are going to amalgamate with the East Surrey Regiment. The long history of the Regiment will, of course, continue after amalgamation.

So this year is a very special one in all that the Regiment is doing and the Celebration of the Victory of the Glorious First of June has obviously taken an important place in the activities of the 1st Battalion in Iserlohn. We are due to leave Germany in the early autumn and so we have also used the



Marching Past the Colonel of the Regiment



An incident from the successful Show
"Jack's All Right"

We were fortunate in having lovely weather for the parade, though there was a cloudburst two hours later. The salute was taken by General Whitfield, the Colonel of the Regiment. General Hopkinson—the Commander of 4 Division—was also present.

About a hundred guests were invited to the parade and they were entertained afterwards to lunch in the Officers' Mess. We also invited the local German population and we were very glad to see so many of them.

Thursday was a comparatively quiet day and a very successful dance for all ranks of the Battalion was held that evening. One of the high-lights of the evening was a barbecue at which a pig was roasted over an open fire. The next day the officers entertained over two hundred guests. Among those present were Admiral and Mrs. Townsend, who had come from Kiel, Capt. and Mrs. Martel and four other Naval officers from H.M.S. *Excellent* at Portsmouth and General and Mrs. Richardson from Rheindalen.

At 8.15 that evening, after a cocktail party, the Battalion put on a concert in the gymnasium to which all our guests were invited and after a short interlude for supper we finished the evening with a floodlit tattoo and firework display. Again the weather was perfect.

After a reasonably leisurely start to the day, we had a fair on Saturday morning before the men's special lunch at which all officers and senior N.C.O.s. of the Regiment served the food. The cooks of the Battalion had prepared a splendid meal of turkey and the P.R.I. provided sufficient beer to induce sleep for the afternoon.

That evening the warrant officers and sergeants invited all the guests of the Battalion to a most successful ball in the gymnasium, which had been quite magnificently decorated for the occasion. I have never seen such wonder-

occasion to say farewell to the many friends we have made in Rhine Army. The 1st Battalion was in Germany at the end of the war and stayed here until the end of 1953. For three of those years we were in Iserlohn and, after three years in Malaya, we returned to the same town in April, 1957. I would therefore like to say a special word of thanks to the people of Iserlohn, where this Battalion has spent the best part of six years since the war.

We had to celebrate The Glorious First of June rather earlier than usual this year, so that our arrangements would not clash with those being made by the Regiment in England. Some of the officers and men of the Battalion are now at Guildford for the celebrations at our Regimental Depot.

We started off the six days by Trooping the Regimental Colour on the morning of Wednesday, 20th May. This colour was presented to the Battalion in 1947, when we laid up our previous one after it had been carried in the Battalion for exactly 100 years.



The Finale of the Tattoo

ful arrangement and the Pipers of the Greys were an additional attraction.

On Sunday we held a Drumhead Service in the evening and after this the Colonel of the Regimental presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to W.O.II Harwood, of the Battalion pay team, to S./Sgt. Watcham, the cook sergeant, to C./Sgt. Watson and to Pte. Lawless of the Battalion.

On Monday evening there was a tombola and a draw for the men and a large number of prizes were given away. The officers held a small dance at which some of our Naval guests from England were present as well as other friends from the Garrison.

Altogether they have been a memorable six days and we were particularly glad to welcome so many guests not only from Rhine Army but also the Naval officers from Portsmouth, the officers and other ranks who came from



Pte. Lawless receives his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal



The Bookmaker's Stand of Honest John Hayes at the Fair

our Territorial Battalions and the Depot and especially two Chelsea Pensioners—fine old members of the Regiment, whose capacity for fun did not seem to have diminished over the years.

I think everyone has enjoyed our last Glorious First of June. It has been hard work; there have been a few worries and anxieties, but nevertheless, it has been a lot of fun and all well worth it.

It has also strengthened our ties with the Royal Navy and with H.M.S. *Excellent*—The Royal Naval Gunnery School at Portsmouth. This ship has inherited the traditions but not the name of H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*, which was Lord Howe's flagship in the battle of 1794. Officers and men of The Queen's fought and died aboard that ship. We salute their memory.

EXERCISE "ZWAAN SONG"

It was an ambitious exercise, but the last one in which the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment will ever take part, and thus, if there was about it a touch of originality and a flavour of the unexpected the main object was achieved. As a final exercise it was at least memorable.

In February we wrote to Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E., of 23 Liaison Mission in the Headquarters of the 1st (Netherlands) Corps at Apeldoorn. It was an exploratory letter to test reactions and discover ways and means. The reaction was entirely favourable. The Netherlands Corps Commander approved the idea, the Chief of the General Staff at the Hague gave it his blessing, and all we had to do was make a formal application through what are described as normal channels, asking Army Headquarters at Moencheng-Gladbach to make a dignified approach to the Netherlands Minister of Defence.

In March we wrote out a plan for the exercise asking for approval at the

highest levels. We posted it with much the same apprehension as the customer in an old-fashioned draper's shop who sees his pound note carried away in a little cylinder. He watches it propelled along wires motivated by elastic bands on its long journey round corners and through departments and he wonders if he will ever receive his change.

Our change, the formal authority to hold the exercise, arrived on Saturday, 18th July—the exercise started on Monday, 20th July.

The first meeting with Netherlands officers was held in Apeldoorn on 11th May. Here the outline plan was agreed, much detail was recorded on paper for the benefit of Netherlands civil authorities and another meeting arranged for 13th May. At this second meeting we met for the first time Colonel Boerma, Second-in-Command of 41 Combat Group, from Ermelo, the Netherlands Brigade which was to oppose us in the field.

It is as well to record now the extraordinary kindness, hospitality, co-operation and enthusiasm shown towards us by every Netherlands officer, N.C.O. and man with whom we came in contact from the first planning stages until the end of the exercise. No international exercise can ever have been planned in a more harmonious atmosphere chiefly due to the influence of Colonel Boerma, everywhere the hand of welcome was extended, and though we must often have caused a lot of extra work, thought and travel, we were always given the impression that nothing was too much trouble.

Our own heavy training commitments and those of the Netherlands Forces made it impossible to hold our final co-ordinating conference and reconnaissance of the training areas until 7th and 8th July, but as the Netherlands officers had arranged for everyone concerned in the exercise to be present at the meeting on 8th July, all problems were rapidly resolved in the usual friendly atmosphere over cups of excellent coffee.

The plan for the exercise was straight forward. 1 Queen's Battalion Group, to be known as Queensforce, was represented in the narrative as being a fanatical body of men from the island of Let Op, off the North coast of Holland, jealous of the progress made by the Netherlands Forces in all aspects of nuclear power. The raising of the first Netherlands Honest John Battalion was the spark which set the venerable Archbishop Doorgaand Verkeer off on a tour of Let Op preaching pacifism and the destruction of the missile launching basis in Holland.

Queensforce consisted of a Force Headquarters and four mobile columns supported by two light aircraft of 9 Recce Flight. It was in fact a mixed force of all arms, some of them to be employed in unfamiliar roles.

Force Headquarters contained the normal Battalion tactical and main Headquarters and "A" Echelon but was made larger by the addition of vehicles of 5 Infantry Brigade Group Signal Squadron, led by the Squadron Second-in-Command Capt. Butler, whose communications, stretched over a front of forty miles, never failed.

No. 1 Column, consisting of "A" Company, was commanded by Capt. Donaldson, and Major Beattie and "B" Company formed No. 2 Column. "C" Squadron of the Royal Scots Greys and a troop of 5 Field Squadron, R.E., made up No. 3 Column, under command of Major Cuming of the Greys, and Lieut.-Colonel Streatfeild led his own 70 Field Battery, with three guns, as No. 4 Column.

Attached to the force and distributed amongst its column was the Recce Troop of the Greys and Capts. Freeman Smith and Stephen Gurney of 9 Recce Flight supported us in the air.

The move of all columns from Germany began early on Monday 20th July,

leaving from Iserlohn, Menden, Dortmund, Munster and Detmold. From Menden came four of the team of umpires provided by 58 Medium Regiment, R.A., upon whom the success of the exercise largely depended. The other two umpires came from 70 Field Battery and thus this purely infantry exercise was umpired with great skill, tact and success by representatives of the Royal Regiment.

The Force encountered no difficulties at the frontier crossing point at Coevorden when everything was done by the Netherlands Military Police to speed the formalities. The leading columns were asked for the one document they had not thought of—the movement order, but the Adjutant, Capt. Reynolds, had not forgotten the file. By 1630 hours all troops were established in the wooded area near Steenwijk, north of Meppel, from whence the exercise was to begin.

The Force Commander, Lieut.-Colonel Lloyd Owen, gave out his orders at 1800 hours, assigning to each column an area in which to hide and from which patrols would first locate the enemy Honest John launching sites, and then destroy them. Columns were ordered to move to their hides as soon as darkness made movement on open roads possible—one hide, for No. 4 Column, was over seventy miles away and none were closer than thirty-five. Having established themselves in their hides, the Columns were to spend Tuesday in locating the enemy positions, attack them on Tuesday night, lie up on Wednesday and on Wednesday night move to a rendezvous in an area south of Amersfoort where the force would collect itself before moving to the imaginary port of Hilversum to re-embark for the island of Let Op. The exercise was planned to end on Thursday morning.

While in the Steenwijk harbour area we were joined by Colonel Boerma, of 41 Combat Group, Major Max Havelaar, his S.3, or brigade major, and Capts. Boswijk, Van Hernen, Roosmalen and Lieut. Pruijboom, these four officers being the Netherlands umpires working with each of the British Columns. Major Havelaar, as Chief Netherlands Umpire, remained with Force Headquarters where he was a tower of strength, besides being a most charming person, and was instrumental in restoring with tact what might have been an awkward situation on the morning of Tuesday, 21st July.

The press arrived in strength and after a short conference toured the area; the Mayor of the local village made us welcome and at 1900 hours the exercise began with our aircraft making a dusk reconnaissance.

During the early part of the night the Columns moved to their hides and Force Headquarters set off towards a small training area just south of Elspeet and north of the Royal property belonging to Princess Wilhelmina.

It had been put to us politely but firmly that the Royal property was very much out of bounds and in no circumstances were we to enter it. It was therefore unfortunate that the first pale light in the eastern sky revealed Saracens, the Force Commander's caravan, the Officers' Mess and all the variety of Headquarter vehicles, tidily camouflaged and in some cases parked right under the little green notices informing nature lovers that the ground they occupied was royal. Major Havelaar rose wonderfully to the occasion, and in some miraculous way arranged with some kind personage of the Palace in Apeldoorn for us to remain where we were. The Commander of the 4th Netherlands Division, who came to lunch that day, remarked that in lunching with The Queen's he had been able to do something he had not believed possible, that is, to picnic with British troops on Royal property.

All the Columns succeeded in locating the enemy sites and several minor clashes took place involving a friendly exchange of prisoners. During Tuesday

night the enemy positions were successfully attacked and both sides withdrew. The Netherlands battalion now returned to its barracks at Ermelo, for the next phase of the exercise in the Amersfoort area was to be fought against another Netherlands battalion of 41 Combat Group, supported by a company of tanks.

The first two days had been extremely tiring and everyone welcomed the opportunity to rest on Wednesday, but on Wednesday afternoon No. 4 Column, under Lieut.-Colonel Streatfeild, moved down to secure the rendezvous on the high ground south of Amersfoort. This area was found to be strongly held by the enemy who withdrew only after a three-pronged attack had made their positions untenable.

The Dutch press were much in evidence during this attack in the fading light and indeed they were able to witness scenes of great gallantry. Below the mound whereon stood the Commander of 4 Netherlands Division, Colonel Boerma and the Force Commander, moved a lone figure, crawling from vantage point to vantage point, his pistol bearing upon the enemy company to his front. This seasoned infantryman turned out to be a trooper in the Greys launching an attack single-handed.

During the night the British columns collected on the high ground but at 0400 hours a determined Netherlands counter-attack supported by tanks drove them off the position. Gathering themselves together they made for the port of Hilversum and the exercise came to an end.

The Netherlands authorities had with characteristic kindness placed a barracks in Amsterdam at our disposal so that men were able to bathe and see a little of the great city before returning to Germany on 24th July.

What does one chiefly remember from this exercise? Perfect weather and a feeling of welcome where ever we went. It was a great success and apparently everyone enjoyed it. From the military point of view it was a great test of communications, and in many ways demanded a high standard of efficiency. Everyone learned something and it had the advantage of being different. It took place in strange country over long distances (for example, from Steenwijk to Hilversum is over one hundred miles), and we were up against a live enemy who was not controlled.

Socially it was delightful. We made many friends amongst the "enemy," and the Netherlands officers who umpired the columns did their job extremely well. There was never any shortage of visitors at Force Headquarters and the press was very kind to us—so kind in fact that everyone in Amsterdam seemed to know about the exercise and showed great hospitality.

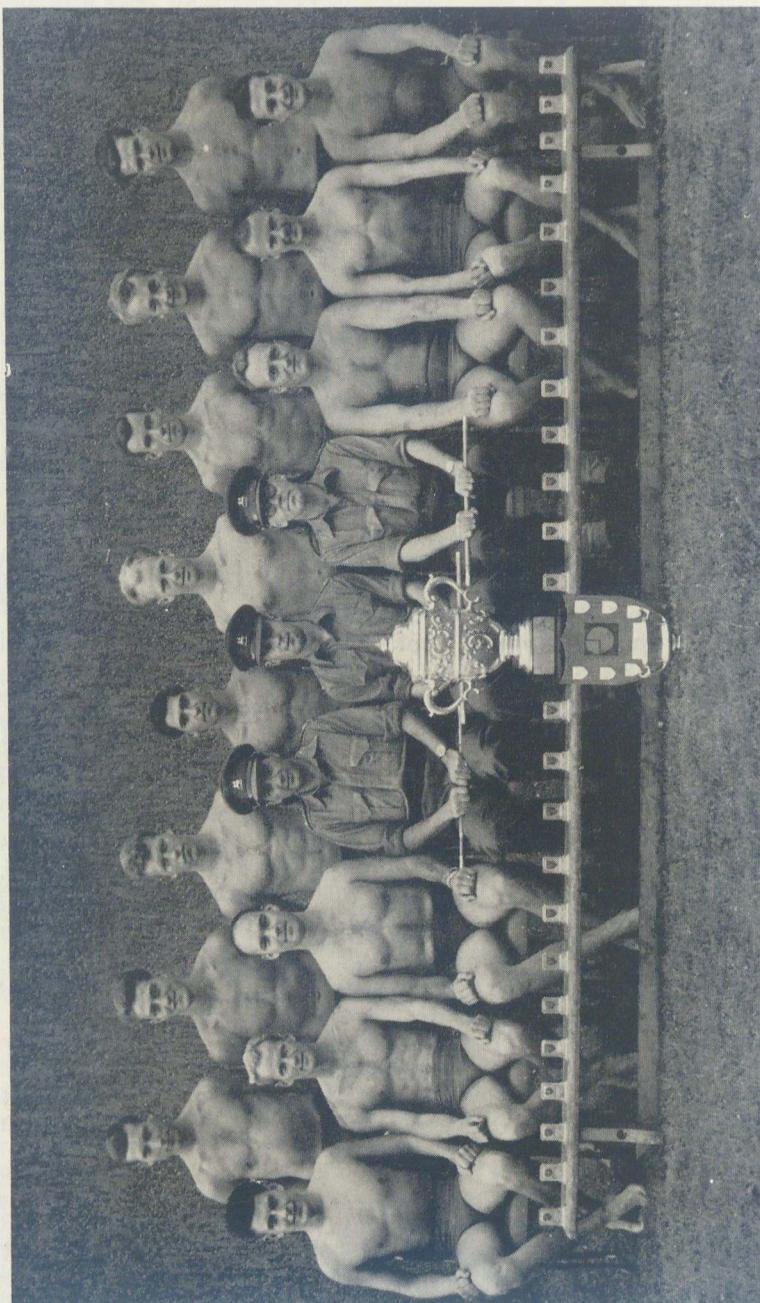
Having so much enjoyed what was really a great and valuable experience it is sad that we will never be able to repeat it.

ARMY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1959

On 28th July at Sennelager, amidst scenes of wild excitement the 1st Battalion team won the B.A.O.R. Inter-Unit Championships, beating the 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment by 48 points to 46.

These bare facts cover an interesting period of training, during which the team have striven manfully to make themselves into a balanced side and have succeeded, as the result shows, so well.

As last year, it was clear from early on in the season, that in B.A.O.R. the Norfolks would be our rivals for honours. Readers may well remember that last year we were beaten by narrow margins by this Regiment until the B.A.O.R. finals, when we in fact beat them, only to have victory snatched



1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, British Army and B.A.O.R. Swimming Champions, 1959
 Front Row (left to right).—Pte. B. Smith, L-Cpl. D. Smith, C.S.M.I. R. E. Mobbs, Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., 2-Lieut. M. A. Prentice, Major I. D. Beattie, Sgt. E. Lockwood, Cpl. R. Freeth, L-Cpl. J. Poultier.
 Back Row (left to right).—Ptes. D. Waring, P. Cable, B. Ellis, B. Evans, L/Cpl. E. Bell, J. Hearn, Ptes. A. Thompson, D. Wills

from our grasp by a technical disqualification in one race.

The 5 Infantry Brigade Group meeting was held at Dortmund on 11th July, in very good conditions and our worst fears were realized when we saw 2/Lieut. Moore in action for the first time. Swimming in the free-style relay and 200-metre event he was so immeasurably faster than anyone else that it was clear that something would have to be done. Pte. Smith, who should have swum last leg in the relay, had been delayed returning from leave and Pte. Wills had to swim two 50-metre events—the second against 2/Lieut. Moore. We lost, honourably, by the odd event.

The 4 Division Championship was held at Sennelager on Thursday, 23rd July, and this was virtually a repetition of the 5 Brigade meeting with no one able to split the two 5 Brigade teams on points. Finally the Norfolks won by a narrow margin, due again very largely to some magnificent swimming by 2/Lieut. Moore.

The Rhine Army Finals opened badly for us. To our horror an enormous guardsman from the 1st Bn. The Scots Guards got his shaven head in front and we were split from the Norfolks by 4 points in the free-style relay 2 x 100, 2 x 200. However, the breast-stroke team (two of whom, Cpl. Freeth and L/Cpl. Bell, had qualified for the Inter-Service team) did splendidly and won well, the Glosters splitting the Norfolks from us for second place (20 points each).

The next event the back-stroke is swum in two finals, the aggregate placings counting towards points and in this we scraped home by a whistler, but were put into second place in the free-style relay. (Points Norfolks, 37; Queen's, 36.)

Now everything hung on the medley relay and at the turn the Regiment was slightly leading. Cpl. Freeth increased the lead slightly and then pulled well away and with Pte. Wills swimming a really good free-style 50-metres it was all ours.

The Norfolks were most gallant losers and it was a splendid thing to have both winners and runners-up in 5 Brigade Group, both Regiments competing in their last swimming season before amalgamation.

It will also delight the hearts of all infantrymen to know that the next three in order in the Championships were—1st Bn. The Scots Guards, 1st Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment—a most satisfactory all-infantry finish!

The Army Inter-Unit Team Championship was held at Eltham Baths on Thursday, 13th August, with The Queen's representing B.A.O.R. against the finalists of the Command's at home.

The team were supported by a vociferous crowd of Queen's well-wishers including the Colonel of the Regiment and the Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., and members of The Surreys from the joint Depot at Canterbury.

It soon became apparent that the R.A.M.C. Depot at Crookham were to be our chief rivals as they had a strong team including one member of the British team in the last Olympics.

The first race, the free-style relay, was won by the R.A.M.C. with The Queen's coming third. This was followed by the breast-stroke relay which The Queen's won five seconds outside the Army record time, and the R.A.M.C. came third. We were then lying equal first, and as three of the other teams had been disqualified in the breast-stroke they were out of the running except for the S.M.E. Chatham. The back-stroke relay was won by the R.A.M.C., The Queen's and Guards Training Battalion tying for second place.

The Queen's supporters' spirits sank after the 4 x 66½-yards free-style relay won by the Royal Signals Catterick, in which the R.A.M.C. came second and The Queen's could do no better than fourth.

The tension mounted for the medley relay, the last race. Already our supporters were crimson in the face and hoarse voiced; the only imperturbable person being a large toy elephant in a pink bathing costume, which sat out, each race at the end of The Queen's lane! Of the last race all that can be clearly remembered was that S.M.E. won it. The Queen's came second and the R.A.M.C. were disqualified.

The Queen's had won the Unit Championship. Moreover for the first time since it was organized on a unit basis in 1951 it had been won by an Infantry battalion and not a Corps team.

Final team points were: 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 40½; Depot and Training Establishment R.A.M.C., Crookham, 36; 12 S.M.E. Regiment, Chatham, 26; Guards Training Battalion, Pirbright, 22½; 9 Battalion R.A.O.C. Donnington, 20; 4 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, Catterick, 9.

The Team were: 2/Lieut. M. A. Prentice, team captain; Cpl. R. Freeth; L./Cpls. D. Smith, J. Ahearn and E. Bell; Ptes. D. Waring, D. Wills, B. Ellis, P. Cable, B. Evans, B. Smith and A. Thompson. Reserves: C.S.M.I. R. Mobbs, Sgt. E. Lockwood and L./Cpl. J. Poulter.

REGIMENTAL DEPOT

SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL the Depot at Stoughton Barracks has been slowly running down like a large clockwork mechanism. However, like the best clocks, unwinding itself it has kept good time to the last, and we hope that it was not too obvious to visitors that this marked the end of a period beginning in 1876. In that year the 1st Battalion sent two companies, plus two Depot companies, under command of Major H. P. Phillipps, to Guildford where they formed the 48th Brigade Depot at Stoughton Barracks. In 1881 the Brigade Depots were abolished and Guildford became the Regimental Depot, which goes to prove that Brigade Depots being formed are no innovation!

In December we had the annual Administrative Inspection, which was carried out by Brigadier D. R. Wilson, O.B.E., Commanding 47 Infantry Brigade (T.A.). This took place shortly before Christmas and we did our best to blind the inspecting team with brandy sauce and plum pudding at lunch-time.

The Christmas festivities were enjoyed by everyone and the pantomime "Alf's Button" was a memorable production in which Major Mans, as the harem-bound pasha, was in excellent voice, and Capt. Johnson a realistically decrepit old man. The parts of the two very villainous assassins were played by Majors "Buzz" Waspe and P. G. Smith. A great deal of talent of all sorts was displayed!

The winter season was used to good effect in interesting parties of schoolboys and cadets in the Army as a career. We had a number of cadets' and schoolboys' week-ends at the Depot and a display team, under Lieut. Sharpe, toured all the affiliated C.C.F. and A.C.F. units of The Queen's and The East Surreys. We also had the pleasure of accommodating fifty cadets and their officers of Whitgift School from 1st to 8th of April, while they did their Easter training.

The passing-out parades have been taken by The Mayor of Guildford, Councillor C. E. Nicklin; the Brigade Colonel, Home Counties Brigade, Colonel H. R. Grace, O.B.E.; and the final parade of the 58th Intake by The Colonel of The Regiment on 21st February (the first draft left the Depot on 15th April, 1879).

On 6th April, Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., handed over command of the Depot to Major P. G. Collyer, and Capt. G. C. Sharpe became Adjutant.

In May we had the pleasure of accommodating a troop of the 1st Royal Dragoons, raised originally as the Tangier Regiment of Horse.

The Depot sent a party of Major Waspe, R.S.M. Atkins, Cpl. Tyler and "Chuck" Sheffield, accompanied by two of our Chelsea Pensioners, to B.A.O.R. to join the 1st Battalion for its celebrations of the Glorious First of June. They were wonderfully entertained and returned bemused from it all.

The Depot ceased its primary function of training recruits in February and its other functions on 30th June. Rear details will remain at Guildford, finally closing down towards the end of 1959.

The Regimental Flag will fly on the Keep until Amalgamation Day.

SPORTS

Our games activities suffered from our dwindling numbers, and after the last intake had passed out in February it became increasingly difficult to find teams.

In the West Surrey Mid-week Football League we finished fifth, having won 14 games out of 22, with one drawn. Mention must be made here of L./Cpl. Sears, the team captain and Ptes. Smith and Sayers, who played throughout the season. As usual Mr. R. J. Clark, of the Orderly Room staff, was a tower of strength as team manager and coach and all Depot footballers owe him a debt of gratitude for his interest and encouragement over many years.

In the hockey field the Depot began in fine form but steadily lost its team members. We had some excellent games particularly against Depot, The Queen's Own and Royal Sussex. Sgt. Wright played in goal for us, and must surely have been the only hockey player in the Army with a bar to his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. The forwards attacking strength chiefly lay in Pte. Petzing (now 2/Lieutenant with the 1st Battalion).

Five cricket matches were played of which three were won and two lost. This is, of course, separate from the Regimental cricket which is mentioned on another page. The Depot team benefited greatly from the inclusion of Pte. W. Smith, who has again this year been chosen to play for Eastern Command and Surrey second eleven. Other regular players were Capt. G. C. Sharpe, who led the team, Sgt. B. Dunkeld, L./Cpl. J. Sears and Pte. K. Woodford.

By the time shooting competitions were being held the Depot strength was such that it was only possible to enter individuals. Major P. G. Collyer and Capt. G. C. Sharpe entered for the Surrey Rifle Championship. Capt. Sharpe won the Kingston Cup and Major Collyer came third in the Individual Championship. They then entered for the Army Championship at Bisley, which was shot in fierce heat occasionally broken by torrential cloud-bursts. Major Collyer having to do the run down from 600 to 100 yards in one of them with a distinct bow wave, and leaving a wake behind him! Nevertheless he had a very successful meeting coming thirty-fourth in the Army Championship, shooting for the English Regiments' Eight in the Methuen, the Army Twenty against the T.A., and was awarded his Army Eight badge in the

United Services Cup. He also came sixteenth in the Service Rifle Championship at the National meeting.

★ ★ ★

2/Lieut. K. G. Wakely was awarded the following prizes on commissioning at R.M.A. Sandhurst on 25th July, 1959: the Queen's Medal for Academic Studies and the Russian Prize.

★ ★ ★

Sgt. L. Wright, serving at the Depot, has been awarded the bar to his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE AT GUILDFORD

IT was the turn of the Regiment this year to be hosts for the joint celebrations of The Glorious First of June. It was also the last occasion on which the Regiment could entertain H.M.S. *Excellent* at our Regimental home and Depot at Stoughton Barracks. Efforts were made therefore to make the celebrations as fully representative of the Regiment as was possible, although as in so many years since the war the 1st Battalion was abroad.

The Depot itself had largely run down to a token strength and was about to close. Our manpower was small and our resources consequently slender. Nevertheless, through the splendid efforts of Major Collyer and the remaining staff of the Depot, who met every call with enthusiasm and ingenuity, the two days of 29th and 30th May were an outstanding success, and a fitting climax to our eighty years' life in Stoughton Barracks.

THE CRICKET

At midday on 29th May, the Regimental cricket team, led by Capt. G. C. Sharpe, took the field amidst bright sunshine. Within twenty minutes the Navy were in troubled water—three wickets taken for only eight runs. However a fine partnership of 135 between Commander Howell-Davies (57) and Lieut.-Commander Hames (64), restored the situation and enabled H.M.S. *Excellent* to reach the very respectable total of 190 for 9 wickets declared.

Lieut.-Commander Tordoff's team then took swift vengeance on the Regiment's batsmen until fine innings from Major Sewell (33), 2/Lieut. Petzing (35) and a robust 64 from Capt. Sharpe took the first innings total to within five runs of that of H.M.S. *Excellent*.

In their second innings H.M.S. *Excellent* scored quickly and punished the Regiment's bowlers to the tune of 146 for 4 wickets, at which total they declared. Lieut. Goodman made 59 and Lieut.-Commander Varley 50.

Thus the Regiment were set to score 152 in quick time. Nevertheless the declaration was a generous one and the bowling of H.M.S. *Excellent* was never defensive to say the least. In an exciting finish The Queen's Royal Regiment scored the necessary runs with only five minutes to spare largely thanks to fine forcing innings by 2/Lieut. Petzing (62) and Pte. Smith (61).

Best bowling figures were returned by Capt. Napier-Ford (2 for 32 and 3 for 15) and Pte. Smith (2 for 18) for The Queen's Royal Regiment. For H.M.S. *Excellent*, Lieut. Bagguley took 6 for 72 and 2 for 65 and Lieut.-Commander Varley 2 for 4.

It was a pleasure to have Commander Wally Hammond with us although, perhaps to our advantage, he was not fit enough to play.

We were blessed with perfect weather throughout this memorable and most enjoyable match. Full scores appear under the heading of "Regimental Cricket" on another page.

On the second day there was a very large gathering of past and present officers, their families and friends, all of whom enjoyed not only the cricket but also the Band playing its lively selections.

THE OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess had already closed, and the problem of where to hold the dinner was solved by using the splendid new other ranks' dining hall. The wall at each end were transformed by striking murals, brilliantly executed under extremely difficult conditions, by Mrs. Peter Collyer and her aides, Ptes. Allen and Hook. The scenes depicted were the Naval Actions of 29th May and First of June, 1794. These murals are to be preserved. Skilful use of draperies and lighting provided the rest of the decoration. Under the experienced and meticulous direction of R.S.M. Atkins, the tables were arranged to seat the maximum number without discomfort. Silver from the 2nd, and 3rd Battalions and the Depot was set out in the traditional manner for a Regimental guest night. Finally the Colours of the 1st, 5th and 6th Battalions were displayed behind the centre table, adding to the dignity of the occasion. It is worthy of note that no one present could recall any previous occasion on which the Colours of the three Battalions had been displayed at the same time in an Officers' Mess of the Regiment.

All available serving officers in the United Kingdom had assembled for the occasion, together with representatives of the two Territorial Battalions. All three Commanding Officers, Lieut.-Colonels Lloyd Owen, Harris and Nice were present. Many former Regular commanding officers had also managed to come, and these included General Sir George Giffard, Major-General I. T. P. Hughes and Major-General G. A. Pilleau. In addition to Capt. H. C. Martel and some thirty serving officers of H.M.S. *Excellent* we had as our guests five former captains of H.M.S. *Excellent*, Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carllill, Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Elkins, Rear-Admiral P. V. McLoughlin and Captain R. Casement. Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, Colonel, The East Surrey Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel G. A. White (O.C. 1 Surreys, and C.O. Designate of 1 Queen's Surreys) and other officers of The East Surrey Regiment were also honoured guests, as were Lieut.-General I. H. Riches, Commandant General Royal Marines, and his distinguished predecessor, General Sir Campbell Hardy. Finally we were fortunate enough to have with us Capt. F. Lang, R.A.A.M.C., from our affiliated Australian Regiment, The City of Newcastle Regiment.

In proposing the Toast of H.M.S. *Excellent* the Colonel of The Regiment traced the origin of our link with the sailors and the sea, dating from the action of The Glorious First of June in 1794, and expressed our deep and abiding sense of kinship which the Regiment felt with the successor of H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*. In referring to our other guests he spoke of our pleasure at having with us Brigadier Roupell and other officers of The East Surrey Regiment, and with them the two distinguished representatives of The Royal Marines. Finally the Colonel of The Regiment once again reminded everyone that the great traditions of The Glorious First of June would be carried forward to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, adding that we were about to

embark on a new era in which we could face the challenge of the future with confidence, in the light of our great heritage.

In his response, Captain Martel referred to the common experience which both Regiments had had as Marines, and added that he thought it was a wonderful opportunity for them to carry forward the traditions which were good, and to discard those which no longer had any real value.

After dinner the Band of the 1st Battalion concluded a splendid programme by playing all the appropriate Regimental marches. Senior officers with our senior guests then visited the Sergeants' Mess.

WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS' MESS AND CORPORALS' MESS

The Sergeants' Mess celebrated the occasion with a dance, at which they entertained the petty officers of H.M.S. *Excellent*. Coloured lights throwing a subdued glow over cartoons depicting the common interests of sailors and soldiers, and imaginative decorations transformed the Mess into a romantic "Beer Garden."

Meanwhile the Corporals' Mess was entertaining the ratings of H.M.S. *Excellent* and visiting members of the 1st Battalion on an expedition to the "Crazy Gang" in particular, and London in general.



[W. Dennett, Guildford]

One of the Murals in the Other Ranks' Dining Hall at Guildford, painted by Mrs. P. G. Collyer, wife of the Commanding Officer

DEPOT THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT AND THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT

With the closing down of the Depot at Stoughton and of the Depot, The East Surrey Regiment both combined to form the Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, with effect from 1st July, 1959. Prior to this, however, the Quartermaster and the Advance Party had put in much hard work opening up and getting ready to receive the main body which arrived on 3rd July, 1959.

The Commanding Officer reported formation of the Depot to the Colonels of both Regiments, and received replies from them.

Since formation, work has gone on all over the barracks cleaning, weeding and generally smartening up the place, which has been unoccupied for four years. At the time of writing it is beginning to look presentable and ready to receive the first intake on 6th August, 1959.

The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes have been busy unpacking silver and other property and getting their Messes organized. The men's mess and cookhouse are in fine shape.

On 19th July, 1959, The Commanding Officer, Capt. R. B. Johnson, Lieut. S. T. W. Anderson, R.S.M. H. Atkins and L/Cpl. J. Allen attended the Dedication of the Regimental Chapel in Guildford New Cathedral.

The first intake of seventy-four O.Rs. arrives on 6th August, 1959, and will be the first draft destined for the new Amalgamated Regiment.

The senior ranks on the Permanent Staff on formation were:—

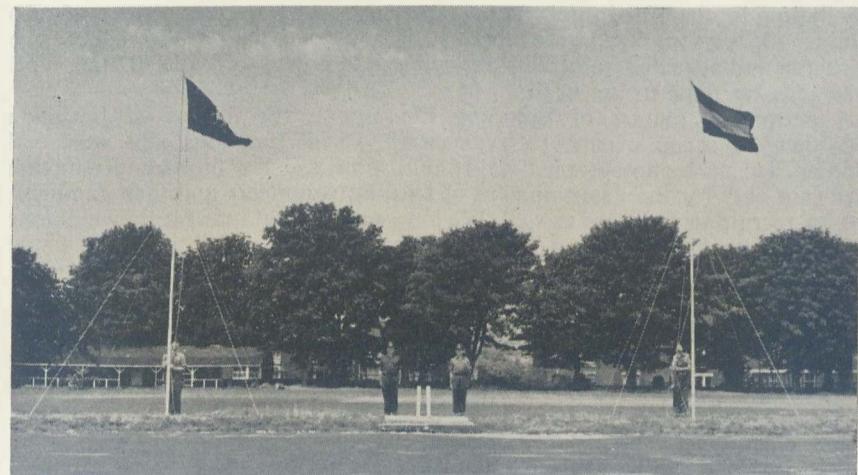
Commanding Officer: Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., Queen's.

Adjutant: Capt. G. Mason, Surreys.

Quartermaster: Major (Qr.-Mr.) H. R. Gill, Queen's.

Training Company Commander: Capt. R. B. Johnson, Queen's.

Training Officer: Lieut. K. R. Burnett, Surreys.



The two Regimental Flags being raised on the formation of the New Depot
at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury

Left to Right: Sgt. Brownjohn (Queen's), Capt. G. Mason (Surreys), R.S.M. H. Atkins (Queen's),
Sgt. Gray (Surreys)

Training Officer: Lieut. S. T. W. Anderson, Queen's.
 Administrative Officer: Major C. F. Cole, M.B.E. (Retd.), late Queen's.
 R.S.M.: W.O.I H. Atkins, Queen's.
 Training Company C.S.M.: W.O.II M. Battrick, Surreys.
 O.R.Q.M.S.: C./Sgt. Cripps, Surreys.
 Provost Sergeant: Sgt. Wright, Queen's.
 C.Q.M.S.: C./Sgt. Todd, Queen's.
 Orderly Sergeant: Sgt. Gray, Surreys.
 Training Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Brownjohn, Queen's.
 Training Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Riley, Queen's.
 Training Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Terry, Surreys.
 Officers' Mess Sergeant: Sgt. Morant, Queen's.

ATTACHED

Armourer-Sergeant: Sgt. Reynolds, R.E.M.E.
 Pay Sergeant: Sgt. Weir, R.A.P.C.
 S.S.I.: S./Sgt. Rozee, A.P.T.C.
 Cook Sergeant: Sgt. Hoar, A.C.C.

5th BATTALION

1959—the Centenary Year of the Battalion—has been notable for much additional activity in recruiting and social events.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL there has been a net increase of thirty recruits with a further seventeen cases pending. These results were achieved after intensive Company recruiting weeks at the beginning of the year, when many and varied means were used to interest the local population in the Territorial Army. On one occasion the services of two leading TV personalities were obtained. They gave their performance free of charge and attracted an almost unmanageable crowd to the Drill Hall. This is an idea we hope to use again.

A permanent feature of Battalion life now is the filming of Battalion activities. All main events, such as camp, social functions and week-end training, etc., are photographed in 16-mm. film and the finished production used (not only for the entertainment of existing volunteers and their families), but for recruiting purposes as well. We have found great interest shown among likely recruits when they can view Battalion activities which normally would not be seen by outsiders.

BRIGADE FIRST AID COMPETITION

5 Queen's won this competition of 15th March, 1959, with a clear lead of ten per cent. over the next contestants. Unfortunately we did not do so well in the Divisional Competition.

BOXING

A boxing success was obtained by Pte. C. N. Blanch (H.Q. Company) who won his welter-weight bouts in the T.A. Individual Championships on 4th April.

The Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 1st Battalion

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

QUEEN'S COLOUR.



The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

REGIMENTAL COLOUR.



DIVISIONAL COOKERY COMPETITION

A Battalion team (led by Sgt. W. H. Burnham) won the Divisional Cookery Competition on 12th April, 1959, and this same team has been selected for the Command Competition to be held in September this year.

BRIGADE P.S.I.s. COMPETITION

The Battalion won the above with a total of 762 points out of 1,000. The next highest team scored 710 points.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION

A grading of excellent was achieved on this year's Administrative Inspection.

SHOOTING

Again this year the Battalion has met with even greater achievements than in 1958.

Competing in the 44(H.C.) Infantry Division (T.A.) Championship at Hythe the outstanding successes were: Champion Territorial Army Battalion Team (three years running); Individual Champion (second year), Major R. C. H. Saunders.

Surrey Service Meeting (Bisley)—Winner, Champion Units Team of Surrey (Bellhaven Cup), five individuals being placed in the first nine in the Championship. N.R.A. Bisley.

Sgt. W. Burnham and C.S.M. N. Guest had many successes and were prize winners in several of the competitions.

On 6th September we will be competing in the T.A.R.A. Decentralized Competition, where we hope we will do well. During the year the strength of our team has been in the high overall standard displayed. C.S.M. H. J. Guest, C.S.M. H. V. Sharman, Sgt. W. H. Burnham, Sgt. T. MacCready, Sgt. W. Gardiner, L./Cpl. F. J. Burrows and Pte. B. Davis have all shot consistently well, while Major R. C. H. Saunders has been outstanding.

CENTENARY MARCHES

The Battalion returned from camp at Stanford on 18th June to celebrate the centenary of its birth by marching through West Surrey. Ceremonial parades were held at Haslemere, Dorking and Reigate on Friday the 19th and at Camberley, Woking and Guildford on Saturday the 20th. Led by the Regimental Band the Battalion successfully negotiated each of the six towns, including the descent of a Guildford High Street packed to overflowing with Saturday afternoon shoppers.

The salute was taken at Reigate by Councillor H. J. Best, J.P., and at Guildford by Alderman C. E. Nicklin, J.P., the respective Mayors. In each town distinguished old members had been invited to be present at the saluting base, and we were honoured that the Colonel of The Regiment and Sir Frank Watney watched The Battalion march past.

CAMP

First-class weather was enjoyed at Stanford Practical Training Area this year when the Battalion was accommodated in huts for the first time for several years. Training was hard and realistic and our new recruits in particular profited greatly. A certain amount of time was taken up with rehearsals for the Centenary Marches which took place on 19th and 20th June in the



5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment marching through Reigate

Surrey towns where the Battalion has T.A. Centres. These marches are mentioned separately. During the evening of 19th June a Centenary Dinner for All Ranks was held at Stoughton Barracks, the guest-of-honour being His Worship The Mayor of Guildford.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL— QUEEN'S CHAPEL DEDICATION SERVICE

On Sunday, 19th July, the Battalion provided a contingent at the Dedication of the Queen's Chapel at Guildford Cathedral.

COMPANY NEWS

"A" COMPANY (REIGATE)

We are now the second strongest Rifle Company and endeavouring to snatch the lead from "B" Company. During the year we have had seventeen new recruits, and L./Cpl. J. Perryman has joined us from the 1st Battalion. Capt. R. P. Wheeler has joined us from The Royal Berkshire Regiment and has been appointed 2.I.C.

Cpl. D. W. Wright and I. G. Hounslow have been promoted to sergeants since the last issue and Sgt. I. G. Hounslow has taken over the duties of Officers' Mess Sergeant from Sgt. L. Robinson. Early in March we held a recruiting week in Reigate, with a static demonstration in the High Street and a window display in a local shop. The week ended in a grand social supported by Major A. C. Overington and Capt. J. G. Chandler, a previous Company Commander and his 2.I.C.

Annual camp was a great success and ended with the march through Reigate with bayonets fixed and Colours flying, at which the Mayor took the salute. Also on the saluting base was Colonel Sir Frank Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D., who commanded "A" Company in 1892 to 1900, Colonel Young and an ex-Company Sergeant-Major Percy Foot.

During camp Pte. A. G. D'Mello entertained all ranks at the "barbecue" with his guitar and a new "army song" was given its first airing. This is now known as the "A" Company marching song.

Our Permanent Staff instructor during the year has been W.O.II H. Bosley, who unfortunately is returning in October to the 1st Battalion.

"B" COMPANY (CAMBERLEY)

Recruiting in the Camberley area has been most satisfactory during the past year. The Company together with the Drums and A.C.C. have now topped the fifty mark, the highest volunteer strength since the war. A most welcome newcomer was Capt. Jack Schofield, who joined the Company as Second-in-Command from the 17th Parachute Battalion (T.A.). Cpl. D. H. F. Humphries has also joined from the 1st Battalion; his active service experience will prove most valuable.

W.O.II L. C. A. Moxon, B.E.M., has been granted a commission as Lieutenant (Q.M.) (T.A.). He has also been awarded a Fourth Clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal. He is very busy as Secretary of the 5th Queen's Old Comrades in addition to his other duties.

The annual dinner was held on 29th November, and was as well supported as usual. Guests included Lieut.-Colonel H. M. W. Harris, Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Edwards and Major J. W. Mansel.

The Company's recruiting week in April was inaugurated by a visit of Michael Medwin and Norman Rossington of the "Army Game." These TV stars delighted an overflow audience with an original sketch.

The annual rifle meeting with "D" Company took place on "A" Range, RMAS on Sunday, 23rd August. The prizes were presented by General Sir Charles Coleman, who has come to live in Camberley on retirement.

"C" COMPANY (DORKING)

Much of our time in this Centenary Year has been devoted to recruiting, and results so far have been encouraging. We are now seeing recruits who have done no military service, but their enthusiasm promises well for the time when volunteers will receive all their training in the T.A. One tactic has been to send a recruiting team equipped with loud hailer and inescapable posters round our local villages, and a series of local darts matches has proved a considerable test of stamina, as well as skill. Unlike Mark Twain's mule, we have both pride of ancestry and hope of posterity; not only must we recruit, but we must hold interest, and we think it is worth reminding National Service officers now serving (especially if they live around Dorking) that there is highly rewarding work to be done.

The Company soccer team completed its first season in the Dorking League with some distinction, and Cpl. Lambkin has, by popular acclaim, again been appointed secretary of the club. The R.S.M. (W.O.I Esler) has been a welcome addition to our playing strength, introducing the element of disciplined vigour that might be expected of him. He tells us, incidently, that his ribs have mended perfectly. This year we shall be entering a team for the T.A. Challenge Cup, with "C" Company as the nucleus, but we hope that other footballers in the Battalion will have the opportunity of playing in the team.

Our Company Commander went over to Germany to attend the 1st Battalion's Glorious First of June celebrations, and he returned deeply impressed. offered by the programme of events, or adequately convey the marathon We understand that no description could possibly do justice to the spectacle nature of the 1st Battalion's hospitality. We are now satisfied that infantry can be trained to a point where sleep is unnecessary.

"D" COMPANY (WOKING)

We have had quite an active year in Woking. Our recruiting week in the spring advertised the Company and culminated in the biggest dance we have held to date. Large crowds on a fine day also saw the Battalion march through Woking on their return from camp in Norfolk. The salute was taken by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor S. G. Higgins.

The shooting team has continued to do well under C.S.M. H. J. Guest.

We were very sorry to lose W.O.II F. G. Saxby on his posting to H.Q. Company, but we are pleased to congratulate him on his promotion.

Also to be congratulated on their promotion are C./Sgt. L. Robinson and Sgt. B. Humphreys.

We look forward to the autumn and an intensive period of training with our new recruits, several of whom we welcome from the Cadets.

H.Q. COMPANY (GUILDFORD)

Major J. W. P. Llewellyn took over command from Major J. D. Wade, who is now living in Devon. Capt. T. E. Parsonage has taken over command of the M.T. Platoon. Capt. J. R. Gill commands Support Company with Capt. C. M. Wigan in charge of the M.M.G.

The Company held its annual children's Christmas party and the Company draw—both of these were a great success mainly through the hard work of Sgt. Dixon (M.T.).

On 25th January the Company had a training week-end on Hankley Common which proved a good exercise for all concerned, including the secretary of the local golf club who showed that at one time he had been a soldier.

Monday, 9th March, began our recruiting week—which although proved hard work for everyone—it paid dividends and substantially swelled our ranks, especially the M.T. Platoon.

On Friday, 10th April, we held a successful Company recruiting dance and even managed to get some young blood.

At annual camp this year the Company distinguished itself with the "S.P." plus, coming second in the Commanding Officer's exercise. The same platoons at the end of the Brigade exercise broke through the enemy lines as a body and not one man was captured—although at one time the situation looked extremely uncomfortable as the enemy in Land-Rovers always managed to turn their headlights no more than two feet from the leading man.

The Company was well represented in the Battalion eight and maintained its high shooting standard.

The Company—which is in great spirits looks forward to a new year with confidence.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess has again been functioning at full pressure during this Centenary Year of the Battalion.

Before this year's activities commenced, however, a very enjoyable Christmas dinner dance was held at the Wanborough Manor Country Club, and was

well attended by serving officers and past members of the Mess with their personal guests and friends. We were very pleased to welcome Brigadier A. D. Miller and Mrs. Miller to this function.

During April a dinner and guest night was held at the Officers' Mess, at which several newly-joined officers were officially welcomed to the Mess, and Capt. W. D. J. Roscoe, who has transferred to T.A.R.O. "was duly dined out."

Whilst at annual camp we were pleased to welcome The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, The Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., The Colonel of the Regiment Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel T. A. Roberts, Chairman of the Surrey T. and A.F. Association and Brigadier A. D. Miller, D.S.O., as the chief guests to our guest night. The Band of the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment played for us during dinner.

Our Centenary cocktail party was held in July at Loseley House, kindly lent for the occasion by Brigadier General Longbourne More Molyneux, C.M.G., D.S.O. Loseley House is a charming old Elizabethan Manor House surrounded by many acres of parkland. Nearly two hundred guests were received by our Honorary Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Kealy and Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Hugh Harris. We were pleased to welcome as our chief guests The Earl and Countess of Munster, Lord and Lady Onslow, Major-General and Mrs. W. F. R. Turner, Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, The Mayor and Mayoress of Reigate, Major-General and Mrs. J. Y. Whitfield and Brigadier and Mrs. A. D. Miller. We were fortunate in having the 1st Battalion Band to play for us.

During September the Officers' Mess will be holding the Centenary guest and dinner night at Queen's College, Oxford. We look forward to meeting our guests and past members of the Mess that can manage to be present on this occasion.

We are very pleased to welcome Major P. R. Swanson as training Major and we wish Major W. J. F. Sutton all the very best on his retirement.

SERGEANTS' MESS

We have again had a most successful year.

Several of the Mess members forming parts of a very successful Battalion shooting team.

The Mess remains a very happy one.

At camp we were honoured by visits from The Earl of Munster, The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Colonel T. A. Roberts, M.B.E., T.D. Chairman of the Surrey T. and A.F. Association, and his staff. Colonel of The Regiment Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, our Honorary Colonel, all of whom said how well the Mess was looking. The credit here must go to all members who worked so hard at the beginning of camp to put "Our House in Order."

Our sincere congratulations go to the following new members of the Mess: Sgt. W. Harmes, Sgt. I. Hounslow, Sgt. D. Humphries, Sgt. D. Kitchen, Sgt. E. Moore, Sgt. M. Redbond, Sgt. W. Spencer and Sgt. D. Wright, on their promotion.

It is on a very sad note that we must end these notes in saying farewell to the longest serving Mess member, and one much respected and admired by us all, R.Q.M.S. F. Pullan, M.B.E., who passed away on 6th February, 1959, will long be remembered by us all. He was one of the oldest serving members of the Battalion having served continuously with 5 Queens' since 1923.

6th BATTALION

THIS has been a very full year and we have been pretty busy. On the training side we have had Brigade and Battalion exercises, including a field firing exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Annual camp was held at Plasderdown Camp, and our training was carried out under glorious weather conditions on Dartmoor. The training was strenuous and we all now have a healthy respect for the tors and bogs which cover the moor. The junior officers in particular will long remember their march of fifteen miles across the moor by night and day. Already the tales are growing as to the length of the journey and the heights of the tors.

Our recruiting figures continue to rise, albeit somewhat slowly. Our strength is now thirty officers and 130 other ranks, which is an improvement on last year's figures.

SPORT

In the sporting world we have had some success during the year. In the final of the Divisional Football Competition we were narrowly beaten by the 7th Middlesex. In the Divisional Cross-Country Championships, coupled with the Eastern Command Championships Cpl. Cleverly was an easy winner.

A very successful sports week-end was held at the Depot, and it was a fine sight to see the Commanding Officer leading the P.T. parade on a Sunday morning.

In the Divisional Boxing Championships Pte. Thorpe was runner-up in the bantam-weight.

SHOOTING

In the T.A. Small-Bore League we entered three teams. The results were:— Battalion "A" Team, third; Battalion "B" Team, first; Battalion "C" Team, sixth.

Our annual rifle meeting will take place at Aldershot on 3th/4th October. We hope to have a good meeting as this will be our last shoot on the open range in the present training year.

Once again Capt. P. J. Dorey represented the Battalion at Bisley. He put up a fine show and his results are as under:—Kolar Inter-Divisional Challenge Cup, 1959, Awarded Bronze Medal.

In the Divisional Rifle Meeting we were very successful and managed to produce some good results. These were: Battalion Team Main Competition, second; Battalion Team China Cup, third.

Individual Results—Champion at Arms, Lieut. P. J. Dorey, 2nd; Sgt. T. Nickson, 3rd. Highest Score Rapid, Class "A" 300 yards, Sgt. Nickson tied for first place; Highest Score Application, Class "B" 300 yards, Cpl. Adam; Highest Score Application, Class "C" 500 yards, Pte. Kelly (P.S.); Grenade Trowing, Pte. Ruby; Best Score Pistol, Sgt. Nickson.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The outstanding social activities have been a very fine Sergeants' Mess dance and an all ranks dance, both of which were held at Bermondsey. We were very fortunate to obtain a good selection of drapes from Pinewood Studios which managed to transform the Drill Hall somewhat miraculously.

The annual prize-giving took place on 6th December. We were very pleased to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Whitfield; the prizes were presented by R. J. Mellish, Esq., M.P., the Member for Bermondsey.

Our customary Remembrance Day Parade was held at Bermondsey and Croydon. As in former years the respective Mayors took the salute.

A detachment from the Battalion plus members of other T.A. units took part in the Lord Mayor's Show. Being the senior Regiment in the display everyone wore Queen's Badges, representing the Queen's going to war in 1939.

TRAINING

Our training has been mainly based on the study of the atomic aspect in modern warfare. In addition we have taken part in two R.A.F. escape and evasion exercises, one in Sussex and one in Norfolk. Both were very good value and gave us a chance to see a new part of the country.

First aid training has continued. We won the Brigade Competition and came third in the Divisional Competition. This was due in no small way to the splendid efforts of the team under Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.

We held a very successful T.E.W.T. at Goring-on-Thames in April. This was a build-up for the Brigade T.E.W.T. held at Marlborough in May. Both were very enjoyable, and once again broke new ground.

Finally on the training side, we covered an awful lot of ground, in both senses of the word, at annual camp at Dartmoor. It was a very successful camp with very good accommodation. One further aspect of the camp was that we shared the camp with 301 Battalion W.R.A.C. This is a new departure for us.

OFFICERS' MESS

The main events of the year were the cocktail party, The Glorious First Celebrations when we entertained the officers from H.M.S. *President*, and several guest nights. We were very pleased to welcome the Director of the Territorial Army, Major-General W. B. Cox, C.B., D.S.O., who dined with us on The Glorious First.

The Commanding Officer and five officers attended The Glorious First dinner at the Depot. This was a magnificent, if somewhat sad, occasion, and one which will remain in our memories for years to come.

Finally we welcome the following officers to the Mess: Major R. O. Nebel, Capt. S. McKinstry, Capt. F. B. Davis, Capt. A. H. Le Q. Clayton, Lieut. L. F. Walters, Lieut. R. J. O. Smith, Lieut. J. West, 2/Lieut. C. D. Newton, 2/Lieut. A. J. Dobrski, 2/Lieut. A. A. Cooper, 2/Lieut. R. Norman, 2/Lieut. G. R. Power, Lieut. S. Hawkins, Lieut. B. Bowen.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The annual ball, which was held in October, was a great success. It was very pleasing to see so many members of the Mess in attendance.

The children's party went off with the traditional success and the children went away with very good Christmas gifts.

The main event of the year was the dinner held at Bermondsey, when we invited twelve members of the Petty Officers' Mess of H.M.S. *President*. After a very good dinner in the canteen, for which we must congratulate Mrs. Elliott, we adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess for the usual session.

The 1959 camp was held as Plasterdown Camp, Devon. Both the weather and the W.R.A.C. were very kind to us.

We wish to record our deepest regret on the death of Sgt. Cowling.

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Richards on his promotion to the Sergeants' Mess.

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

By the time this account appears in the JOURNAL we will have finished another year at Braganza Street, S.E.17. And it will have been much the same as many of the ninety-nine before it. As we write this in August, we look forward to camp at Bude in September. We last went there in 1952 and 1953 when we were 622 (Queen's) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.); in 1952 we were over four hundred strong, for this was the year of the "Z" men when we had some two hundred and fifty of them present. We have already fired our annual range course, and we had two good week-ends at Lydd firing our 40 m.m. in addition to others in our own drill hall where we have met weekly for instruction and training, and for amusement and comradeship.

All this is the same year after year, but in some ways it varies from recent ones. We are now being joined by young volunteers who have neither done, nor will they be called upon to do, National Service. Indeed, twenty per cent. of the numbers at camp this year will be new to our ranks, and we hope for a bigger percentage next camp.

In common with many Territorial units, we are celebrating our Centenary at this time. We were formed in 1860—rather later than some—and the day of the Centenary very conveniently falls on Sunday, 13th March. Our O.C.A. who normally hold their annual dinner in March have decided to arrange it for the 12th, and on the Sunday, we, the Batteries, with our Old Comrades will attend a service of thanksgiving in St. Mary's, Newington. It would be a kindness if any who have served in this Unit (formerly the 7th (Southwark) Battalion) at any time and have not heard from us at Braganza Street within the last four or so years would let us know their address so that we can tell them of our plans.

AFFILIATED REGIMENTS

THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE REGIMENT

Lieut.-Colonel F. Cox, O.B.E., E.D., formerly Commanding Officer of the City of Newcastle Regiment, our Affiliated Regiment in Australia, paid a visit to the United Kingdom in the summer and we were very pleased to welcome him to the Regimental Depot at Guildford. He was met by the Commanding Officer, Major P. G. Collyer, who showed him round the Depot, Holy Trinity Church and the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral and also entertained him to luncheon. This was on 11th July, 1959, and on that evening Lieut.-Colonel Cox was the guest of the officers of the 5th Battalion at a memorable cocktail party given to celebrate their Centenary.

Lieut.-Colonel Cox also attended the Dedication of the Regimental Chapel and the Old Comrades garden party on Sunday, 19th July. On this occasion he was accompanied by Capt. F. Lang, R.A.A.M.C., of the same Battalion.

We were also delighted to have Capt. Lang as our guest at the dinner to celebrate The Glorious First of June at Guildford on 29th May.

Finally we should like to say how much it is hoped that members of any of our Affiliated Regiments will make themselves known to or contact any unit of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment whenever they have the opportunity to do so. They can be assured of a warm welcome at any time.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET

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

Played at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, on 29th and 30th May, 1959.
Result: The Queen's Royal Regiment won by 5 wickets.

H.M.S. EXCELLENT

<i>1st Innings</i>		<i>2nd Innings</i>		
Lieut. P. E. Goodman, lbw	Sears	5	Lieut. P. E. Goodman, b Napier-Ford	59
Lieut.-Comd. P. M. E. Varley, c and b Sears		0	Lieut.-Comd. P. M. E. Varley, c Aitkens b Napier-Ford	50
Lieut. J. M. N. Walton, b Bowden	1		Lieut. J. M. N. Walton, not out	7
Lieut.-Comd. P. Hames, b Smith	64		Lieut.-Comd. P. Hames, b Napier-Ford	4
Comd. M. D. Howell-Davies, lbw Smith	57		Comd. M. D. Howell-Davies, c Burton b Bowden	3
C.O.A. T. C. Potter, b Napier-Ford	17		C.O.A. T. C. Potter, not out	4
Capt. A. R. Aldous, run out	18		Capt. A. R. Aldous, did not bat	
Lieut. C. M. Bagguley, c Woodford b Sharpe	3		Lieut. C. M. Bagguley, did not bat	
A.B. A. D. Baker, not out	3		A.B. A. D. Baker, did not bat	
C.O.A. R. Brain, b Napier-Ford	5		C.O.A. R. Brain, did not bat	
Lieut.-Comd. R. O. Tordoff, did not bat			Lieut.-Comd. R. O. Tordoff, did not bat	
Extras	17		Extras	19

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 190

Bowling.—1st Innings: Smith, 2 for 18; Napier-Ford, 2 for 32; Sears, 2 for 45; Sharpe, 1 for 7; Bowden, 1 for 59; Woodford, 0 for 12. 2nd Innings: Napier-Ford, 3 for 15; Bowden, 1 for 28.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

<i>1st Innings</i>		<i>2nd Innings</i>	
Pte. W. Smith, c Aldous b Bagguley	0	Pte. W. Smith, c and b Brain	61
Lieut. B. D. S. Burton, c Aldous b Baker	4	Lieut. B. D. S. Burton, lbw Baker	2
2/Lieut. S. J. Petzing, c Brain b Aldous	35	2/Lieut. S. J. Petzing, c and b Brain	62
Major J. W. Sewell, c Aldous b Bagguley	33	Major J. W. Sewell, c Baker b Bagguley	0
Pte. K. Woodford, c and b Bagguley	1	Pte. K. Woodford, not out	6
Capt. G. C. Sharpe, b Varley	64	Capt. G. C. Sharpe, b Bagguley	1
2/Lieut. J. B. Bowden, c Baker b Bagguley	24	2/Lieut. J. B. Bowden, not out	11
2/Lieut. P. Aitkens, b Bagguley	11	2/Lieut. P. Aitkens, did not bat	
L./Cpl. J. Sears, lbw Bagguley	0	L./Cpl. J. Sears, did not bat	
Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford, c Hames b Varley	1	Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford, did not bat	
Cpl. D. Christie, not out	6	Cpl. D. Christie, did not bat	
Extras	6	Extras	9

Total 185

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 152

Bowling.—1st Innings: Bagguley, 6 for 72; Varley, 2 for 4; Aldous, 1 for 22; Baker, 1 for 39; Goodman, 0 for 27; Brain, 0 for 15. 2nd Innings: Brain, 2 for 23; Bagguley, 2 for 65; Baker, 1 for 9; Varley, 0 for 46.

Other matches were:

20th June, v. The Blues, played at Stoughton, drawn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 247 for 6 declared (Smith 126, Sewell 31). The Blues, 141 for 8 (Sears 3 for 32, Woodford 3 for 38).
25th June, v. The East Surrey Regiment, played at Kingston, lost by

100 runs. The East Surrey Regiment, 169 for 4 declared. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 69.

5th July, v. The Grasshoppers, played at Stoughton, lost by 4 wickets. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 98 (Sewell 27 not out, Smith 26). The Grasshoppers, 99 for 6 (Hope 3 for 35, Smith 3 for 41).

9th July, v. Brooke Hall (Charterhouse Masters), played at Charterhouse, lost by 6 wickets. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 159 (Smith 49, Dunkeld 23). Brooke Hall, 162 for 4 (Smith 2 for 27).

Pte. W. A. Smith, serving at the Depot scored 93 when playing cricket for Eastern Command v. Southern Command.

LONDON GAZETTE

EXTRACTS FROM 7th OCTOBER, 1958, TO 11th AUGUST, 1959 REGULAR ARMY

Brigadier (Temp. Major-General) J. F. Metcalfe, C.B.E., to be Major-General 7th November, 1958.

2/Lieut. P. A. Gray to be Lieutenant 21st December, 1958.

Lieut.-Colonel (Temp. Brigadier) F. A. H. Ling to be Colonel, 15th December, 1958.

Capt. G. A. Farnside-Speed retires with gratuity 16th December, 1958.

Major S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D., to be Lieutenant-Colonel on E.L.1. 29th June, 1958.

Robert William Acworth, from R.M.A. Sandhurst to be Second-Lieutenant, 19th December, 1958.

Major C. R. C. Elverson retires on retired pay, 29th March, 1959.

Major C. B. Rodger retires on retired pay, 11th April, 1959.

Lieut. G. C. Sharpe to be Captain 21st April, 1959.

Lieut. M. J. Doyle to be Captain 4th July, 1959.

2/Lieut. S. T. W. Anderson to be Lieutenant 20th April, 1959.

Major R. P. Mangles, M.B.E., M.C., retires on retired pay 6th June, 1959.

Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E., to be Brigadier 27th June, 1959.

Lieut. J. G. W. Davidson to be Captain 31st July, 1959.

2/Lieut. P. de S. Barrow to be Lieutenant 2nd August, 1959.

K. G. Wakely, from R.M.A. Sandhurst, to be Second-Lieutenant 25th July, 1959.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

2/Lieut. D. Kenway from Regular Army, National Service List to be Second-Lieutenant 13th March, 1959.

Stephen John Petzing from Mons Officer Cadet School to be Second-Lieutenant 16th May, 1959.

Lieut. (Qr.-Mr.) C. W. Cheeseman to be Captain (Qr.-Mr.), 28th July, 1959.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

2/Lieut. J. West from Regular Army National Service List to be Second-Lieutenant 30th September, 1958.

2/Lieut. R. R. Davies from T.A. National Service List to be Second-Lieutenant 1st September, 1958.

2/Lieut. R. R. Davies to be Lieutenant 19th October, 1958.

2/Lieut. D. N. Stephenson from Regular Army National Service. List to be Second-Lieutenant 14th October, 1958.

2/Lieut. C. Tathan from Regular Army National Service List to be Second-Lieutenant 18th October, 1958.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) J. R. Gill to be Captain 14th December, 1958.

Capt. J. Schofield from Para. to be Captain 8th November, 1958.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) J. M. Napier-Ford to be Captain 22nd December, 1958.

2/Lieut. J. West to be Lieutenant 4th January, 1959.

2/Lieut. C. J. Marchant, National Service List to be Lieutenant 4th January, 1959. Christopher David Newton to be Second-Lieutenant 28th November, 1958.

Capt. W. H. C. Frend ceases to be seconded for service on Staff, 1st January, 1959.

2/Lieut. L. F. J. Walters to be Lieutenant 8th January, 1959.

Lieut. A. H. le Q. Clayton from Devon to be Lieutenant 1st January, 1959.

Lieut. G. R. N. Wetton to be Lieutenant National Service List 4th December, 1958.

2/Lieut. C. Tatham to be Lieutenant 8th February, 1959.

Capt. R. P. Wheeler from Royal Berkshire to be Captain 1st February, 1959.

Lieut. R. J. O. Smith to be Lieutenant 1st December, 1958.

Major R. O. Nebel, T.D., to be Major 8th January, 1959.

Lieut. D. W. Billinghurst to be Lieutenant National Service List 7th January, 1959.

Lieut. (A. Capt.) D. A. Robinson to be Captain 16th February, 1959.

Lieut. F. V. D. Tennant to be Lieutenant National Service List 31st January, 1959.

Lieut. S. McKinstry to be Captain 31st January, 1959.

Capt. T. E. Parsonage from Royal Tanks to be Captain 1st February, 1959.

Capt. D. L. Evans to be Major 18th September, 1958.

2/Lieut. D. N. Stephenson National Service List to be Lieutenant 7th May, 1959.

Lieut. S. J. Hawkins from National Service List to be Lieutenant 19th March, 1959.

Lieut. P. B. Bowen from R.A. to be Lieutenant 1st May, 1959.

Joseph Robert Norman to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation) 29th April, 1959.

Capt. F. B. Davis from A.E.R.O., M.D.C. to be Captain 28th February, 1959.

Leslie Charles Ash Moxon to be Lieutenant (Quartermaster) 23rd May, 1959.

Major J. W. P. Llewellyn from Lancashire Regiment (P.W.V.) to be Major 22nd May, 1959.

Lieut. N. H. S. Crawford from National Service List King's Shropshire Light Infantry to be Lieutenant 9th June, 1959.

Anthony Alan Cooper to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation) 30th June, 1959.

Anthony Julian Dobrski to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation) 30th June, 1959.

Graham Robert Power to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation) 30th June, 1959.

Anthony Bernard Daly to be Second-Lieutenant (on probation) 30th June, 1959.

NATIONAL SERVICE

The following National Service officers have joined during the period:

M. J. P. Jenkins, A. R. Brocklehurst, P. H. G. Skinner, M. A. Prentice, C. E. J. Allanson, J. E. Gerelli, D. Kenway, R. M. Edwards, D. W. Walker, P. C. Aitkens, G. M. George, R. M. Weaver.

TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY DECORATION

Major (Qr.-Mr.) P. G. Smith (Retd.).

1st Clasp

Major (Qr.-Mr.) P. G. Smith (Retd.).

4th Clasp

Lieut.-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) C. J. Falk, M.C., T.D. (Retd.).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

C.B.E.

Brigadier B. E. L. Burton.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES

6088707 W.O.II F. C. Mitchell—for service in Malaya.

Major S. F. Harris (E.L.3)—for service in Cyprus.

HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE NEWS

The following are items of General Information taken from Home Counties Brigade News Letter No. 2.

APPOINTMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS,

HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE

Brigade Colonel: Colonel Raymond Grace, O.B.E., late of The Buffs.

D.A.A.G. (or Brigade Adjutant): Major Michael Stopford, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

R.O.III: Lieut.-Colonel Keene, late of the Indian Army.

Brigade Training Officer: Capt. John French, The Buffs.

Brigade Bandmaster: Bandmaster Gaines, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Brigade Education Officer: Major Austin, Royal Army Education Corps.

Chief Clerk: O.R.Q.M.S. Potts, The East Surrey Regiment.

Weapon Training Instructor: Q.M.S.I. Timblick, Small-Arms School Corps.

The Regimental Depot of The Royal Sussex Regiment will be closing at Chichester late this year or early in 1960 and will move to Wemyss Barracks; and on 31st March, 1960, that Depot and the Depot of The Queen's Surreys (the official, abbreviated name of the new Regiment of Surrey) will be disbanded, prior to the formation of the Brigade Depot on 1st April, 1960.

* * *

RECENT AWARDS

M.C.: Lieut. John Hewson, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

M.M.: Cpl. P. R. W. White, 1st Bn. The Buffs.

The following extracts are reproduced from Home Counties Brigade News Letters Nos. 3 and 4.

As the months go by it is becoming more and more obvious, that many things which will be common to us as a Brigade later on have already become so. Viewed from Brigade Headquarters the excellent spirit of co-operation between Regiments is very apparent. Where there might have been fierce rivalry before, there is a quite obvious realization that as we are now all in the same boat the six oarsmen need to pull together in the same direction.

The fact that the new Brigade spirit is in no wise inferior to, but merely different from the old, your correspondent can vouch for after his recent visits to 1 Surreys at Bury St. Edmunds and 1 Royal Sussex at Gibraltar. Both occasions were interesting and exhilarating and made the prospect of seeing, in the near future, 1 Queen's, 1 Buffs and 1 Middlesex in B.A.O.R. and 1 Royal West Kents in Cyprus something to look forward to.

The six Depot Commanders have again visited Canterbury for another of the routine conferences which are so necessary now to keep us all on the same "net." In the case of the Queen's and the Surreys this will have been the last journey that Major R.S.M. Mans and Major R. C. Taylor will have made for this particular purpose, for on 1st July the Depot of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment will open at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury.

Some high-lights of recent sporting events at our Depots will be of interest to readers.

The winter has been a successful one for the Royal Sussex Depot in both football and hockey. The hockey eleven were runners-up in the H.C.D. Minor

Units Final, losing 2-0 after extra time to the Depot Royal West Kents. The football eleven has reached the final of three competitions including the Sussex Mid-Week Cup.

The Buffs Depot reached the final of the Dover Soccer League Cup; came third in the District Cross-Country Championship; was beaten 1-0 by Depot Royal West Kents in the semi finals of the District Hockey Championship, after a replay; won the District Basket-Ball Championship and were beaten in the semi-final of the Eastern Command Championship.

Pte. O'Connell of Depot The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment boxed at light-welter in the H.C.D. Individual Championships and won his weight. On Thursday, 12th March, he boxed for the Army against the R.A.F. and won convincingly on points. The bout was televised. The Queen's Own Depot hockey team won the H.C.D. Minor Unit Hockey Competition at Shorncliffe on Wednesday, 11th March, when they beat Depot Royal Sussex 2-0 after extra time. The Queen's Own met 9 Company R.M.C. (East Anglian District) at Colchester on 21st March, and were beaten 1-0.

The only Middlesex Depot sporting event worthy of mention is the narrow defeat of L./Cpl. J. Rogers, in the welter-weight final of the London District Boxing Championships.

The Depot East Surrey Regiment sporting news includes the names of Cpl. P. Thomas, the 1958 winner of the London District Young Soldiers' Cup for shooting; 2/Lieut. R. G. Garment and Pte. G. Will, who are going up to St. Andrews in May to play in the Army Golf Championships; and Cpl. Fincham, who won his light welter-weight final in the 1958 Eastern Command Boxing Championships.

In the middle of March your correspondent attended the Infantry Commanders' Conference at Warminster where, amongst a large number of friends, he met Lieut.-Colonels Lloyd Owen and Glennie. Perhaps the most important remark of the whole week was made by the C.I.G.S., when he suggested to his audience that the day of the "Big Regiment," of three, four or even five Battalions, was bound to come and that it was not far distant. Such a warning, from such a person, was of considerable interest and there is little doubt that we must all re-adjust our thinking along these lines.

Your correspondent wishes to draw the attention of all those interested to the Brigade Golf Meeting on 11th May, 1959.

It was good to see that initiative is not only encouraged by Battalions but that the National Service man of today has plenty of it. Two young soldiers of 1st Bn. The Queen's, in Germany, recently set off to see how far they could get without spending anything on public transport. In five days they travelled through Germany, Belgium and France to Paris and almost succeeded in getting a lift in an aeroplane to Madrid. They slept one night in a Paris prison cell, to save money, and the next day had a meal in the American Embassy.

Finally a word on our future Brigade Depot at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. With only minor modifications the War Office has now accepted our plan for improvements and enlargements to the present excellent modern buildings and sports ground there. Within the year building should begin and it is expected to take about two years to complete. When completed the Depot will undoubtedly be a really fine "Home" for the Brigade, with facilities of all types probably not bettered by any other Brigade Depot in the country.

Honours and Awards:—

O.B.E.

Lieut.-Colonel D. C. L. Nolda—Commanding 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

M.B.E.

Major H. B. H. Waring—1st Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

W.O.I F. B. Oram—1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.

T./Major B. R. Coleman—The Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel A. J. M. Flint, M.B.E.—Commanding 1st Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Lieut. T. J. B. Locker—1st Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Capt. G. G. Norton—1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

2/Lieut. J. M. Pickard—The Middlesex Regiment (now Lieutenant T.A.).

To them all, the very belated—though nonetheless sincere—congratulations of your correspondent, of all on his staff at Canterbury and of all ranks in the Brigade.

The Brigade Golf Meeting, held at the Hendon Golf Club, under the auspices of The Depot, The Middlesex Regiment, was about to take place when the last letter went to print. There was a most satisfactorily large entry, the weather was kind, the arrangements were good, and, to coin a phrase "an enjoyable time was had by all." To judge from the results the day could almost be described as a "Royal Sussex benefit," for they won not only the Regimental Cup and the Regimental Foursomes Cup, but Major Shields and Capt. Johnson, also of the Regiment, walked off with the prize for the best foursomes score. However, The East Surrey Regiment and The Queen's Own were both represented in the prize-list, so that to a certain degree honour was satisfied.

The Brigade Colonel was prevented at the eleventh hour from attending, much to his disappointment. He had only just returned from a most enjoyable, though strenuous, ten-day visit to the 1st Battalions of The Queen's, The Buffs and The Middlesex Regiment in B.A.O.R., and was due to take off for Cyprus for a shorter, though equally and enjoyable and strenuous, visit to the 1st Battalion of The Queen's Own the following day. By means of these visits—which, according to his Charter, the Brigade Colonel must make twice a year to Battalions in England and B.A.O.R. and once a year anywhere else in the world—he is enabled to keep closely in touch with Commanding Officers and their problems and is also able to see, and be seen by, as many officers, warrant officers and sergeants as possible.

Those readers who are in any way museum-minded will be interested to know the score about the Brigade Museum. This is to be established in the building in Howe Barracks, Canterbury, now occupied by The Buffs' Museum. Exactly when the change will take place is problematical, but in the meantime the Curator-designate, Mr. Woodcock, who lives in Canterbury, has been far from idle. He has been visiting all six Regimental Museums, asking for exhibits and items—planning his lay-out and generally being extremely busy. He has also been liaising with the author-to-be of the Brigade Short History, Major Blaxland. He has contracted to produce, towards the end of October, a 9-10,000-word history, culled from all the six Regimental

Histories, and it is of the greatest importance that the Museum Curator and the Historian should be closely associated with one another; history in books must obviously be intimately connected with history visible in a Museum.

There have been two meetings of the Council of Colonels since the last letter was published, one at the end of May and the other two months later. It was at the July meeting that the Council learned with regret that Lieut.-General G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L., was giving up his appointment as Colonel of The Middlesex Regiment. His successor will be Colonel J. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., whom many readers will know already, and whom all ranks will wish to congratulate on his appointment.

The Representative Colonel for the coming twelve months will be Major-General V. Boucher, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel of The Buffs, who succeeds General Sir Lashmer G. Whistler, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., Colonel of The Royal Sussex Regiment, at the next meeting in September.

Lieut.-General Sir William P. Oliver, K.C.B., O.B.E., D.L., Colonel of The Queen's Own, whose recent appointment as High Commissioner in Australia has given such pleasure to so many, will be succeeded by Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

The Royal Sussex Regiment's part in the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court cannot be allowed to pass without a mention. This year being the bicentenary of the Battle of Quebec, in which the Regiment fought and at which they achieved the Roussillon Plume which is part of their cap badge, it was entirely fitting that the 1st Battalion should portray certain episodes from that battle. This they did with distinction and much gusto, and on the night that the Colonel of the Regiment was in the Royal Box it seemed as though the whole of Sussex had made the journey to Earl's Court. A week or so later their Regimental ball in the Royal Pavilion at Brighton was another splendid and colourful evening.

Early in July the Brigade Colonel went, first to Exeter and then to Stanmore, to select his "first eleven," of warrant officers and sergeants and then of officers, to serve on the Brigade Depot Staff as from 1st April next year. As he has said on numerous occasions, only the best available—no matter whether they are officers, or N.C.O.s., bandsmen, drummers, weapon training experts or educators—will be accepted in appointments at the Brigade Depot. Those selected for the particularly important task of getting the Depot off to a good start will soon be informed of the fact; it will be no inconsiderable tribute to their capabilities and professional skill that they have been so chosen. As far as it is has been possible to do so the staff will be representative of all Regiments in the Brigade, but it will be obvious that, because of the closure of two Depots—The Queen's Surreys and The Royal Sussex—at the same time as the Brigade Depot forms, the preponderance of the lower ranks will come from those two Regiments. As time goes on, however, representation from all Regiments will become more evenly distributed.

Two towns, Worthing and Ramsgate, have recently honoured their respective County Regiments by bestowing their Honorary Freedoms upon them. These occasions bind Regiment to county even more closely than before and, in these days when the subject of recruiting is so much in all our minds, they are events which may well have a most important bearing on the future.

The Buffs Band has been in Canterbury since early in July. They are shortly to lose the services, to say nothing of the skill, the humour and the outstanding personality, of their Bandmaster, Mr. Sharpe, who after nine years with the Regiment, is being transferred to Kneller Hall as the School Bandmaster. His place will be taken by the Queen's Bandmaster, Mr. Lynes.

Another change of Bandmaster has taken place in The Royal Sussex Regiment, where Mr. Pryce has taken over from Mr. Kelly who has been commissioned to an appointment in Pakistan.

The Bands of The Buffs, The East Surrey Regiment and The Royal Sussex Regiment are taking part in a military display at Gillingham in the middle of August. The Royal Sussex Regiment are also represented by a fighting patrol demonstration and The Queen's Own by a P.T. display. The emphasis in the whole display is very definitely being laid on the Home Counties Brigade, putting the Brigade officially before the public for, perhaps, the first time.

Congratulations from all ranks in the Brigade went to R.S.M. Parker, of The Queen's Own, when he was awarded the M.B.E. in the middle of July. This was a singularly fine achievement.

Congratulations, too, to the 1st Bn. The Queen's not only on winning the B.A.O.R. Swimming Championships but also the Army Swimming Championships. A really good "double."

Finally congratulations to Major P. G. Collyer (Queen's) on being awarded the Army Eight badge after shooting for the Army Eight in the United Services' Cup Competition at Bisley.

And that brings Letter No. 4 to a close. By the time No. 5 appears the Brigade will have become established as an integral part of the British Army, because of the events due to take place on 14th October, 1959.

THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

THE Dedication of the new Regimental Chapel by the Lord Bishop of Guildford, The Right Reverend Ivor Watkins, D.D., took place in the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit at eleven o'clock on Sunday, 19th July, in the presence of a congregation of over thirteen hundred.

The service was conducted by the Provost, The Very Reverend Walter Boulton, M.A., assisted by the cathedral clergy, and the Reverend Colin Pilgrim, M.A., Hon. Chaplain of the 5th Battalion.

The congregation included The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, The Earl of Munster, K.B.E., the Mayor and Corporation of Guildford and other civic authorities and their ladies. The architect of the cathedral, Sir Edward Maufe and Lady Maufe, and members of the Cathedral Council had also been invited as guests of The Regiment. Other guests included Captain H. C. Martel, C.B.E., R.N., and representatives of H.M.S. *Excellent*, and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., Colonel, The East Surrey Regiment. Many Regular Serving and Territorial officers and other ranks were present, as were representatives of the O.C.A. and wartime units. Noticeable in their ceremonial red were several Chelsea Pensioners. Among the many former officers and other ranks, who attended in large numbers with their relatives, were General Sir George and Lady Giffard, Lady Monro and Miss Monro.

Although the nave of the cathedral is still unfinished, the scaffolding had been temporarily removed, making it possible to have the whole congregation inside the cathedral.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, dressed in red, played outside the cathedral before and after the service.

The special Regimental representatives who walked in procession to their



[W. Dennett, Guildford]

places in the choir, and subsequently to the chapel for the actual Dedication were: R.S.M. H. Atkins, Regimental Depot; R.S.M. D. Fraser, 6th Battalion; L./Cpl. J. Allan; Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., Regimental Depot; R.S.M. G. Mileham, 1st Battalion; R.S.M. R. E. Esler, 5th Battalion; In-Pensioner J. Tippett; Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., Old Comrades' Association; Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Nice, T.D., Officer Commanding 6th Battalion; Captain H. C. Martel, C.B.E., R.N., Captain H.M.S. *Excellent*; Lieut.-Colonel H. M. W. Harris, Officer Commanding 5th Battalion; Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Officer Commanding 1st Battalion; Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel of The Regiment.

An abridged version of the service follows:—Processional Hymn, Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; Bidding Prayer; The Confession; The Absolution; Responses; Psalm 48, Great is the Lord and Highly to the Praised; The Lesson, 1 Chronicles 29, verses 3 to 20, read by the Colonel of The Regiment; The Benedictus; The Apostles' Creed; Responses; The Lord's Prayer; The Collects, (1) For the 8th Sunday after Trinity, (2) For King Charles The Martyr, (3) For Peace; The Anthem, Glorious and Powerful God; Prayers; The Grace; Hymn for the procession to the Chapel, Blessed City, Heavenly Salem.

THE DEDICATION

The Colonel of The Regiment.—Right Reverend Father in God, on behalf of The Queen's Royal Regiment, I ask you to bless this Chapel, which is to be set apart, to the glory of God, and in honour of King Charles The Martyr, to be a place of public worship, especially for all members of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

The Bishop.—O God, who dwellest on high, and yet humblest thyself to

behold the things that are in heaven and earth, look graciously, we beseech thee, upon this Chapel which we would dedicate to the memory of King Charles The Martyr. Fill it with the radiance of thy glory; enfold it with thy mercy and love; and grant that all who come here and lift up their hearts to thee in prayer and praise may know the assurance of thy presence, and receive the abundance of thy grace, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Everlasting God, who art ever adored by the holy angels and yet dost choose us to be stewards of thy mysteries, bless, we beseech thee, this altar where may be shown forth the mystery of thy redeeming love in the sacrifice of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, here in the Breaking of Bread may we see the Risen Lord, and be made partakers of His endless life; Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost. One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn, Now thank we all our God.

The Address by The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Guildford.

Hymn, Stand up, stand up for Jesus.

The National Anthem.

The Blessing.

The Bishop.—God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and Empire, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with you and abide with you always. *Amen.*

The Collect for King Charles The Martyr and two Regimental Prayers specially composed for the occasion are:—

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that after the example of Blessed King Charles The Martyr we may rightly and steadfastly believe in thee; that being established in divine love we may by no temptations be moved away from the integrity of the faith and may have boldness to confess thee at all times before men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the officers and men of The Queen's Royal Regiment; shelter them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them ever with loyalty and courage, and grant that in all things they may serve as serving thee, who are invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to our prayers for thy servants our Brethren of The Regiment who in their generation served thee faithfully, and are now at rest. Forgive what was amiss in them; fill up what was lacking; make perfect what was good; that they may be counted worthy, with all them thy faithful servants, to receive thy blessing. Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

The full text of the Bishop's Address reads:—

"This is a unique and historic occasion and I am both proud and privileged to have had the honour of dedicating your magnificent Chapel. I need hardly say that it gives colour and beauty to a building which, when it is completed, will take an important place among the many beautiful cathedrals of our land. Though the Cathedral will not be Consecrated until May of next year, it is fitting that a separate ceremony should mark the dedication of your Chapel for this would not have been possible in the same manner in the rather complicated ceremonies of Consecration. Also, it was important that the

Chapel should be dedicated while The Queen's Royal Regiment still bore that ancient, honoured and proud title. For these reasons we are happy that it was possible to arrange this service today, and we are glad to welcome so many of you here this morning. I can assure you that the congregations who will eventually worship in this Cathedral in the future will do so in greater comfort than you are experiencing! I hope that after the service it will be possible for those of you who have not already done so to look at the Chapel, which to my mind is extremely beautiful and expresses the glorious history and tradition of your Regiment. And it is there that I have looked for the twofold theme of my sermon this morning, for what could be more fitting at such a service than to recall to your minds your two mottoes. First—and I will spare you the Latin—*Mindful of the Gallant actions of the past.*

"The Chapel shows something of the long tradition of your Regiment in its insignia as befits the oldest English Regiment of the Line; and no Regiment of the British Army could have a prouder one. There are two ways of regarding the past. There are those who look back and say, 'Ah! but there were giants in the earth in those days' (to quote from the Book Genesis). They look at the present and note how different it is from the past and sigh for the good old days. We meet many people like that; and I would not be surprised if most of the older ones amongst us here this morning have not succumbed to the temptation and said something like this—'Things are very different now than when I first joined the Regiment—or when I was young.' It is probably a good thing that they are or else how should we progress? On the other hand we can look back at the past and gain inspiration and encouragement from it. I have no doubt at all that many a man, whether an officer, non-commissioned officer or private has at some time or another remembered the tradition into which he has entered and gained courage and inspiration from it—may be in battle when he was afraid, maybe in temptation when he was weak—and won through because the thought uppermost in his mind was that he should not fail those who had gone before:—that at any rate he would not let the Regiment down. It is such a spirit that not only redeems the present, but also guarantees the future, and it is in that sense that the motto should be interpreted—As long as this Chapel remains there will be here the memorial of the gallant tradition of The Queen's Royal Regiment and may it ever be a place of pilgrimage to those who have served in it.

"The very fact of the dedication to King Charles the Martyr lays its foundation not in the twentieth century but in the seventeenth, when the Regiment first worshipped in the Garrison Church of Tangier which was also dedicated in his honour. And how great and glorious is a tradition which from its earliest days is so clearly associated with the worship of Almighty God. We give thanks to God for those who have, during the centuries, built that splendid tradition and pray that it may long be maintained as we are mindful of the gallant actions of the past—not merely battle actions but those actions by individuals who because of the integrity of their character and the uprightness of their lives have enhanced the reputation of this Regiment. That first, we turn now to the second motto—*Even in defeat there can be triumph.*

"I venture to say that in these words is summed up all that is best in our British character. It is often quoted that the British do not know when they are beaten. This is not just obstinacy or stubbornness, but rather a belief that honour is won not so much by success as by the way in which defeat is met. So it is that often a loser in a contest may draw greater applause from the

crowd than the victor himself. But it also speaks to us of indomitable courage. When things go wrong many people give way beneath their weight—the spirit goes out of them—but those who take to heart such a motto as this can always triumph for they rise above the adverse circumstances. During the war this was brought home to us by one of Ivor Novello's songs—though our towns were being battered and our people killed—"There will always be an England" gave fresh heart to thousands of people. The same note came to the nation time and again in the speeches of Sir Winston Churchill, and was it not Kipling who challenged 'Who die if England live'?

"But more than all this is it not the very foundation of the Christian religion? Christ Himself has shown us that despite the apparent defeat of Good Friday there is the triumph of Easter Day. Will you forgive me if I mention here something which must be in the hearts of all who have served or are still serving in the Queen's? In October next the two Surrey Regiments are to be amalgamated and the long association of the Queen's with Guildford will end. There must inevitably be a feeling of sadness but when I was speaking to one of your senior officers the other day he said, 'We must not think of this as a funeral but as a marriage, from which something new is to be born which will combine the best of both parents.' Even here, you see, there can be the note of triumph for you carry into the new Regiment, all your glorious tradition—you have so much to give—and in turn will receive something of value from the other which you also can cherish. All that you are and stand for can never be lost. Here in this Cathedral this Chapel will be a perpetual reminder of that. It will be more important than ever that you carry into the new Regiment all that is highest and noblest in your tradition—not in the spirit of superiority, but in humble gratitude that you have been privileged to have some part in it and are proud and glad that others may share it.

"Thank God for your great tradition and all that it has meant to you and countless others; thank Him for those whose lives have been given in that spirit which never admits defeat; thank Him that He has called you to live at such a glorious moment in history when you can show forth those very qualities which our day and generation needs, and may God be with you. I close with the words of a blessing which seem to sum this all up much better than any words of mine: 'Go forth into the world in peace: be of good courage: hold fast that which is good: render to no man evil for evil: strengthen the faint-hearted: support the weak: help the afflicted: honour all men: Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the Power of the Holy Spirit'."

No one, young or old, who was present in the Cathedral could fail to have been moved and uplifted by the beauty of the service, the inspiring words of the Bishop, and the feeling of having taken part in a great act of corporate worship. Many must also have felt that our lovely Chapel would be a place of Pilgrimage in the future.

* * *

The Garrison Church of Tangier was dedicated to King Charles The Martyr, and it is believed that The Regiment worshipped there regularly. It is to commemorate this circumstance that the new Regimental Chapel has been dedicated to the Honour of King Charles The Martyr.

The Collection, which was handed over to the Cathedral as a gift from The Regiment, amounted to £172.

The most recent addition to the Chapel is the priest's desk, which is a Memorial to those of the 1st Battalion who died in Malaya in 1954-57. This is the subject of a separate item on another page.

The first sacramental service to be held in the Cathedral took place on Sunday, 9th August, when Major and Mrs. W. J. F. Sutton's baby daughter was baptized, Bridget Caroline, in our Regimental Chapel.

THE PRIEST'S DESK—MALAYA 1954-1957

A priest's desk has been placed in the Regimental Chapel at the new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, as a memorial to the officers and men of 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment who were killed in action or who died on active service while the Battalion was serving in Malaya during the period February, 1954, to March, 1957.



[W. Dennett, Guildford]

The inscription, which is an exact replica of that on the memorial in the Garrison Church, Singapore, was engraved by the craftsmen of H.M.S. *Excellent* and reads as follows:

To the glory of God
and

In memory of those who died in Malaya
February 1954 to March 1957 while serving
with
1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment

Killed in Action

2/Lieut. R. M. Townsend
Sgt. R. E. Jones
Pte. D. Braybrooks

Pte. J. A. Purves

Pte. R. W. Fisher
Pte. S. R. King
Pte. L. W. J. Smith

Died whilst on Active Service
2/Lieut. A. V. Palmer
Pte. H. M. C. D. Duff
C/Sgt. D. Shaw

THE THIRD COLOUR

The 1st Battalion are also still in possession of the Third Colour, sometimes known as the Green Colour. This dates from the period when a number of colours were carried, including the Colonel's Colour which in our case was green.

After 1688, in common with others, the Regiment carried three colours only and continued to do so until 1750 although the Infantry generally had ceased to do so some years earlier.

In 1835, however, special orders were issued that under no circumstances were more than the two colours to be carried on parade, but special dispensation was given to the Regiment to retain the Third Colour in its possession. It is this colour remade and repaired, which is the Third Colour of the 1st Battalion.

THE REGIMENTAL INSIGNIA AND MOTTOES

FOR purposes of record in this final number of the JOURNAL a summary of information about the Regimental Insignia has been included.

THE PASchal LAMB

The Paschal Lamb is the chief emblem in the Regimental Insignia. It is worn alike by officers and other ranks both as the cap badge and as the collar badge. It is also borne in each corner of the Regimental Colour.

The origin of its adoption is obscure, but since early days it has been identified with the Regiment. Some authorities, including Macaulay, have suggested that as the Regiment was formed in 1661 to garrison Tangier—part of the

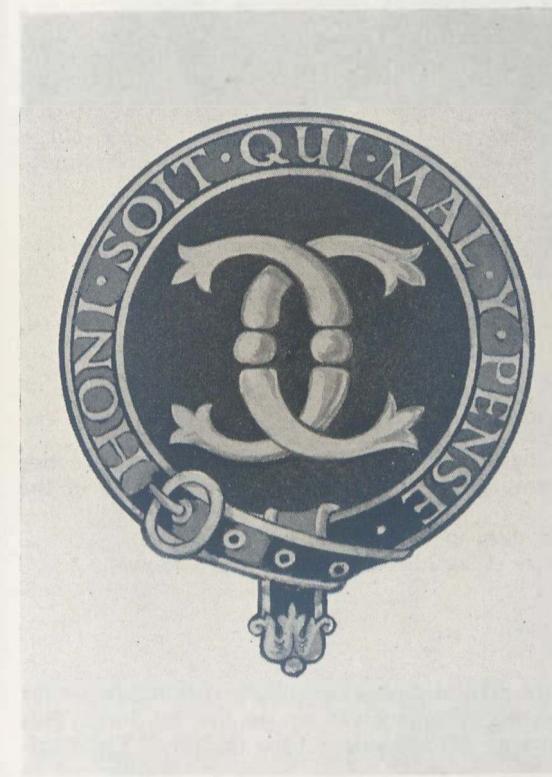


dowry brought by Catherine of Braganza on her marriage to King Charles II—the badge was taken as a Christian emblem in the struggle against the infidel Moors. Others have attributed its adoption to the fact that, in one portrait, Queen Catherine is depicted with a lamb in the foreground.

It seems fairly clear, however—from the early drawings of the Colours—that the badge was not adopted until after the return of the Regiment from Tangier in 1684. The first known instance of the Regiment wearing the Lamb as its badge appears on the Carlisle figures dating from about 1715, presented by Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.E.

What is not open to doubt is that for many years the Paschal Lamb, in the true ecclesiastical sense, has been the Regimental Badge.

THE CYpher OF QUEEN CATHERINE WITHIN THE GARTER



West Surrey Regiment) T.F. and a drawing prepared for these Colours bore the Cypher of the then sovereign, King Edward VII.

The fact that the Colours of the Regiment had never borne the Cypher of a male sovereign was pointed out and His Majesty graciously approved of the permanent restitution of the Cypher of Queen Catherine, the Regiment's original Cypher, to the Colour.

All Colours, which were then in service in the Regiment, were altered to conform and to this day bear the original Cypher.

The Cypher consists of two "C's" interlaced, with the Crown over it. The Regiment was raised in 1661 for the specific purpose of garrisoning Tangier, which was part of the dowry brought by the Portuguese Princess, Catherine of Braganza, on her marriage to King Charles II.

Thus from its inception the Regiment was associated with the Queen and was graciously permitted to bear her cypher upon its Colours.

Queen Catherine died in 1705, and the Regiment, designated for the first time "The Queen's" in 1684, continued to enjoy the distinction of bearing upon its Colours the Cypher of the Queen, or the Queen Consort until 1910.

At this time new Colours were to be presented to the 4th Battalion The Queen's (Royal



THE NAVAL CROWN SUPERSCRIBED "1 JUNE 1794"

Just before the close of the eighteenth century, it was a frequent practice for Infantry Regiments to be employed as Marines aboard the ships of the Royal Navy.

In 1794 the Regiment was on duty in the following ships:

H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte* (Flagship of Admiral Lord Howe)
 H.M.S. *Russell*
 H.M.S. *Defence*
 H.M.S. *Royal George*
 H.M.S. *Majestic*

At the end of May 1794, after several days of desultory action against the French Fleet, Lord Howe won a resounding victory on the 1st June. This action has been known ever since as "The Glorious First of June." The Regiment took part with great distinction in the battle, and was authorized to wear as a Battle Honour on the Regimental Colour, The Naval Crown, superscribed "1 June 1794."

The relationship forged during the battle between the Regiment and Lord Howe's Flagship—H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*—has been maintained ever since. Each year the Regiment celebrates that great victory with the officers and men of H.M.S. *Excellent*, which is now the Naval Gunnery School at Portsmouth and is the ship that has inherited the traditions, but not the name, of H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*. Whenever the 1st Battalion is stationed abroad and is within reach of a unit of the Royal Navy these celebrations also take place

especially with gunnery members of the Fleet. A cricket match against H.M.S. *Excellent* is now an annual event.

The picture of the death of Lieut. Neville on board the Flagship in the presence of Lord Howe, commemorates the battle and is greatly valued in the Regiment.

The Worcestershire Regiment was also awarded the Naval Crown for its distinguished part in the action.

In 1925 H.M.S. *Excellent* was presented with a scroll giving authority to use the Regimental March, "Braganza." H.M.S. *Excellent* often march past in quick time to "Braganza."

This tradition has recently been carried further by permission being granted for H.M.S. *Excellent* to call their ship's magazine *Braganza*.

THE SPHINX

The Sphinx—superscribed "EGYPT"—is worn on the Regimental Colour as a Battle Honour. It commemorates the part played in the Egyptian Campaign of 1801. In addition to many smaller engagements, the Regiment took part in the Battles of Aboukir and Alexandria, in the latter of which the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Ralph Abercrombie, was mortally wounded.



THE MOTTOES

"Pristinae Virtutis Memor," may be translated as "Mindful of the Gallant Actions of the past," and "Vel Exuviae Triumphant" as "Even in defeat there can be triumph."

The origins of both mottoes are obscure, but there is an oral tradition that the Regiment was awarded "Pristinae Virtutis Memor" for its gallant defence of Tongres in the Low Countries in 1703. The Queen's together with a Dutch Regiment impeded the advance of 40,000 French for twenty-eight hours by holding the small fortified town of Tongres. As the Queen's had garrisoned Tangier from 1661 to 1684 against the Moors the motto hearkened back to their previous experiences. There is doubt, however, whether the Regiment was at Tongres.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

THE following interesting presentations have been made since the last publication of the JOURNAL:

The binoculars of the late General Sir C. C. Monro have been presented by Mr. J. C. Balne to whom they were given by Major Monro in 1898.

A handsomely carved pipe executed for or by W. C. Dixon, a member of the Service Company of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Regiment during the South African War 1899-1902. Presented by Mrs. Tuke.

The medals of the late Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Neale (1891-1915). Presented by his nephew, Major A. G. Neale.

A Naval General Service Medal (1793-1840) with clasp "1 June 1794" and an Abyssinian Medal (1867-8) have been purchased. Both of these are rare to the Regiment.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

THE annual reunion garden party was held on Saturday, 18th July, 1959. This was the last occasion on which the reunion will be held at Stoughton Barracks.

One hundred and sixty-two members and their families attended.

The number of guests was rather smaller than usual, due to the fact that the annual Diocesan Service in the new Cathedral was held on that afternoon.

The weather and conditions were perfect and the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion performing for the last time at Stoughton Barracks, brought the memorable occasion to its close. It was a very moving moment for all present when the Regimental Flag was lowered, slowly, at the end of our last reunion before Amalgamation.

The Regimental dinner, also the last before Amalgamation, was held at the Army and Navy Club on Friday, 2nd October, 1959. One hundred and twenty-two members were present and heard the very inspiring speech by the Chairman, the Colonel of the Regiment.

Our membership is now 456.

When Amalgamation takes place, the club is to be amalgamated with the present East Surrey Regiment Officers' Association, and will be designated The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Officers' Club. Full details regarding membership, subscriptions, and conditions will be circulated in the near future.

OFFICERS OF THE QUEEN'S NOT SERVING WITH THE 1st BATTALION

REGULAR OFFICERS

Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B.E.	...	The War Office
Brigadier P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E.	...	The War Office
Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E.	...	U.K.A.L.S., Canada
Brigadier F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E.	...	The War Office
Colonel (T/Brigadier) G. H. W. Goode, D.S.O., O.B.E.	...	70 East African Brigade
Colonel (T/Brigadier) F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.	...	148 Infantry Brigade (T.A.)
Colonel M. V. Fletcher	...	Hong Kong
Colonel D. G. Loch, O.B.E.	...	R.A.F. Staff College
Lieut.-Colonel H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.	...	23 Liaison Headquarters
Lieut.-Colonel M. T. N. Jennings	...	Royal Hong Kong Defence Forces
Major (Loc. Lieut.-Colonel) R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E.	...	Staff College, Camberley
Major I. P. Thomson, M.C.	...	Headquarters Southern Command
Major P. R. H. Kealy	...	3rd Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
Major J. U. Stobbs	...	Headquarters Singapore Base District
Major C. J. Grindley, M.B.E.	...	Boys Company, Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
Major M. A. Lowry, M.C.	...	Somaliland Scouts
Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C.	...	1 Surreys
Major E. B. G. Clowes, M.B.E.	...	Ministry of Defence
Major P. R. Swanson	...	5 Queen's (T.A.)
Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D.	...	Depot Queen's Surreys
Major B. S. Burns, M.C.	...	3rd Bn. The Gold Coast Regiment
Major K. McL. Douglas	...	6 Queen's (T.A.)
Major M. R. H. Stoppard	...	Home Counties Brigade
Major J. W. Sewell	...	The War Office
Capt. (T./Major) P. G. Collyer	...	Rear Details, Depot Queen's
Capt. P. A. W. G. Durrant	...	2 Infantry Division, B.A.O.R.
Capt. H. C. Millman	...	Staff College, Camberley
Capt. A. G. Jones	...	Staff College, Camberley
Capt. P. H. Clayton, M.B.E.	...	Middle East
Capt. D. J. Wright	...	16 Independent Parachute Brigade Group
Capt. R. B. Johnson	...	Depot Queen's Surreys
Capt. A. B. S. Faris	...	Federation Military Staff College, Malaya
Capt. M. E. Girling	...	5 Infantry Brigade Group, B.A.O.R.
Capt. P. M. Stamper	...	5 Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
Capt. G. C. Sharpe	...	Rear Details, Depot Queen's
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson	...	General Headquarters, FARELF
Lieut. (T./Capt.) J. V. Warner-Johnson	...	Mons Officer Cadet School
Lieut. H. M. Hare	...	Infantry Junior Leader's Battalion
Lieut. M. C. W. Credland	...	1st Bn. The Parachute Regiment
Lieut. G. B. Redfern	...	1/10th Gurkha Rifles
Lieut. S. T. W. Anderson	...	Depot Queen's Surreys
2/Lieut. K. G. Wakely	...	Depot Queen's Surreys

REGULAR OFFICERS ON THE EMPLOYED LIST

Lieut.-Colonel S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	...	Joint Services Nuclear and Chemical Defence School
Lieut.-Colonel M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.	...	Somaliland Scouts

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION OFFICERS

2/Lieut. J. M. B. Westing	...	Ghana Army
2/Lieut. R. M. Edwards	...	Ghana Army
2/Lieut. D. Kenway	...	Ghana Army
2/Lieut. D. W. Walker	...	Ghana Army

EXTENDED SERVICE COMMISSION OFFICERS

Capt. (T./Major) B. N. Hart	...	4th Bn. The Malav Regiment
Capt. E. H. Haynes	...	No. 3 Travelling Wing

EXTENDED SERVICE		COMMISSION OFFICERS
Major J. O'C. Cosgrove, M.B.E. ....	... ...	The War Office
Major H. A. G. Blake ....	... ...	Rheindahlen Garrison, B.A.O.R.
Major D. L. Fennell ....	... ...	W.O.S.B., Barton Stacey, Hants.
Major S. F. Harris ....	... ...	52 M.C.T.C. Cyprus
Capt. W. Webb, D.C.M. ....	... ...	Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley
QUARTERMASTERS		
(a) REGULARS		
Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Sellicks ....	... ...	Headquarters, Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R.
Major H. R. Gill ....	... ...	Depot Queen's Surreys
Capt. J. E. Griffin ....	... ...	Rear Details Depot Queen's
(b) SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS		
Capt. R. J. Hall ....	... ...	5 Queen's (T.A.)
Capt. C. W. Cheeseman ....	... ...	6 Queen's (T.A.)

1st (LONDON) CADET BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

VISIT TO B.A.O.R., 1959

COUNTY Headquarters have received the following account from Major Hurst, Officer Commanding Cadet Companies, The Queen's Royal Regiment, about their visit to B.A.O.R., Germany from 6th to 17th April.

"Members of this unit visited the Parent Regiment, The Queen's Royal Regiment at Iserlohn, in Germany, for an eleven-day stay.

"They sailed from Harwich to the Hook on Sunday evening the 5th, arriving at the Hook at 8 a.m. Monday morning, where they received breakfast before entraining for Dortmund.

"Upon arriving at Dortmund at 1600 hours they were taken to Iserlohn in transport provided by the Regiment. They had tea at the barracks and were allotted accommodation.

"On Tuesday, the 7th, they did a tour of the Regiment, viewed all the support weapons and did some shooting. The afternoon was spent in sightseeing. The next day a visit was paid to Mende, Headquarters of 58 Medium Regimental, R.A. and 115 Location Battery, R.A. and the medium ack-ack guns were seen in action.

"On Thursday the 9th a visit was made to the Army Base Workshops at Wetter where the R.E.M.E. could be seen at work stripping down, renovating and reassembling jeeps, heavy lorries and Centurion and Conqueror tanks. The day closed with a small boxing match between the local German club of Iserlohn and the 5th Infantry Brigade.

"The visitors went to Dohner A.G. factory on Friday where rolled steel plate, sheet metal and steel wiring is manufactured. The management took everybody out to lunch at the local beauty spot—Letmathe/West Fallen and then took them round the Dechonholme caves which have awe-inspiring stalactites and stalagmites.

"On Saturday the 11th a visit was made to the German Barracks at Iserlohn and later everybody went clay pigeon shooting with one of the German officers. This was enjoyed very much and in the evening the visitors went to a local circus.

"On Sunday, 12th April, we left Iserlohn Barracks to go into camp with

the Regiment at Haltern for infantry and tank co-operation exercises which were held in conjunction with the Royal Scots Greys. His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent is a troop leader in this Tank Regiment. The visitors enjoyed receiving instruction about tanks and to take part in action. On Wednesday morning, before leaving Haltern Camp to return to Iserlohn Barracks, Prince Edward met the cadets in their tents.

"Wednesday afternoon was spent in sightseeing and in the evening the party entrained and returned to the Hook, arriving at Harwich on Friday morning."

1st CADET BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

The year since the publication of the last JOURNAL has been a busy one for the Battalion. Towards the end of 1958, both the Wallington and Reigate Companies held successful open evenings which were attended by an encouraging number of parents and friends. The guest-of-honour at the former event was Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., then commanding the Regimental Depot and at the latter Brigadier M. H. ap Rhys Pryce of the Army Cadet Force Association.

At Christmas, the annual carol service was held at Reigate Parish Church conducted by the Vicar of Reigate assisted by the Rev. R. Jeans, Chaplain to the Battalion. Lessons were read by officers and cadets representing all companies and the Battalion Colours (originally presented and consecrated in 1922) were carried on parade. We were honoured by the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, The Right Hon. The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., who afterwards took the salute at a march past. Other guests included the County Cadet Commandant (Colonel H. R. Power, O.B.E.), the Deputy Commandant (Lieut.-Colonel J. F. E. Goad, O.B.E.), the Mayor of Reigate (Alderman George Searle, J.P.) and the Commanding Officers of both 5th and 6th Queen's (T.A.) (Lieut.-Colonel H. M. W. Harris and Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Nice, T.D.).

In March, Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Hughes, T.D., relinquished the command of the Battalion on his appointment as a Deputy Commandant, Surrey A.C.F. He has been succeeded by Major J. H. East, who has had a long association with the Battalion and with the A.C.F.

A most satisfactory field day was held in the Guildford area on Easter Monday.

There has been a steady improvement in the standard of full-bore shooting during the past year and the unit's teams have produced good scores in the various rifle meetings at Bisley and in the Home Counties District Rifle Meeting at Hythe. In the latter, the Battalion's first team were runners-up in the A.C.F. competition to the 4/5th Cadet Battalion. The East Surrey Regiment after a close fight and Cadet T. Shaw of the John Ruskin Grammar School Company tied with another Surrey cadet as Junior Champion at Arms.

A combined Corps of Drums drawn from the Reigate and Wallington Companies was one of three A.C.F. bands selected to play in the Royal Tournament arena before the evening performance. They appeared on Thursday, 18th June, and gave an excellent display of playing and countermarching for twenty-five minutes.

In the realm of normal training, there have been satisfactory results in all examinations for Certificate "A." In accordance with the policy of the A.C.F., emphasis is being placed on the need for training with the flavour of adventure

in addition to the normal Certificate "A" subjects and exercises involving light-weight camping, field cooking and the carrying out of "missions" calling for leadership and initiative, now feature in the programme of the various companies. On the occasion of the annual visit (which has now replaced the more formal annual inspection) to each detachment by the C.O. of the affiliated T.A. unit or by the Brigade Major, 131 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), all companies received good reports, two being graded as "above standard."

As at present constituted, the Battalion has companies at Selhurst Grammar School, John Ruskin Grammar School (Croydon), Wallington, Reigate and Dorking. The first two are closed units in schools and are affiliated to "C" Company, 6th Queen's (T.A.) as is the Wallington Company, which is an "open" unit. The other two "open" units are affiliated to 5th Queen's (T.A.). It is hoped in the near future to form another open unit at Queen's House, Croydon. The Headquarters of the Battalion is at the T.A. Centre, Reigate.

In 1960, the Army Cadet Force celebrates its centenary year and the 1st Cadet Bn., The Queen's looks forward to playing its full part with the remainder of the A.C.F. in Surrey in the special celebrations which will be staged.

THE ALL RANKS GARDEN PARTY, 19th JULY, 1959

THE service at the Dedication of The Queen's Chapel had attracted many old members of the Regiment who afterwards made their way to the Depot. The weather was most fitting for this day, the Regiment's final reunion at Stoughton Barracks. Amongst the older men who attended was Mr. J. C. Balne, formerly R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, 1904 to 1910, and now in his ninety-second year. He is the oldest living member of the Regiment. We were also delighted to see our four Chelsea Pensioners, Miller, Stacey, Tippett and Foster. The depleted Depot staff had many calls for duties of various types, and it was largely due to their cheerful co-operation that everything went so well.

The 5th Battalion assisted by operating the 30-yard range shoot where the winner was Mr. S. Wilshaw. The cadets of the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, under the direction of R.S.M. W. Lockwood, D.C.M., operated the pony and trap rides for children and the ladies' shoot on the .22 range. The wife of the O.C. Depot, Mrs. P. G. Collyer was the winner of the ladies' shoot.

The Band performed on the green from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., to those who were taking shade under the trees and in tents.

Mrs. J. Y. Whitfield kindly presented the prizes for the various events held during the afternoon. This was followed by the final item for the day, "The Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums" in their scarlet uniform, which on conclusion made many remark, "This is a day of my life I shall never forget." It was sad indeed to think that this was the very last occasion on which the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion would play at Stoughton Barracks.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATIONS

2/4th QUEEN'S OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (1914-1919)

At the annual reunion dinner held at Grant's Restaurant, Croydon, on 25th April, 1959, 120 members and guests sat down to dinner.

It was a momentous and happy occasion as the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., was in the chair and beside him our war-time Colonel, Sir Frank Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D., now in his ninety-first year. Officers and other ranks had travelled long distances to be with us on this great occasion, and thanks are due to Mr. Harry Mann, the honorary secretary and his able committee for all arrangements made for the dinner.

The Annual General Meeting and Shrine Service will be held on Sunday, 15th November, 1959. The Shrine Service will be at the Croydon Parish Church at 3 p.m., and will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at Queen's House, Poplar Walk, West Croydon. Tea will be available. A special appeal is made to all Old Comrades to attend this grand Service of Remembrance.

S. V.

5th BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OLD MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

It is rather sad that the first notes appearing under this heading should be published in the last issue of the REGIMENTAL JOURNAL, but we hope that for many years to come they will appear regularly in THE JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT.

The 5th Battalion has been slow off the mark in starting an Old Members Association though four reunions have been held since 1947. The first two—in the late '40s—were largely organized by the late R.Q.M.S. Fred Pullan and it can truly be said that he was one of the founders of the Association.

The reunions in 1957 and 1958 were organized by a committee called together by Colonel L. C. East. With the Battalion celebrating the Centenary this year it was decided to put the reunion on a firm footing and to form an Association with the following objects:

1. To enable old members of the Battalion to keep in touch with one another.
2. To organize the annual reunion and other functions centrally or locally as opportunity offers or need arises.
3. To foster the Regimental spirit of the Queen's Royal Regiment, and to provide a link between the past and present members of the Battalion and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
4. To enable serving members of the Battalion to enjoy the support and advice of their forerunners, and for the latter to assist and encourage recruiting.

A committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy with the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel H. W. M. Harris as his Deputy. Major J. F. L. Clarke was appointed Hon. Treasurer and W.O.II (now Lieutenant (Qr.Mr.)) L. C. A. Moxon as Hon. Secretary. Meetings of old members were called at the various Company Headquarters and those present were invited to appoint a chairman, secretary and a representative to serve on the central committee. Subscriptions have been fixed at 5s. Annual or £2 Life (minimum in each case) to include the ticket for the annual reunion.

Although the Association is still in its early stages the efforts of the area representatives are beginning to bear fruit. Well over two hundred attended the 1959 reunion held at Sandfield Terrace on Saturday, 9th May. The chief speaker was Sir Patrick Spens, Q.C., M.P. He was Adjutant of the Battalion in 1914-15. All members of the Regiment were no doubt delighted to see that

in the Birthday Honours Sir Patrick was to be elevated to the Peerage.

Major-General J. Y. Whitfield attended as an "ordinary" member of the Association. A most welcome guest was General Sir Lashmer Whistler—a good friend of the Battalion.

The Hon. Secretary has the names and addresses of some five hundred potential members of whom some three hundred have already joined the Association. It is hoped that other possible members *i.e.* anyone who has served in any Battalion of the Regiment bearing the numerical title 5th (whether 1/5th or 2/5th) or in the 1st Volunteer Battalion will get in touch with the Hon. Secretary whose address is "Calliope," Parkstone Drive, Camberley.

8th (S.) BN. THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT DINNER CLUB (1914-1918)

The annual all ranks dinner was held at the Cloisters Restaurant, London, S.W.3, on 2nd May, 1959, with the usual good attendance.

Among those present was Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel The Queen's Royal Regiment, who kindly gave the members a most interesting and up-to-date picture of the Regiment's current activities with details of the forthcoming Amalgamation.

The evening concluded happily with entertainment provided by "Vi Stevens" and her friends.

The Wreath-Laying Ceremony will take place on 17th October, 1959, at the 24th Division Memorial, Battersea Park, London, S.W.8.

OBITUARY

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

No.	Rank and Name	Bn.	Service	Date of Death
	Capt. (Qr.Mr.) A. J. Beer, M.B.E.	24th London Regiment and 7th		26.10.58
	Capt. T. D. G. Mulady	1st and Army Air Corps	1952-1958	11.12.58
	Brigadier-General A. Mudge, C.B., C.M.G.	1st	(On active service) 1891-1918	27.12.58
	Major C. J. M. Elliott, D.C.M.	1st, 2nd and 5th	1893-1933	1. 1.59
	Major N. E. Savage	1st and R.A.P.C.		3. 5.59
7682	Pte. J. Morrison	1st and 2nd	1902-1915	10.11.58
6085114	Bdsn. J. R. Osborn	1st	1932-1939	10.11.58
6633	Pte. E. Langfield	9th, 11th and 3rd	1915-1919	12.58
6757665	Pte. C. R. Rose	1st	1932-1945	24.12.58
6096775	Sgt. N. H. Turton	30th	1940-1945	29.12.58
8959	Bdsn. D. Hebourn	1st	1912-	31.12.58
6078220	Cpl. B. Cressey	1st	1906-1928	24. 1.59
6076735	R.S.M. A. P. Picton	2nd and 4th	1918-1947	25. 1.59
6081648	R.Q.M.S. F. H. J. Pullan, B.E.M.	5th	1923-1959	7. 2.59
4405	C./Sgt. P. E. Rowley	1st and Depot	1894-1914	20. 2.59
	A. S. Jones	4th	1939-1941	24. 2.59
5213	J. Church	1st and 2nd	1897-1905	28. 2.59
5946338	R.Q.M.S. W. W. Morris	1/5th		20. 4.59
68591	H. G. Smithers, M.M.	7th	1914-1919	7. 5.59
6076196	Cpl. F. Downs	1st and 2nd	1906-1930	20. 6.59
913	Pte. F. G. Cobb	2nd	1914-1919	27. 7.59
6198418	R.S.M. A. Fulbrook	1st and 2nd	1907-1928	17.10.59

NOTICES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN (Established 1885)

(Regular Forces Employment Association)
62 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1

During 1958, the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 19,763, which was 79.5 per cent of those who registered at one or other of the Association's fifty-two branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 8,162 were from the Army and twenty-three were from your Regiment.

At some time or another, every Regular eventually returns to civil life. When this happens, looking for a decent job can be a trying and lengthy business.

This is where the National Association comes in, completely free, to help you to start right. If you are not absolutely sure of your job, get in touch with the local Jobfinder. Incidentally, he is an ex-Regular like yourself so you will be quite at home when you meet him. He knows the employers and the vacancies they want to fill and can, therefore, give you an up-to-the-minute picture of the local employment possibilities.

If, when you get home, you have forgotten, lost or have never been told the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office, or to your own Regimental Association. They will be able to give it to you.

THE COLOURS

It is proposed to issue the colour-plate appearing in this number on a mount suitable for framing. This will depend on the number of orders received. Providing a total of not less than 50 copies is ordered, the price will be 7s. 6d. each, including an envelope and purchase tax.

In the first instance, orders only should be sent to Gale & Polden Ltd., The Wellington Press, Aldershot. In the event of insufficient orders being received intending purchasers will be notified.



A vertical advertisement for Queen Anne Scotch Whisky. At the top, a white downward-pointing arrow is positioned above a bottle of whisky. The bottle is shown from the side, with a label that reads 'QUEEN ANNE SCOTCH WHISKY'. Below the bottle, the brand name 'QUEEN ANNE' is written in a large, bold, serif font, with 'RARE SCOTCH WHISKY' in a smaller font underneath.

DUNKIRK

May 27—June 3, 1940

Author and research team compiling detailed history of Dunkirk evacuation for well-known publishers would like to hear from regimental survivors. No literary efforts necessary; interviews held anywhere to suit convenience.

Please write in first instance
Richard Collier
None-go-by, Hill Lane
Burgh Heath, Surrey

AT YOUR SERVICE . . .

GALE & POLDEN LTD

THE PRINTERS, PUBLISHERS AND STATIONERS TO THE SERVICES

*PRINTING

We are specialists in the design of Service Printing —no matter how large or small your requirements, our expert knowledge will ensure that the work is correct in every detail. Estimates and samples are all part of the service.

*DIESTAMPING

Service crest dies are kept in stock and ready for immediate use.

*BOOKSELLING

Our Service publications are well known throughout the Services. We also stock a large selection of sporting books, general fiction, war stories, etc.

GALE & POLDEN LTD

LONDON · ALDERSHOT · PORTSMOUTH · CHATHAM