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OFFICERS, 1929

Back Row—Lieut. H. Wood, Lieut. T. H. Dyke, Lieut. J. E. Metcalfe, Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs, Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, Lieut. G. Haggard, Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke.
 Centre Row—Lieut. R. M. Burton, Capt. M. Shuldharn-Legh, Capt. J. L. S. Boyd, Lieut. F. J. Davis, Lieut. K. L. Wilson, Lieut. V. J. Bradley, Lieut. H. P. Combe, Capt. I. T. P. Hughes, M.C., Lieut. A. P. Block.
 Front Row—Lieut. W. H. Chitty, Capt. N. A. Willis, Bt., Major F. J. Jebens, M.C., Major A. N. S. Roberts, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., Capt. F. E. B. Grirling, M.C., Capt. G. K. Oliver, M.C., Capt. R. C. G. Foster, M.C.



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EDITORIAL

WE regret to announce the death of Col. Charles Fairbanks Lawson, a former Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, which occurred on the 8th of November last year in British Columbia, where he had resided for some years past. An obituary notice appears in our columns.

With this number we complete Volume II of the JOURNAL. Those who wish to bind up their copies will find a notice regarding binding cases in our Editorial notes. Readers who require back numbers are advised to make early application to us, as very few are available. The cost of these back numbers is 2s. each, post free.

By the time these lines appear in print, the 1st Battalion will have arrived at Malta. We wish them a happy and successful tour of duty, and feel sure that they will fully maintain the reputation they left behind when they left in 1895.

One of our readers has made a suggestion that we should start a column headed "Do you remember?"—and this column should be kept for humorous or interesting events within the recollection of readers in connection with any Battalion of the Regiment. He follows up his suggestion by sending in a contribution under this heading, which we publish elsewhere. We heartily approve of the suggestion, and hope that our readers will send us many contributions for this column. There must be many incidents of this nature which are well worth recording, and which will prove of interest to present and future generations.

We wish to express our thanks to the 1st Battalion for so kindly sending us the Battalion Calendar for 1929. The Calendar is most attractively got up, and contains photographs of general interest. We hope that this will become a regular institution, and that other Battalions will follow this example.

We publish elsewhere announcements regarding the All-Ranks' Dinner, Officers' Dinner, and the All-Ranks' Garden Party, and would remind those who intend to be present of the necessity of communicating with the secretaries of the various functions without delay.

The Regimental Museum, which was formed some time ago at the Depot, is making steady progress, and many objects connected with the history of the Regiment have now been collected there. We would ask our readers to keep the Regimental Museum in mind, and to forward to the Officer Commanding the Depot any suitable articles they may come across. A small fund is available for the purchase of such articles, and readers are therefore asked to notify the Officer Commanding the Depot of any prints, pictures, etc., which they may hear of as being for sale.

We congratulate the Regimental fencing team on having got through the Eastern Command and Inter-Command stages of the Inter-Unit Fencing Team Championship. We wish them every success in the final which takes place at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, on the mornings of June 6th and 7th. An account of their matches appears elsewhere in our columns.

Our next number will be published in November this year, and we would ask that all news, articles, etc., intended for publication, would reach us not later than October 15th.

1st BATTALION

ONCE again our thoughts are centred on Malta, and the date of our ultimate arrival. One would have thought that, at this period of the trooping season, something definite would have transpired, but, alas, Providence has decided otherwise, and we are now left in the unenviable state of uncertainty, due to the breakdown of H.M.T. *Somersetshire*.

Our transport has now been allotted to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, who are proceeding to India, and we are to await the arrival of the ill-fated *Somersetshire*, which, at present, is undergoing repairs at Singapore. News is scarce in the South China Command, so every day brings its fresh crop of rumours. The optimists, however, anticipate arriving at Malta sometime this year.

We understand that on arrival the Battalion, unfortunately, will be split up—"H.Q." Wing, Machine Gun Company, and one Rifle Company to Floriana Barracks, while the remaining two companies will be accommodated at Ricasoli. In spite of obvious inconveniences caused by separation, it is at least comforting to know that the Battalion will, at last, be on a permanent peace footing. On September 18th the officers of the Battalion played the officers and Indian officers, of the 3rd/15th Punjabis, at hockey. The game was certainly a novel one, as the conditions were that both Commanding Officers should play, and that the total ages of each team should exceed 300 years. After a strenuous struggle we were defeated by 7 goals to 3.

In the early part of October, 440 N.C.Os. and men of the Battalion proceeded to Hong-Kong to take part in a Grand Tattoo, which was organized in aid of military charities. This party was accommodated at Murray Barracks for the duration of the Tattoo, which lasted a week. The Battalion was responsible for a torchlight display under the direction of Lieut.-Col. J. D. Boyd. The Drums contributed to the programme by beating "Tattoo," while the bands of all units in the Command were massed. The set pieces of the Tattoo depicted scenes from Scotch history, such as "The Gathering of the Clans" and "The Surrender of Edinburgh Castle, 1689." We entered two boats for the Command Rowing Cup, and, in two races, we came in fourth. Considering this was our first attempt, the result was not unsatisfactory. We now intend to get down to it, at Malta, and see what we can do. In October an officers' hockey team visited Macau. The residents were extremely kind in accommodating the team, and two enjoyable games were played, the scores being 7—6, 4—3, both in our favour.

In November, the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment arrived from Shanghai, and joined us at Sham-Shui-Poo.

Although our activities in football are discussed elsewhere, it would not be amiss to mention one game in particular, that being our first match against the China Athletic. This game was played at Sookunpoo, in front of a very large assembly. Not only were the stands on the ground overflowing, but the surrounding houses and hilltops were packed with Chinese, all with one single thought—our defeat. Seldom has the regimental side played better. They were up against a first-class team, who were very quick and accurate. After a gruelling game, we won 3—1.

On November 17th the Battalion proceeded by train to Fanling (New Territories) to carry out Collective Training. Our camp was once more situated at Sun Wai. Throughout the whole period we were extremely lucky

with the weather, not even having one bad day. After Sham-Shui-Poo, camp came as a great relaxation. The mornings were spent in training, commencing with platoon and finishing with battalion schemes, while the afternoons were devoted to recreation. This year the difficulties in topography were facilitated by the naming of prominent hills and streams by designations such as Lamb, Cat, Queen's, Puppy, Indus, etc.

The Battalion carried out a very realistic Field Firing Exercise, advancing past the village of Ping T'se Suen. Luckily, we did not slaughter any Chinese grass cutters or unheeding buffaloes.

Experience has taught us that the Chinese peasant folk pay little heed to the lethal weapons of the foreign devil, and, in consequence, elaborate arrangements have to be made for their safety during an exercise of this nature.

We were unfortunate in having several cases of malaria caused, no doubt, by the close proximity of the Indus to our camp.

Thanks to the kindness of the members of the Fanling Hunt, we were allowed to use the race course as our recreation field, and three grounds were in constant use. Fishing in the Indus appeared to be a favourite pastime. One enthusiast is reputed to have caught a fish weighing 2lbs.

For the officers there was shooting and hunting. The shooting was poor, but occasional bags of snipe and quail were obtained, while the hunting showed promise of affording good sport, but, unfortunately, distemper attacked the pack, and shattered our hopes.

The R.S.M. and the Bandmaster were very energetic in organizing Bonfire Concerts, which proved to be very popular. In consequence, the singing of the Battalion has certainly improved. On one occasion, under the auspices of the P.R.I., we were entertained to a juggling performance by a vagrant Chinese juggler, who had a rare appetite for fire.

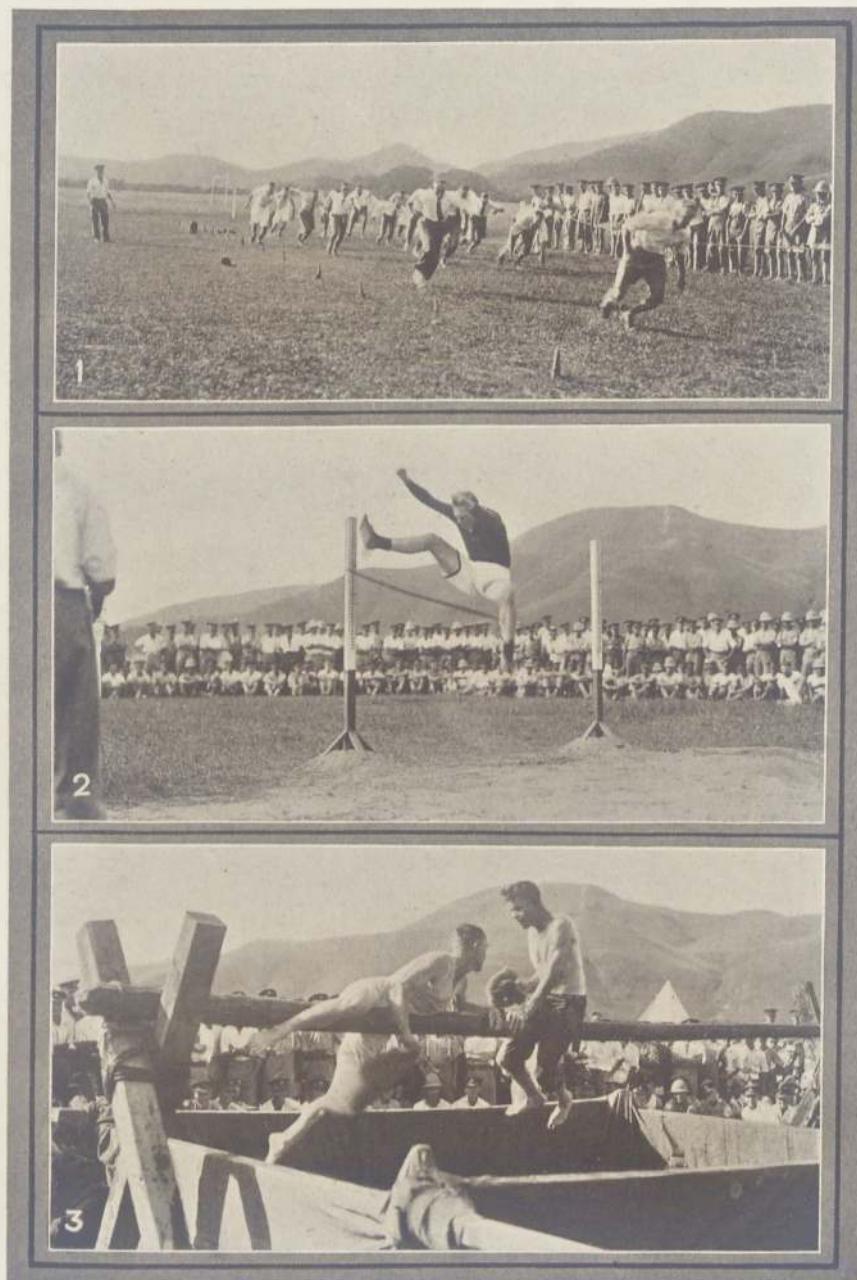
On December 22nd, after a most enjoyable camp, the Battalion marched back to Sham-Shui-Poo, a distance of twenty-one miles. The Christmas festivities were of a very cheery nature, and we all did our utmost to make it a really happy day.

At the latter part of January our old friends, the Scots Guards, passed through on their way home. Unfortunately, their trooper was in mid-stream, so we were unable to bid them farewell, *en masse*, but a large contingent from the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes went on board to wish them bon voyage.

During the period under review the Battalion has been called upon to find frequent Anti-Piracy Guards. Latterly our guards have been on the Singapore route, touching ports like Swatow and Amoy. These Guards are, naturally, not as popular as the luxurious trips to Shanghai in the Empress liners, but are, nevertheless, looked forward to as a change from the humdrum life of Sham-Shui-Poo.

We have supplied two guards of honour recently, the first by "B" Company, under the command of Major H. C. E. Hull, D.S.O., to Rear-Admiral Sten Broecke Hoekstra, Commander-in-Chief of the naval forces in the Netherland Indies. The second was found by "C" Company, under the command of Capt. E. S. Bingham, M.C., on the arrival of the new Commander-in-Chief, China Station, *vice* Admiral Waistell.

On January 11th the 1st Battalion The Somerset Light Infantry (our ultimate relief) arrived. We soldiered together for many years in India and also in the turbulent Irish days, and so were glad to renew acquaintance in the Far East.



BATTALION SPORTS

1. Officers' Race (C.O. leading). 2. High Jump. 3. Greasy Pole

UMPIRES.

During the recent Annual Training it was decided to detail N.C.Os. for duty with the umpires, with a view to making the field work, as near as possible, to the real thing.

The results, both from the officers' and other ranks' point of view, were sometimes surprising. Many strange things happened, particularly when the N.C.O. in question happened to be on his own company front.

On one occasion, for instance, a very flurried N.C.O. rushed up to his own Company Commander, and, dropping a suspicious-looking object hurriedly on the ground, remarked, "You are under very heavy artillery fire, sir," and vanished hurriedly. The object, on investigation, proved to be a cracker, Chinese, unexploded, and from the result of experiments later, unexplodable. Apparently this was intended to represent the very heavy artillery fire.

At another point on the front, an officer, seeing one of these white-banded nuisances peregrinating in front of his firing line, asked if he could advance farther, and, if not, why not? The answer was as follows:—"You can't advance any farther, sir, as you are under heavy artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire." At that moment a solitary round of blank from the enemy position broke the stillness—"That's right, sir, from over there!"

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last contribution rumours regarding our next station, both official and otherwise, have been fast and furious, and, at last, when we had the name of the boat and date of sailing, it really seemed as if the appointed time was settled, but, alas, such was not to be, for the *Somersetshire*, which was to have taken the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment to India, broke down under the strain, and so the Bedfords and Hertfords are now going to India on the *Dorsetshire*, which was to have taken us to Malta, and we are left to await repairs to the *Somersetshire* being completed before we move. All things, however, have a consolation, and this has caused a boom in trade for the photographers, both in China and at home, for most of the married members are having photos done, and are demanding the same of their wives and children, so that they will not forget what each other look like.

Mercifully, there are things other than moves with which to occupy our minds, and one was Battalion Training, in camp, at Sun Wai, about twenty miles away, where we spent a most enjoyable month under canvas. The Mess caused a certain amount of amusement with a glee party at a couple of camp fire concerts, and also with their Royal Irish Cup team, who were able to carry out a certain amount of "punching up," for it is most unusual to see half a dozen warrant officers and sergeants dashing across a sports field and opening rapid fire under the R.S.M. We wonder whether the troops thought that it was a backward squad under instruction. Unfortunately, malaria fever was prevalent while we were in camp, for otherwise the period was very enjoyable, which terminated with a march back to barracks on December 22nd, 1928.

With the near approach of Christmas, two members, who had remained in barracks, very tastefully decorated the Mess, and a very cheery sight it was on our return.

During the Christmas holidays the Mess was very quiet until the night of December 28th, when we partook of our Christmas dinner, and the members and guests, having dined and wined, proceeded to turn the evening into a great

success. Many humorous speeches were made during the evening, and, when the time came to leave for home, it was with regrets that the time had passed so quickly.

Our former neighbours, the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, with whom we had formed a very great spirit of comradeship, left Shanghai for home, in January, and, on being informed that the boat would stop at Hong-Kong, we anticipated renewing our friendship by a visit from them. Unfortunately, smallpox was prevalent here, and the authorities decided that no one would be allowed to leave the boat. But, "as the mountains would not come to Mohamet," we decided to form a party to visit them, and, accordingly, about a dozen of our members spent a very enjoyable afternoon on board, renewing acquaintances. The Guards' Mess very kindly presented us with a silver shield, engraved with the badges of both regiments, as a "token of friendship" of the Messes.

We have also had a framed photograph of the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment presented to us, which will help to remind us, in days to come, of a very jolly crowd of fellows, and many of us are looking forward with the hope that we may once more meet in another station, where we will renew our friendship.

One other thing that Hong-Kong has done for us is to help to cement our past traditions with the Navy, and, although we are at least three miles away from the nearest of their ships, there are very few evenings that pass without a visit from some of our naval friends. This has also helped to increase our Mess property by a presentation of a "Ship's Crest" from both H.M.S. *Frobisher* and H.M.S. *Kent*. Our next station, Malta, should help us more than ever to see more of our naval colleagues, and help to foster the tradition and friendship already existing.

We have to congratulate C.S.M. Marchant on having been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

To R.S.M. G. Osborne, M.M., who rejoined us on promotion, we extend a hearty welcome. As he is an old member he is not among strangers, although it is six years since he left, and many have joined in the meantime.

We also extend a hearty welcome to L./Sergts. Mann, Iles and Turk, who have just joined.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

The present topic of conversation is best described as "Goopers," which, being interpreted, meaneth both Gas and Troopers.

Gas is the more absorbing, of course, although we are informed, on the very best authority, that one of our members on the new course has been studying so assiduously that he has, alas, turned a bright mustard colour. We are at liberty to state, without giving any official secrets away, that there is plenty of "gas" both on the course and off it.

Our Troopers, on the other hand, are famous for their habit of going astray, or coming unput at awkward moments. For the rest of our service, most of us will remember the excellent *Somersetshire* which will, we suppose, eventually convey us to the (often) promised land of Malta. With reference to the latter, a chronic pessimist, one Monday morning, gave vent to the following awful thought:—

"Suppose," croaked he, "that Malta is worse than Hong-Kong?" We are thankful to place on record that he was immediately obliterated, but the horrid thought has haunted us persistently ever since.

Only suppose!

We have lost several of our members during the last trooping season, and wish them the best of luck in their several vocations. We all miss the "lighthouse keeper" very much, and the Mess is a sadder and quieter place since his departure. The popular "Watch" has also left us, and is now with the 2nd Battalion.

"Rivets" and "Lucre" are also among the missing faces. May they become rich in the land (which ever it is). "Ally" has gone to the Hong-Kong Police, and, we understand, is becoming a positive terror to the wicked of the colony. May he speedily become a super, and may we never meet him on duty. 'Nuff said.

At camp we became expert in tactics, and it is even whispered that certain unscrupulous souls used the knowledge so gained to evade the local constabulary in the lawful (and awful) execution of their duty. We trust that this is not so, but these things occur in the best regulated families, and we recommend the study of tactics to certain of our mutual friends.

The usual Boxing Day football match took place against our friends and neighbours, the Bedfordshires and Hertfordshires, and it is hard to know who won exactly. The member with the cribbage board had an accident, and so we lost count of the score.

The Volga (or, is it vulgar?) boatmen are looking forward to Malta, where it is rumoured that the facilities for rowing, fishing and sailing are great. If possible, it is intended to start a Mess rowing team, but, at present, we have to wait until we get there.

The recent Command Boxing Meeting produced able representatives from the Mess, and we seize this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Webb on his excellent show, and also L./Cpl. Frost, who reached the finals. Cpl. Cane and L./Cpl. Miles, of "D" Company, have been doing very well at hockey, and the former obtained a well-merited place in the Army XI. We are pleased to hear that Cpl. Hughes, after a dangerous illness, is now on the road to recovery, and will, we hope, be sailing with us, or, at any rate, this month.

The move and camp rather disarranged our sports fixtures, but we can turn out excellent elevens at both hockey and football, and hope to have many matches with our neighbours at our next station. The hockey team, in particular, has improved tremendously, and beat a team from H.M.S. *Iroquois* by 5 goals to 2, after a very exciting game.

We also played H.M.S. *Cornwall*, at football, when we managed to win by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1, after a very tight game. Our various meetings with the Navy have always helped to increase that feeling of good-fellowship, which we have always found so pronounced a feature in our meetings.

It has become quite a custom for many of our members to invite their naval acquaintances to the Mess, and, in return, they are rapidly becoming familiar with all the types of naval vessels which are to be found here. After a visit or two, they become noticeable by certain peculiarities, and it is rumoured that a certain rather absent-minded instructor detailed a squad to "Two paces step forrad-march."

As this is our farewell number to Hong-Kong, we can say candidly that, all things considered, it might have been a good deal worse. Even the married men, who are notoriously unapproachable for some time after the mail comes in, have reluctantly admitted that they had (some of them) seen worse stations.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why is a typhoon drain?

Who caught the big fish at Sun Wai?

Who's a Volga boatman?

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Shouldn't Sham-Shui-Poo be Sham-Shui-Pew! when the tide is out?

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Why was the Detachment Mess known as the half-way house.

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Who said this before field firing?—"If you lose a round of ball, you'll be for Orders, but if you lose an empty case it doesn't matter so much." And how was he going to tell the difference?

WEAPON TRAINING.

The clatter of studded boots, and the occasional thump of a rifle butt as from either end of the big yellow and red bus, its engine still throbbing, there tumbles into the comparative darkness a torrent of half awake khaki-clad Christmas trees.

"Number!" "Move to the right in fowers—form fowers—right!"—and the conglomeration of shovels, sandbags, rifles, bandoliers and butt registers moves off up the long path that stretches away from the corner of Kai Tak Aerodrome through an expanse of flat, wet, green plots towards Lion Rock.

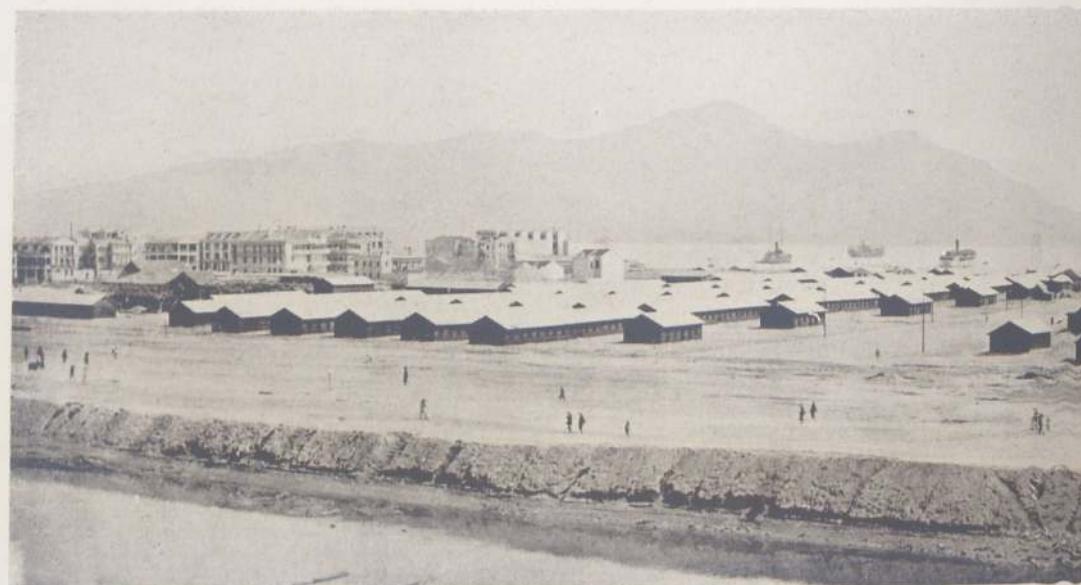
These things are already becoming mere memories, as even the worst nightmare will, though, if it be true that impressions of the olfactory faculty are those most indelibly imprinted on the memory, the recollections of our pre-prandial peregrinations to "A" and "B" Ranges are likely to be recalled for many a long day yet by the slightest stimulation of this sense.

The little corner where one invariably encountered the sow with the underslung chassis, and the playground where little porkers, which scuttled away at one's approach, the stagnant canal by the pathside with its display of defunct pigs, dead ducks, semi-submerged pots and pans, and basket cages of segregated live duck standing preening their towseled feathers, may all be forgotten when forfeited proficiency pay has ceased to gall, but there may be grounds for a dreadful apprehension that in some slum, somewhere, sometime we may be wondering where we did encounter that familiar aroma before.

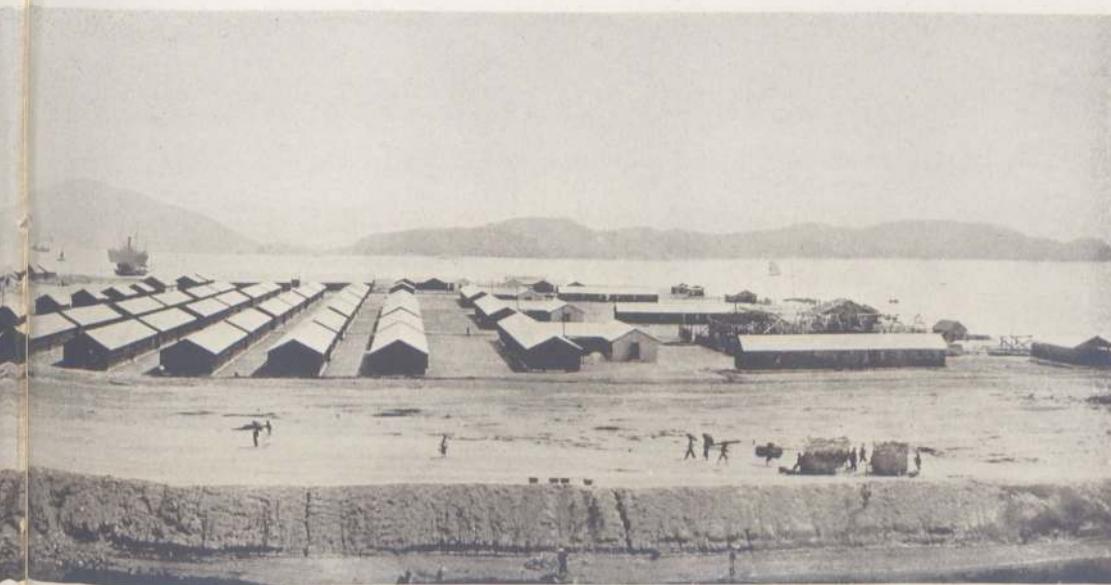
And so to the butts, and the butt registers, and, eventually, to A.Fs. B192 and 187. The latter we cannot quite believe. We have watched a senior officer try to digest one only recently. Its incredibility varies with the ingenuity of the Weapon Training Officer, its indigestibility with amount of information and statistics inserted. For some time past there has been an interchange of happy returns between the Weapon Training Officer and companies ultimately crystallized by the combined efforts of the Weapon Training Staff into the above-mentioned form, from which we glean, amongst other edifying intelligence, that the Battalion's figure of merit for the Weapon Training year, 1928-9, was 4.8 per cent. This is the first year in which we have fired the new Table "B," which we had to begin immediately on completion of our last course, and complete before the move to Malta. Other items not conducive to best results were the interruption of the course by Field Training camp and a tattoo, impossibility of holding a Cadre Course, and the long distance from the ranges.

There is a cheerful ring about the word "Merits," which is encouraging at any rate, and also reconciles one to the stern necessity for providing a suitable insertion in such difficult columns of the annual return as those headed "Reasons for N.F.E. (not fully exercised), which, it seems, would have been easily negotiated had they read, "Reasons F.N.E."

1ST BATTALION



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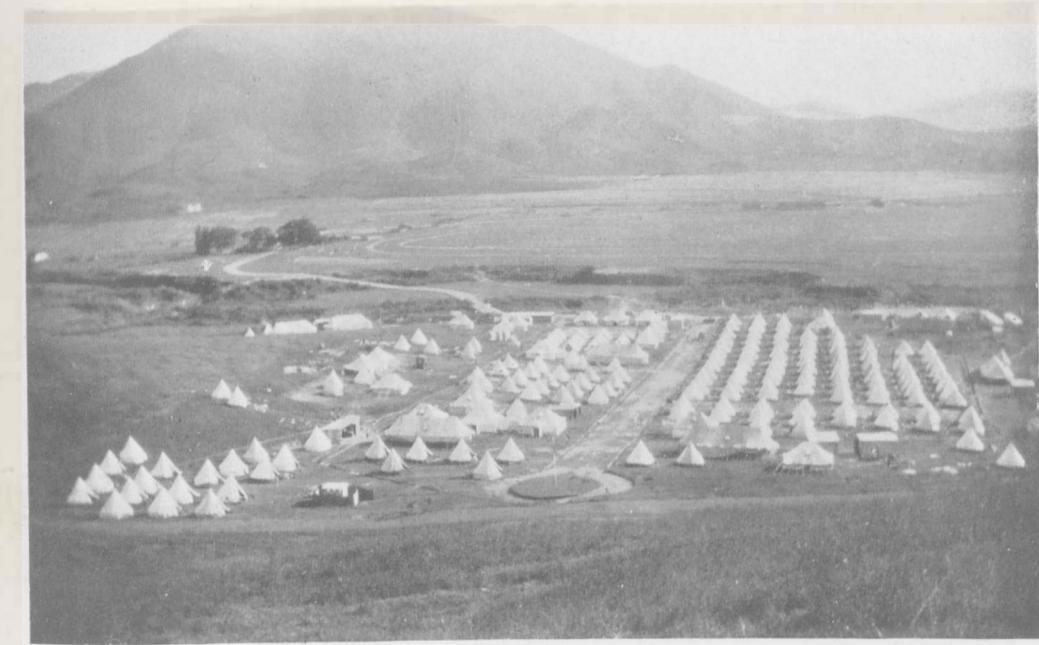


SHAM SHUI PO HONG-KONG.



"D" COMPANY, WINNERS OF INTER-COMPANY ATHLETIC SHIELD.

Back Row—Pte. Pett, Pte. Elsom, Pte. Knight, Pte. Warner, Pte. Kendal, Pte. Terry, Pte. White.
Centre Row—L./Cpl. Miles, Pte. Dry, Lieut. Fairtough, 2nd/Lieut. Kealy, L./Cpl. Hearden.
Front Row—L./Cpl. Bullen, Pte. Thomas, Pte. Harris, Pte. Stawgar, Pte. White.



SUN WAI CAMP.

Very realistic battle practices were fired in the training areas, in camp, with good results.

The Battalion entered for the Queen Victoria Trophy, A.R.A., results being as follows:—King George Cup, 317; Royal Irish Cup, 211; Company Shield, 503; Machine Gun Cup, 650; Duke of Connaught's Cup, 213. The young soldiers also competed, scoring 723.

The competition for Battalion Shot and Company Shots resulted as follows:—Sergt. Manners, Battalion Shot, "D" Company Shot and best shot amongst sergeants; L./Cpl. Dimmock, "B" Company Shot and best shot amongst corporals and privates; while L./Cpl. Cox was "C" Company Shot; Pte. Timms, of "B" Company tied with L./Cpl. Dimmock, but lost to him by 2 points only in an additional shoot. H.P.S., 35.

Of course, the difficulty of the year has been the ammunition drought, the C.O.s. pool being drained completely dry. Put something in the Magazine, said the unit editor. We tried it, but were not persuaded that the situation would be eased thereby. We should have preferred to invite contributions from the local R.A.O.C.

Though there may be a few misguided souls amongst the neutralized thirds, who find vague, but solitary satisfaction in the belief that they are each equal to eight marksmen or sixteen first class shots, that the spirit of healthy optimism is not dead, even in high circles, is evinced by an enlivening query which arrived only this morning—"In the event of a rifle meeting being held, please state how many rounds you are prepared to contribute from your surplus C.O.s. pool."

SPORTS NEWS.

Since our last article on this subject the general standard of sports and athletics in the Battalion has greatly improved, all competitions being keenly contested and fought well. A résumé is published below.

TENNIS.

Since the arrival of the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, we have given up two of our tennis courts, and we now have only two on which we can play, and, although the tennis does not compare with that of "Suzanne," much good exercise and fun has been obtained from the courts, which are always in demand.

HOCKEY.

The Battalion has had a very successful season. The fixture list for the 1st XI, "A" team, 2nd XI and companies have been very full. The best sides in the colony are the 3rd/15th Punjabis, the Navy, and the Hong-Kong Hockey Club. Throughout the entire season the 1st XI has suffered only one defeat. Seven members of the eleven have been playing for the Army, in the Triangular Sim Shield Hockey Tournament, between the Army, the Navy and the Hong-Kong Hockey Club.

Up to date the Army lead, and have only to draw with the Hong-Kong Hockey Club to win the shield again. The members of our team in the Army side are:—Lieut. Dickinson, Lieut. Burton, 2/Lieut. Foord, 2/Lieut. Kealy, Clr.-Sergt. Handscomb, L./Sergt. Hooper and Cpl. Cane.

There is only one League that a unit side can enter, but we were unable to compete owing to our move to Malta. We have had the advantage of a good gravel ground in barracks, and this has helped to improve the standard of our hockey.

HOCKEY FIXTURES.

(From October 1st, 1928, to March 5th, 1929).

1ST XI RESULTS.

Opponents.	Goals.			Opponents.	Goals.								
	Result.	F.	A.		Result.	F.	A.						
H.K.S.R.A.	Won	3	2	H.K.S.R.A.	...	...	...	Draw	5	5
H.K. Club	Won	3	2	Royal Navy	...	...	...	Won	6	2
Y.M.C.A.	Won	6	0	University	...	...	...	Won	7	2
H.M.S. <i>Tamar</i>	Won	4	3	H.M.S. <i>Hermes</i>	...	...	...	Won	2	1
H.K. Club	Won	4	0	H.K. Club	...	...	...	Lost	2	3
Royal Navy	Won	4	0	1st Bn. Bedf. & Herts Regt.	...	...	...	Won	2	1
3/15th Punjabis	Won	12	3	1st Bn. Bedf. & Herts Regt.	...	...	...	Won	4	1
3/15th Punjabis	Won	5	2	H.K.S.R.A.	...	...	...	Won	5	1
H.K. Club	Draw	1	1							

Won, 14; drawn, 2; lost, 1; goals—for, 75; against, 29.

FOOTBALL.

At the commencement of the season we entered teams in the following:—

Hong-Kong Football Association, Senior League, 1st XI.

Hong-Kong Football Association, Junior League, 2nd XI.

Hong-Kong Garrison League. (Teams from all Companies and "H.Q." Wing.)

Although we have not been so successful as we had hoped, a great improvement has been made on last year, and the present position in the Leagues, as appended below, speak for themselves:—

Hong-Kong Football Association, Senior League.—1st XI: Position, 2nd. Teams, 11.

Hong-Kong Football Association, Junior League.—2nd XI: Position, 3rd. Teams, 13.

Hong-Kong Garrison League.—Positions: 1st, "C" Company; 2nd, "H.Q." Wing; 9th, "B" Company; 11th, Machine Gun Company; 12th, "D" Company.

There are 16 competing units or clubs in the above League.

ATHLETICS.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, December 8th, whilst the Battalion were in camp at Sun Wai.

Dr. Pierce Grove kindly lent us the race course for all sports, and, after much hard work by Capt. H. G. Veasey and his happy band of workers, everything was ready by 1 p.m.

The Cross-Country Run, having taken place some three days previously, had placed companies as follows:—

1, "M.G." Company; 2, "B" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "C" Company; 5, "D" Company, the first three in being Pte. Storey, L./Cpl. Rowbottom and Pte. Woppard. Events to count towards the Aggregate Athletic Shield were run in the following order, and the results are shown on next page.

It is interesting to note that of the 39 points scored by "D" Company, 2/Lieut. Kealy alone scored 14, in addition to which he helped to win the Inter-Company Relay Race, and of the 28 points scored by "H.Q." Wing, Pte. Saunders scored 11.

In addition to the above there were the usual open and special events, for which little comment is needed except, perhaps, the officers' race, in which the Quartermaster exhibited his agility by laying down in front of the Commanding Officer near the winning post, and thereby preventing him from winning the race.

The handicapper in the Sergeants' Race endeavoured to show how swift the younger generation are, by giving Sergt. McCoy 130 yards start in 440 yards, but he was not slow in taking advantage of it, and, consequently, romped home an easy winner.

Special mention should be made of a series of side shows arranged by companies, which not only provided amusement, but also helped to swell the coffers of the Sports Fund.

AGGREGATE ATHLETIC SHIELD RESULTS.

Events.	"H.Q."	M.G.	"B."	"C."	"D."	Total.
1. Throwing the Cricket Ball	3	—	1	—	6
2. 100 Yards	2	3	1	—	6
3. Long Jump	—	1	—	3	6
4. 880 Yards	3	1	—	2	6
5. High Jump	—	3	—	1	6
6. 220 Yards	1	—	2	—	3
7. Putting the Weight	2	—	1	—	3
8. 440 Yards	3	3	—	2	6
9. Throwing the Discus	—	1	—	6	12
10. Inter-Company Relay	4	2	—	5	6
11. Throwing the Hammer	—	—	1	—	12
12. Tug-of-War	—	2	—	4	6
13. Pole Jump	—	4	2	—	6
14. One Mile	4	2	—	6	12
15. Three-Mile Cross-Country	6	12	8	4	32
Total Points	...	28	34	16	17	134
Placings	...	3rd	2nd	5th	4th	1st

THE VICTORIA CROSS

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE," DATED JUNE 9TH, 1919.

THE WAR OFFICE,

June 9th, 1919.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned man:—

The late G/14498 L./Cpl. John William Sayer, 8th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment (Cricklewood).

For most conspicuous bravery, determination and ability, displayed on the 21st March, 1918, at Le Verguier, when holding for two hours, in face of incessant attacks, the flank of a small isolated post. Owing to mist the enemy approached the post from both sides to within 30 yards before being discovered. L./Cpl. Sayer, on his own initiative and without assistance, beat off a succession of flank attacks, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

Though attacked by rifle and machine-gun fire, bayonet and bombs, he repulsed all attacks, killing many and wounding others. During the whole time he was continually exposed to rifle and machine-gun fire, but he showed the utmost contempt of danger, and his conduct was an inspiration to all. His skilful use of fire of all description enabled the post to hang out till nearly all the garrison had been killed and himself wounded and captured. He subsequently died as a result of wounds at Le Cateau.

AN OFFICER'S DIARY OF THE GREAT WAR, 1914-18

NOVEMBER 10TH, 1914, TO JUNE 1ST, 1915.

(Continued from page 81, November Number, 1928.)

November 10th to 20th.—The baggage did not turn up till 3 a.m., as it had been delayed by French transport on the road. Q.M.S. Nevins was promoted to R.S.M. to-day, and I organized the Battalion into one company ("A" Company). The platoon commanders were Sergt. Barnes, Cpl. Birmingham, Sergt. Baverstock and Sergt. Stillwell.

The Battalion stayed at Brielen for ten days, during which time we smartened up considerably in drill and appearance. A guard of 1 non-commissioned officer and 12 men had to be furnished daily over Corps Headquarters, and had to be visited constantly to ensure that it was up to the mark. Besides drill and interior economy there was an immense amount of correspondence to be dealt with, with the relatives of the casualties we had had, and in rewriting the Battalion's War Diary. The latter had been captured by the Germans at Battalion Headquarters on October 31st. Fortunately I had kept my own diary and had a note of every place the Battalion had passed through. I had to report to General Hobbs daily for instruction and to keep him informed of how we were getting on. Our strength at this time was as follows:—

Headquarters—2 officers and 25 non-commissioned officers and men.

Transport—22 non-commissioned officers and men.

"A" Company—121 non-commissioned officers and men.

Total—2 officers and 168 other ranks.

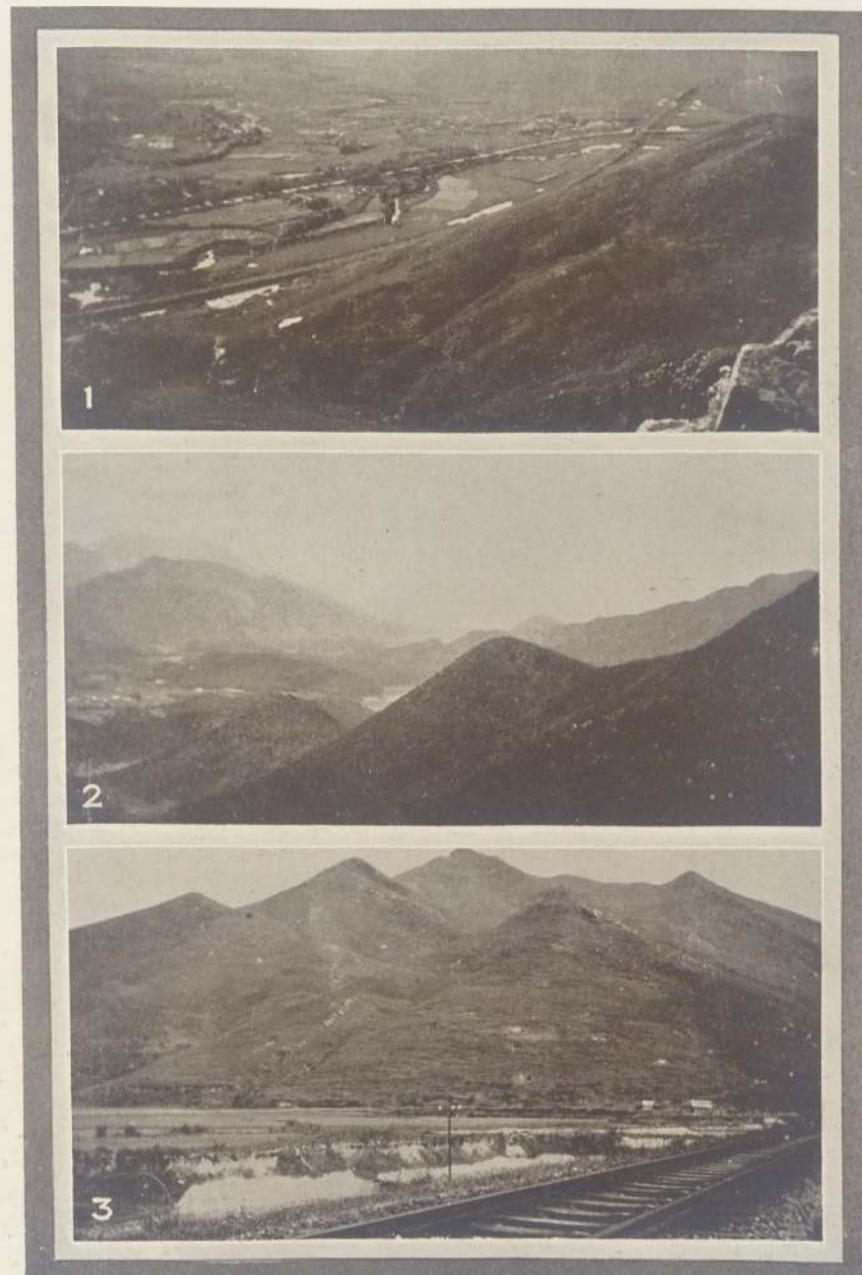
On November 11th we had a continuous stream of French troops passing through the village all day, moving west, and stating that they were bound for Alsace. I received a kind letter from our late Brigade-Major on this date, of which the following is a copy:—

MY DEAR —,

We have no news for you, but you must allow a comparative stranger to say how miserable I am at the Battalion leaving the Brigade for such a reason. I have only been about six weeks with the 3rd Brigade myself, but I can honestly say that your battalion, officers and men, have impressed me enormously, and I often thought that yours was the best battalion I had ever seen, or certainly (as a guardsman you will forgive me saying it) equal to the very best in the Brigade of Guards in every way. I can hardly bear to think of its unhappy fate.

Yours ever,
CHARLES GRANT.

10/11/14.
On November 12th Sir Douglas Haig sent us down a quantity of socks, etc., which Lady Haig had sent out. The same afternoon he passed me while out riding, and asked after the comfort of the men. I thanked him for sending us such a fine supply of things, and he replied that he was very glad to have such a distinguished battalion in Corps troops. Vesey came in for a few moments to-day to see us.



COLLECTIVE TRAINING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,
HONG-KONG.

From November 12th onwards we furnished a detachment at Poperinghe, as escort to prisoners. Many of the latter came through Brielen each day.

On November 14th Sergt. Griffiths, the Mess Sergeant, took a photo of the Battalion on parade in the school yard where we were billeted. On the 15th inst. we had our first snow, and the winter set in properly from this date. All our surplus transport was sent off to-day, by order of the 1st Division, leaving us with:

Two cookers, one water cart, one S.A.A. cart, one Maltese cart, one supply wagon and one blanket wagon.

The men were now very well off, as comforts for hundreds were arriving from home. All the surplus comforts were given to the French troops (as our battalions were getting plenty) and were greatly appreciated. On November 20th Capt. Needham, of the Suffolk Regiment, joined the Battalion and assumed command.

November 21st.—"Réveillé" 6 a.m. and marched off at 8 a.m. via Poperinghe, Steenvoorde and St. Sylvestre to Hazebrouck, where we arrived at 6.30 p.m. after a 23-mile march. Lieut. Chandler and 50 men (eighth reinforcement) joined this evening. By 9 a.m. we had settled into billets. The roads to Hazebrouck were like solid ice, and the transport had to be man-handled into billets after taking the horses out.

November 22nd to December 2nd.—General Hobbs sent for Wallis and myself at 9.30 a.m. and asked us if we would like eleven days' leave. He told us that a bus would be starting for Boulogne at 11 a.m. We went in a "General" bus through St. Omer to Boulogne, and reached Folkestone at 6 p.m. We arrived back at Hazebrouck at 6.30 p.m. on December 2nd, where we found the following officers had arrived: Lieut.-Col. Wilkins, Capts. Stenhouse, Parnell and New, and Lieuts. Pain, Thompson and Voisin.

December 3rd.—At 9 a.m. to-day the Battalion paraded a Guard of Honour outside I Corps Headquarters. The Guard consisted entirely of men who had been through the First Battle of Ypres, while the remainder of the Battalion lined the streets.

The King and Sir Douglas Haig walked round the Guard and inspected them. His Majesty asked how many of the men now in the Battalion had come out originally from Bordon. There were 83, counting transport personnel, etc.

Finally he congratulated the Guard on its appearance, and wished us luck.

December 4th to 22nd.—We spent this period at Hazebrouck, with the Battalion quartered in the School and the Officers' Mess in the square. The Battalion was organized in two companies ("A" and "B"). Geoffrey Parnell commanded "A" and Stenhouse "B" Company. Now that our numbers were beginning to go up there was plenty of orderly-room work, as well as drill and interior economy to cope with. We had several route marches, and on Sundays we had parade services in the Mairie—over the archway into the large square. On December 6th several bombs were dropped by hostile aircraft, but there were no casualties to The Queen's, though the Loyal North Lancs had 8 men killed and 8 wounded. Lieut. Bradshaw joined on December 7th. Capts. Esdaile and M. G. Heath joined us on December 12th. Lieut. Walsh joined us as Medical Officer, and Col. Rev. J. Blackburn as padre on December 15th. On the 21st a draft of 25 non-commissioned officers and men (ninth reinforcement) reached the Battalion. We were under orders to move at 7 a.m. to-day, but this was subsequently cancelled, and then postponed for 24 hours.

December 23rd.—Paraded at 7 a.m. and marched through Merville to Hinges, which was reached by 12.30 p.m.

December 24th to 31st.—Lieut. Brooks joined to-day with 186 men (tenth reinforcement), and "C" Company was now formed, under Capt. Needham. On the 25th we had a camp-fire concert in "A" Company's billet, to celebrate

Christmas Day. We each got a Christmas card from the King and Queen, also cigarettes, tobacco, a pipe, and a photo from Princess Mary.

On December 26th R. L. Heath, with Howell, Pickering and Nicholas joined us. On the same day we sent off a detachment of 3 officers and 67 men, under Capt. New, to Bethune. Our mess at Hinges was in the loft of an estaminet at the cross-roads, and the orderly-room in a very diminutive room.

Capt. R. L. Heath took a detachment of 6 non-commissioned officers and 40 men to Lilliers on the 28th inst., where they acted as Army troops to the First Army. This afternoon we heard that General Kelly-Kenny had died on the previous Saturday.

On the 29th, Le Bas, Trench and Close joined, and on the 30th Burton and Colebrook. By this time we were overflowing with officers, but very few drafts could be expected for some time to come, as they were forming the Service Battalions at home, which were absorbing all the available man-power. The 2nd Battalion had also had very heavy casualties and were being made up to strength before us, as we were in Corps troops. Our total strength at the close of 1914 was 26 officers and 450 other ranks.

January 1st to 3rd, 1915.—On January 3rd, after cleaning up billets in Hinges, we marched to Bethune, where we settled in for the rest of the day. The Officers' Mess was in the Hotel Alphonse. This was great luxury, as we had electric light. The orderly-room was in the house of an artist, who had his studio in the back garden.

January 4th to 10th.—On Sunday we attended church in the theatre, and General Monro watched us march past after the service.

On the 7th inst. Lieut. Hodgson joined us.

January 11th.—While the Battalion was out on route march, orders were received that we were to go into the line at Givenchy to-night. We marched off at 4 p.m., and relieved the London Scottish, with a portion of the Coldstream Guards, by 7 p.m.

There was some sniping all night, but nothing more.

January 12th.—We were under the orders of the 1st Brigade while in the line on this front, and they turned our Battalion Headquarters out of the Keep, as the latter was to be held as a tactical locality. Col. Stewart, Commanding the Black Watch, was O.C. Givenchy at this period. We had only one casualty to-day.

January 13th.—One man was slightly wounded to-day. Capt. Needham and his servant were ordered off to Army Headquarters this afternoon.

January 14th.—The 3rd Brigade (Welch Regiment) relieved us at 5 p.m., and we had an unpleasant walk down from the line, as they got up a battle before the relief was completed and all the "overs" were coming down the road which we had to use. We reached our old billets in Bethune pretty late.

January 15th to 23rd.—Lieuts. Eltham, Tweedie-Smith, Burrel and Hayes joined us from the Artists Rifles on the 15th inst.

On the 23rd Lieut. Colebrook went to I Corps Headquarters for temporary duty, and Lieut. Le Bas was transferred to the Flying Corps. M. G. Heath and I had tea to-day with the Sussex Regiment, who were commanded by Terry, late of The Queen's.

At 7 a.m. this morning (January 25th) the Germans began shelling Bethune for the first time seriously. Most of the shells were falling round Corps Headquarters, which was about 100 yards farther from the station than our orderly-room. A certain number of blind shells also fell close to the men's billets. The Battalion was ordered to stand by to march to Hinges, and we awaited orders all the morning. At 2.30 p.m. we eventually got the orders to move, and marched

to our old quarters at Hinges. I Corps Headquarters moved to Chocques, as the Prince of Wales was attached to General Monro's staff, and a shell had burst outside his window to-day, showering many splinters into his room. Fortunately he was not there at the time. Previous to March, 1918, when Bethune was systematically bombarded, the enemy left this town pretty well alone. For every shell they put into it, we used to retaliate with two shells into Lille, which was a busy centre of activity in the German lines, and this had a very salutary effect. A reinforcement of 27 non-commissioned officers and 77 men joined us on the evening of the 25th, under Sergt. Reid (eleventh reinforcement).

January 26th.—One platoon, under Lieut. Chandler, was dispatched to-day to Chocques, to do the fatigue work at I Corps Headquarters. Ever since yesterday an attack has been expected to take place on the 27th, to celebrate the Kaiser's birthday, so we were kept at one hour's notice to move. This meant that the wagons could not be unloaded, and every one had to sleep in khaki. Owing to the arrival of the Coldstream Guards in the village, "B" Company had to close up in their billets to leave more room.

January 27th to 30th.—Early on the 27th inst. the Coldstream Guards had to turn out to reinforce their brigade owing to a big attack which had developed, sure enough, in the neighbourhood of Cuinchy. The 2nd Bn. Inniskillings also marched through, but both returned at 3 p.m., as the line had been maintained intact. On the 31st, a number of Indian troops and the 2nd Bn. Black Watch marched through Hinges on their way to the trenches.

February 1st to 2nd.—"A" and "B" Companies were ordered off on special duty under 1st Division to-day, and left Hinges at 3.30 p.m., under command of Stenhouse. They were utilized for the strengthening of the village line at Pont Fixe (Cuinchy).

February 3rd.—On February 3rd the Battalion moved to Chocques. It was a curious column, consisting mainly of officers together with transport. Our quarters and the orderly-room were on the Bethune side of the village. The mess was some way off, through an archway. "B" Company rejoined us this evening at Chocques, while "A" Company returned on the 4th inst. and was billeted in the Brewery. At 6.30 a.m. on the 5th, "A" and "B" Companies were ordered off again to Pont Fixe, where they came under the 2nd Division this time. It was during their tour of duty on this occasion, that they constructed a brick roadway known as Queen's Avenue to the end of the war.

On February 6th, Lieut. Johnson and 30 men (twelfth reinforcement) joined, and "A" Company also rejoined from 2nd Division.

On February 7th, Godfrey and 67 men joined us (thirteenth reinforcement). In the evening we received orders to proceed to Beuvry to-morrow (less two platoons at Army and Corps Headquarters respectively).

On the morning of February 8th this order was cancelled. "A" Company, with 100 men of "C" Company, under Esdaile, were ordered to Beuvry instead, and M. G. Heath was sent there to command the detachment of three companies. Orders were received this evening for Capt. Stenhouse to proceed to IV Corps as G.S.O.3. On February 9th "C" Company were sent to Pont Fixe. On February 11th we were asked if we would like to move Battalion Headquarters to Hinges, but the C.O. preferred to remain at Chocques, and thus save one extra detachment.

On the 15th inst. 40 non-commissioned officers and men joined (fourteenth reinforcement). We had one man killed and two wounded to-day. All leave was stopped from the 18th to the 22nd, owing to submarines.

On the 21st 53 non-commissioned officers and men joined us (fifteenth reinforcement). During the inspection of the draft next day we found several

cases of partially-healed wounds. The S.M.O. of the Corps carried out a medical inspection and invalided 70 per cent. of them straight back to England. This was a rather worse sample than most of the other drafts, but we were constantly having to invalid men for the same kind of thing, and our numbers were consequently not rising as rapidly as it would appear on paper.

On the 23rd Lieut. Tweedie-Smith took 30 men up to join "C" Company at Beuvry. On February 27th Sergt. Thornton and 63 men arrived (sixteenth reinforcement). We commenced to form "D" Company with this draft. On March 1st we gave a concert at the Brewery, which was organized by Padre Blackburn. On the 2nd inst. Lieut. Nicholas and 50 men rejoined us from Beuvry, and on the 6th Parnell came in with 54 men of "A" Company. The whole of the remainder of the Battalion (less the detachment of 40 men under R. L. Heath at Lilliers) was concentrated at Chocques one morning by March 9th. A party of 60 men also joined to-day (seventeenth reinforcement).

NEUVE CHAPELLE.

March 10th.—Paraded at 6.30 a.m. and marched to Pont Levis (one kilometre north-east of Bethune) where we stood by all day in Corps Reserve. In the evening we billeted on north side of Bethune. The mess was in a small château close to the canal, with a moat running between it and the road.

March 11th.—Operation orders arrived at 2.30 a.m. for to-day, saying that the attack was to be resumed and that the Battalion was to continue to stand by in reserve as before. One thousand prisoners were taken yesterday, and good progress was reported to have been made by the IV and Indian Corps. We stood by again at Pont Levis from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

March 12th.—We stood by again to-day at Pont Levis. The Germans counter-attacked the IV and Indian Corps, but were repulsed.

March 13th.—The Battalion stood by in billets to-day. General Wigham came round to visit us at 11 a.m., and said that we could consider ourselves at two hours' notice to move. As a result of this we were able to issue blankets and valises, but our coats were stored in Bethune from now on. A draft of 50 men (eighteenth reinforcement) joined us this evening and was posted to "D" Company.

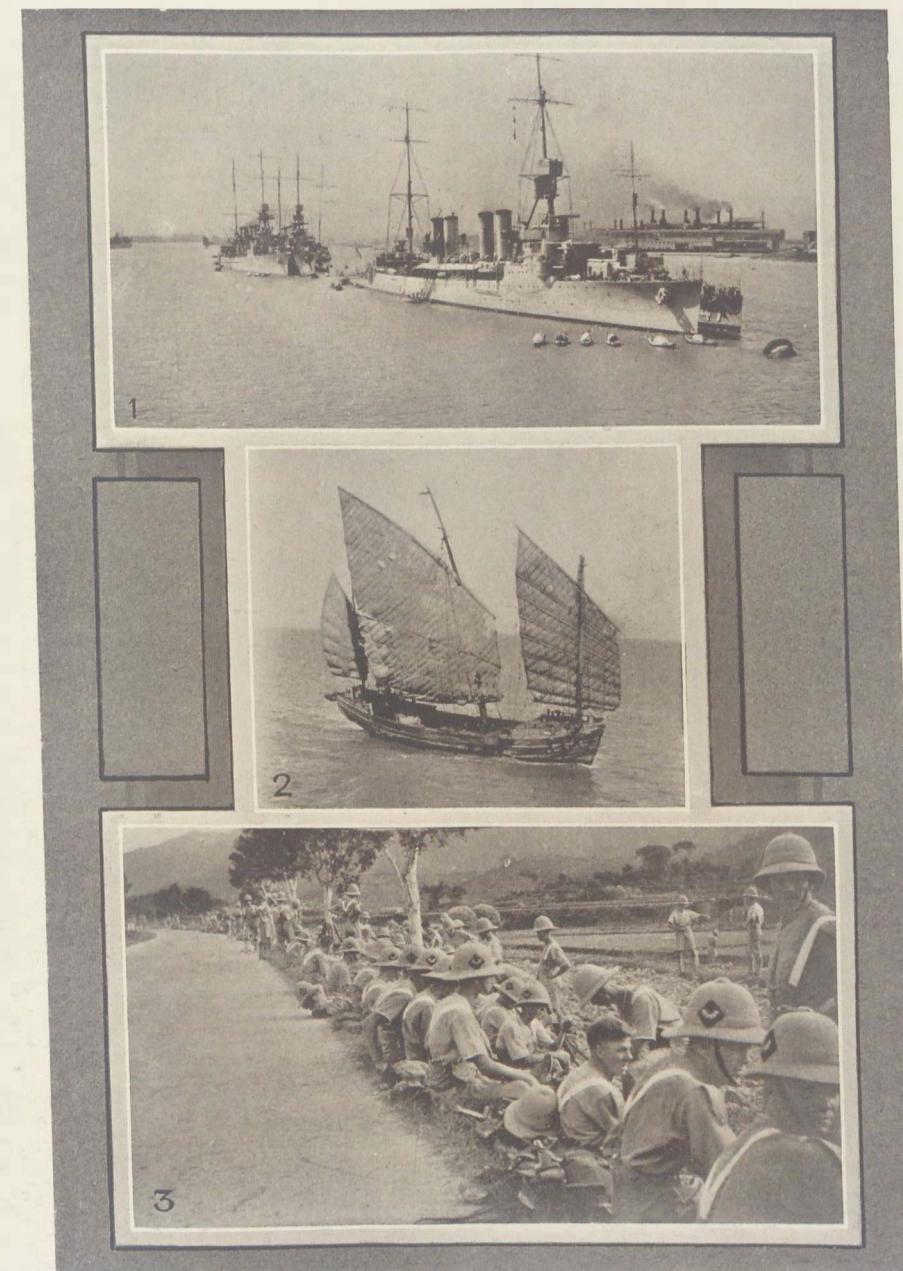
March 14th to April 8th.—On the 17th inst. a man of "C" Company unfortunately wounded two men of the 5th Royal Sussex Regiment, while doing musketry drill.

We had church parades in an orchard behind "B" Company's billet on Sundays, and Padre Blackburn produced a portable harmonium which he was able to play himself and which was a great acquisition.

On the 21st inst. Queen Alexandra sent out gifts for all the officers and men of the Battalion. One evening a Private of ours, who had been imbibing not wisely but too well, jumped into the canal, vowing that he would swim to La Bassee and drive the Germans out of it. We had quite a job getting him out, and he swam a long distance before we were able to get a rope under him and hoist him out of the water. At any rate it showed the proper fighting spirit.

On the 24th two new cookers arrived for us, which once more made us complete in transport, a condition we had never previously attained since we handed over our former transport in Brielen. On the 28th we had a brief visit from Arthur Hamilton. He could not stay for more than a few minutes, but promised to come again shortly, as his Battalion, the London Irish, was billeted in Bethune. On the 29th, General Monro came to see us. On Good Friday, April 2nd, the Bishop of London held a service in the Theatre at Bethune, to which we sent a detachment of 2 officers and 50 men. Orders came this evening that we were to be ready to move at short notice, but this was cancelled early on April 3rd.

1ST BATTALION



1. American Cruiser Squadron at Shanghai.
2. A type of Chinese junk at Shanghai.
3. Halt during march from Sun Wai to Sham Shui Poo.

April 9th.—The Battalion paraded at 9.45 a.m., and Headquarters, "B" and "C" Companies marched to the area just south-west of Gonnehem. "A" Company joined "D" Company at Chocques. The mess was in a large farm. Billets here were not very good, and rather scattered. There was also a thick damp mist over this locality every evening.

April 10th to 27th.—On the 14th we had a Battalion drill parade, to which all four companies were able to turn out. On the 15th, Vesey came to look us up. On the 17th a draft of 36 men arrived (nineteenth reinforcement).

A draft of 60 (twentieth reinforcement) joined on the 25th inst.

April 28th to May 8th.—On the 28th, "A" Company rejoined from Chocques and "B" Company took their place. There was a good deal of work just now in connection with the promotion of non-commissioned officers. Several of the latter had come up from the base with temporary rank, which meant that they were ranking as senior to our own non-commissioned officers who had been with us all the time. Each individual case had to be verified and gone into on its merits. On May 7th, 24 Machine Gunners, under Pain, were dispatched to Cuinchy, where they came under the 4th Guards Brigade. "C" Company also marched off to Beuvry at 1 p.m. On May 8th a draft of 50 men arrived (twenty-first reinforcement).

May 9th.—The Battalion marched out of Gonnehem at 3.20 a.m. and went to our old billets on the northern outskirts of Bethune, where we stood by all day, while the attack at Richebourg was in progress.

May 10th.—The Battalion stood by again all day. "C" and "D" Companies rejoined to-day, so that the Battalion was now concentrated once more, with the exception of the detachment at First Army Headquarters in Aire, the detachment at Corps Headquarters in Chocques, and the Machine Gunners at Cuinchy. In the evening the Battalion moved to Vendin-lez-Bethune.

May 11th to 15th.—On the 11th, Fuller and Furze, of the 2nd Battalion, came over to tea, and we found that the 2nd Battalion was at Essars, close by. On the 12th, Bottomley, Hadden-Smith, Lang-Browne, Ross, Furze, Fuller and McCabe all came over to tea. They were in very good heart, and expected to go over the top, in the vicinity of Richebourg, in the course of a few days. On the 13th Bethune was shelled by the enemy. We received orders to stand by from 3 a.m. on May 15th, as a big attack was to be made by the 2nd and 7th Divisions at Richebourg. On this date everything seemed to be very quiet and we received no orders till 12 noon, when we were informed that the attack had been cancelled, and would take place on the 16th instead. "C" Company was ordered to Locon, but this was subsequently cancelled, and they proceeded to Bethune instead to act as escort to prisoners.

RICHEBOURG L'AVOUE.

May 16th.—The Battalion marched to its old billets on the north side of Bethune, and we once more established our Headquarters in the moated château. We stood by all day at one hour's notice, a performance which we were growing rather tired of. The 7th Division did well, but our fellows had a thankless task. Bottomley, Hadden-Smith, Lang-Browne, Fuller, McCabe and Humphries were all killed in the second Battalion—Bottomley actually died of wounds at 1 a.m. on the 18th in hospital at Bethune. Our Machine Gunners with Pain rejoined us to-day from Cuinchy. On the 17th several prisoners came in. "C" Company had 550 to look after, and "A" Company was ordered to Locon for escort duty. On the 18th, "B" and "D" Companies were ordered off to the 2nd Division for work in clearing up the battlefield. This was a horrible business, and we lost Lieut. Johnson and seven men on the first night. Many of the bodies in the old

No Man's Land had been there since the original advance on to the Aubers Ridge in 1914. On the 19th, "A" and "C" Companies rejoined us from Bethune and Locon respectively. On the 20th, Esdaile and R. L. Heath were posted to the 2nd Battalion, which was very short of officers now. Col. Wilkins, Parnell, Pain and I went to Bottomley's funeral in the Bethune cemetery at 3.30 p.m. Bethune was shelled twice to-day, and Advance Corps report centre moved back from there to Chocques. On the 21st inst. we furnished a permanent control post at Pont Levis, and at 2 p.m. the same day we were taken off the one hour's notice to move. "B" and "D" Companies completed clearing up the battlefield to-day and rejoined us. At 10 p.m. on the 22nd we were again put on one hour's notice to move. At 11 a.m. on the 23rd this order was cancelled. We heard at 6.30 p.m. that Italy had declared war. The Battalion was placed on a half-hour's notice to move on the 26th inst., and "A" and "C" Companies marched off at 6.45 p.m. to the 47th Division area at Givenchy, for clearing up the battlefield. Drew and Weeding joined us this evening. On the 27th we had one man killed, and Lieut. Close with five men were wounded. "A" and "C" Companies rejoined us at 10 a.m. and "B" and "D" Companies took their place.

On the 28th, "B" and "D" Companies rejoined at 11 a.m., having completed clearing up the battlefield. At 12 noon the order to stand by was cancelled. Lieut. Armitage joined the Battalion to-day.

June 1st.—We paraded at 2 p.m. and marched to Marles-les-Mines, where we had our mess in a very fine château with a beautiful garden, seven bedrooms, and electric light in working order.

June 2nd to 25th.—We had to furnish a number of control posts while billeted in this area. Training went on every day, including a good deal of instruction in bombing, as we were able to get several officers and non-commissioned officers trained as instructors by the 23rd Field Company Royal Engineers, who lived close by. Our Headquarters were so fine that we nearly had them pinched by a Divisional Headquarters. However, we just managed to hold our own. On June 5th, Foster and the men who had been employed on control-post duty at Chocques rejoined us, and were billeted at La Buissieree (Lens II Map). On June 9th, Major Bunbury joined us, and M. G. Heath was ordered to the 2nd Battalion to take over command. General Monro came to see us for an hour in the afternoon. On June 10th we arranged for several Signallers to be attached to the 2nd and 47th Divisions for instruction. Col. Wilkins and I went to Corps Headquarters on June 12th, and were told by General Sargeant that we were to go into the 3rd Brigade on the following day, *vice* the 4th Welch Fusiliers. This was cancelled again at 7 p.m. On the 13th, Major Crofts joined and became Second-in-Command. Lieut. Goldberg also joined to-day, and McNamara came to tea.

(To be continued.)

Folk wonder how it is that Whitehall is able to make so great a reduction in the estimate for the upkeep of the Army in the ensuing year. The following might explain:—

COMPANY COMMANDER (*on Divisional Manœuvres, to Platoon Commander*): "I say, Jenkins, will you move your strongest section up behind that hedgerow at once?"

PLATOON COMMANDER (*looking round platoon*): "Pte. Whaler, you are the biggest, take up a position behind that hedgerow."

What used to be the strength of a section?

2ND BATTALION



Photo]

M.G. COMPANY BAYONET FENCING TEAM, WINNERS, 1928-1929.

Standing—Pte. Iles, Pte. Illingham, Pte. Belle, Pte. Brown.
Seated—L./Cpl. Hicks, L./Cpl. Barker, Capt. Foster, Lieut. Grimston, Sgt. Mawditt, L./Cpl. Allison.

[S. H. Brock, Dover]



Photo]

"THE DRUMS" FOOTBALL TEAM,

WINNERS INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE, 1928-1929.

Back row—Cpl. Loveland, Dmr. Lockwood, Dmr. Stokesbury, Dmr. Burden, L./Cpl. Charlesworth.
Centre row—Drum-Major Palmer, R.S.M. Waspe, Capt. Girling, Lt. Chitty, L./Cpl. Jones.
Front row—Dmr. Andrews, Dmr. Hagen, Dmr. Pattenden, L./Cpl. Julian.

[J. Whorwell, Dover]

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NEWS.

After a winter of unusual severity, our recollections of the past six months seem to consist of mainly our efforts to keep warm, not always successful. We had our usual Christmas tree for the families of the Regiment in Dover, and were again fortunate in being able to entertain the families of the 1st Battalion, from Canterbury. They will soon be joining their husbands in Malta. We wish them a pleasant voyage and a happy time in that sunny island. The rest of the period has been occupied in winter training and courses of instruction.

We congratulate Capt. Hughes on being nominated to the Staff College, and we wish him every success.

A record of the more distinguished results obtained in courses, and at promotion examinations, during the past year, will give some idea of how well the high standard of the Regiment is being maintained. It is a record of which we are justly proud.

ARMY SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Lieut. G. Wood—report "excellent." Recommended for, and now attending the Advanced Course.

MACHINE GUN SCHOOL, NETHERAVON.

Capt. I. T. P. Hughes, M.C., Distinguished.
Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, Distinguished.
C.S.M. W. Hankin, M.M., Distinguished.
Sergt. J. Daniels, Distinguished.
Cpl. N. Bradley, Distinguished.

SMALL ARMS SCHOOL, HYTHE.

Lieut. T. H. Dyke, Distinguished.

ARMY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

Lieut. C. D. H. Parsons, Distinguished.
L./Sergt. F. Hill, Distinguished.
L./Cpl. J. Salmon, Distinguished.

PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

Lieut. T. H. Dyke (Lieutenant to Captain, Subject "a"), '8.

The greatest credit is due to these officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers for setting an example which, apart from being a great incentive to others to emulate their successes, keeps the good name of The Queen's Royal Regiment well to the fore, at a time when the highest standard of efficiency is demanded from all soldiers.

Capt. Coates has joined the staff of the Royal Military College, at Sandhurst, Capt. Roy Wilson has joined us from China, and Capt. J. L. S. Boyd, Lieuts. Bradley, Metcalfe, Sydenham-Clarke and Sykes-Wright leave us to join the 1st Battalion in Malta.

Drum-Major Biggs has had to retire owing to ill-health, and Drum-Major Palmer is proving himself to be a worthy successor to that proud position. We

greatly regret Drum-Major Biggs's departure, but he leaves behind him a record that will long be remembered in the Regiment. As Drum-Major in India, he had under him a Corps of Drums, of which the late Lord Rawlinson, when C.-in-C., wrote:—" . . . everyone realized that it was unnecessary to go to Caterham or Aldershot to hear really first-class drums . . . "

Under the Adjutancies of Capt. Coates and Capt. Hughes, Drum-Major Biggs made the Drums of the Battalion famous throughout India for their smart turn-out, their perfect drill and their excellent music. It is not always realized what an important part the Drums play in keeping up the smartness and *esprit de corps* of a unit. Drum-Major Biggs and his Corps of Drums were a pattern and an example which made itself felt throughout the entire Battalion, and to which no small part of the good name for being the smartest battalion in India was due. We wish him every success in the future, and are extremely glad to hear that his health has already much improved.

At Easter, the 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) paid us a visit. The bulk of our Battalion were on leave, but, those of us who remained behind, spent a most enjoyable time. The 22nd came down to work, and they carried out some interesting exercises in our training area, but they also had a little time for amusement, and a great camaraderie was established between us. We were extremely sorry that their stay was so short. We feel that a tremendous lot of good is done by these attachments, and we greatly hope that this is only the beginning of a new idea which will enable all Territorial Battalions to do a period of training with their Regular Units. The benefit is great to both units, and *esprit de corps* is increased beyond measure. Col. Woolley and his Battalion of "The Queen's" have made a host of friends here, and we greatly look forward to another visit from them.

CHRISTMAS.

As the Battalion were all away on leave, the Annual Christmas Tree had to be postponed until January 8th. The whole of the families of the Regiment at or near Dover were asked to attend, but owing to an outbreak of measles there were not as many at the entertainment as were expected. The weather was not quite so bad as last year, but at the best of times the Gymnasium is a cold place, despite the efforts made to warm it up. Tea over, Mr. Lawes, the conjurer, entertained the party for forty-five minutes, and was very clever in the way he deceived his audience. A chute was erected for the amusement of the children, but the elders got just as much fun out of it as they did. The chute was used for the state entry of Father Christmas (Capt. Olliver). The tree was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Roberts, who had spent hours in the labelling and purchasing of toys locally and in London. The selection of toys and gifts for the wives left nothing to be desired. We said good-bye to the ladies and families who had to leave for Canterbury at about 7.30 p.m., and then prepared for the All Ranks Dance, which terminated at 12 midnight. Next winter we hope to arrange dances for the men more frequently; we shall then be at Connaught Barracks, where a new gymnasium has recently been built, and we hope that the building can be warmed.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our last issue found us just returned from Colchester, where we had spent an enjoyable time on manœuvres. We commenced our winter period with a dance, and have continued these dances each month with great success. Dances have

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M.G. COMPANY HOCKEY TEAM, WINNERS, 1928-1929.

Standing—L./Cpl. Nunny, Pte. Brown, Cpl. Forrest, L./Cpl. Sims, L./Cpl. Winch, L./Cpl. Clark.
Seated—Cpl. Cooper, Lieut. Grimston, Capt. Foster, Sgt. Mawditt, L./Cpl. Taylor.



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SETTLERS' HOMES, SHARPE, ONTARIO.

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been very ably managed, this year, by Clr.-Sergt. Swanwick and Sergt. Hardwick, the latter having put in many hours hard work, for which the Mess are very thankful. One cannot pass on without mention of the very severe winter we have experienced at Dover. With the valuable assistance of our new wireless set, a good fire, and "other aids," we were able to make life worth living. The Commanding Officer has sanctioned the proposition put forward to allow ladies in the Mess on Sunday evenings. This form of entertainment is well attended, and we are able to put up some very good shows. Our vocal turns are becoming quite good, and we were all very glad to have the services of Sergt. Hawkins, from the Depot, during one week end. It was intended to form a bachelor club in the Mess, but, alas! reports show that Cupid has been busy at Dover. Most of the members were away for Christmas, but those who remained had quite an enjoyable time. They were kept busy in receiving Christmas cards and dispatching them. The number received this year, from all sources, was above the normal. We are sorry that Drum-Major Biggs has had to leave us. As an organizer of games, etc., he was a great asset to the Mess. He has been succeeded by Drum-Major Palmer, who shows great promise of following in his predecessor's footsteps. We are losing Sergts. Plaw, Holman, and Lee, who leave for Malta this month. We wish them every success. We are fortunate in having so many old members of the Mess, and it was quite pleasing to see so many pay a visit to the Medical Officer, some weeks ago, to extend to complete 21 years with the Colours. Easter time was livened up by a visit by the 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's). Most of the members were away on leave, but we hope those of us who remained gave them all they expected of us. They have left behind with us many happy memories for years to come.

CORPORALS' ROOM NEWS.

Once more we are called upon to give an account of ourselves, and one finds it rather more difficult to do than when we were serving abroad, for at home one is close to friends and relatives—girls are plentiful, and so each is inclined to cater for his individual amusement rather than club together to make up a Mess function. The complete absence of smoking concerts, or an invitation to the Sergeants' Mess courts of an afternoon, similar to those we had at Allahabad, or a game of any description between members of other messes in the station and ourselves, all vouch for the fact that, in England, one's time is divided between soldiering and philandering. Nothing else matters much—the former by force of profession; the latter, well, because it's nice. Don't you agree? Our cherished hope for possession of a new gramophone, as expressed in our last article, has been fulfilled. On our return from furlough in January, we found, to our horror, some nasty-tempered person, one of the unfortunate chosen to remain behind, had, in a moment of despair, vented his feelings on the poor thing. A mass of screws, cogs, and springs in hopeless chaos, and thus it remained until, one fine week in March, L./Cpl. Smith happened to be Company Orderly Corporal. Now orderly corporals have plenty of spare time? and this they spend in the Mess, out of sight, out of the minds of those who think that an orderly corporal should necessarily be on the move from "Réveillé" till after "Lights Out." L./Cpl. Smith, being a youth of mechanical aptitude, and with the aid of an L.G. loading handle, ejector cover and a hammer from the holdall, this promising young engineer soon got our toy into working order, and in working order it has remained since. At present it soothes the nerves of our comrades who are in a state of anxiety at Lydden Spout, pending the results of their Annual Course, on which hangs proficiency pay.

I might here mention that we are the proud possessors of a real Mess at Lydden Spout this year—I mean a fair-sized room in a solid building, possessing comfortable furniture and brightly lighted, as compared with the tent we had last year, a tent which so drew the wind that it was colder within than without. We have the daily papers sent out regularly, and the polite service behind the bar is much appreciated. November 24th, 1928, saw us in the full enjoyment of a dance given as a farewell to those of our members who are, to-day, labouring in various spheres of civilian employment, or taking up "right marker" on the dole or Labour Exchange. It was a very jolly affair, and our able president, Cpl. Halley, and his staff carried out their duties admirably.

"Takings" from the billiard table in the past have recently decreased, and one wonders whether the cause is the improvement in the weather, drawing would-be players to promenade on the sea front, or the fact that our billiard marker was able to proceed on his Easter vacation in a new, and complete outfit of plain clothes.

The Billiard Competition for the cup so kindly presented by Brig.-General A. W. Taylor, last year, was played off in March. We won the first heat of the trophy for 1929, beating the privates by 198. Teams consisted of six each, and the best member from each team played for a very fine cue. They happened to be Pte. May and L./Cpl. Nye, the latter winning by the narrow margin of ten. The next heat, if we win, will decide if we will hold the cup for the coming year.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess very kindly gave permission for the use of their table in their Mess for both events, and the players much appreciated it.

Recent sporting events, such as the Grand National and Varsity Boat Race, both of which were broadcasted stage by stage, have brought our wireless set into popularity again. A record attendance of listeners is expected in the Mess on the afternoon of the F.A. cup final.

Of recent months, several N.C.Os. have indulged in that most dangerous event in life—matrimony. Those of us who remain single, for how long we know not ourselves, heartily congratulate our more courageous comrades, and wish them every success in their new vocation in life, for well we realize that our Empire, in the future, will need the finest of young soldiers to guard her world interests.

FOOTBALL.

The football season is drawing to a close, and, for our second year's experience of football in England, we have done very well, especially in our League games. Our present position is:—Played 15, won 10, drawn 2 and lost 3. We have lost twice to the Royal Marines and once to Canterbury Waverley. Our most interesting games have been with the Royal Marines, who have proved a stumbling block during the whole of this season for, in addition to beating us twice in the League, they have knocked us out of the Deal Charity Cup. In the Kent Benevolent Cup we drew 3—3 with them, and at the time of going to press, the replay is booked for April 10th, for which we have secured the Crabble ground, and are looking forward to a keen contest. In the Army Cup we lost in the first round to the Royal Tank Corps by 7—4. It was a good game, but our team were unable to stand the pace, and were badly beaten in the last quarter of an hour. In the Dover Charity Cup we lost to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the score being 5—3. They eventually won this trophy. Had our forwards shot more accurately in this match, we should undoubtedly have won. The absence of our army player was noticeable in this match, he being unable to play on account of injuries. Talking of our Army player (Bdmr. Fleckney) it is interesting to note that he has played for the Army in the following matches:—

Versus Oxford University, F.A. XI, French Army (Reserve), Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Corinthians.

Cpl. Coles and L./Cpl. Jones have played for the Command team. We have been successful with our boys' team whose records appear under the Boys' Club news. Our Battalion 2nd XI are going strong in the Cinque Port League, but they will not finish on top. We have lost several of our players during the season, and others will have left by the beginning of the next season, but, with the prospect of moving to Connaught Barracks early this winter, where sports grounds are available without the enormous expense of transporting teams to the ground, we look forward to building up good company teams from which to select the Battalion first and second elevens.

A Brigade Inter-Company Competition is now in full swing. "H.Q." Wing are representing the Battalion in the final.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL.

It was decided this year to hold a league in place of the more usual knock-out competition, as it was hoped that the company teams would, in this way, get more serious practice, and the ground, when available, would always be used for a properly organized match.

This turned out to be so, but the unpleasantsness of the weather is shown by the fact that it took from early in October to the end of March to complete the necessary 21 matches, although the ground was used every time it was fit for playing.

The finish of the competition was most interesting, as the Machine Gunners led with 10 points, having won five and lost one match, while behind them were the Band and Drums, each with eight points and one match to play.

"H.Q." Wing earned the gratitude of the Machine Gunners by drawing with the Band, thus putting them out of the running and, as a tie was to be decided on goal average, the Drums went out to their final game, against "D" Company, with eight goals to get to win, a feat they rather astoundingly achieved.

They were an excellent team, and deserved their success.

The final order was as follows:—

		Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
1.	Drums ...	...	...	5	— 10 (Goals, 25—12)
2.	Machine Gunners	...	...	5	— 10 (Goals, 24—12)
3.	Band ...	...	...	4	1 9
4.	"H.Q." Wing	...	...	2	2 6
5.	"A" Company	...	...	1	1 4 3
6.	"B" Company	...	...	1	— 5 2
7.	"D" Company	...	...	1	— 5 2

The Drums' team was as follows:—

Dmr. Stokesbury; L./Cpl. Charlesworth and Dmr. Burden; Dmr. Lockwood, Dmr. Andrews and Cpl. Loveland; Drum-Major Palmer, Dmr. Pattenden, L./Cpl. Julian, L./Cpl. Jones (captain) and Dmr. Hagen.

A Brigade competition for the champion company in each Battalion is now being played. In this, the whole of "H.Q." Wing counts as one company, so we are able to raise a strong combination from the Band, Drums and "H.Q." We have, so far, reached the final, having defeated the Royal Engineers, 9—0, and Lincolns, 5—4.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' FOOTBALL.

Our platoons are so weak at the moment that most of them could not raise eleven men, so it was decided to give the Platoon Shield, this year, to the winners

of an Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Competition, confined to men of under two years' service.

The weather was consistently bad, and the condition of the grounds made good play rather difficult, but there was great keenness.

With more ground available next year, a Young Soldiers' League may be possible.

The result was as follows:—

1st Round.	2nd Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.
Band	Band (10-1)		
"A" Coy.		Band (4-3)	
Drums	Drums (7-2)		
"D" Coy.		"B" Coy. (4-2)	
"B" Coy.	"B" Coy. (2-1)		
"M.G." Coy.		"B" Coy. (w.o.)	
"H.Q." (bye).			

"B" Company team was as follows:—

Pte. Reeves; Pte. Whitehead and Pte. N. Smith; Pte. Fitzpatrick, 2/Lieut. Sykes Wright and Pte. Derry; L./Cpl. Spence, Pte. Fox, Pte. Walker, Pte. Owen and Pte. Knevett.

HOCKEY, 1928-1929.

The Battalion has had the best hockey team this year that it has had since the war, and it was only due to bad luck, in having three officers away in the fourth round of the Army Hockey Cup, that we did not go further in the competition.

An account of the Army Hockey Cup matches and the results of other matches played during the season are given below.

Bad weather has been responsible for a large number of matches being cancelled.

Oct. 10th.—v. 13th/18th Hussars. Won by 3 goals to 2 goals.

Oct. 13th.—v. Westgate Hockey Club. Lost by 2 goals to 3 goals.

Oct. 27th.—v. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Lost by 0 goals to 6 goals.

Nov. 7th.—v. 13th/18th Hussars. Won by 4 goals to 1 goal.

Nov. 10th.—v. Canterbury Hockey Club. Won by 4 goals to 0 goal.

Nov. 13th.—v. Manchester Regiment. Won by 5 goals to 0 goal.

Nov. 14th.—v. Lincolnshire Regiment. Won by 7 goals to 1 goal.

Nov. 24th.—v. Westgate Hockey Club. Lost by 1 goal to 5 goals.

Nov. 28th.—v. Depot, The Royal Marines. Won by 6 goals to 0 goal.

Dec. 3rd.—v. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Won by 5 goals to 0 goal.

Dec. 5th.—v. Depot, The Buffs. Won by 10 goals to 1 goal.

Jan. 5th.—v. 3rd Battalion Royal Tank Corps. Won by 4 goals to 2 goals.

Jan. 26th.—v. Folkestone Wanderers. Won by 6 goals to 0 goal.

Feb. 2nd.—v. Deal and District Hockey Club. Lost by 3 goals to 4 goals.

Feb. 11th.—v. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Won by 4 goals to 1 goal.

Mar. 13th.—v. The Sherwood Foresters. Drawn.

Mar. 16th.—v. Wanderers' Hockey Club. Won by 6 goals to 0 goal.

FIRST ROUND, ARMY HOCKEY CUP.—v. 13TH/18TH HUSSARS.

At Shorncliffe. For the first quarter of an hour the game was very slow and sticky—due partly to the ground being wet and bumpy and both teams getting going very slowly. Lieut. Grimston scored first for The Queen's, with an excellent shot, and after this their team seemed to get more into their stride. The Hussars

attacked in rushes, which seldom looked dangerous, and gave the backs little to do. The Queen's pressed most of the time, and goals were scored by Capt. Olliver (2) and Lieut. Wood (2).

In the second half The Queen's pressed steadily and the ball seldom entered their half. Lieut. Davis scored twice for The Queen's, and Capt. Olliver and Lieut. Wood once each. The halves played well throughout, giving the backs very little to do.

Final score: The Queen's, 9 goals; 13th/18th Hussars, 0 goal.

SECOND ROUND, ARMY HOCKEY CUP.—v. DEPOT BRIGADE R.A.

At Guston. The ground was in a fairly good condition and the game started off at a very fast rate. The Queen's soon started pressing, and Sergt. Dixon deflected a centre from Sergt. Mawditt into the goal. Soon after, Capt. Olliver scored with an excellent shot. The Depot began to press very frequently, and The Queen's entered on a very sticky stage. Davis's goal from a short corner was the one relieving feature till half-time. The Queen's pulled themselves together in the second half and pressed fairly steadily, the Depot relieving with a series of rushes which nearly always looked dangerous, but only one was successful. Lieut. Davis scored again from a short corner, and about half-way through that half Capt. Olliver scored from a centre by Lieut. Wood. Just before the end Lieut. Davis scored with an excellent shot from a difficult angle, after a long run down the field. The team got together much more and played a better game than in the match before. The backs and halves played very well, giving the forwards plenty of chances. Lieut. Davis and L./Cpl. Collins were conspicuous for good play.

The team for the first and second rounds was as follows.—L./Cpl. Wines; Dmr. Wells and Lieut. Dyke; Capt. Coates, Lieut. Grimston and L./Cpl. Collins; Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Wood, Capt. Olliver, Sergt. Dixon and Sergt. Mawditt.

THIRD ROUND, ARMY HOCKEY CUP v. DEPOT THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

At Guildford. From the start of the game the 2nd Battalion pressed strongly, and Sergt. Dixon soon scored from a short corner resulting from a mêlée in front of goal.

The Depot soon made a strong rush down the field, but Capt. Pickering was given off-side, and, when the 2nd Battalion pressed again, Lieut. Davis scored off another short corner.

Play was very even for some time, after which the position looked dangerous, but "sticks" was given against Capt. Pickering. The Depot then had three corners in quick succession, but failed to score. Pressure was relieved by a rush to the Depot goal, where Sergt. Dixon and Lieut. Wood were both unlucky not to have scored.

Capt. Philpott made a strong rush toward the 2nd Battalion goal, but L./Cpl. Wines made a good save. The ball was taken to the other end, when Capt. Olliver scored off a good centre from Capt. Coates. The score at half-time was 3—0.

The Depot started well with a rush, and L./Cpl. Wines made a good save from a dangerous movement by Capt. Philpott and Capt. Pickering, but pressure was relieved by Lieut. Davis, who took the ball the whole length of the field to score.

The Depot then pressed for some time, and R.S.M. Tedder scored a goal. A good shot was saved by Capt. Upton, and then Lieut. Davis ran the whole length of the field, but kicked the ball on reaching the circle.

Sergt. Mawditt scored the fifth goal off a centre from Lieut. Davis, after a good run down. Play for the rest of the match was more or less in mid-field.

Result:—2nd Battalion, 5; The Depot, 1.

The team was:—L./Cpl. Wines; Pte. Bailey and Lieut. Dyke; Capt. Coates, Lieut. Grimston and L./Cpl. Collins; Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Wood, Capt. Olliver, Sergt. Mawditt and Sergt. Dixon.

SEMI-FINAL, EASTERN COMMAND HOCKEY CUP—LOST 1—0 v. THE 3RD BATTALION ROYAL TANK CORPS.

At Guston. We were unfortunate in having to reorganize our side at the last minute, and find substitutes for three of our best players.

The conditions were good, and a fast game was the result. Our forward line, as a result of the reorganization, never got going well, although many excellent shots at goal were put in by Lieut. Davis, and it really became heart-breaking to see every effort brilliantly saved by the Tanks' goalkeeper. It would be difficult to single out any particular player for praise as, until the last whistle, each individual player had his back into it. Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Grimston and L./Cpl. Collins played their usual excellent game. The defence of the Tanks was excellent and, undoubtedly, not only saved them from defeat, but gained them a victory. The only goal came in the first half, and although the Tanks deserved to win on their excellent defence, we were just a little unfortunate in not scoring at least once.

The team was:—L./Cpl. Wines; Sergt. Mawditt and Sergt. Swanwick; L./Cpl. Collins, Lieut. Grimston and Sergt. Cribbes; Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Wood, Lieut. Mawditt, Sergt. Dixon and Cpl. Harris.

COMPANY HOCKEY.

Owing to the heavy snow after Christmas the Hockey Competition had to be started rather late, and the teams had little opportunity for practice.

Most of the company teams were, however, pretty useful, and there were some excellent games.

It is noticeable, though, that teams consist entirely of old hands, and it is time that some newer blood was found.

The result was as follows:—

1st Round.	2nd Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.
“M.G.” Coy.	“M.G.” Coy. (7—2)	“M.G.” Coy. (2—0)	
“D” Coy.			
Band Drums	Band (4—3)		
“A” Coy.	“B” Coy. (4—3)		
“B” Coy.			
“H.Q.” Wing (bye)		“H.Q.” (1—0)	

The “M.G.” team was as follows:—Cpl. Forrest; L./Cpl. Sims and Sergt. Mawditt; Lieut. Block, Lieut. Grimston and Capt. Foster; L./Cpl. Nunney, L./Cpl. Winch, Cpl. Cooper, L./Cpl. Taylor and L./Cpl. Clark.

Pte. Brown was an able substitute in most matches.

A similar Brigade Competition for the champion companies of units was arranged, and as “H.Q.” Wing was eligible, as a whole, to compete in this, a

combined team from Band and Drums and “H.Q.” challenged the Machine Gunners for the honour of representing the Battalion.

A most strenuous game took place; won by “H.Q.” Wing, 3—1.

We had great hopes of “H.Q.” team winning the Brigade event, but they met a very strong team in “A” Company of the Bedfordshires and Hertfordshires (who won the Army Cup last year), and lost 2—1.

The “H.Q.” team was:—L./Cpl. Heather; Pte. Bailey and Clr.-Sergt. Swanwick; Lieut. Newell, Cpl. Collins and L./Cpl. Jones; Bdmr. Fleckney, L./Cpl. Newman, L./Cpl. Knight, Sergt. Dixon and Bdsn. Norton.

A Young Soldiers' Competition, on similar lines to the football, is being held in April.

ATHLETICS.

The sports this year were held in October, and hardly attracted as much interest as usual, owing, perhaps, to insufficient advertisement.

They were run on similar lines to those at Khartoum, consisting mainly of team events, with a few only for individuals.

The results of the finals were as follows:—

100 Yards Relay (Inter-Platoon).—1, “M.G.” Company, No. 1 Section (Lieut. Haggard, L./Cpl. Thwaites, L./Cpl. Farrell and Pte. Spragg); 2, No. 4 Platoon and Band, tie.

440 Yards Relay (Inter-Platoon).—1, Band “B” (Sergt. Walters, L./Cpl. West, L./Cpl. Stopes and L./Cpl. Knight); 2, No. 4 Platoon; 3, No. 13 Platoon; 4, No. 16 Platoon.

880 Yards Relay (Inter-Platoon).—1, “M.G.” No. 1 Section (L./Cpl. Thwaites, L./Cpl. Farrell, Pte. Spragg and Pte. Arnold); 2, No. 15 Platoon; 3, “M.G.” No. 2 Section.

High Jump (Inter-Platoon).—1, No. 16 Platoon (L./Sergt. Jones and L./Cpl. White); 2, No. 14 Platoon and Band “A,” tie; 4, “M.G.” No. 1 Section.

Long Jump (Inter-Platoon).—1, Band “A” (Bdmr. Fleckney and Bdsn. Hurst); 2, “M.G.” No. 1 Section; 3, No. 14 Platoon; 4, No. 15 Platoon.

Putting the Weight (Inter-Platoon).—1, No. 16 Platoon (L./Cpl. White and Pte. Beard); 2, No. 6 Platoon; 3, Band “A”; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

No. 1 Section, “M.G.” won the Championship Shield with 300 points, Band “A” being second with 230, and No. 16 Platoon third with 220.

In the individual events Bdsn. Hurst won the High Jump with 5 ft. 1 in., followed by 2/Lieut. Metcalf, 4 ft. 11 in. and Pte. Clark, 4 ft. 9 in. Cpl. Arbour won the Mile in 5 min. 10 sec., with 2/Lieut. Sydenham Clark second, and Cpl. Bradley third.

Cpl. Arbour also won the Quarter Mile, with 2/Lieut. Metcalf second, and L./Cpl. Mitchel, third.

CROSS COUNTRY.

This was run off on November 30th. There was an excellent turn-out, considering the weakness of the Battalion, and practically everyone finished.

The course was a hilly one to Lydden Spout and back, just over four and a half miles in length.

The platoon teams could consist of any number, the first six in to count.

No. 15 Platoon (Cpl. Arbour, Pte. Kingshott, Pte. Martin, L./Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Hill and Pte. Ingarsfield) were fairly easy winners with 127 points.

“M.G.” No. 2 Section were second with 216, and No. 1 and 2 Groups “A,” third with 236.

BOXING.

The Battalion is settling down to boxing, and once we can get a certain number interested, great strides should be made.

At the beginning of the New Year Mr. Norton, late of the A.P.T.S., one of the finest boxing instructors the Army has had, was able to come and give instruction three days a week. He is continuing his instruction in April, and provided the already keen enthusiasts and the N.C.O.s. of the Battalion assist, we should have no trouble in being able to produce, not only a good team next season, but a large number of boxers. It is quantity we want at the moment, and all ranks must help. Mr. Norton will see to the standard of boxing. In May we are holding an Open Regimental Boxing Competition to compete for the challenge belts which have been instituted. Silver cups will also be awarded to the winners and runners-up.

The Inter-Company Novices' Competition was held in October, and the standard was good. Many of these boxers have gone, and ranks must be filled again. L./Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Allison, Dmr. Lockwood and Ptes. Hill and Pullen promise to become good boxers, and have helped considerably to encourage boxing.

The results of the Inter-Company Novices' Competition are given herewith.

The boys are showing much keenness, and their performance put up in the Inter-Company Novices' Competition was most encouraging.

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BOYS.

Bantam-weight.—Topps beat Wheeler. Whitewood beat Jenner. Topps had a walk over in the final, Whitewood having a damaged hand and being unable to fight.

Fly-weight.—Saunders beat Fairs. This was a very good, clean fight. The loser was game the whole way. Fairs was awarded the "best loser's" prize.

Feather-weight.—Smith was a little too good for Cousins, who lost on points.

Welter-weight.—Shorricks beat Henwood. Both boys showed good knowledge of boxing.

MEN.

Feather-weight.—Semi-finals: Ellis beat Baker. Kent beat Fox. Final: Ellis beat Kent.

Light-weight.—Semi-finals: Allison beat Preston. Lumpkin beat Oakes. Final: Allison beat Lumpkin. There was little in this fight.

Welter-weight.—Semi-finals: Allen beat Julian. Hill beat Childs. Final: Hill beat Allen. Hill was awarded the "best boxer's" prize, and should do well with more training and work.

Middle-weight.—Semi-finals: Farrell beat Charlesworth. Smith beat West. Final: Farrell beat Smith.

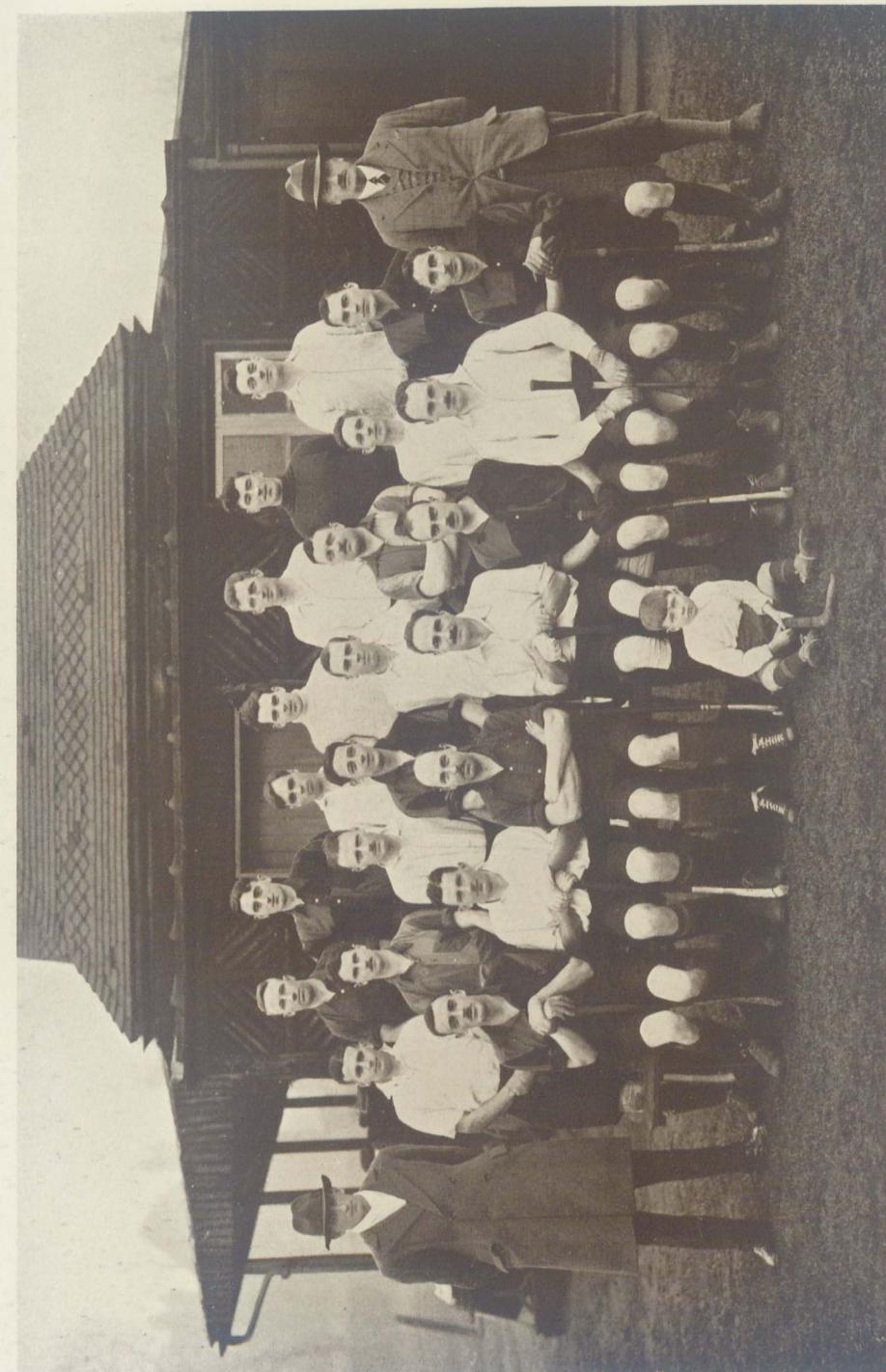
Light Heavy-weight.—Final: Farrell beat Loveland.

Open Light-weights.—Westcott beat Pullen.

Open Welters.—Lockwood beat Jones. A disappointing fight.

FENCING.

Fencing has made rapid strides in the Battalion during the past year, and we have eight fencers, with the prospects of plenty more to fill any gaps which must appear from time to time. We are fortunate in having Sergt.-Instr. Durbridge, Army Physical Training Staff, who assists us in training and in matches. We



3RD ROUND, ARMY HOCKEY CUP

(Copard & Lester, Guildford)

Back Row—Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Cooper, Sgt. Wilson, Capt. Coates, Pte. Page, Sgt. Mawditt, Pte. Wines, Pte. Bailey.

Centre Row—Lieut. Wood, Lieut. Wilson, Capt. Berry, Capt. Pickering, Sgt. Dixon, Pte. Stevens.

Front Row—Capt. Upton, Lieut. Grimson, Capt. Philpot, Capt. Oliver, Major Pain, Lieut. Davis, R.S.M. Feder.

Master Mawditt.

2ND BATTALION v. THE DEPOT.

Back Row—Sgt. Reynolds, Cpl. Collins, Pte. Page, Sgt. Mawditt, Pte. Wines, Pte. Bailey.

Centre Row—Lieut. Wood, Lieut. Wilson, Capt. Coates, L.-Sgt. Berry, Lieut. Dyke, Capt. Pickering, Sgt. Dixon, Pte. Stevens.

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have had four or five matches during the season, which included two with the Royal Marines, Deal, and two with the Royal Engineers, Chatham.

There has been very keen competition to get into the Regimental team, which is at present about to fence at Olympia in the final pool of the Army Inter-Unit Team Fencing Competition. This competition was won by the Regiment in 1926 and 1927, but we lost it last year.

Pools of seven were necessary to assist us in determining who our best fencers were. There was so little difference in the standard that, like last year, the selecting of the team was no easy task.

In the Eastern Command section of the competition we finished first. The Sherwood Foresters proved to be our most difficult opponents, and it looked a certainty for them when they won the foil and épée by 5—4. We beat them in the sabre, and as the 17th Field Brigade R.A. pushed the Foresters into third place, we tied with six points each. On counting up losses in all three weapons we had twenty as against the Foresters' twenty-four. This goes to show the value of going all out in every fight.

The team consisted of the following:—Foil: Lieut. F. J. Davis, Cpl. Rowley, L./Cpl. Donovan. Épée: Lieut. L. C. East, Lieut. K. J. Wilson, L./Cpl. Thwaites. Sabre: Lieut. F. J. Davis, Lieut. L. C. East, Cpl. Rowley. Reserves: Major F. J. Jebens, M.C., and Lieut. G. S. Grimston. In the individual events, Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, we gained the following successes:

Officers' Foils: 1st, Lieut. K. J. Wilson; 2nd, Lieut. G. S. Grimston; 3rd, Lieut. F. J. Davis. Officers' Épée: 1st, Lieut. F. J. Davis; 2nd, Lieut. K. J. Wilson (tied with Capt. Allen, 1st Sherwood Foresters). Officers' Sabre: 1st, Lieut. F. J. Davis; 2nd, Lieut. K. J. Wilson. Other Ranks' Sabre: 3rd, Cpl. Rowley.

On April 26th we met the Royal Horse Guards in the Inter-Command Stage of the Inter-Unit Team Championship. The match took place at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot, and resulted in a win for us by 2 events to 1 (15—11). The fencing throughout was of a high standard and the match was most exciting. The "Blues" won the foil 5—4; we evened up matters by winning the épée 6—3, which left the sabre to decide the match, and this went to the last bout before a decision was reached. The Blues opened the scoring, Lieut. Francis beating Lieut. East; Lieut. Davis brought the score level by beating Cpl.-of-Horse Dawkins. Cpl. Donovan then gave us the lead by winning his fight against Cpl. Hume, but Francis made it two-all by defeating Davis; the Blues then took the lead, Dawkins beating Donovan, but East made the score level by a win over Hume. Francis for the Blues, and East for us, once more equalized matters, leaving the last bout to decide the match. In this Davis gave us victory by beating Hume 4—1.

SCORES.

Foil.—Royal Horse Guards: Lieut. Francis, 1 defeat; Cpl.-of-Horse Dawkins, 0; Cpl. Hume, 3; total, 4 defeats.

The Queen's: Lieut. Wilson, 1 defeat; Cpl. Rowley, L./Cpl. Thwaites, 2 each; total, 5 defeats.

Épée.—Royal Horse Guards: Cpls. Teague and Horton, L./Cpl. Sidney, 2 defeats each. Total, 6 defeats.

The Queen's: Lieut. East, 0 defeat; Lieut. Wilson, 1 defeat; L./Cpl. Thwaites, 2 defeats; total, 3 defeats.

Sabre.—Royal Horse Guards: Lieut. Francis, 0 defeat; Cpl.-of-Horse Dawkins, 2 defeats; Cpl. Hume, 3 defeats; total, 5 defeats.

The Queen's: Lieuts. East and Davis, 1 defeat each; Cpl. Donovan, 2 defeats; total, 4 defeats.

BAYONET FENCING.

Bayonet fencing has been at a low ebb in the Battalion for some time, and successful efforts have been made during the first three months of this year to improve the standard of the fencing in the Battalion.

Inter-platoon and Inter-company competitions were held in the Brigade during February, and Battalion competitions were arranged to find the best teams to represent the Battalion. We were represented by the winners, No. 16 Platoon and Machine Gun Company. These teams were both beaten in the first round.

We met the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in the first round of the Bronze Medal Tournament on March 14th, and after a very exciting evening we won by 10—9, the team leaders having to fight.

In order to raise a better team for the second round, another company competition was organized. The Machine Gun Company, winners of the companies in barracks, beat "H.Q." Wing "B," winners of the companies at Lydden Spout, in the final. A new and better team was chosen to represent the Battalion *versus* the Sherwood Foresters, at Shorncliffe, in the second round of the Bronze Medal Tournament, but they were unfortunately beaten.

Interest has now been aroused in this energetic form of sport, and the standard of fencing has improved enormously during the past few months. We have, however, a long way to go before we can hope to win the Bronze Medal Tournament.

The following represented the Battalion in these competitions:—

The Brigade Inter-Platoon Competition.—No. 16 Platoon.

The Brigade Inter-Company Competition.—The Machine Gun Company.

First Round the Bronze Medal Tournament.—Lieut. T. H. Dyke (team leader), Lieuts. G. S. Grimston and H. W. Newell, Clr./Sergt. Spooner, Sergt. Freeland, Cpl. Coles, Cpl. Howard, Pte. Bailey, Pilkington L./Cpl. White, Fuller, Allison, Farley, Ptes. Bell and Iles.

For the second round: Ptes. Pilkington, Beard, Rogcroft, Iles, Dmrs. Dockwood and H. C. Fuller, and L./Cpl. Spencer were replaced by L./Cpl. Goodall, Rettle, Barker, and Ptes. Fillingham, Jervis and Brown and L./Cpl. Thwaites.

SMALL ARMS CLUB.

The results of our shooting at Khartoum and in the A.R.A. competitions last year have been issued since the last edition of the Regimental Journal was published.

The Battalion was second in the 18th Hussar Cup for units abroad in 1927, and a Bronze Medallion has been on the way to us, via China, for some months.

The Battalion gained the following places in the A.R.A. competitions last year, our first year at home:—

The King George Cup.—11th.

The Royal Irish Cup.—17th.

The Machine Gun Cup.—13th.

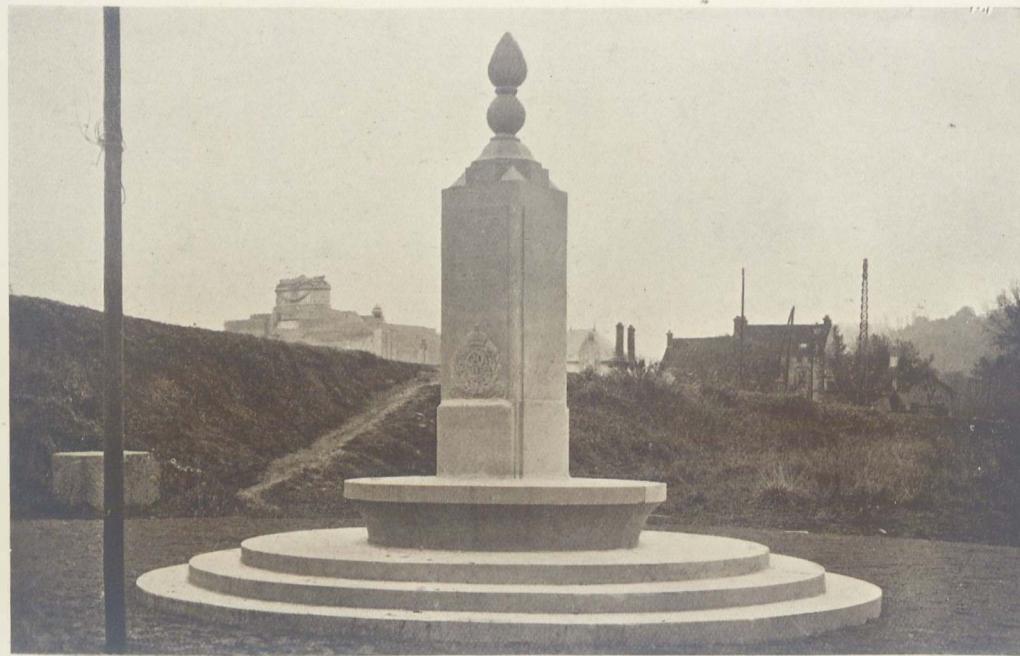
The Machine Gun Fire Control Cup.—12th.

The Roupell Cup.—Capt. Symons, 33rd in Class "A"; Capt. Coles, 11th in Class "B."

The Army Hundred.—L./Cpl. Williams, 99th.

The Worcestershire Cup.—Class "B": Cpl. Coles and L./Cpl. Williams, 9th.

The Battalion is firing its annual course at Lydden Spout. "A" Company, and "H.Q." Wing less the Drums, fired in March, and the remainder of the Battalion are firing as the JOURNAL goes to the printers. The Battalion Rifle Meeting takes place on April 22nd and 23rd, weather permitting, and we will choose our team for Bisley before the end of the month. We are confidently hoping to have a successful year.



One of the pylons marking the spot where a floating bridge was erected by the Royal Engineers of the 4th Division at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre in September, 1914.



The "Old Contemptibles" Memorial at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre. Unveiled November 4th, 1928.

THE UNVEILING OF THE "OLD CONTEMPTIBLES" MEMORIAL

IT was at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, in September, 1914, that the 3rd Corps of the British Expeditionary Force, under the command of Lieut.-General Sir William Pulteney, forced the passage of the River Marne and turned the British advance into a pursuit.

The river was crossed by a floating bridge constructed under fire by the Royal Engineers of the 4th Division, and to-day there stands on either side of the river, marking the ends of the bridge, a memorial to the Royal Engineers in the shape of a Pylon.

About one hundred yards from these is another and larger memorial, erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission, in honour of 3,888 "Old Contemptibles" who fell in the operations of August, September, and the early part of October, 1914, and who have no known grave. This memorial consists of a large rectangular block of masonry 24 feet high, having panels on which the names of the dead are inscribed, and is surmounted by a sarcophagus and a trophy carved in stone. The names are set out in regimental seniority, and under the heading "The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment" the following names appear:—

Sergeants J. T. Atkinson, D. E. James, T. C. Jasper, L. King, A. H. Norman, H. Oakes, L. Spooner, W. Sturges.

Corporal S. R. Bourne.

Lance-Corporals S. Andrews, W. Corbett, E. S. Evans, A. Garrard, C. P. Mills, O. Nockolds, T. Scarfe, A. J. Vince.

Privates W. S. Agnew, A. Baynes, W. A. Buchanan, F. C. Bull, H. Byfield, J. H. Cann, T. W. Cleak, F. Carey, H. J. Daborn, A. Elliott, J. Ferguson, F. Field, A. E. Finchley, L. J. Fuller, W. Gibson, E. Godfrey, G. G. Hale, G. E. Harrison, J. Hart, F. G. Head, A. F. Lark, P. Luff, W. Mason, A. Payne, G. W. Pitt, J. Readings, W. H. Rhodes, G. H. Richards, A. Rogers, F. Royland, W. G. Russell, W. J. Sells, W. Simmonds, G. D. Steer, H. Whittington, E. Withers, A. G. Yarham.

At the unveiling ceremony, which took place on November 4th, 1928, every regiment and corps of the original British Expeditionary Force was represented by a serving member who had served in the force. Units since disbanded were represented by members found serving in other units; these were allowed to wear their old badges for the day.

These representatives, with two Nursing Sisters, formed the Guard of Honour at the ceremony, the band of the Grenadier Guards provided the music, buglers of the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, pipers of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch and trumpeters of various units also attended. I deem it a very great honour to have been selected to represent the regiment on this occasion.

Prior to the ceremony the Guard of Honour was inspected by Field-Marshal Sir George Milne, Lieut.-General Sir William Pulteney, Field-Marshal Foch and General Weygand.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Lieut.-General Sir William Pulteney, after which very touching addresses were delivered by the Mayor of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre and the Prefect of the Seine and Marne. The dedication of the memorial by the Rev. Canon J. G. W. Tuckney was followed by hymns sung by the school children of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre; the "Last Post" sounded

by the buglers of The Rifle Brigade was followed by a Lament played by the pipers of The Black Watch.

The One Minute's Silence observed here was followed by the "Réveillé," sounded by the trumpeters, after which wreaths were placed on the memorial. So numerous were the floral tributes that the lower portion of the memorial was completely hidden from view by them, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the representatives were able to ascertain the names of the fallen of their own unit in the short time at their disposal.

The Guard of Honour, which left Folkestone on November 3rd, spent the nights of the 3rd and 4th in the French barracks at Reuilly, about four miles from Paris (to which city they proceeded by charabanc for all their meals) and returned to Folkestone on November 5th. The Channel was like a mill pond, both on the outward and the return journey, to the entire satisfaction of us all.

P. G. SMITH, C.S.M.

LEAVE IN JAVA

IF I had dreamt for one moment, before I went on leave to Java, that I should have to write an account for the Regimental Journal, I do not believe I should have gone, since journalism is not one of my virtues.

Now that I am faced with the task, I must start by saying that Java is a Dutch Colony, in the Dutch East Indies, about six degrees south of the equator. The Dutch East Indies used to belong to us, till we exchanged them with the Dutch for Ceylon. They are very rightly called the Spice Islands, for the soil is the richest in the world. The vegetation varies according to the height of the land above sea level, from sugar cane and mangrove swamp, to rubber, and, finally, to tea and quinine in the hills.

The climate never varies, cold at nights and hot days all the year round. It is one of those odd places, near the Equator, where the sun does not give sunstroke. None of the white men wear topees there.

Java taught me a lot. I had no idea, for instance, that tapioca was a plant, or that kapok (which we all know in the form of a kapok bridge) is quite a large-sized tree. I had no idea that a rubber plantation looks just like an English wood, and smells delicious, or that one kind of rubber factory smells like sour milk, and another like a cake shop and bakery combined.

The people are either pure Malay, or a mixture of Javanese and Malay. They wash at least three times a day, all over, but, otherwise are very idle. The soil is so rich that once a few banana or coconut trees are planted, the owners need have no more worldly cares. The bananas are his food, and the coconuts give him milk or wine; that is to say, if he can take the trouble of carrying out the process of distillation. On the whole the natives are very happy. The Bolshevik agitators who visited the country in force during 1927 had very little success, and the few Malays who joined the movement, and who struck work, were quite in ignorance as to what they were striking for.

There is plenty of big and small game all over Java, but the Dutch do not go in for shooting in the same way as the Englishman. If, say, a tiger becomes a nuisance and takes to man-eating or taking cattle, then the Dutchman will rouse himself, but he will probably try to catch the tiger by digging pits and setting traps, rather than take a rifle and shoot it himself.



SHOOTING TEAMS, 1928.

The Dutch Colonial Army is on quite a different footing to their Army in Europe. Recruits receive a lump sum of about £20 down on joining, and are sent out by mail steamer, third class. They take on for nine years, and receive a pension of about £5 a month at the end of their engagement. They can either remain in Java, or be sent back, at Government expense, to Holland.

Most of them marry half-caste or Malay wives before their nine years' engagement terminates, and settle in Java for life. They often turn native, and it is quite an ordinary sight to see a white Dutchman living in true native style in small villages in the heart of the jungles, wearing the conventional sarong (a sort of skirt), no shoes or stockings, and living on rice and native food. Their pension enables them to do this without having to work for a living, and their wives usually have a little property containing a small banana or coconut plantation, so their £5 a month pension can be used as pin money.

In view of these inter-marriages there is a very large blacky-white population, and anyone, whatever his colour, provided that he has a Dutch name, is considered a white man. This, to my mind, has resulted in the white man being held in low esteem, which is very different to the status of the white man in British India. Further, it is impossible to draw the line where the black man finishes and the white man begins—the law makes no allowance for colour. Therefore, if a white man is sentenced to imprisonment, he serves it under the same conditions as the natives. The more I saw of Java, the more I felt what a great pity it was that we exchanged it with the Dutch for Ceylon.

H. A. V. E.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, GUILDFORD, OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

THE Annual Inspection of the Contingent was carried out on July 25th, 1928, by Col. The Honourable M. C. A. Drummond, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.Q.M.G., on the School's new playing field, at the Parkhurst, Guildford. A most satisfactory report was received.

In the competition for the "Waechter" Efficiency Shield, conducted by Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C., of the Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment, No. 2 Platoon beat No. 4, by two points.

A party of 77 members attended the O.T.C. Camp, at Tidworth Pennings, where training and recreation were greatly enjoyed. Out of 25 candidates, 17 gained Certificates "A."

The Contingent experienced a successful year in miniature shooting, winning the following competitions:—*Surrey Advertiser*, *Country Life* (Class B), "Caird," "Lee" (Bisley), and "General Ellis." In the "Imperial Challenge Trophies," the Contingent secured seventh place out of 296 teams, with an average of 85; two medals of honour and twenty-five Empire 1st Class shots were gained.

The *Surrey Advertiser* Cup has again been won; this year with a record score of 697. The Depot of The Queen's Royal Regiment were second, and Charterhouse third.

On December 5th a party of O.T.C. members attended the Display and Assault-at-Arms at the Army School of Physical Training, and were much impressed.

Major F. W. H. Denton visited the School to say good-bye. He has been a good friend of the O.T.C., and we wish him good luck.

4th BATTALION

Headquarters: The Barracks, Mitcham Road, Croydon.

Honorary Colonel: Col. J. M. Newnham.

Officer Commanding: Lieut.-Col. B. L. Evans, T.D.

WE have again to record progress since the last issue, and in several directions, for, in addition to creditable performances in more than one Territorial Army Championship event, we have, for the first time since the War, reached our Establishment in officers, and exceeded 400 of all ranks. This compares with the 280 some fifteen months ago, and carries us from the lowest place in the Division to eighth place, and, from a similar position in the Surrey Brigade, to second place—the 5th Battalion occupying the first. We are aware that numbers are not everything, and that quality is to be preferred, but, if you are able to get both, training becomes at once more interesting and more instructive. A battalion only 250 strong can, perhaps, only get 200 of them into camp at one time and, when duties are found, and the various parts of "H.Q." Wing taken away, very few men are left for ordinary training, but, with a battalion of 400, things are very different. Recruiting has been very steady for several months, but has quietened down considerably since the end of last year, but throughout this time the weather has been very uninviting and, at times, distinctly inimical to us and our work, most of which has to be done in cold and uninviting drill halls at night.

After several years good service, Capt. B. W. Cummins has retired, having reached the age limit. Capt. Cummins was one of that small band (in its general and, not in a musical sense), which composed the newly-formed Battalion, and he has done much for it in the interval. We do not like parting with old friends, but partings are inevitable, though inevitability does not lessen their sadness. We now have only one officer of longer service, but can still boast of several members of the Sergeants' Mess—some of whose service almost dates from the bow and arrow days.

The following officers have been gazetted to us since the last issue:—

2/Lieut. J. R. Major, posted to "D" Company; 2/Lieut. J. S. Timpson, posted to "B" Company; 2/Lieut. R. T. Walters, posted to "C" Company.

We welcome them, and hope they will be happy with us.

We congratulate "Crispo" Evans on his promotion to Captain. He is bearing up well under the ordeal, and is really becoming quite dignified. The date of the dinner promised to so many when this greatness should be achieved has, we understand, not yet been fixed. Croydon is somewhat lacking in really big halls.

We are busy training the Company selected to be the Machine Gun Company in 1930, and received some very useful instruction from Sergt. Wells, of the 2nd Battalion, who knew his job, and, what is better, knew how to teach others. Although two evenings a week, for several weeks, is a lot to expect men to give up, our people turned up well, and had many regrets when the Course ended. So often a course in the Territorial Army begins well, but peters out if continued for a few weeks, and it speaks well for Sergt. Wells in having maintained the interest he did, for he finished with more students than he commenced with.

After many years we have received permission to open a drill station at Oxted and, up to the present, have nine N.C.Os. and men there. This is not bad since we only commenced on February 7th. We hope to be able to recruit up to the 20 the War Office apparently regards as a minimum necessary to justify a drill station. The Detachment forms part of "C" Company, with Headquarters at Lingfield.

The School of Arms is flourishing, and we are very grateful to the Editor of this JOURNAL for his generous gift to us in this connection. It is, and will continue to be useful, and is much appreciated. We have visited both the 16th and 20th

London Regiments, but, on each occasion, have returned defeated. We are, however, only beginners, and shall do better in time.

The training season will be all too short this year, for the General Election will take three good weeks from it and, I am sure, we all wish it out of the way. At Easter we held a Musketry Camp, at Marden Park, when there was a satisfactory attendance. The Camp was "on tap" during the four days, and fourteen officers and over 200 other ranks attended. We were visited during the time by Col. Lord Roundway, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., and Capt. J. H. Whalley-Kelley, Staff-Captain, 44th (H.C.) Division.

Forthcoming events are the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Cross-Country Championship, in which we hope to enter a team, and the Battalion Prize Distribution, on May 8th—General Election permitting.

BOXING.

For the first time we sent representatives to the Surrey Group Boxing Tournament in the first stage of the Territorial Army Championships, on February 2nd. Our representatives were Pte. W. Stovell, Middle-weight; Dmr. E. A. Hall and Pte. D. J. Grace, Light-weights; and Pte. S. A. Howard, Bantam-weight.

Pte. Stovell, who was not very fit, had the misfortune to meet a far more experienced boxer and lost in the first round. Pte. Grace was beaten after a really gruelling battle, where there was little science and much hitting. He took a tremendous amount of punishment (and gave it) and lasted the three rounds, during which there was always the possibility of his pulling the bout round. He was congratulated by the referee as a very sporting loser. Howard put up a very good fight, but could not get at close quarters, as his opponent was much taller. In Dmr. E. A. Hall the Battalion has a clever boxer who should go a long way. Though young—he is but a few months out of his boy service—his ringcraft is excellent, and if he had a heavier punch (which more years should give him) we should have been prepared to lay the odds at the Stadium Club. (We really were doing so, but as these notes had not gone to press at the time of the T.A. Championships, we had time to make the slight alteration.) In his first bout Hall beat the representative of the 5th East Surreys, and beat him on points with much to spare. In his second bout, he knocked out the 6th East Surrey representative in the second round in a very workmanlike manner, and thus qualified to fight for the Brigade in the 44th (Home Counties) Divisional Competition. This took place at Chelsea Barracks on February 23rd, when he met in turn Cpl. Knight, 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, and Pte. Kirk, 4th Battalion The Buffs, and defeated each on points. Both were unorthodox boxers, and Hall seemed to take a long while to sum them up. The latter held and lay on Hall a good deal, which prevented him giving of his best. He thus qualified to represent the 44th (Home Counties) Division in the T.A. Championship.

At the Stadium Club, Hall met Pte. Birnie, 13th Battalion The London Regiment, and thought he had won—an opinion shared by a large section of the audience. He was, however, adjudged the loser. The first round undoubtedly went against Hall, the second was his and apparently the last, but his opponent made him miss on several occasions by clever dodging. It is some consolation to the loser to know that his opponent is an ex-Light-weight Champion of the Imperial Services. We feel sure that Hall will not be discouraged by this defeat, even though it is the first. It was his thirteenth fight, on the 13th of the month, his opponent being a member of the 13th Battalion, and you cannot contend against such odds!



MR. F. W. HATCHARD,
late 4th Battalion.

FOOTBALL.

Paradoxical as it may seem, football has been both disappointing and gratifying. Attempts were made to run both Wednesday and Saturday sides, but without satisfactory results, and the Wednesday experiment may have to be given up. The Saturday team has done moderately well, but owing to employment and the calls of other clubs, the team has seldom been really representative.

Quite another tale has to be told in the Territorial Army Cup Competition, where we went a long way. The preliminary rounds are played off during Annual Training, and we there won the Surrey Brigade Competition, thus qualifying to enter the 44th (Home Counties) Divisional Championship.

We were drawn against the 98th (Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry) Field Brigade, R.A., and the game was played at the Barracks, Croydon, on December 15th, when, after a ding-dong battle, the score was three all, and extra time was played. The afternoon was foggy, and, when extra time was but a few minutes gone, the referee lost contact with the players and decided to call it off. The replay took place on December 29th, when with a somewhat strengthened side we made no mistake, winning by 3-1. We thus qualified to meet the holders, the 4th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, in the divisional final. The game with the 4th Royal Sussex—a side we had drawn against several times before—was played on January 26th, and after a fast game, played out in an excellent spirit, we won by 4-0. In this match our side played with skill and judgment, and their combination was superior to anything they have shown in the past.

This brought us to the Inter-Divisional Stage, in which we were drawn against the 4th Battalion The Essex Regiment, on their ground, on February 23rd. They are a fine side—twice finalists in the Territorial Army Cup—and they were too good for us by 4-1. Had we reproduced our form against the Sussex, the score would certainly have been lower and we might have earned a replay. We feel, too, that had more use been made of our very fast outside-right, things might have been different, but these reflections belong to the realm of "might have been," and we are out of the Cup for this year, but are proud of having progressed so far.

HEADQUARTER WING.

We shall shortly lose our Machine Gun Platoon to one of the Companies, which will deprive us of an efficient part of our organizations.

The Signal Section still requires strengthening. It is very difficult to obtain men for this Section, and we feel that camp is largely to blame, where all training is done away from the Battalion, and members of the Section do not like it.

The Drums continue to flourish under Drum-Major Hall. The Band has had more than its full share of trouble, but we feel, under Bdmr. Young—recently promoted to the position—it will now make headway. It has obtained a number of engagements. There are still a few vacancies. A band is a problem in a Territorial Unit, for opportunities for practice are, perforce, limited.

The Transport Section will, no doubt, give a good account of itself during the Training Season, and the cooks again served up our food in an appetising manner during Easter Camp.

"A" COMPANY.

The Company has been handicapped by illness among its officers during the past few months, and has recently lost its Company Commander, Capt. B. W. Cummins, who has retired on reaching the age limit. We were very sorry to lose him. We have been chosen to be the Machine Gun Company when we adopt the

new organization, and we lost no time in learning a little about our future job by attending a course under Sergt. Wells, in January and February, and most of our officers and N.C.O.s. know, at any rate, a little about it.

We still need a large number of recruits to complete establishment, but are hopeful of obtaining them ere many months.

"B" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Regimental Journal the Company has been making steady progress in numbers, and its strength is now 3 officers and 111 other ranks, which increase should be a great benefit, both on and off parade.

It will be remembered that, last year, the Company won the Inter-Company Football Cup, and, at Arundel Park, it shared with "D" Company, the Camp Cup. The Hook Cup for bayonet training and fencing was won outright. This success was due entirely to the good work and practice put in by certain men, in their own time.

The Prize Meeting, at Marden Park, was a great success. All members of the Company who fired, and especially the team whose accurate rapid fire enabled "B" to retain the Torrens Cup, are to be congratulated on the results.

It is hoped that there may be greater achievements on the part of the Company, which may be duly reported in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

"C" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL there have been posted to us 2/Lieut. K. H. Osbaldeston, transferred from "H.Q.," and 2/Lieut. R. T. Walters; we welcome both officers to the Company. 2/Lieut. Osbaldeston commands No. 9 Platoon (Caterham), and 2/Lieut. Walters No. 11 Platoon (Lingfield). It is hoped that, with these two officers in the Company, we shall put up a really good showing in camp this year.

At Oxted we have commenced to raise a platoon, and at the time of writing our numbers there are nine. This figure should be doubled before camp.

Company dances have been held monthly at both Caterham and Lingfield, and have proved most successful. Mr. Jolly has continued to act as M.C. at Caterham on these occasions, and we offer him our hearty thanks for his help in this connection.

At Lingfield a 14 ft. boxing ring has been constructed, and we have purchased an 8 ft. billiard table. Running, boxing and fencing kit are also being purchased out of the Company funds. The Company football team has played regularly throughout the season.

"D" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution we have to welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. J. R. Major, with whose aid we hope to gain many additional triumphs on the sporting side.

We would wish to see more N.C.O.s. availing themselves of the many opportunities which are offered at the various schools of instruction. Attendance at these courses is essential to amplify the instruction which it is possible to impart in the Battalion. Many additional responsibilities are involved when a man accepts promotion, and one of the chiefest is to render himself more efficient by improving his military knowledge on every possible occasion. It should be a pleasure for

him, therefore—more than a sacrifice—to give up the necessary time for such a purpose.

Numbers are increasing slowly, but surely, and "D" Company is no longer the weakest in the Battalion. Until the time arrives for the annual prize distribution we shall not know how we have fared, but we feel that we shall have done better all round than of late years.

It is now time that all ranks should attend drills as frequently as possible, not limiting themselves to the strict number necessary to qualify for the Proficiency Grant or postponing attendance until the last few weeks before Annual Training.

If only men would realize the clerical labour which is entailed in continual reminders as to the number of drills still required from them, and if only they would make themselves thoroughly acquainted with orders, a vast amount of time and worry would be saved to those responsible.

FREDERICK W. HATCHARD (*Late 4th Battalion*).

Joined 2nd Surrey Rifle Volunteers, November 30th, 1876, at age of 16. Regimental number, 1221. Headdress, shako; rifle, Snider.

Corporal, November 20th, 1880. Reverted to private, April 27th, 1883.

Has attended every camp and all reviews, including. Review by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, at Windsor, July 9th, 1881; review by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, at Buckingham Palace, July 2nd, 1887; review by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, at Aldershot, July 9th, 1887.

Received the Queen Victoria Volunteer Long Service Medal, May 1st, 1897.

Lance-Sergeant, March 11th, 1899; Sergeant, February 15th, 1901; Colour-Sergeant, February 11th, 1906.

Transferred to Territorial Army, 4th Battalion The Queen's, April 1st, 1908. Regimental number, 1.

Embarked for India, October 29th, 1914.

Company-Sergeant-Major, May 12th, 1915.

Mohmand Campaign, November, 1916; Mahsud Campaign, May, 1917.

Returned to England, "time expired," February 1st, 1918; discharged, July 16th, 1918; length of service, 41 years, 228 days.

Medals.—1914-1918 War Medal, Victory Medal, Territorial War Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Volunteer Long Service Medal, Territorial Force Efficiency Medal with Bar.

Mr. Hatchard still spends a few days in camp with us when he can spare the time, and we much hope he will continue to do so.

There happened to be in "Y" Company two fellows named after certain counties in England.

Companies were certainly stronger when the Battalion was in India to what they are to-day, but not quite so strong as to cover a stretch as expressed in the following incident:—

C.S.M. (right dressing Company): "Get up 3—4—5, get up 13—14—15, carry it on, get up from Kent to Norfolk. Steady! Company, eyes front."

THE ITALIAN ARMY AND FASCISM

IN the last days of October, 1922, barbed wire defences were to be seen on the outskirts of the capital of Italy. Rome was expecting, every moment, the arrival of some 70,000 black-shirted Fascists, and her garrison, under Government orders, was to defend the walls of the city against their attack.

The now famous "March on Rome" was completely successful. Twice the then Prime Minister (Signor Facta) presented the King with an order proclaiming Martial Law, to which he did not append his signature. Then the barricades were pulled down, soldiers returned to their barracks, and the black army, poorly equipped, but marching in orderly fashion, entered the city.

The King, it is said, was largely influenced in his decision by some of the best-known Generals in the Italian Army. How far their opinions were based on the horror of a civil war, more dire in its effects than the intermittent bloodshed and killing that Italy had experienced since 1919, or how far they were moved by the belief that a Mussolinian Government might quell the reigning disorder, will not be fully known until the complete history of these days comes to be written.

In any case, it appears that, without the consent of the Army, the Fascists would never have reached Rome, and, without Rome, their cause was lost. Three days after the march on Rome, Mussolini travelled up from Milan in answer to a summons from the King, and formed his Cabinet. He immediately embarked upon a policy which involved the ruthless extinction of every form of political opposition to himself and his party, in the name of the "New and Greater Italy" which was to be born and bred under Fascist guidance.

In his own words, his idea involved, "the military preparation of the Nation." Essentially military organizations, based on the Roman cohort and legion, were brought into being for the youths of Italy from the age of five upwards. The glories of ancient Rome were revived in propaganda leaflets. Eight years after the Armistice a Victory Day was instituted, as a national holiday, in which ceremonies in every city were to commemorate the defeat of Austria, "Vittorio Veneto (the ultimate Italian attack on the defeated Austrian Army), was not our goal, but the starting point for other ambitions," is a favourite remark of the Duce's in his speeches on Victory Day.

Did the Army lend its support to Mussolini's martial ideas and organisations? Two factors, at least, were fated to cool any enthusiasm which it may originally have felt in supporting the champion of law and order. With Mussolini's rise to power, the King's prerogatives (which, by the Statute of 1848, were those of a Constitutional Monarch) fell into abeyance, and, in public ceremonies, indeed, in all matters of State, he was superseded by his Prime Minister. But it was the Duce's Militia (about 300,000 strong to-day), a rival army and a potent instrument in the furtherance of its leader's political ideas, that tended to estrange the sympathy of the Army for Fascism. Officers of the Militia were promoted rapidly, and friction occurred over questions of etiquette, such as precedence at festivities and saluting in the streets. The Militia itself was ambitious and anxious for the recognition of the Regular Army. Important changes in the General Staff of the Army were necessary before a compromise was effected early this year. The Militia was, henceforth, to fight side by side with the Army in time of war. In the recent autumn manoeuvres, in Piedmont, a black-shirted battalion, for the first time, took part in the proceedings.

While the tacit consent of the Army was given by a few of its leaders during the coup d'état, of 1922, opinions vary greatly in Italy to-day as to the measure of support which Mussolini would find there in case of emergency.

He has consistently tutored its interests, partly in support of his martial policy, and partly for political reasons. A new system of pensions has been introduced, where the old one was inadequate, promotion was accelerated, officers' clubs were formed, and pay was substantially increased. But, even to-day, it is not without misgiving that names of well-known senior officers are prematurely found on the retired list in the Official Gazette. An outspoken word in disagreement with the only order of things that is admitted in Italy to-day, has rendered their promotion difficult or impossible.

Mussolini, as War Minister, has presented each year a budget for the armed forces of Italy, which registers one milliard lire annual increase from 1924 (3,677,000,000) onwards.

A new issue of general instructions form the basis of this year's army manoeuvres, and the rapid transformation of marching units into attacking columns was successfully performed. On the principle that the Italian soldier should be more successful in attack than in defence, machine-gun action was reduced, and experiments were tried with special rifles from which hand grenades could be automatically released.

Everything is being done for the better equipment and greater efficiency of the Army, and strict regulations are enforced, by which young Italians may not go abroad before they have done their military service. Military service usually lasts 18 months; it is reduced to six months for those who have served in the Avanguardia (Fascist Boy Scouts).

While the efficiency of the Italian Army has materially increased, its political importance in Fascist Italy is always interesting. In the event of any sudden change in the government of Italy, it is not altogether improbable that a Military Dictatorship would temporarily forestall another civil war.

TERRITORIAL ARMY CADETS.

LUCAS-TOOTH SHIELD.

The War Office announces that the 2nd Cadet Corps, 4th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry (Lewisham School), has qualified for the award of the Lucas-Tooth Aggregate Shield for 1928-29, as the Company adjudged to be the best in the United Kingdom in all the competitions open to Cadets, viz., the King's Shield (shooting), Prince of Wales's Shield (boxing), Lucas-Tooth County Competition (general efficiency within the county), and Lady West Memorial Shield (physical training) competitions. The units which scored an aggregate of over 300 points are as follows:—

	Points.
2nd Cadet Corps, 4th Battalion Somerset L.I. (Lewisham School), (winners)	524
1st Cadet Battalion London Regiment, The Queen's	501
1st Manchester Cadet Battalion Jewish Lads' Brigade (holders)	416
Deaf and Dumb School Company, Newcastle Cadet Battalion, Church Lads' Brigade (K.R.R.C.)	415
Saltersford School Cadet Corps	406
Magdalen College School (Brackley) Cadet Corps	370
"C" Company, 1st Cadet Battalion of Cornwall (Cathedral School, Truro)	342

5th BATTALION

Headquarters: The Drill Hall, Guildford.

Honorary Colonel: Col. W. J. Perkins, C.M.G., T.D.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C.

BATTALION NEWS.

NOW that spring has come we are again buzzing with activity in preparation for all the work we are going to do in the next few months.

If we are to carry out all the Battalion Exercises and Company Trainings that are contemplated, we shall need twice the money that has been allotted to us for this purpose.

Col. H. H. M. Harris, T.D., has finished his tenure of command. We miss him as much as we are sure he misses us. He can certainly congratulate himself that the Battalion, under his command and tender care, has gone from one success to another, and that he has handed over to his successor, Lieut.-Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C., a strong and lusty child.

Capt. E. S. Buckley has, to the regret of all ranks, been forced to give up, but we are extremely fortunate in replacing him by Capt. G. V. Palmer, who went to bed a Regular soldier and woke up a Territorial.

Our congratulations are due, on their promotion, to Major W. Sturmey Cave, D.S.O., and Capt. A. R. Wise. Perhaps the extra "pip" may help to gain for the latter the vote of many a flapper in the forthcoming election.

Now for some of our successes.

In shooting we can fairly claim to have swept the board. We can boast that we own the Champion Shot, the Best Officer and also the Best Recruit Shot in the Territorial Army. Heartiest congratulations to Lieut. C. Burton-Brown and L./Cpl. Hazell.

Our Battalion team fulfilled their threat and won the Divisional Shooting Cup with a record score, which drew the following letter from the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. G. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.: "Hearty congratulations on winning the Divisional Rifle Cup once again. The record score obtained by your team is evidence of very careful preliminary instruction, and reflects great credit on all concerned."

They also got fifth place in the competition open to the Territorial Army.

In the shoot for the Brigade Commander's Shield, "A" Company were first, "D" Company second and "C" Company third, so that for the second year we have won the first three places with our companies.

In the Miniature Range Shoot for the *Surrey Advertiser* Cup, "D" Company finished third and won the special cup offered this year for the first time. "C" Company were second.

The West Surrey Territorial Ball, which is now organized entirely by the officers of this Battalion, was again the outstanding social event of the winter in the neighbourhood. May we throw out a hint to the Regiment that it would be extremely popular in the County if they could see their way to joining in with us.

We congratulate Boy Cox on his extremely brave act in rescuing two young girls from drowning in the River Wey. For this he has been awarded the Certificate of the Royal Humane Society.

We shall be in camp this year at Shorncliffe from July 28th to August 11th, and hope to have many visitors.

"B" COMPANY NEWS.

CARNIVAL BALL AT CAMBERLEY.

The St. Patrick's Night Carnival Ball, held under the auspices of the Company, at the Drill Hall, Camberley, on Monday, March 18th, proved an unqualified success, surpassing in both brilliance and attendance any similar gathering that has been held in the town during recent years. The function was most enjoyable in every way, and the one regret of the happy company, numbering some 275 persons, who left the Drill Hall tired but unwilling in the early hours of Tuesday morning, appeared to be that the event had drawn to its close.

The stage was set aside for those who desired to sit out, and the band dais, which was also effectively decorated, had been erected in the centre of the floor. Balloons and other novelties were distributed, whilst the limelight effect greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Spot dances were one of the chief attractions, and prizes were won by Miss Ayres and Mr. Collins, Miss Browning and Mr. Miles, Miss Perry and Mr. Shepheard, and Sergt. and Mrs. Morris. Dancing took place from 8.30 p.m. until 2.30 a.m., and the music was supplied by the R.M.C. Band, under the direction of Band-Sergt. Bennett. Mr. W. J. Ryan (R.M.C.) ably carried 'out the duties of M.C. The officers of the Regiment present were Lieut.-Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C., Major W. Sturmy Cave, D.S.O., Capt. A. W. Upton and Capt. R. H. Dorman-Smith, all of them joining whole-heartedly in the proceedings.

The committee responsible for the organization consisted of C.S.M. B. T. Hiney, C.Q.M.S. E. H. Elsley, Sergt. F. Parker, Cpl. W. Bridger, Cpl. A. Wallace, and Pte. H. Bond. They deserve every congratulation on the results of their labours, and well deserved the success that attended their efforts.

ARMISTICE DAY CHURCH PARADE.

The Company (consisting of 98 N.C.Os. and men from the Camberley and Farnham Detachments) under the command of Capt. R. H. Dorman-Smith, were given the honour of marching at the head of the Armistice Day Church Parade, which was held at Farnham on Sunday, November 11th, 1928. They were followed in rear by ex-Service men of the town. It was gratifying to note that a large percentage of these were ex-Queen's men, and a large number of whom served with "B" Company during the war.

Detachments from the local Police, Grammar School O.T.C., V.A.D., St. John Ambulance Brigade, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides also took part in the parade.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the publication of the last issue of the JOURNAL a very interesting event has happened, "C" Company being selected to form the Machine Gun Company and thereby conforming to the modern conditions required by the Army of to-day.

On March 4th, 1929, the Company was detailed to take over the duties of Machine Gun Company to the Battalion, and that meant several conferences and one or two hairs turning grey in deciding how we were to commence our programme of work, as this year we have still to carry on with the normal routine of an infantry company, and yet get ourselves prepared to be fully proficient in the art of machine gunning by April 1st, 1930.

The chief problem was how to train the Company in the Vickers Gun and still maintain our efficiency with the other arms of the Service. It was eventually decided that an N.C.Os.' class should be formed immediately, in order to get

sufficient efficient instructors in the Company, so that during camp the Company would be in the happy position of being trained by their N.C.Os.

Our new Company Commander is very well pleased, and to quote his own words, "The N.C.Os. are very keen and are picking up the work exceptionally fast, and it gives me great pleasure to take over such a keen Company, and great credit is due to the late Company Commander."

As in previous years, we do not intend to remain idle during the summer training season, and, according to the programme, we have only two week-ends off from training until we go to camp on July 28th.

During the past winter our activities have been confined to Individual Training and various competitions on the miniature range. In connection with the *Surrey Advertiser Cup*, which takes the form of three shoots on the miniature range and is open to the various O.T.C. schools, Regular depots and Territorial companies, it was decided to award a cup to the Territorial company who obtained the best score, and we have great pleasure in congratulating "D" Company on winning it for the first year and have the consolation of knowing that we were a jolly good second.

ANNUAL COMPANY PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

A tribute to the high efficiency of the Company was paid by Col. H. H. M. Harris, who shortly gives up Command of the Battalion, at the annual prize distribution, in the Borough Hall, on Friday, January 4th. There was a large gathering, who enjoyed a concert by "The Roosters," the famous entertainers.

Col. Harris distributed the prizes during an interval, and also handed the Royal Humane Society Certificate to Pte. Charles Cox, who rescued two girls from the River Wey. L./Cpl. Hazell received the medal he won at Bisley as the Champion Recruit Shot of the Territorial Army.

Supporting Col. Harris were Major C. R. Wigan, Lieut. A. F. F. Young (acting for Capt. G. Ponsonby, Captain of the Company, who was unable to be present), 2/Lieuts. J. T. Halsall and H. B. Watson, and Mr. W. V. Nicholas (Chief Constable of Guildford). R.S.M. Reeves made the arrangements, and the platform had been decorated.

Col. Harris, before handing over the prizes, said that the occasion was probably the last time he would be able to address the Battalion as their Commanding Officer. He had been accorded an extra year, and had nearly finished his five years, and they had been extremely happy ones. During that period the Battalion had progressed slowly, but surely in every way—efficiency and numbers—and it had been the greatest pleasure of his life to be in that command. He congratulated "C" Company, at Guildford, upon its progress. When he took over Command of the Battalion, the Company was under 100 in strength; in 1927 it had reached 100; in January, 1928, it was 120; and on January 1st, this year, the Company was the strongest in the Battalion, at 132.

He was particularly glad to see many young fellows coming along. About three years ago the Queen presented them with their new Colours, and that had had a great effect in getting recruits of the right stamp.

Col. Harris referred to the strain and anxiety of the Queen owing to the King's illness, and, on his call, those present stood for a moment in silent sympathy.

A RIVER RESCUE.

Col. Harris presented the certificate of the Royal Humane Society to Charles Cox for having, on August 20th, 1928, rescued two girls from the River Wey, at Guildford. Cox, a young member of the Company, not only did a brave act, but was nearly drowned himself in effecting the rescue. He probably did something

else that was equally valiant; he kept his head in a great emergency; probably in some measure due to the training in camp, which took place shortly before the incident.

Cox was loudly cheered when presented with the parchment.

Lieut. A. F. F. Young, in thanking Col. Harris, said the Battalion had had a fine Commanding Officer during the last five years. The Company greatly appreciated the gifts by tradesmen and others in Guildford, and, although they valued this help, they would also value interest in their activities. They would be pleased if people went to see the drills. Those who joined the Territorials gave up one hour per week of their leisure to do something for the country and other people, which was unselfish, and, whatever they might think about war, or the Army, they could not say this was a bad thing. No one could say that a man was any worse for having joined the Territorial Army, and by joining The Queen's they would belong to a regiment with magnificent traditions for nearly 300 years.

In conclusion, hearty cheers were given for Col. Harris.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—

OPEN RANGE COMPETITIONS.

Trained Men, Class "A."—Grand Aggregate Cup (given by Capt. W. Sturmy Cave, D.S.O.), L./Cpl. C. Hazell. Application Cup (Headquarter, challenge), C.S.M. F. Macey. Rapid Fire Cup (by Col. (A. M. Calvert), L./Cpl. C. Hazell. Snapshooting Cup (by Mr. James S. Budgett), L./Cpl. C. Hazell.

Class "B."—Application, Recruits' Cup (Major J. H. Dorrell), Pte. R. Reeves. Rapid Fire Cup (Major the Hon. A. G. Brodrick), Pte. W. Kinge. Snapshooting Cup, Dmr. R. W. Habgood. General Efficiency Cup (Mr. A. Lewis Browne), L./Cpl. E. Bryant. Lewis Gun Cup, Sergt. R. Russell and L./Sergt. R. Buckler, tied.

ANNUAL COMPANY SHOOT.

Class "A."—L./Cpl. C. Hazell, 53 points; Dmr. A. Fairs, 43; C.S.M. F. Macey, 41; R.Q.M.S. A. Blake, 41; Sergt. W. Tubbs, 40.

Class "B."—Dmr. R. Habgood, 35 points; Pte. J. Robins, 33; Pte. E. White, 29; Pte. R. Reeves, 29; Pte. W. Kinge, 25.

Class "C" (Boys).—Boy W. Jacobs, 22 points; Boy A. Bevan, 19; Boy G. Chambers, 13.

CHRISTMAS SHOOT.

Class "A."—Pte. C. Simmonds, 39; L./Cpl. C. Hazell, 36; Sergt. H. V. Lindsay, 34; C.S.M. F. Macey, 34; Sergt. W. Tubbs, 34; Pte. E. Boylett-Hooper, 34.

Class "B."—Pte. E. Crisp, 36; Pte. R. Reeves, 29; Pte. W. Kinge, 27; Dmr. R. Habgood, 26; Pte. E. Sines, 24.

Class "C."—Dmr. F. Hedditch, 35; Boy W. Lavender, 19.

Honorary Members.—Mr. Punter, 34; Mr. Hughes, 24; Mr. Tribe, 24.

"D" COMPANY NEWS.

During the winter we have been concerned with the important business of Individual Training.

We have had one or two interesting events take place, and if our description of these is somewhat lengthy, we beg to be excused.

On November 11th, 1928, the Detachment took part in the Armistice Day Service and provided four sentries to be mounted at the War Memorial. These

had to "Rest on arms reversed" during the Silence. Competition to be selected as one of the four sentries was so keen that the final selection was most difficult. Eventually L./Cpl. H. W. Kite (in charge), Ptes. W. Daniels, C. Simmonds and F. Stedman were selected.

Their drill was splendid and called forth praise from all quarters. Many compliments were received on the good work of the sentries and the turn-out and bearing of the rest of the Detachment.

In the afternoon the Detachment proceeded to Byfleet for the unveiling of the Byfleet War Memorial (this is a joint Memorial for Byfleet and West Byfleet).

Here we were given a position of honour, and after the service the various bodies marched past in column of route, and Admiral Sir Frederick Tudor, who had unveiled the Memorial, took the salute. Again we were the recipients of many compliments on turn-out and bearing.

At each of the services, L./Cpl. A. Moorey, on behalf of the Detachment, laid "poppy" wreaths on the Memorials.

The outcome of the day's work has been to inspire our "young hands" with confidence which should lead to good results.

On February 3rd, 1929, at the invitation of Canon N. Pares, we attended Divine Service at Horsell Church. The Woking Branch of the British Legion also attended, and after the service we returned to our Headquarters headed by the British Legion Band. The warning for this parade was short, but the attendance was good, and the Farncombe Detachment sent over some men to help us.

On February 24th a number of the Detachment went to Farncombe to assist the Detachment there with a Church Parade, which proved a success.

The Company Rifle Meeting took place at Westcott on October 14th, 1928, and a good attendance produced keen competition. Prize winners in the aggregate events were:—

Company Championship Cup.—Sergt. E. Keen.

Trained Men's Cup.—Cpl. L. M. Wigman.

Rapid Fire Cup.—Sergt. E. Keen.

Recruits' Cup.—Pte. Ansell.

Lewis Gun Cup.—Pte. A. Croucher.

The Christmas Shoot took place on the miniature range at Woking on December 17th and 20th. Our kind friends among local gentlemen and tradesmen provided some good prizes.

We have had three matches on the miniature range, our opponents in each case being the British Legion (Woking). We won two matches and lost the other. We hope to have further matches, some with other opponents (local), in order to stimulate interest in the Detachment; this among our own lads as much as their friends.

Weekly shoots on the miniature range have produced fair results, though the attendances could have been better.

We had the great pleasure of being invited to the Annual Supper of the Byfleet British Legion on November 17th. During the course of a short speech, Mr. W. G. Tarrant referred, in appreciative terms, to our attendance at the unveiling ceremony the previous Sunday. We heartily thank our hosts for a most pleasant evening, the memory of which will linger for some time to come.

Socially we do not shine. We are not "brass-necked" enough to send out invitations to dance, concert or whist drive with the note "Please bring your umbrella, an extra coat and hot-water bottle." We are hoping that the coming summer may see our roof made water-tight and some extra stoves installed. We also dare to hope that our Club rooms and Company office may be graced with wooden floors (concrete never did produce warmth) and decent stoves.

POLO MATCH IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT *v.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.

IT may be of interest to the Regiment to hear that The Queen's, serving with the Royal West African Frontier Force, were able to raise a very formidable polo team at Zaria, in Northern Nigeria, in February last, and play the Royal Artillery who have several officers serving both in the Light Battery and Battalions of the Nigeria Regiment. Although there are only four officers of The Queen's serving in the country, all of which belong to different units separated by some 700 miles, it was somewhat unusual that we were able to collect together in the heart of West Africa and play together as a regiment. As the Royal Artillery were the only other British regiment able to raise a team, a formal challenge was issued in January, and the match took place on February 23rd, before a number of spectators. Having managed to obtain some red, green and blue jerseys, a large white figure 2 was sewn on the front, enabling The Queen's to take the field in full war paint, and not without a certain amount of apprehension from the opposing side. Although we were beaten by 6 goals to 1, and the Artillery thoroughly deserved their victory, the game was very evenly contested throughout, with some long hitting and very hard galloping. Whereas The Queen's had never before played together, the Gunners' side included three members of the Zaria polo team, also Lieut. P. B. Sanger, the best player in Nigeria, and with considerable reputation as a polo player in India.

For The Queen's, John Whitfield, making full use of his recently acquired weight, was a tower of strength to the side at back, while Bolton made some good runs as No. 2, and was unlucky not to score two more goals. Phillips, playing No. 3, gave Whitfield plenty of assistance, while "Joe" Bathgate (always a little out of breath) did some good riding off as No. 1. The match, which we hope has sown the seeds of many more such inter-regimental contests, certainly proved that there is good material for a Queen's polo team in the near future, and when all its members have returned to the fold early next year.

The teams were as follows:—

Royal Artillery.—No. 1, Lieut. G. E. Laing, M.M., Light Battery, Nigeria Regiment; No. 2, Lieut. A. C. Keane, Light Battery, Nigeria Regiment; No. 3, Lieut. P. B. Sanger, 2nd Battalion Nigeria Regiment; back, Capt. H. J. King, M.C., Light Battery, Nigeria Regiment.

1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.—No. 1, Capt. D. E. Bathgate, 1st Battalion Nigeria Regiment; No. 2, Capt. E. F. Bolton, Headquarters, Nigeria Regiment; No. 3, Capt. P. B. Phillips, 2nd Battalion Nigeria Regiment; back, Capt. J. Y. Whitfield, 4th Battalion Nigeria Regiment.

QUITE TRUE.

The sun is at times strong enough to affect people on parade in India. For example:—

C.S.M. (right dressing front rank of "X" Company): "Get up 9—10—11, not too much—get up, Crafts—I'm not shouting at myself, come up, CRAFTS!"

A SERGEANT from the Supernumerary rank answers: "Crafts not on parade—room orderly to-day, Sir."

C.S.M.: "Well, come up the man next to him—that's better! Company, e-y-y-yes—front."



POLO IN NIGERIA

THE QUEEN'S TEAM.
Capt. J. Y. Whitfield. Capt. E. F. Bolton. Capt. J. B. Phillips. Capt. D. E. Bathgate.

22nd LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S)

Headquarters: 2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

Honorary Colonel: Col. E. J. Previté, V.D.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. E. J. Woolley, M.C.

EARLY in November we were honoured by a visit from Sir Charles Monro, who came down and dined with the officers and spent the evening at Headquarters. We hope this is not the last time we shall have the pleasure of seeing him in Bermondsey. It is interesting to recall the fact that General Sir Charles Monro was commanding the 2nd London—now the 47th Division, to which we belong—on the outbreak of war in 1914, so he came down to familiar surroundings.

The tenth anniversary of Armistice Day fell this time on a Sunday, so that our Annual Church Parade, which usually takes place on Armistice Sunday, was held on Armistice Day itself. The Battalion paraded in greater strength than on any previous occasion, while the number of Old Comrades who turned out constituted a record. To mark the occasion the Old Comrades led the Battalion to church. The Two Minutes' Silence took place outside the church, where there had assembled a large concourse of the citizens of Bermondsey. The church was filled to overflowing and all the doors were left open, so that the huge crowd which were unable to obtain admittance were able to some extent to take part in the exceedingly impressive service. At the same time a Guard which had been mounted on the Regimental War Memorial in Jamaica Road, during the Two Minutes' Silence "Presented Arms."

On the way back to Headquarters the route was lined the whole way by large crowds. Detachments were also sent to the Cenotaph, Westminster Abbey and the Royal Exchange.

The Annual Children's Party was held on January 7th, and was again the great success that this entertainment is always expected to be. The organization was undertaken by Capt. A. Paterson, M.C., which was quite sufficient in itself to ensure that it would be a happy and enjoyable function. He was assisted by a large and willing band of helpers. One hundred and twenty-seven children were present, and anyone looking into the Drill Hall about 6.30 p.m. would have been in no doubt that they were enjoying themselves, if the noise and laughter were anything to go by. During the evening the following telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen:—

"One hundred and ninety children of the 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's), assembled at the Drill Hall, Bermondsey, on the occasion of their Annual Party, wish to convey to Your Majesty their deepest sympathy and loyal wishes for a speedy recovery of His Majesty the King."

who graciously replied:—

"The Queen sincerely thanks the 190 children assembled for their most kind message, and Her Majesty sends to one and all her very best wishes."

On January 17th the Annual Officers' Dinner took place at Oddino's Restaurant. There was a good attendance of past officers, and it was pleasant to see representatives from both the 2nd Battalion and the Depot of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

The Prize Distribution and Regimental Ball took place on January 23rd at the Bermondsey Town Hall. The prizes were distributed by General Sir Havelock

Hudson, G.C.B., K.C.I.E., formerly General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command in India. He said how pleased he was to see The Queen's again, as the 2nd Battalion had been in his Command.

The occasion was a memorable one, for the Mayor of Bermondsey attended, in his official capacity. On only one previous occasion since the war has the Mayor honoured us by his presence.

In seconding a vote of thanks to General Hudson, the Mayor said: "He (the Mayor) was a Labour man, and he hoped that the Labour Party would get in at the next election. If it did there would still have to be a Territorial Army for the protection of the country, and not to make war, as some people imagine. Furthermore, it was fulfilling a task of great national importance, for it was instilling into the youth of to-day what was so badly needed—discipline." The Mayor's remarks were received with loud and prolonged applause by the assembled company. A most successful Regimental Ball followed the distribution of prizes, the music being provided by the Regimental Dance Orchestra.

Among the many guests besides General Sir Havelock Hudson and the Mayor of Bermondsey were Major-General L. C. L. Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the 47th Division, and Mrs. Oldfield; Col. R. E. K. Leatham, D.S.O., the Brigade Commander, and Mrs. Leatham; Lieut.-Col. H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., commanding the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment; Lieut.-Col. S. T. Watson, D.S.O., etc., late The Queen's.

A large part of our winter activities are devoted to boxing, and this year this part of our training has been very successful, for the Battalion won the Brigade Boxing Tournament, and tied with the 64th Field Brigade R.A. in the Divisional Boxing Championship. Previously the Regimental Tournament had been held, which resulted in the Battalion Boxing Cup going to "A," or Capt. W. R. Darnell's Company.

The following were the Regimental team which won the Brigade Championship and tied in the Divisional Championship.

Fly-weight.—Pte. A. W. Henderson.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. A. L. Wadman.

Light-weight.—Cpl. W. T. Dimmock.

Welter-weight.—Pte. E. Searle.

Middle-weight.—Cpl. C. Welch.

Heavy-weight.—Pte. H. J. Rotherham.

Pte. Wadman represented the Division in the Territorial Army Boxing Championships, which were held at the Stadium Club on March 13th and 14th., in which the Division tied for second place in the Territorial Army Championships.

As we write, the Battalion is preparing to go down to Dover to stay with the 2nd Battalion over Easter.

OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

(Copy of letter received from an ex-Officer who recently went out to Nova Scotia under the auspices of the Over-Seas League Migration Bureau.)

Having postponed writing to you until I had some fairly definite news, now I come to write, I do not know where to start. Six months is a long time, and many things have happened, but it is not long enough for us to forget any details of the tremendous help you gave us, and the help we have had on this side. Now that we are fairly settled, we look back and wonder where we should have been



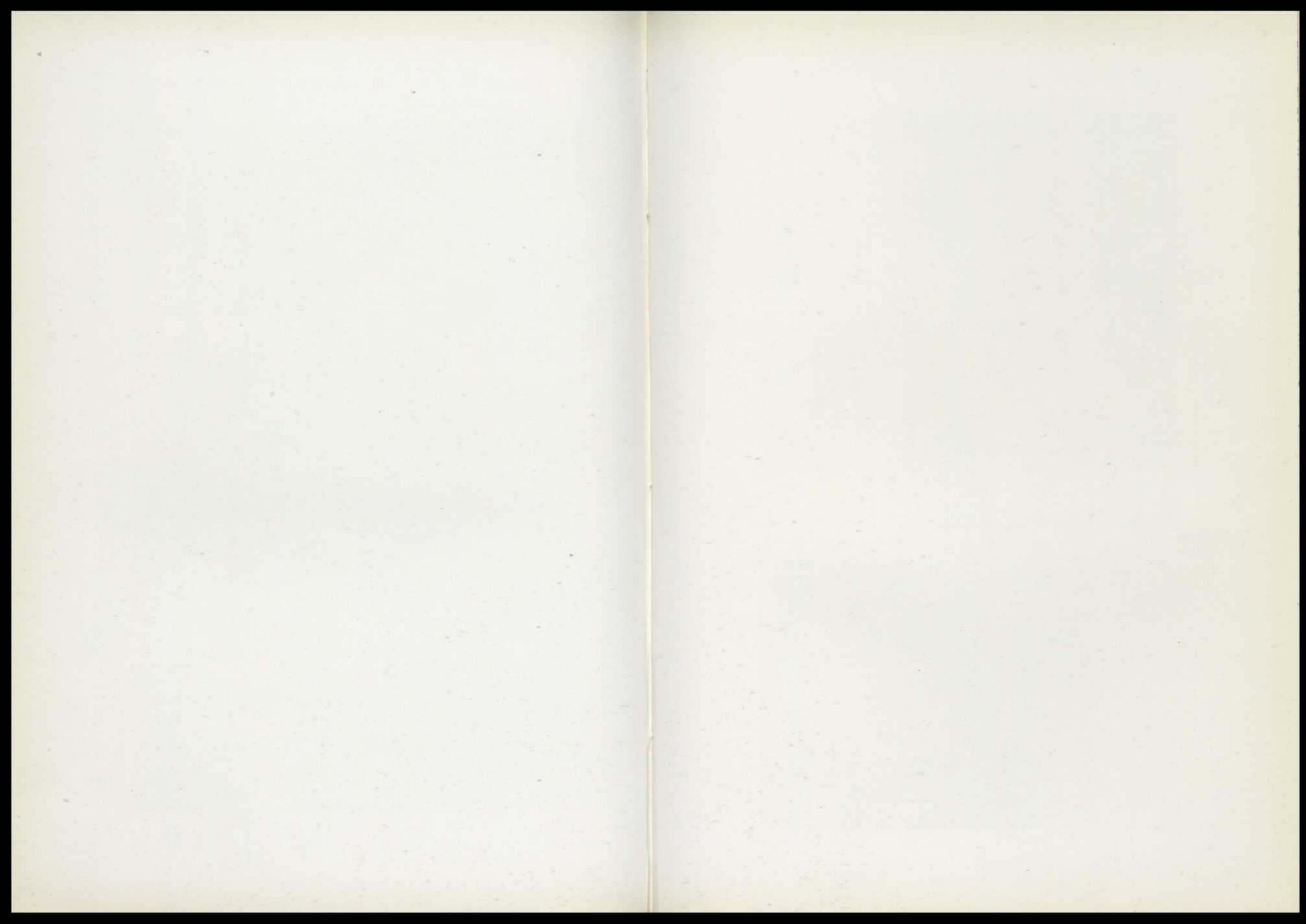
22ND LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S) BOXING TEAM

WINNERS OF 142ND LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1929.

JOINT-WINNERS OF 47TH (2ND LONDON) DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1929.

Standing—Pte. H. J. Rotherham, Cpl. W. T. Dimmock, R.S.M. E. C. Sheppard, Pte. E. G. Allan, Pte. A. W. Henderson.

Seated—Pte. A. L. Wadman, Lieut.-Col. E. J. Woolley, Captain R. E. Pickering, Cpl. C. Welch.





The Regimental Crest carved on rocks at Cherat by 1st Battalion in 1903 (see letter on page 49).



but for the Over-Seas League. I will not mention anything that occurred at home, because you know this, and know how deeply grateful we are to you.

On arrival at Halifax we were met by members of the Over-Seas League. They helped with Customs people, had cars waiting and a list of hotels, with special terms, which Mr. W. had arranged in advance. The hotel advised was just what we wanted.

A couple of days after we landed the Committee sat and discussed means of helping me, and each member seemed really anxious to put any possible assistance before me. I never got the slightest feeling that any of them thought "Here's another one—let's get him settled." On the contrary, there was an atmosphere of a very genuine desire to help. I disturbed busy men during office hours, and after office hours, and there was always the same welcome. Between them, the members knew everybody in Nova Scotia, and I was given business introductions that always got me an immediate interview with all the big men in Halifax. Had we have had a little more capital, to have hung out longer, I have no doubt whatever, I should have landed a fairly good job in Halifax, due entirely to help from "Over-Seas."

Even now, with so much written, "the half has never been told," and the difference the Over-Seas League has made—I really think that we got as far in three months with their help, as we would have in eighteen without.

Eventually I bought a farm, and now I milk my own cows (three and a calf), feed my own pigs, do our paper hanging, plumbing and a thousand and one other things. Memsahib makes our bread and butter, and we love it. Lastly, I brew my own beer and it tastes good.

We have a glorious spot, overlooking the sea, with a young forest at the back. Electric light, bathroom, etc. We are going to run the place as tea rooms and small hotel in the summer.

The weather has been glorious. So far I still wear my tropical "underwear." This will describe it better than any records would ever do.

As soon as we have proved that we can make a living here, we shall be asking you to send a boy out under your scheme described in the Magazine.

Superlatives are not my strong point, and I have a very disappointed feeling on reading over this letter; but, very sincerely, I feel that it was a lucky day for us when I first called on you.

(All officers interested may obtain full information regarding the prospects overseas by communicating with this Bureau at 4, Park Place, St. James's Street, London, S.W.1.)

30, THE MALL,
PESHAWAR,
NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE,
26/2/29.

DEAR EDITOR,

The enclosed may be of interest to your readers. I had the badge renovated when I was at Cherat a short time ago, and send you a photograph.

Nearly every Battalion has its badge cut out of the solid rock as a memento. Cherat, to the uninitiated, is the hill station for Peshawar, and is about 37 miles away.

Yours sincerely,

C. F. WATSON, *Brigadier,*
(Late The Queen's Royal Regiment.)

CHARTERHOUSE CONTINGENT, OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

THE hard weather has made it difficult to carry out any really profitable training this quarter, except in the recruit platoon, but we were very fortunate in striking a really pleasant day for the Tactical Exercise, at Aldershot, on March 5th. Even then we started in a thick fog, expecting rather a blank day, but everything was clear before operations started, and the buses, including No. 13, arrived safely at the rendezvous, at Pirbright. According to the scheme, an Eastland Brigade, under Lieut.-Col. W. A. T. Bowley (Royal Warwicks), consisting of Charterhouse and Harrow O.T.Cs., with a machine gun company and two batteries, was ordered to drive back a Western Force from Tunnel Hill, and seize Mytchett Bridge. Charterhouse was detailed as advanced guard to this force, with orders to secure the eastern edge of Hangman's and Tunnel Hills. Supported by a machine gun platoon and light battery, the vanguard company, "B," was soon engaged near Longdown Fort. "D" Company worked forward very well through some very difficult ground on the right flank, and eventually crossed the railway near Curzon Bridges, and fought its way on to the high ground beyond. "C" Company deployed, under cover, at the end of the Stoney Castle range, and attacked across some rather open country towards Emperors Hill, eventually reaching the crest.

Meanwhile, the remaining company, "A," had followed "D," and were brought into action against Longdown Hill. Then followed an attack by Harrow, through "C" Company, after which a Westland counter-attack, led by a section of tanks, brought the battle to a close. A special word of praise is due to the Signal Section and company runners for the way in which communications were kept going.

Battalion Headquarters was in constant touch with all companies, and an inspection of the message files gives quite a creditable connected narrative of the battle.

After the "dismiss," companies marched to Mytchett Huts where the N.A.A.F.I. provided tea, and the Director (Brigadier Stirling) gave some brief criticisms on the exercise.

Congratulations to Lieut. Renwick on his promotion.

The usual meeting will be held, at Bisley, at the beginning of the Easter holidays.

Camp, this year, will be at Tidworth Park, and will be run by the Rifle Brigade and King's Royal Rifle Corps.

2/Lieut. Dawson was attached to the Depot the Black Watch, during the Christmas holidays, and Lieut.-Col. Jameson and Lieut. Renwick will be attached to the 1st Battalion The Highland Light Infantry, in April.

REUNION DINNER OF THE 8th (SERVICE) BATTALION

ON Saturday, February 16th, 1929, a reunion dinner was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, at which 67 ex-officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 8th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment were present.

The function was the outcome of the recently-formed 8th Battalion Regimental All Ranks' Dinner Club, and the dinner is to be an annual event.

As many of those present had not met since the conclusion of the war, the proceedings, apart from the few formal matters incidental to such a gathering, developed into a pleasant exchange of reminiscences, recalling war happenings, details of which had lain dormant in the memory for the past fourteen years.

Although Lieut.-Col. A. M. Tringham, D.S.O., was unable to preside this year, he was present in the minds and memories of his Battalion, and Col. H. J. C. Peirs, C.M.G., D.S.O., as on many occasions in the line, took command in his absence.

A report on the Club's progress during the past year was made by C.Q.M.S. G. F. Steadman, and various proposals were discussed and agreed upon for the improvement and enlargement of its activities.

A popular and interesting suggestion was discussed that a party be formed to tour the Ypres battlefields at some period during the summer months, and the organization of the trip was left in the hands of C.Q.M.S. G. F. Steadman. In all probability the date of the proposed tour will be the last week-end in July next.

Judging from the feeling of those present, there should be a strong muster when the roll is called of those who desire to be members of the proposed party.

G. F. Steadman was given a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for his honorary and capable management of the Club's affairs, and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously passed that a small sum should be added to the annual subscription to cover the incidental expenses incurred.

After the business section of the evening was disposed of, an impromptu concert was given by those present, much on the lines of the camp sing-songs "Somewhere in France."

Next year it is proposed to extend the attractiveness of the dinner by including an entertaining musical programme and one or two necessary, but short "toasts."

The evening was voted, by all present, to be an unqualified success, for it was indeed refreshing to review the events of the war from the present peace perspective, which entirely revolutionizes values.

It is hoped that all ex-8th Battalion officers, non-commissioned officers and men will get into touch with the Hon. Secretary of the Club, G. F. Steadman, 42, Richmond Road, Dalston, E.8, who will keep them advised of all future events.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, THE JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

SIR,—

Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to thank the 1st Battalion for so kindly sending me the handsome Battalion Calendar for 1929. I appreciate very much this kind token of remembrance.

Yours faithfully,
"QUARTERBLOKE."

24th LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S)

Headquarters: 71, New Street, Kennington Park Road, S.E.11.

Hon. Colonel: Col. W. G. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. H. J. Sanders, D.S.O., M.C.

SOMEHOW or other the winter months seem to be gaining in importance as time goes on.

On turning up back numbers of the JOURNAL we find that, in the past, the wail has gone up that nothing happens much after camp until spring comes round once more.

Looking back on the winter it seems to have been a busy one. Our training has been more varied than previously, the additions thereto being a Cadre Class for junior non-commissioned officers and selected privates, a monthly lecture for officers, and the use of the flash spotter as an aid to Small Arms Training. Company Commanders, too, have exercised their ingenuity in compiling sand model exercises, though this ingenuity business can be carried too far, as the General said when he found one company downing rifles and helping to withdraw the heavy artillery through a rear-guard position.

We had our usual annual parade on Armistice Day, and there were very few absentees. The Old Comrades, moreover, seem to muster to this ceremony in increasing numbers as the years go by. The Two Minutes' Silence was observed at our War Memorial in Kennington Park, and after the placing of wreaths the whole party marched to church.

The organization of the Old Comrades Association is in active hands, as their attendance on this occasion showed, and they gave further proof when a considerably increased number attended the annual dinner at The Horns, Kennington.

Our annual prize distribution this year was held on March 12th, rather a later date than usual. Owing to ill-health, General Sir George Peyton, who was to have presented the prizes, was prevented from doing so, and his place on the platform was ably taken by Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Stephens, the Director-General of the Territorial Army.

Among the guests present on that evening were Major-General L. C. L. Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., our Divisional Commander; Col. Leatham, who took over the 142nd (6th London) Infantry Brigade in the autumn; Lieut.-Col. H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., and Major F. J. Jebens, M.C., from the 2nd Battalion at Dover; Col. C. F. H. Greenwood, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., and the Mayor and Mayoress of Southwark. Our Honorary Colonel, Col. W. G. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and four other past Commanding Officers were also present.

The function wound up with a regimental ball, which appeared to us to go with great éclat.

For once in a way there are very few changes in personnel to report. For the first time for many months no officers have left us to go overseas, and we have been strengthened by the addition of Lieut. K. W. Francombe (who transferred to us from the South Staffordshires, where he commanded a company) and 2/Lieut. H. L. Adams (those who fear that the Battalion is likely to become overrun with Adamses will be gratified to learn that this is the last from the present source, at all events!).

In the early autumn Staff-Sergt. Beecham left us to return to the Battalion, and in his place we have been pleased to welcome Staff-Sergt. J. Donaldson from the 2nd Battalion. Our strength has been steadily increasing, and now it stands



Guard of Honour mounted at Hong-Kong for visit of Rear Admiral Sten Broecke Hoekstra, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Forces, Netherland Indies.

round about 320—higher than it has been for several years. Youth predominates throughout the Battalion, and nearly all our recruits join us at the earliest possible age. We are rather proud of this, and are on the keenest look-out for several more of these youngsters.

It is usual in the Summer Number of the JOURNAL for us to make some mention of liaison with other arms. We generally do this in a rather hazy and all-embracing way, but this time we can definitely state that all through the winter a committee has been sitting to organize a grand inter-regimental Sports and Display which will take place in mid-June, and in which the 63rd Brigade Royal Artillery, our old rivals the 1st Surrey Rifles and ourselves are going to compete in events military and athletic.

At the time of writing we have just returned from Easter Training at the Depot. We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly; the Depot is a delightful place, and whenever we go there and receive the hospitality of such people as Capt. Philpot, Capt. Belchem and R.S.M. Tedder, and see the sympathetic encouragement that is extended to the Territorial by his brother Regular, we cannot fail to square our shoulders and feel a little more of "The Queen's" and a little bit less of "The London."

Our contingent at the Depot numbered about 150, which included almost a full strength band and drums.

Our training, despite the sighs and longing glances of the R.S.M. towards the barrack square, was almost entirely tactical. Section and platoon exercises were the order of the day, and astoundingly good progress was made. In the absence of our Intelligence Section, men from the Transport filled the breach, and very well, too. At luncheon time on the first day the Adjutant said to the Transport Corporal, "Send a man to report to each Company Commander and tell him that when he has finished training he will lead him to the place where the Battalion will fall out for lunch." We heard the corporal condense the message thus: "Go up to the officer and say, 'Adjutant's compliments, and when he's finished you're to lead him to the pub!'" The surprising thing about it is that this pub. was not marked on the map, so surely our Transport men would make a super-intelligence section?

While we were in barracks one or two football matches took place. In one of these we played against the Depot, who, we understand, defeated us by a narrow margin despite our American tactics in playing fresh men every ten minutes or so and providing the referee, who did his best to juggle with the score.

Another match, between the Officers and a little stout [sic]Backing from the Sergeants' Mess and the Band, provoked enormous interest. The match being fixed for 4.30, the Band went into strict training at about 3.30, and presented a very strong front. Fortunately for the Officers, these musicians can only count up to four beats in a bar, and did not realize that their opponents numbered twelve. As at least one officer at a time was off the field feeling desperately ill, this equalized matters, and the goalless draw which resulted was thought by all to do ample justice to the all-round standard of play.

On our last afternoon at Stoughton some of us visited the Regimental Museum and were very interested with its contents. We feel that all people connected with The Queen's should keep a look-out for regimental relics and curiosities to add to the already valuable collection.

Bayonet fencing and boxing, particularly the former, have flourished. In this department we have several very promising individuals, and "C" Company's team put up a fine performance when they got through to the final of the Divisional Inter-Company Shield, only losing by 5 fights to 3 against the "Artists Rifles," who have been the winners for many years. Pte. Green, of "C" Company, is to be congratulated on getting second place in the Metropolitan School of Arms

Young Soldiers' Competition, and winning the 142nd Brigade Individual Championship. Pte. F. R. Meachem, the A.B.A. Civil Service Champion, represented the Battalion in the Feather-weights at the Territorial Army Championships, and won his fight. He now holds three titles in the boxing world.

We annex a note of the prize winners for the year, and the results of the principal competitions.

Inter-Company Challenge Shield.—For best attendance at drills and camp. Won by "D," or Capt. P. Adams's Company. Miniature: C.Q.M.S. C. W. McLean.

Colonel Rumsey's Challenge Cup.—Awarded to the company with the highest percentage of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men attending camp. Won by "B," or Capt. J. H. S. Duncan's Company. Miniature: C.S.M. J. E. Long, M.M.

Sir Joseph Renals's Challenge Cup.—Awarded to the company with the best average in the Standard Test (Rifle). Won by "B," or Capt. J. H. S. Duncan's Company. Miniature: Pte. C. Fairbairn.

Colonel William Parker Challenge Cup.—Awarded to the company with the best average in the Standard Test (Light Automatic). Won by "B," or Capt. J. H. S. Duncan's Company. Miniature: Sergt. E. W. Shears.

Quartermaster's Bowl.—Awarded for Cleanliness in Camp. Won by "C," or Capt. E. Teesdale's Company. Miniature: C.Q.M.S. N. H. Walters, D.C.M.

Inter-Company Bayonet Fencing Cup.—Won by "C," or Capt. E. Teesdale's Company. Miniature: Pte. J. F. Horton.

Inter-Company Boxing Shield.—Won by "A," or Capt. S. G. Woolmer's Company.

INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE CUPS AND PRIZES.

John Shaw Challenge Cup.—Awarded to the Sergeant or Corporal with the highest score in the Standard Test (Rifle and Light Automatic). Won by Sergt. W. F. Gosbee, "B" Company. Score, 171 (H.P.S., 198).

Andrew Cup.—Awarded to the Lance-Corporal or man with the highest score in the Standard Test (Rifle). Won by Pte. A. J. Moore, "H.Q." Wing. Score, 97.

Andrew Challenge Cup and £5.—Awarded to the warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man in "B" Company with the highest score in the Standard Test (Rifle and Light Automatic). Sergt. W. F. Gosbee, 171 (Rifle). L./Cpl. H. W. Warnes, 48 (Light Automatic). Pte. E. Beckwith, 48 (Light Automatic).

Sir Joseph Renals's Cup.—Awarded for Individual General Efficiency. Sergt. P. G. W. Barber, "C" Company.

24th London Regimental Recruiting Cup.—Awarded to the warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man who introduces the largest number of recruits during the year. Won by Cpl. W. J. Grove, "A" Company.

Colonel C. E. Thompson Challenge Cup. Awarded to the Signaller with the highest aggregate points. Won by L./Cpl. L. J. Kingstone.

Best Shot, Recruits (Rifle). Won by Pte. C. Fairbairn, "B" Company. Score, 116 (H.P.S., 135).

Best Shot (Light Automatic).—Won by Pte. R. S. Stammer, "C" Company. Score, 48 (H.P.S., 48).

Cricket Season, 1928.—Commanding Officer's Prize for the Best Batting Average: Sergt. C. H. J. Stammer.

Adjutant's Prize for Best Bowling Average: Sergt. C. E. Beazleigh.

INDIVIDUAL EFFICIENCY PRIZES.

Sergeant—Sergt. H. J. Prockter, "A" Company. *Corporal*—Cpl. H. J. Eastgate, "A" Company. *Lance-Corporal*—L./Cpl. J. Fullick, "C" Company. *Private*—Pte. A. Jones, "B" Company. *Recruit*—Pte. J. H. King, "D" Company. *Signal Section*—L./Cpl. H. J. Grimwood, "H.Q." Wing. *Machine Gun Platoon*—Pte. F. Dyer, "H.Q." Wing. *Transport Section*—Pte. E. Madden, "H.Q." Wing.

Colonel George Millner Cup.—L./Sergt. S. J. Lawler, "H.Q." Wing.

"DO YOU REMEMBER?"

THOSE of "K" Company of the 1st Battalion, in Tirah days, will recall the day when "K" was one of the two companies on rear-guard, when crossing the Chagru Kotal, on the march from Shinawari to Khorapra. Some may, perhaps, remember the Divisional Order issued prior to this march—"Transport donkeys must not be tied together, but driven singly in groups."

The rear-guards reached the top of the pass as it was growing dusk. Shortly after leaving the pass a tiny donkey was seen down in the khud side, contentedly grazing. It had evidently left its load-carrying mother to go in search of food. The company bugler was sent to secure the little animal, and bring it along.

Do you remember this little donkey? It remained with the Company or, perhaps, Battalion, right through the campaign, either with the company cooks or the Battalion transport, the writer cannot remember which. The last time he remembers seeing the little animal was in the camp outside Fort Jamrud. It was a Peter Pan donkey—it had not grown at all, but had developed a temper. It disappeared while in this camp. Some said it had been stolen. Perhaps it became one of those poor woe-begone little donkeys so often seen carrying a heavy load, plus the owner. Should the little donkey be forgotten, that march over the Chagru Kotal will certainly be remembered by all those on that rear-guard. Benighted on the march, donkeys throwing their loads and wandering off into the darkness, the tracks strewn with boxes of bully beef, biscuits and casks of rum. The Afridis missed a golden opportunity. "B" Company must have been the other company on the guard, for it will be remembered a cask of rum proved too great a temptation, that night, for poor Patchin of that company.

An officer of the 15th Sikhs told me the following, of which he was an eye-witness:—

During the attack on the Sampagha Pass, a man of The Queen's, though evidently shaking with fever, was struggling to catch up with his company; sees a native riding a mule, staggers up to him, catches him by the arm and says, "'Ere, you come off that Kutchha.' The native, in supplication, "Sahib, bimar hai" (I am sick). The Queen's man, sadly turning away: "Bimar are yer. Well, I ain't so bleeden achcha (well) myself."

SOME NOTES ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING

By LIEUT.-COL. F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

A DOUBT must exist in the minds of many soldiers as to whether, having gone through a vocational course and incidentally paid a good sum in fees, they can become sufficiently skilled to earn a living at the trade. It would be misleading, and in fact untrue, if I were to say that every man going through one of these courses is assured of gaining sufficient skill and of getting employment in the trade. There is no doubt whatever, though, that if a soldier is suitable for the trade and puts his mind into it, he can become about 70 per cent. skilled, and so is quite fit to take his place in the trade. By being suitable for the trade I mean that the soldier must, by making inquiries, satisfy himself that he will like the work and is physically capable of doing it and that there are reasonable prospects of employment in that line near his home or wherever he wishes to settle. Once he has decided on the trade he wishes to learn, he must concentrate on learning and be determined to succeed. Our failures are nearly all soldiers who have chosen a trade for no particular reason and go about the learning of it in a half-hearted manner. Our successes, on the other hand, are nearly all soldiers who selected their course after careful consideration, made up their minds to get every bit of knowledge they could, and were determined to get a job in the trade. Their energy and enthusiasm not only helps them whilst under instruction, but also impresses employers with their worth.

It is my practice at Hounslow to send out to students six months after they have left, asking how they have got on and for any criticisms and suggested improvements concerning our training methods. Unfortunately we do not hear from everyone, but those who do reply often give most valuable advice based on the conditions in the trade as they have found them. Needless to say, these criticisms are very carefully considered and acted on whenever practicable.

The following are extracts from some of the replies received in the past six months. They show, I think, that in spite of the short period of the course soldiers can and do succeed.

Carpentry.

" Previous to my course I had not the slightest knowledge of carpentry, and since the first day of entering civilian life I have been earning 1s. 9d. and in one case 1s. 10d. per hour. I am now a Union man."

Plumbing.

" I wish to thank Mr. Larchet for his instruction in plumbing, which has helped me to get my employment."

Motor Mechanics.

" I am very pleased with the instruction received at the school . . . without boasting of myself I would gamble that a man with six months' experience at the A.V.T.C. could compete with these so-called life-time fitters in civil life."

Acetylene Welding.

" I am quite satisfied with the course."

Handyman.

" The Centre is a fine place all round. . . . Everyone is given his money's worth of instruction."

Bricklayer.

" The Centre, in my opinion, has excellent instructors. . . . I am more than satisfied with the instruction I received."

Private Service.

" The training I had was invaluable to me in obtaining my present situation."

Painting and Decorating.

" I must thank the school for what I learnt in so short a time, and how they helped me to get a good job."

Boot Repairing.

" What I was taught at Hounslow has put a trade in my fingers. . . . As regards hand-sewing, I would back myself against anyone in . . . , though I could not knock a nail in a shoe before."

Coach Painting.

" I don't think the instruction can be improved on . . . in my case I find it has been thorough."

Fitting and Turning.

" I benefited a great deal with my six months at the Centre, and don't think any more could have been done for me."

The pamphlet issued with A.C.I. 219 of 1928 gives full particulars of the facilities which exist for soldiers to undergo Vocational Courses in subjects other than those taught at an Army Vocational Training Centre. The advantages to be gained by these "outside courses" do not seem, as yet, to be fully realized by serving soldiers, so a few notes drawn from a year's experience of the scheme may not come amiss.

The scheme for outside courses is this:—

A soldier can apply through the usual channels for vocational training in any subject he likes. His application in due course reaches the Commandant of the Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, who, in turn, approaches civilian schools or bodies who may be prepared to accept the applicant as a pupil. If they agree and the Commandant is satisfied that the instruction will be suitable, the course is arranged. The soldier, of course, has to pay the whole fee demanded by the civilian school, and also his travelling expenses between Hounslow and the school. He does not, however, have to pay the fee of 7s. 6d. per week, which soldiers doing a course at an Army centre have to pay.

Before putting in for one of these courses a soldier must be sure of several points. He must have inquired into the possibility of obtaining employment in the line he takes up. Unless he has some definite aim in view, success is unlikely. Previous knowledge of the subject is in most cases essential, as the soldier will be trying to do in six months something the civilian beginner would take a year or more to do. He must be prepared to work twelve hours a day, if necessary, when learning, and to put down a good round sum in fees for his training. These fees vary from £1 or so to £25.

The soldier must, in fact, know exactly what he wants, why he wants it, and should prepare himself for the course by previous study and by saving money for his fees and other incidental expenses.

In submitting an application, the soldier has to add a letter in his own handwriting, explaining his reasons for requiring the training, and giving details of any experience he may have had. The name of a suitable school or place of instruction should be given, if known. The fuller detail given in this letter, the better chance there is of arranging a course. Civilian schools have to be asked if they will accept the applicant as a pupil, and those of the better kind will not do so unless they think he will prove successful. It is a great help if the name of a suitable school can be mentioned, and there is no reason why a soldier should not make

tentative inquiries himself. In fact, if the training is required at a business house or firm, it is better that this should be done. It should be remembered that these courses can only take place in the London area.

Applications for training in a remarkably wide range of trades and callings have been received, and it has been possible to arrange training in over fifteen different subjects as widely different as Ladies' Hairdressing and Monumental Masonry.

The largest number of applicants has been for Book-keeping. This is a subject we would not advise anyone to take unless he has a definite end in view. The labour market is full of girls who can do the work and will do it for 25s. a week. The next most popular has been "Knowledge of London." This is training in order to pass for a Scotland Yard licence as a taxi-driver. The test is extremely hard, even for a Londoner, for he has to know the streets, clubs, theatres and principal buildings like a book, and a man has to be quick-witted and put in long hours of work in order to pass in six months. It can, however, be done, and employment is a certainty. I am told on good authority that an enterprising taxi-driver in London can earn £5 per week.

Salesmanship is a subject for which there has been a considerable demand, but at present there is no suitable whole-time school. Quite a number of soldiers who were unable to get vacancies at this Centre in the Motor Mechanics' Class have attended for an outside course in Motor Driving at a well-known civilian school.

Pastry Cooks and Bakers have been accepted at the L.C.C. School of Bakery, and a Printer at the London School of Printing. Previous employment at the trade is, however, an essential at these two particular schools and at some others.

Wireless Operating has been taken by several, but without considerable previous knowledge six months is too short a time in which to get the Postmaster General's Certificate.

There is an excellent school for Ladies' Hairdressing available, but the fees (£25) are prohibitive in most cases.

Ticket Writing is a subject which has been taken in only one case, and is seemingly one which soldiers who can do a bit of drawing or sketching might make enquiries about. There may be good chances of employment.

Success where it has come—and it has come in many cases—has been due entirely to the ability and energy of the soldier himself. Similarly, those who have failed have done so through their own lack of ability and determination.

In conclusion, these outside courses are an undoubted boon to soldiers who have taken the trouble to investigate the possibilities of obtaining employment after a course, and who prepare themselves beforehand to take full advantage of the teaching they will receive.

TERRITORIAL RECRUITS.

Official returns issued in April show that in March 3,105 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army, and that the total number approved during the first six months of the present recruiting year was 11,761. Last month Scotland led the way with 817 recruits, followed by the Northern Command, 668; the Western Command, 541; the Southern Command, 416; the Eastern Command, 363; the London District, 300.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff, is now 6,658 officers and 130,998 other ranks.

THE QUEEN'S RANGERS (1st AMERICAN REGIMENT).

*Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. C. J. Ingles, D.S.O., V.D.
Headquarters: 860 Longe Street, Toronto, Canada.*

THE Regiment began its spring training early in April, after a winter devoted to indoor range shooting, boxing and Lewis gun training. The training which is usually terminated with the annual church parade of the Toronto Garrison, to be held this year on Garrison Sunday, May 19th, is being enlivened with practice for the Toronto Garrison Military Tournament. This event was last held two years ago, and includes public exhibitions in the arena of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

The last notes sent the JOURNAL spoke of the Regiment's autumn training, which is completed by the annual inspection of the District Officer Commanding.

Throughout this training season, companies and platoons took part in a series of competitions devised by the Commanding Officer, who, all ranks decided, had arranged, with the help of the text-books and the aid of his own tactical skill, a set of events which made every officer, N.C.O. and man use his entire store of military knowledge.

The first event was the annual Platoon Marching and Firing Competition, late in September. Maps were issued platoon commanders some five miles north of the Rifle Ranges at Long Branch and platoons marched by specified routes to the Ranges, where they were inspected. They then marched down the range, firing when the targets appeared. No. 13 platoon carried off the trophy with a number of points to the good.

Capt. R. L. Dinsmore, M.C., M.M., of "C" Company, was the winner of the annual Regimental rifle match at the Ranges on October 21st. Capt. W. D. Sprinks, M.C., was second with one point less.

The Dunlop Trophy for inter-company musketry was won by "C" Company, who also carried away the 20th Battalion C.E.F. Memorial Cup. This trophy was presented to the Regiment by the 20th Battalion Association, together with a cup for platoon general efficiency. The latter was won by No. 9 Platoon, which also won the Dunham Trophy for musketry, presented by Lieut.-Col. F. H. Dunham, M.C., formerly in command of the unit. The Eaton Cup for platoon drill was also won by No. 9 Platoon.

"C" Company were rather fortunate during 1928, for in addition to the previously-mentioned trophies, No. 9 Platoon also won the Osler Trophy for Lewis gunnery.

Their last trophy during the season was one for the Efficiency Light Automatic Competitions at Long Branch Ranges on November 3rd, for which teams from any unit in this Military District might compete. "C" Company was closely pressed by a team of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, who were in turn followed by teams of the Toronto Regiment, our "A" Company, the Halton Rifles, and "B" Company of the Queen's Rangers.

Prizes won in the rifle match and these trophies were presented by the Commanding Officer at a regimental smoker shortly after the inspection. "C" Company received many promises that they might look to their laurels the following year.

Despite very muddy roads and a light rain, the Regiment staged an advanced

guard scheme on Oriole Road, several miles north-east of Toronto, on Thanksgiving Day. "A" Company provided stiff opposition as the advanced guard of a force marching south to attack the city, the remainder of the Battalion acting as the advanced guard of the defending troops.

Immediately after the inspection, the companies began courses of shooting on the indoor range, and the drill floor was used for Badminton among the officers.

The annual meeting of the officers of the Regiment was held in the library of the Canadian Military Institute on January 19th, the annual dinner taking place immediately afterwards. The occasion was convivial, and was enlivened by a number of speeches from guests and officers of the Regiment. Brig.-Gen. R. Rennie, who commanded the 4th Canadian Brigade in France, spoke of the part played by the 20th Battalion, C.E.F., while part of his command (the 20th is perpetuated by The Queen's Rangers). Brig.-Gen. Draper, chief of police of Toronto; Commodore Aemelius Jarvis, several of whose ancestors were officers of The Queen's Rangers; and Lieut.-Col. H. Foster, D.S.O., a Commanding Officer of the 20th, also addressed the officers. Col. Ingles, who has been engaged for several years on a history of the Regiment, recounted some episodes of the American Revolutionary War period, which threw a new light on the subject.

Annual training commenced on Thursday, April 4th, preceded by recruit classes twice weekly for a month. The theme of greatest interest is that of the Garrison Tournament in May, which, in addition to the various military displays, has a number of very interesting competitions. One of these, won by the Regiment at the last Tournament, is the Light Automatic Competition, open to the personnel of all militia units in the district. For this event a challenge cup and four medals are awarded, and, for the team with the highest score in the Toronto Garrison, the General Sir W. D. Otter Trophy is given. Other competitions include rifle, signalling, first aid and tug-of-war contests, a platoon competition and a revolver event for individual competitors.

OLD MILITARY CUSTOMS

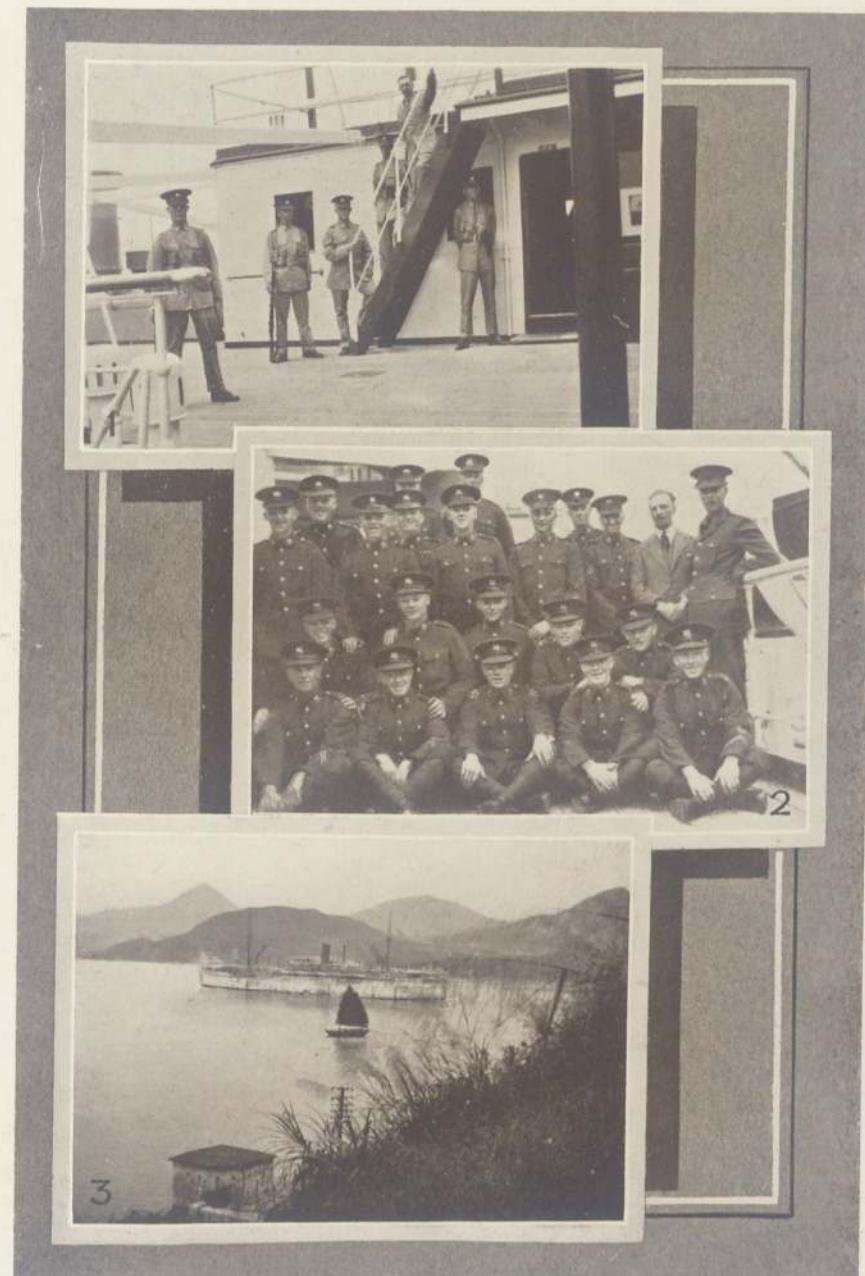
MOTTOES.

MOTTOES on standards and guidons originated in the old-time days of chivalry. The knights of the Middle Ages each bore in addition to a badge or heraldic emblem, a motto, which also served as a war-cry in action, on the banner that his squire carried on the field at the head of the mounted men-at-arms. Taking the idea from these, in course of time mottoes were adapted and worn on flags in the standing armies of Europe.

In the British Army, until the second half of the reign of George II no hard and fast regulations were laid down in regard to the shape of and devices on the standards of cavalry regiments and colours of infantry regiments; colonels were permitted to emblazon their own crests, or some device or emblem from their family heraldic arms, together with mottoes of their own choice, on the flags of the regiments they commanded. The flags might also be of any colour that the colonel pleased. As a result, each change of colonel, through supersession, death, transfer, or promotion, meant the appearance every few years of a totally different set of standards or colours bearing fresh devices and mottoes.

Continuity of pattern and uniformity in detail was not insisted on until towards the middle of the eighteenth century, when, in 1743, the year of Dettingen, the authorities, somewhat abruptly, stepped in with a Royal Warrant which prohibited the hitherto universal practice. So-called "colonels'" standards and guidons were abolished forthwith.

1ST BATTALION



1 and 2. Anti-Piracy Guards on Empress Liner *en route* to Shanghai.

3. H.T. *Somersetshire* passing Lyemun.

The first or King's colours, as it was now termed, was henceforth for all regiments to be crimson in colour and to bear in the centre the crown over a device of intertwined rose branches and thistle stalks, with, underneath, the Royal motto "Dieu et mon Droit." In each of the four corners of the flag was to be painted or embroidered a small circle or fancy shield shaped panel, or "compartment" in official phraseology, bearing, alternately, the number or rank of the regiment.

BANDS.

The Crusaders, flying their banners and colours, went eagerly to war; but they liked comfort in their leisure hours. They took with them a number of minstrels, etc. These soon found a function during battle. They grouped themselves about the colours—the rallying-point—and, when these were obscured by the dust of battle, the musicians blew their hardest. The result was that the noise helped to locate where the colours stood, and while the noise lasted it was evident the colours were safe.

It was from the Crusaders that we get drums, because they are an oriental invention. Later, the famous military body, the Landsknechts, used them, and the drum-beats with which our present marches start are still exactly those used by the Landsknechts in the sixteenth century (*i.e.*, a roll on the first two beats, a single note on the third, and silence on the fourth).

The first duty of the band nowadays is to assist the men on the march. Marshal Saxe, in his "Art of War," says: "If on a march the front is ordered to quicken its pace the rear must unavoidably lose ground—to regain which it immediately sets up a run—which throws the whole into disorder. To obviate this, is nothing more than to march in *cadence*; in which alone consists the whole mystery. It was to preserve this that martial sounds were first invented and drums introduced; and in this sense only is to be understood the word *tactick*.

"By means of this you will always be able to regulate your pace at leisure; your rear can never lag behind, and the whole will step with the same foot; your wheelings will be performed with celerity and grace, and your men's legs will never mix together nor will they become fatigued in any degree equal to what they are at present."

In addition, a drummer had often to perform difficult and dangerous duties. He had to carry the flag of truce, and messages to the enemy. Hence, until quite recently, the drummer drew a little extra pay.

BUGLES.

Bugles, though long used in hunting, were not used by us in the Army until after the Seven Years' War. We borrowed the idea from the Germans. But at first they were strictly confined to the Light Infantry.

Soldiers were illiterate men, watches were scarce and very dear; the bugle call told the men what to do and when to do it.

The bugle calls were written by Joseph Haydn, the great musician, about 1793. He was over here at the time, and George III, who was an enthusiastic musician, tried to keep Haydn in the country. Joseph insisted on going back to Germany, but he wrote the bugle calls before he left. They are all his.

To-day, of course, every man has a watch, and every man can tell the time, so bugle calls are no longer absolutely necessary. But they survive.

One curious point in connection with "time" is mentioned by Fortescue. He says he went through the whole of the papers of Wellington's campaigns. In all the messages from outposts and reconnoitring patrols, not one bore the "hour" on them. It shows that watches, although they date from the sixteenth century, were very rare.

WITH THE 2nd BATTALION, 1877-1890

(Continued from page 55, November Number, 1928.)

MARCHING in the Punjab during the cold season was and still is one of the most pleasant of military experiences. Though cold in the early morning, by nine o'clock the sun has pierced the prevailing mist and made the last hour or so on the road quite exhilarating.

The daily marches ranged from nine to fifteen miles. Sore feet and leg weariness prevailed for the first few days, but gradually these disappeared, and by the time the Battalion arrived at Rawal Pindi it was very fit and the ambulance carts and dooly bearers had a slack time.

Here we were welcomed by Sir Michael Biddulph, who had been in command at Bareilly when we arrived from Malta, and who was again pleased to congratulate the Battalion on its efficient appearance.

The sergeants were entertained by the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment and the 8th Hussars. The latter had been stationed with the Battalion at Athlone in 1874, and a few old friendships were renewed.

In 1883, the G.S. 160 lb. tent had not been introduced. Troops on the march used the large E.P. tents. Each tent accommodated sixteen men, and required two camels for transport; consequently the baggage train for a battalion was a lengthy one.

Cooks and the camp colour party, under the Quartermaster, proceeded ahead to the next camping ground in the afternoon. The Canteen and Coffee Shop went on after they had completed their business for the day. "Réveille" at 5 a.m., tents and kits loaded and started by 5.30. Then coffee and biscuits provided by the Coffee Shop, before parading at 5.45. Coffee and biscuits half-way. Companies in turn headed the column on the march.

The march was uneventful until we arrived at Gujerat. Here the camp ground was low and so situated that during the monsoon it formed the bed of an extensive "jheel." The Battalion arrived about 10 a.m., and had nearly completed pitching camp, when black clouds rolled up from the south-west, and we experienced a heavy cloud-burst. In a very few minutes the camp was knee-deep under water. Only one pick and one shovel per tent were available. With these, tin plates and tent pegs, and working from the inside, each company managed to keep the water out of some of the tents. The officers' tents and baggage, carried in hackeries, did not reach camp till after the storm had broken, and then had to be stacked on tent pegs until after the water had subsided. The writer has a recollection of the late Major-General Sir Harold Parsons, then a young subaltern, sitting on the top of his pile with his feet in the water, singing "Home, Sweet Home"!

The next morning broke bright and sunny, and the regimental authorities debated whether we should march that day or not. The commissariat had gone on the previous day, before the rain started, and no rations were available. Fortunately the Coffee Shop remained with us, and biscuits and cheese were procurable. It was eventually decided to start in the afternoon. The wet tents were heavy, and it was with difficulty that the transport could be got on to the road. The camels were overladen and the hackeries sank to their axles in the soft ground.

But all things come to an end, and the whole Battalion was safely housed at the next camp—Wazirabad—before dark, and cheerily enjoying the first real meal of the day.

The Battalion arrived at Mian Mir on February 26th, where it halted for two days. Orders had been received that all time-expired men were to proceed at once to Deolali for transport to England. About 250 men left the Battalion.

Although a bounty was available for men who extended their service with the Colours, the sickly season we had experienced in Peshawar more than counterbalanced the attraction of the bounty, and few, if any, extended their service.

At Mian Mir we met our old Bareilly friends, the 30th Regiment, now the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, and well they reciprocated the hospitality we extended to them when they first arrived from England.

Leaving Mian Mir on February 28th, we proceeded towards our destination with nothing startling to record until we arrived at Kurtapore. There were then no restrictions on shooting passes, and after our arrival at camp it was usual for those men who possessed guns or dogs to roam the country in the vicinity of the camp in search of game. A hare, a peafowl, or a haunch of venison made a welcome addition to the daily menu.

Pte. Adams—"B" Company—was the proud possessor of a double-barrelled muzzle-loading gun, and he, with a lad of the Band, left camp on a shooting expedition.

It was a regimental order that no loaded arms were to be brought into camp, and no shot fired within 100 yards of it.

Adams was returning in the evening, and sat down on a bank to unload his gun, intending to draw the charge instead of wasting powder and shot. He placed the butt of the gun between his feet and inserted the rod and screw in one barrel, when by some means (probably a jar of the butt, the lock was afterwards found to be defective), both barrels exploded. He received the full charge of shot in his face, and the rod, striking him on the forehead, came out at the back of his head. His companion ran to camp and told the story. Adams was brought into camp and died shortly after arrival. Adams was a good soldier: standing 5 ft. 11 in., a big, burly man, he was a member of the regimental tug-of-war team—he had been a brewers' drayman before he joined the Battalion in 1877. This accident led to an inspection of all sporting guns monthly by the Armourer-Sergeant.

The next day we marched into Jullundur, and Adams was buried the same afternoon. Continuing the march, we arrived at Umballa, where we met the 1st Battalion Leinster Regiment, with whom the sergeants fired a friendly match, winning easily.

After two days' halt, we continued our journey. Hitherto we had travelled on the Great Trunk Road, that magnificent highway which stretches from Calcutta to Peshawar. Now we turned northwards towards the Himalayas, on the road from Umballa to Simla.

Leaving Kalka, we had our first experience of hill marching. From Kalka to Dhurmpore, sixteen miles, there is an ascent of about 4,000 feet. The road is scarped out of the side of the hills, with the mountain side on the one hand and a deep khud on the other. It winds considerably, following the outline of the mountain spurs, and the re-entrants are deep. It is possible to see a mile-post apparently a few hundred yards away across a ravine, only to find that two miles of road have to be traversed before it is reached.

For troops fresh from barracks the march is a trying one, but we had been nearly two months on the road and found the change in scenery from level plain to rising hills most enjoyable.

At Dhurmpore the detachment for Jutogh separated from Headquarters and camped on a spur about half a mile ahead. This detachment consisted of "A," "C" and "D" Companies, under command of Major Hood.

On the morning of March 26th, Headquarters and five companies marched into Subathu, being met by Lieut.-Col. Holt, who had gone on ahead from Peshawar in charge of the families, and Lieuts. Robson, A. W. Taylor and F. M. Edwards, who, with a draft from home of four sergeants and 250 rank and file, were awaiting our arrival.

The cantonment of Subathu is situated on a low straggling spur of the foothills below the Himalayas, running east and west at an elevation of about 4,000 feet. The station of Kasauli, standing much higher, lies about nine miles to the south, and Jutogh and Simla lie about twenty-one and twenty-six miles distant respectively on the north. In summer it is hot in the daytime and cool at night; punkahs are unnecessary but mosquito curtains are desirable.

Here we found double-storied barracks, built of stone, with wide verandahs on one side. The bungalows were large, and easily provided for a whole company. The parade ground was small, and at this time consisted of a grassy terraced slope. It served as parade ground, race course, polo and cricket ground—in fact, it was the only open space in the cantonment.

Duty was very light at Subathu, and parades few. Musketry went on during the summer, subject to interruption during the monsoon.

A new musketry course was introduced this year, and a qualifying number of hits on what were known as the "Head and shoulder" and "Figure of man" targets became necessary for "Marksmen." This new practice proved a stumbling block to many of the older hands, but it was the beginning of a more practical training in the use of the rifle than the continued bull's-eye shooting at known ranges provided.

Plenty of practice in spare time by the Company Clubs led to a great improvement in the position of the Battalion in the Figure of Merit list. Clr.-Sergt. Grubb was, this year, the best shot in the Annual Course, in Bengal, a feat he repeated the following year.

During the summer the Battalion was inspected by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Donald Stewart. After inspection, in quarter column, the Battalion marched past by half-companies, marred only by one mishap. The Drum-Major, in directing the Band and Drums, and moving backwards, tripped on the unlevel ground and fell over, waving his staff in the air, much to the amusement of the Commander-in-Chief.

Sir Donald made a close inspection of the barracks, kits, etc. At the cookhouse of one company, pointing to a large degchie of boiling stew, he asked why it was boiling at one side and not at the other, referring to the ebullition which was apparent at one side only. Standing smartly at attention, the cook-orderly for the day at once replied, "Guards' dinners half an hour before the rest, Sir." Sir Donald, turning to his son, who was then A.D.C., said, "I knew I should get that answer, it was an old service catch when I joined."

At the School, he particularly interested himself in the lowest adult class, and, turning to the schoolmaster, told him to tell the school assistant in charge of the class to let some of the men read. After hearing one or two men read he complimented the assistant, and inquired if he found it difficult to teach grown men to read. The delighted assistant replied, "Yes, sir, I do, I find it very 'ard to make them sound their 'haitches.'" Sir Donald, with a twinkle in his eye, remarked, "And I find it very 'ard to 'ear you say so."

In common with all hill stations, Subathu was subject to very severe storms of thunder, lightning, and high winds during the monsoon. One particularly heavy storm removed the roof of the married quarters, a portion of the roof of the hospital and the roof of the commissariat store.

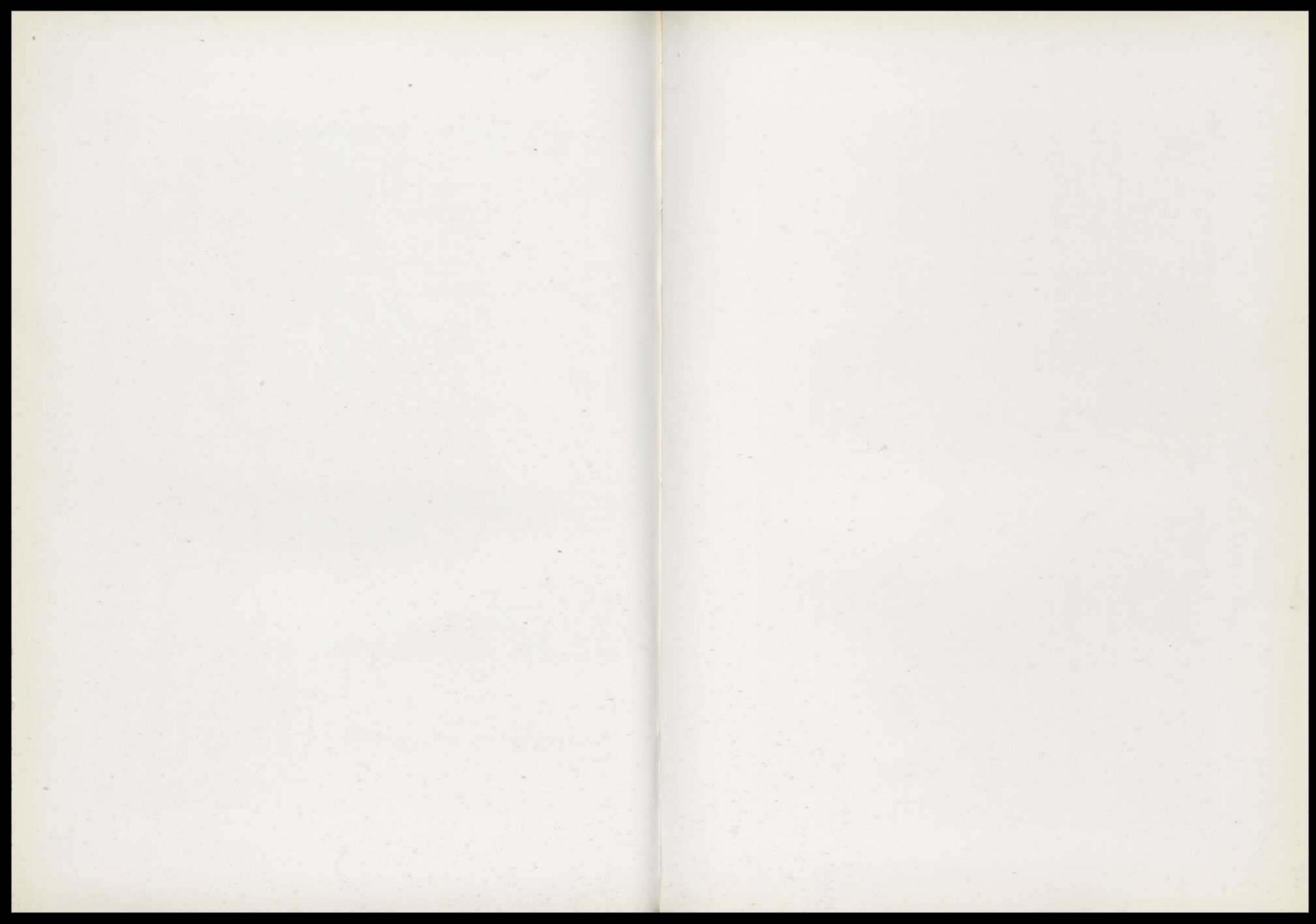
The married quarters was a very long double-storey block on an exposed spur. The roof was ripped completely off and the families in the upper storey drenched, while those on the ground floor were little better off, as the water came through the floor of the upper storey and washed them out. All hands turned out—"G" doubled up with "F," and the families moved into the vacated bungalow.

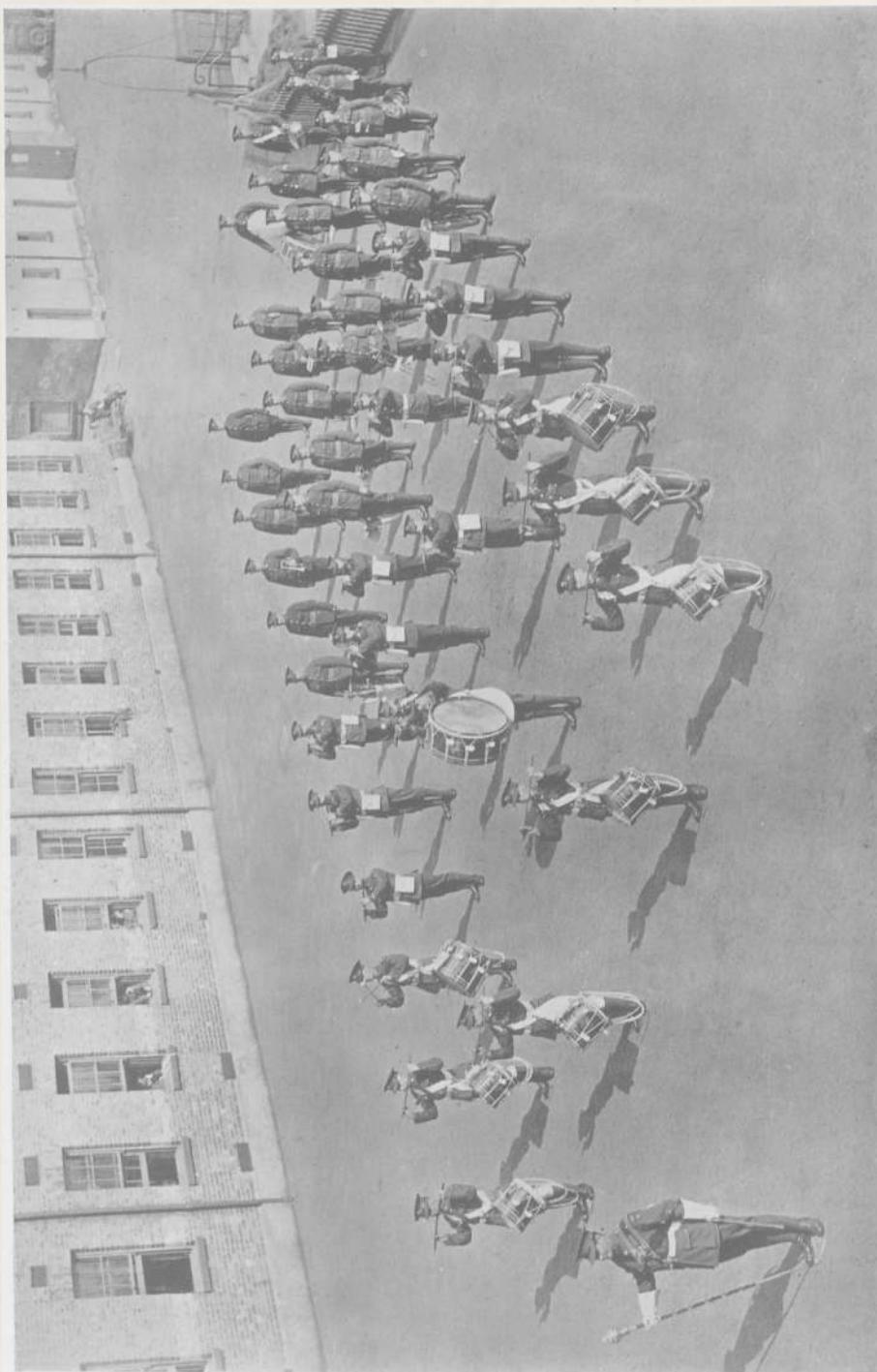
Lieut. S. H. Godfrey joined the Battalion on first appointment, but did



2ND BATTALION

POLO TEAM, 1885.
G. Pain. H. Estridge
H. D. Robson
H. Hamilton





[Chas. Harris, Dover]

BAND AND DRUMS AT DOVER, EASTER, 1929.

Photo]

not remain long before joining the Bengal Staff Corps. Lieut. Noble died suddenly one Sunday morning. Sergt. Milne became Colour-Sergeant of "B" Company in place of Griffiths, reverted, and the appointments of Instructor, Assistant-Instructor and Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry were abolished. The officers vacated their appointments at once, while the Sergeant-Instructor continued until such time as he could be absorbed in an equivalent position. Lieut. Dent proceeded to join the 1st Battalion on promotion to Captain, and Lieut. F. M. Edwards joined the Bengal Staff Corps. Capt. C. W. Boddam joined from The Leicestershire Regiment, having exchanged with Capt. Wittle.

"H" Company lost a noted character in Barney Owens, when Col. Hamilton, a retired Indian Army Officer, purchased his discharge and took him to New Zealand as a handyman.

"Barney," an Irishman, was one of The Queen's bad bargains. While with the 1st Battalion, at Colchester, he had attempted to desert, and exchanged his uniform for the rags of a scarecrow. With the 2nd Battalion he did not improve; always in trouble, reporting sick to escape duty, he was constantly punished for malingering. On one occasion on the march from Peshawar, Barney was lumbering along out of step with everything and everybody. Lieut. Fullerton, noticing this, said sharply, "Owens, change your feet." Barney replied, "I wish to God I could, Sor, for these are nearly worn out." Barney went before the Commanding Officer, and was awarded 168 hours' I.H.L. for his injudicious remark. He went sick at Subathu, and complained that he was a mass of pains. The doctor, Surgeon-Major Temple, V.C., kept him under observation, and then sent him down as a prisoner for malingering. Col. Hercy looked at him for some time, and then said, "What am I to do with you, Owens?—you are no good either to yourself or to the Battalion." Owens spoke up, and in a deep brogue said, "Sir, I am a good Catholic like yourself. I am no good as a soldier and I never shall be, but I am a better workman than any man in your regiment, and if you just let me go to work in the shops, I'll show you." The Commanding Officer took him at his word, admonished him, and sent him to the workshops—Barney had made no idle boast. There was nothing in the cabinet-making or carpentering line he could not accomplish, and that well. While working in the shops he did a considerable amount for Col. Hamilton and, in the end, the Colonel purchased Owens's discharge and took him to New Zealand. Whether he eventually made good the writer does not know, but he does know that, as a soldier, "H" Company was glad to see the back of him.

Writing of Subathu would be incomplete without reference to the renaissance of the Regimental Dramatic Club, under the supervision of Bdmr. Rogan. Our old tragedians, Macdonald and Greet, had left, but their places were taken by Reilly, of "D" Company, and Chambers, of "E," the one an Irishman, the other a Scot, both capable of declaiming melodramatic periods in most tragic tones. During the visit of Sir Donald Stewart, a blood and thundery drama, together with an absurd farce, were staged for the C.-in-C.'s benefit. The officers also, assisted by Surgeon-Major Temple's daughters, gave a performance of "Our Boys," in which Lieut. Estridge took the part of the maid, much to everybody's delight.

During the summer the Sergeants fired friendly matches with the Sergeants of the Kasauli Convalescent Depot, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Dagshai, and the Leinster Regiment, at Solon. We were successful every time. A regimental team, under Clr.-Sergt. Dormand, competed in a Manuel, Bayonet and Firing Exercise Competition at the Kasauli Assault-at-Arms, and carried off the prize.

October, of this year, found the Battalion united again, under canvas, at Umballa, with the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment, from Jullunder, camped

alongside; the King's Own Scottish Borderers, from Dagshai, who had relieved the Leinster Regiment, being in the permanent barracks. With three infantry battalions, the 9th Lancers and three batteries of artillery, one horse battery, one field battery and one mountain battery, Umballa was a busy place during the winter months.

Parades were few; an occasional field day lasting for a couple of hours, left lots of time for recreation and sport. Cricket and shooting matches filled each Thursday's programme, and Saturdays were generally similarly occupied. At the Divisional Rifle Meeting the Sergeants' team represented the Battalion, and was successful in each of the inter-regimental events. Local meetings of the Northern India and Western India Rifle Associations brought numerous prizes to the Battalion. In the competition for the Commander-in-Chief's prize, open to all India, Clr.-Sergt. Grubb came second, winning Rs100; Sergt. H. Martin also came into the prize list for Rs25.

A draft from England, under Major B. A. Beale, joined at Umballa. This draft travelled from England via the Cape.

Sergt. "Dotty" Watts became Colour-Sergeant of "D," in place of Gardner, reverted.

At the end of February the Battalion returned to the hills, the Jutogh Detachment being found by "E," "F" and "H" Companies, under command of Major Bleazby, Lieut. Estridge being Acting Adjutant and Station Staff Officer.

Jutogh, situated five miles from Simla, was a pleasant little station in which to spend a summer. The infantry detachment occupied a cluster of substantial stone-built huts on a knoll at the entrance to the cantonment, while a Mountain Battery was housed in a range of huts on a small plateau about 300 feet below. The only parade ground just admitted of the three companies parading in quarter column. The Mountain Battery was better off in this respect, and its parade ground served also for cricket and sports. The range was alongside the road bounding the cantonment, and gave plenty of scope for practice.

This year saw the introduction of company training, and though little in the way of practical work was accomplished, the report and diary of training read well when carefully compiled. Lectures mainly consisted of chapters from Clery's "Minor Tactics," read by a subaltern of the company, and afforded little information or instruction to the listener.

Now I must refer to a very sad event which cast a gloom over the whole Battalion. An atrocious crime committed by a man of the Battalion, but which cannot be accepted as reflecting upon the Battalion itself, unfortunately brought it into special prominence in an extremely unpleasant connection.

One night in July, Pte. Rawlinson, of "D" Company, in a fit of ill-temper or depression, loaded his rifle, and, firing indiscriminately, shot two of his comrades dead and severely wounded three others. His victims were two old soldiers, one, the oldest in the Battalion, poor old George Cowan, my first drill instructor at Guildford, the other Dmr. Baird, a good, cheery fellow whose only fault was an inclination to tipple. Both lost their lives in bravely attempting to lay hold of Rawlinson after the first shot was fired. The wounded were Pte. Hayes (shot through the liver), Pte. Curtis (shot through the neck), and L./Cpl. Flynn (shot in the back).

It may be asked why Rawlinson was not rushed earlier, but it is a difficult task to approach a desperate man with a loaded rifle standing with his back to a wall. Two shots were fired in Rawlinson's direction by Sergt. Heveran, of "B" Company, and one took effect, wounding him severely in the left shoulder.

By this time the whole of the five companies at Subathu were roused, and but for the intervention of the Captain of the Day (Capt. R. T. Handford-Flood)

Rawlinson would have been lynched on the spot. He was taken to the guard-room and afterwards to hospital. Hayes, although at first given up as dead, eventually recovered, thanks to the unremitting attention of a namesake, Surgeon-Capt. Hayes, R.A.M.C.; Curtis became partially paralysed, and was eventually invalided to pension. Flynn, whose wound was not so serious, was soon at duty again. Cowan and Baird were buried the next day, the whole of the station attending the funeral.

George Cowan, whose regimental number was 2/2/521, joined the Battalion at its formation in 1857, a lad of seventeen. Being slight, lithe and active, he was posted to the light company. He served with the 2nd Battalion until the formation of the Depot at Guildford in February, 1877, and, during the yellow fever epidemic in Bermuda, was Hospital Sergeant. A cleaner, smarter soldier has never served in the Battalion. Popular with all ranks, and fairly educated, he had numerous chances of promotion, but unfortunately he had taken to drink in his earlier days, and, though he would abstain for lengthy periods, he could not entirely overcome his appetite for strong liquor. He attributed his failing to the punishment he received for the first crime (?) entered in his defaulter sheet. It read: "Playing ball in the ball alley with his new trousers on, contrary to Regimental orders." One hundred and sixty-eight hours' imprisonment H.L., and pay for new trousers—Colonel R. Bruce. This took place in Corfu in 1859.

A Court of Inquiry was held to investigate all the circumstances connected with the murders, and orders were passed for the trial of Rawlinson by General Court-Martial. The Court-Martial assembled first at Subathu, but afterwards transferred to Kasauli when the Battalion left for Cawnpore.

In the reliefs for 1884-85 the Battalion was placed under orders for Cawnpore, and in October, 1884, started by march route for its new station.

(To be continued.)

FRIMLEY AND CAMBERLEY CADET CORPS

Patron: R. H. Caird, Esq., Frimley Hall.

Chairman: Brig.-General R. G. Jelf, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Officer Commanding: Capt. Kent.

Headquarters: Maple Leaf Hut, Camberley.

THE first item of importance, in the life of the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps, to be chronicled in the present number of the QUEEN'S JOURNAL, is the Annual Bazaar, to raise funds for the new building, on the site so generously given to us by Mr. R. H. Caird, for whom, from all sides, will be felt the very deepest sympathy, on the irreparable loss that he has sustained in the death of Mrs. Caird, after a long and painful illness. The stall holders, among whom were numbered Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Jelf, Mrs. Ralle, Mrs. Horniblow, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hoare, exerted themselves in their efforts to make the bazaar a real success, and many of the articles shown in the stalls would have done credit to the best London shops, entailing many months of real hard work in preparation for this great annual event. Our grateful thanks are due to the stall holders, our kind supporters in Camberley, whose generous gifts towards the big raffle helped to swell the amount taken on the day, and lastly, to all those who braved the elements and made purchases at the various stalls. Our special thanks are due to Mrs. Girdwood, who kindly consented to open the bazaar, and did so with a most gracious little speech.

To the great delight of everyone concerned, the New Caird Hall, to the completion of which we have been so eagerly looking forward, has at last been begun, and, in order to let the facts be known amongst our many friends, we feel

justified in giving a short and concise summary of the uses to which the new hall can be put, *at such time as it is not required for the use of the Cadets.*

The hall will have a real good dance floor, and will be eminently adapted to concerts, lectures, meetings, etc. Our contract also includes a good and properly lighted stage, with wings and proscenium complete.

In addition, the hall is of a sufficient height, length and width to make it possible to lay out a full-sized Badminton court, which will be available on practically every afternoon of the week.

The Committee considered it to be a matter of the greatest importance that, during building operations, the Cadets should not be deprived of their meeting place and club, and, accordingly, completed a billiard hut for them, before any demolition of the old building took place. By the kindness and courtesy of the Rev. L. Lightbody, the St. Paul's School has been placed at the disposal of the Cadet Corps for their winter drills.

An appeal will shortly be issued, asking for funds to raise the £1,000 still required to complete the building. In the meantime, three generous supporters have promised £50 apiece, and one £25 towards the building. We feel confident that, when our formal appeal is launched, it will meet with a generous response by all our well-wishers.

Capt. Hoare, who has done so much for the Corps since its initiation, and to whom the Committee owe a very deep debt of gratitude, has, to our great regret, found it necessary to sever his connection with the Corps, in an official capacity, but has generously offered his voluntary services when required. For nearly twenty years he has borne the heavy burden of responsibility on his shoulders, and has done a very great deal towards bringing the Corps to its present high state of efficiency. His place has been taken by Sergt. Briercliff, late Scots Guards, who has taken up his new duties with the zeal and efficiency, which is traditional in the famous regiment from which he comes.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught has graciously consented to open the New Caird Hall, on Wednesday, July 10th. Full details of the ceremony will be published in due course.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM READERS.

KARALEE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I expect you will be surprised receiving a letter from Australia congratulating you on The Queen's JOURNAL. I have received two copies and I think they are real good.

The first copy I received I was very much surprised to see my photo on the first page (signallers, India, 1906).

I was a signaller five years, and had a real good time in The Queen's, although we had a rough time when we were beating all India in Kitchener's Cup.

I have been out here since 1910, and was a Section B man when I left.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the JOURNAL, especially the news concerning our Battalion, the 1st. Without a doubt the JOURNAL rivals the best regimental magazines I have seen. A great enterprise thoroughly well carried out, filled with good reading and excellent illustrations. It will become a valuable pictorial and historical record of our Regiment.

FOR SALE.

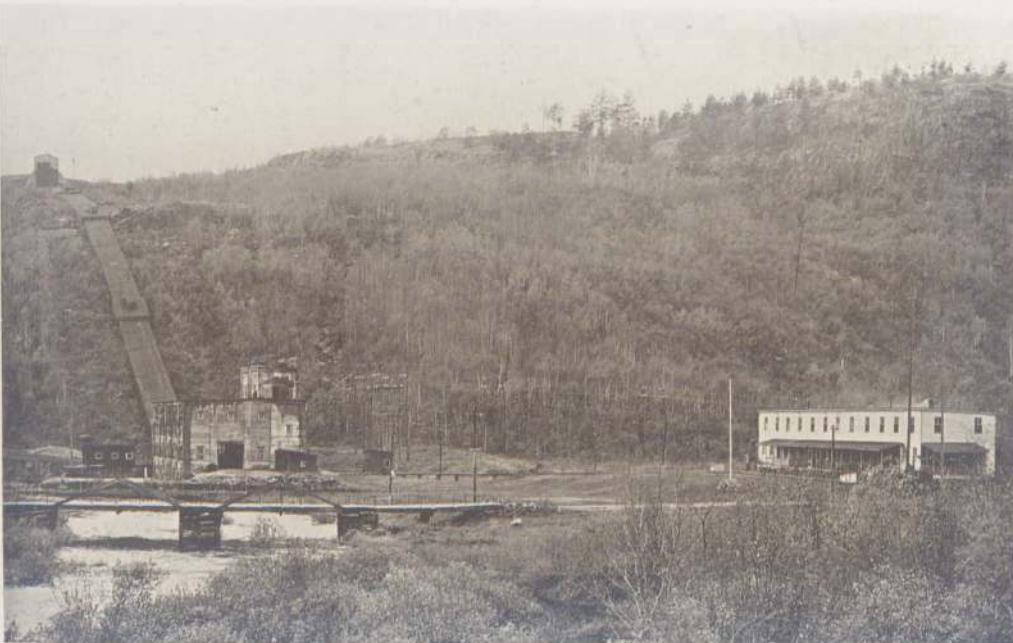
An Officer's Mess Kit of the Regiment. For further particulars apply to Capt. Buckley, late 5th Battalion, King's Court Hotel, Leinster Terrace, Hyde Park, W.2.



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The Notch and Montreal Rivers.

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Northern Ontario Power Company's Plant on Mattabitcheoun River.

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THE DEPOT

GENERAL.

THE Depot now possesses a larger "army" than it has for some considerable time. There are at present 160 recruits, divided into 5 squads, whilst a sixth squad is in progress of forming. Yorkshire and the Midlands have had to come south in order to assist the Depot in attaining this total, but they are rapidly becoming accustomed to southern methods. Instructors are having a busy time.

It is to be supposed that the "Great Frost" took a greater toll of Stoughton than many other places, as lead relics are still to be seen in odd corners of the Depot. A purpose (presumably lasting), as the result, has been discovered for fire buckets. Apart from this, the Depot is assuming a more spring-like aspect. Mowing, rolling, and weeding of cricket pitches, tennis courts and gardens are the order of the evenings.

The cricket season promises to be a good one. "Bats" there are in plenty, but bowlers are scarce.

The new football and hockey fields were officially declared opened with a football match, Officers and Sergeants *v.* The Rest, and a hockey match, Officers and The Rest *v.* The Sergeants.

Several changes have taken place in the Depot since the last issue of the JOURNAL. Major M. W. H. Pain, Capt. R. H. Philpot, M.C., Lieut. H. A. V. Elliott, and Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs have arrived. We take this opportunity of welcoming our new Commanding Officer, and wishing him the best of luck during his tour at the Depot. All good wishes also to Lieut. L. C. East, who departed in March. He was always a "leading light" at the Depot.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS, ETC.

LADYSMITH PLATOON: To Battalion on 8/1/1929.

Winners of the Inter-Section Competition, No. 1 Section. — 6084123 Pte. N. Edgington, 6084132 Pte. L. Jackson, 6084144 Pte. W. Nicholas, 6084125 Pte. G. Young, 6084128 Pte. F. Leach, 6084142 Pte. W. Kibble.

Individual Competitions. — Drill, 6084131 Pte. V. G. Edwards. Shooting, 6084152 Pte. L. Brettell. Physical Training, 6780419 Pte. R. Shephard. Athletics, 6084142 Pte. W. Kibble.

NAMUR PLATOON: To Battalion on 28/2/1929.

Winners of Inter-Section Competition, No. 1 Section. — 6084149 Pte. F. W. Amber, 6084156 Pte. W. T. Dungate, 6084171 Pte. E. C. Jones, 6084155 Pte. V. G. Brown, 6084165 Pte. A. Dellar, 6083440 Pte. W. Parker.

Individual Competitions. — Drill, 6084154 Pte. S. T. Pawley. Shooting, 6084154, Pte. S. T. Pawley and 6084149 Pte. F. W. Amber. Physical Training, 6084149 Pte. F. W. Ambler. Athletics, 6084155 Pte. V. G. Brown.

ARRIVALS.

From 1st Battalion:

Lieut. H. A. V. Elliott, 26/12/28; 6077835 Sergt. J. Torkington, 26/12/28; 6076600 Sergt. C. Sandys, 26/12/28.

From 2nd Battalion:

Major M. W. H. Pain, 17/10/28; Capt. R. H. Philpot, M.C., 4/11/28;
 Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs, 5/3/29; 6078610 L./Sergt. A. Jones, 25/10/28; 6079228
 Cpl. C. Court, 10/11/28; 6076735 L./Sergt. A. Picton, 8/12/28; 6905785 L./Cpl.
 W. Loveland, 16/3/29.

DEPARTURES.

To 2nd Battalion:

Major F. W. H. Denton, 17/10/28; Capt. J. B. Coates, M.C., 4/11/28;
 Lieut. L. C. East, 4/3/29; 6077062 Sergt. C. Burgess, 17/11/28; 6076463 Sergt.
 A. Reynolds, M.M., 4/2/29.

To Army Reserve:

6079398 Pte. R. Brown, 18/12/28; 6079422 Pte. F. Jones, 29/12/28; 6079463
 L./Cpl. H. Budgen, 30/1/29; 6079608 Pte. F. Arbon, 26/3/29.

Discharge:

6076143 L./Cpl. C. Dickenson, 19/11/28, to Pension.
 6081617 Pte. A. Winter, 24/1/29, to Pension.

Promotions:

6779571 L./Sergt. R. Hawkins, to Sergeant, 15/11/28.
 6079423 L./Sergt. J. Wells, to Sergeant, 8/9/28.

FENCING.

Fencing has been taking place regularly, as usual. Matches have been fought against the Masks F.C., the Army School of Physical Training F.C., the Royal Engineers, Chatham, and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment F.C. Out of seven matches four have been won. Unhappily, the invaluable services of Lieut. L. C. East are no longer obtainable, and Cpl. Rowley and L./Cpl. Donovan will have left us before long. It is up to those who are now beginning to take up fencing to work hard in order to maintain the Depot standard. S.I. Gordon never tires of "putting people through it."

BOXING.

The following represented the Depot in the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Championship for Recruits of under twenty-four weeks' service:—

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Taylor.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Simmons.

Light-weight.—Pte. Noah.

Intermediate-weight.—Pte. Rose.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Marler.

The team, trained by S.I. Gordon, fought with great spirit, improving upon last year's points and having the satisfaction of seeing Pte. Taylor win the Bantam-weights, and Pte. Simmons, though beaten, congratulated by the referee for a very plucky fight. Next year we hope we shall considerably improve our position. The attendance was excellent, some 90 recruits going over to Hounslow to witness the boxing.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We take this opportunity of welcoming our new Commanding Officer, Major M. W. H. Pain, and wishing him the best of luck during his period of command at the Depot.

THE DEPOT



Photos

CHRISTMAS TREE, 1928.

[Coppard & Kester, Guildford]

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Dances, whist drives and social evenings have been in full swing throughout the winter. Attendance has been good, and much of the success has been due to the new P.T. Instructor, S.I. Gordon, who has proved himself a "live wire" in all respects. Thanks are due to the Committee for making the two annual dances, The Gheluvelt and New Year balls, so much of a success.

Billiard and snooker tournaments were held as usual. We congratulate R.Q.M.S. Larkin and Sergt. MacTravers on reaching the final of the unit stage of the Army Billiard Championships, and the latter on going to Woolwich, where he was unfortunate in losing. The first round was competed for amongst members of the Mess, as no entries were forthcoming from the Corporals and Privates. The Chaplain, who takes a keen interest in our social life, very kindly consented to present the winner's prize.

With summer at hand we hope to be able to profit by last year's instruction, and to reverse our tennis and bowls position with the officers.

We congratulate C.S.M. Clenshaw and Sergt. Hawkins on obtaining their First Class Certificates of Education.

Sergts. Plaw, Watson and Ashby have left us for the 1st Battalion, and Sergt. Reynolds for the 2nd Battalion. Whilst wishing them the very best of luck, we extend a hearty welcome to Sergts. Sandy and Torkington from the 1st Battalion and L./Sergt. Picton from the 2nd Battalion.

EDUCATION.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL three First Class Certificates have been awarded, and five more candidates have made efforts to defeat the examiners. Three Seconds and 75 Third Class Certificates have also been awarded, whilst 85 per cent. of recruits joining the Battalion have obtained certificates.

Two noteworthy facts have disturbed the otherwise uneventful course of our educational training. Firstly, the cold spell caused the freezing of our ink and consequent breaking of many inkwells. Then, secondly, we learnt, somewhat surprisedly it must be admitted, that the plural of die was "dead."

The following items concerning the history of the Regiment are worthy of notice:—

1. Charles II married Catherine of Braganza.
2. Catharine brought with her a dairy.
3. Sir Buller White commanded the Fleet "The Glorious first of June, 1794."

A propos of the above items, though apart from Depot Education, the following item may be of interest in that it shows how fatal it may be to deal with more than one war in one lesson. An officer was instructing a class in Regimental History. He had discussed in one lesson both the Monmouth Rebellion (in which he made reference to Judge Jeffreys and his "Bloody" Assizes) and the War of the Spanish Succession, a few years later.

OFFICER: "What caused the Monmouth Rebellion?"

PTE. QUICK-OFF-THE-MARK (*in all seriousness*): "I know, sir, The Queen's were fighting three 'Bloody' Judges in Spain."

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The annual Christmas tree party was held on December 18th, 1928. The tree was a tremendous success, and the conjurer and Father Christmas (Capt. R. H. Philpot), who arrived by aeroplane about 6 p.m., delighted everyone.

Many thanks are due to Major and Mrs. Pain, who contributed so much towards the success of the party.

FOOTBALL.

Matches to date: Played 34, won 16, lost 12, drawn 6, goals for 120, goals against 119.

Ten league games have been played to date, out of which we have won 4, drawn 3. Cranleigh, who are the Champions of the Surrey Junior League, defeated us by one goal only. We should do better next year. L./Sergt. Berry has been selected to play centre-half for the Rest *versus* the Champions.

There have been the usual number of friendly matches, and goal scoring, both for and against, has been high.

Conspicuous players throughout the season have been Cpl. Rowley, L./Sergt. Berry, Pte. Wood and Pte. Brown.

WEAPON TRAINING.

The shooting for the *Surrey Advertiser* Challenge Cup has just been completed. The Depot, as usual, entered two teams, and the result has shown that we have improved this year.

The Depot first team gained the second prize of five Bronze County Small Bore Medals and £1, whilst the second team tied for twelfth place. There were twenty-nine entries. Last year the Depot were tenth and the second team twenty-fifth. The following comprised the first team, which scored 676 points:—

Capt. R. H. Philpot, M.C., Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C., Lieut. H. E. Wilson, R.S.M. Tedder, D.C.M., and C.S.M. Clenshaw. Reserve: Sergt. Wells.

The Depot also entered a team in the Army Small Bore Rifle Match, and we were surprised to find that we were placed twenty-sixth out of 192 entries, as we had shot much below our usual form.

The spoon shoots for recruits take place every Friday evening, and are proving as popular as ever.

Last year at Bisley the Depot were not successful in winning any cups, but managed to obtain £10 in prize money in the Surrey County Meeting.

We hope for better results this year.

HOCKEY.

Matches to date.—Played 21, won 13, lost 3, drawn 5. Goals for, 110; against, 46.

The Depot has had a very successful season. The team was unfortunate in meeting the 2nd Battalion in the third round of the Army Cup, as it might easily have gone further had it played against another team. In the first round the Depot defeated the R.A.S.C., Feltham, by 3 goals to 2 after a closely contested game. Although the Depot was always slightly on top, it was really anybody's game. The R.A.S.C. were unfortunate in losing their centre-forward in the second half, through injuries. Capt. Upton scored the Depot's first two goals, and Capt. Pickering the winning goal shortly before time.

Team.—Pte. Page; Sergt. Cooper and Major M. W. H. Pain; Sergt. Reynolds,

Sergt. Berry and Pte. Stevens; Capt. Pickering, R.S.M. Tedder, Capt. Upton, Lieut. Wilson and Sergt. Jenner.

The team entered the second round to defeat the Royal Sussex Regiment Depot by 5 goals to 3, after playing extra time. The Depot started quickly, Capt. Philpot and Capt. Upton each scoring a goal within three minutes of the start. Play was then even for a time, the Depot having slightly the best of the game, Lieut. Wilson scoring the third goal. Soon after the interval Lieut. East received the ball in the face from one of his own backs, and had to be helped off the field. The Royal Sussex then attacked with great vigour and, shortly before time, were able to score their third goal, and time came with the score 3 all. An extra twenty minutes was then played. The Depot started with life and, after pressing for a short time, Capt. Philpot scored, Capt. Upton following up soon after with another goal. The Royal Sussex then pressed, but were unable to score, the Depot winning 5—3.

Team.—Pte. Page; Sergt. Cooper and Major M. W. H. Pain; Lieut. East, Sergt. Berry and Pte. Stevens; Capt. Pickering, Capt. Upton, Capt. Philpot, Lieut. Wilson and R.S.M. Tedder.

In the third round of the Army Cup the Depot met the 2nd Battalion, at Guildford. The latter attacked from the start, but, after some sound defence, the Depot developed some strong attacks, and were unfortunate in not scoring. The 2nd Battalion, however, again asserted their superiority and, after a quarter of an hour's play, scored their first goal from a short corner. The game was extremely fast, and both sides frequently looked like scoring, although the 2nd Battalion was always the better side. The Depot felt the loss of Lieut. East, at half, who was still unable to play after his accident in the previous round. In the second half the 2nd Battalion again had the best of the game, the Depot missed several chances of scoring, and definitely were not on the top of their game. The forwards never got together as in other matches. Possibly they felt the lack of support from their half-back line. After a very good game the Battalion won by 5 goals to 2. Teams:—

Depot.—Pte. Page; Sergt. Cooper and Major Pain; Sergt. Reynolds, Sergt. Berry and Pte. Stevens; Capt. Pickering, Capt. Upton, Capt. Philpot, Lieut. Wilson and R.S.M. Tedder.

2nd Battalion.—Pte. Wines; Pte. Bailey and Lieut. Dyke; Cpl. Collins, Capt. Coates and Lieut. Grimston; Lieuts. Davis and Wood, Capt. Olliver, Sergt. Dixon and Sergt. Mawditt.

Other matches have often produced excellent games. The Depot lost to Guildford about the middle of the season, and once again, with a considerably reduced team, to Godalming by one goal. The Depot, after drawing 5—5 with the Depot East Surrey Regiment, in one game, had the satisfaction of defeating them by 10 goals to 2 in the return match.

Consistently good players throughout the season have been Capt. R. H. Philpot, Lieut. H. E. Wilson, S.I. Gordon and L./Sergt. Berry, whilst Pte. Page, in goal, has always been good.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Lieut. L. C. East has played four times for Sussex this season, and was reserve for the Army in the Army *v.* Navy match, at Twickenham.

Lieut. H. E. Wilson plays regularly for Richmond.

VISIT.

We were very pleased that the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) were able to spend Easter at the Depot.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL very few changes have taken place in the Mess.

We regret the transfer of L./Cpl. Budgen to civilian life, and welcome into our midst L./Cpl. Evison and Loveland. We had two very enjoyable social evenings, which consisted of billiard and snooker tournaments, both of which were a great success.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Whittle on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education.

The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades' Association

21ST ANNUAL DINNER

(ALL RANKS)

Takes place in LONDON, at HARRODS, on SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 1929,
7 for 7.30 p.m.

All who have served with any Battalion of The Queen's are eligible for membership of both Association and Dinner Club. Five shillings a year covers.

ALSO

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

(ALL RANKS)

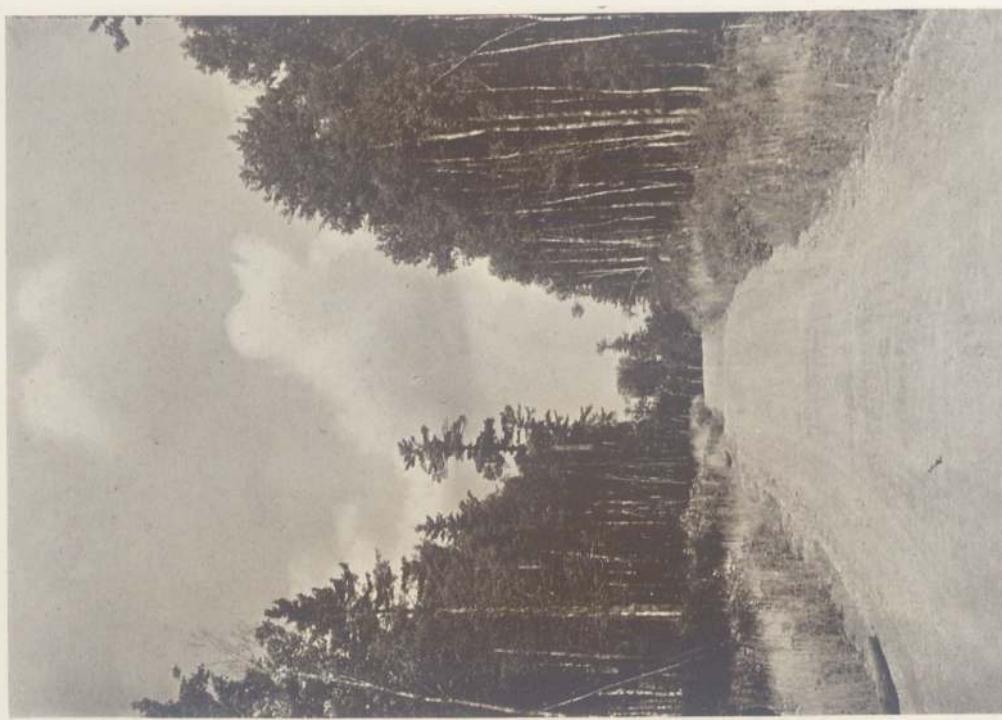
For Past and Present Members of the Regiment (all Battalions), their wives and families, will be held at GUILDFORD, on the DEPOT LAWNS,
4 to 7.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH, 1929.

BAND and DRUMS, 2ND BATTALION, will be in attendance
and the REGIMENTAL MUSEUM will be open.

Admission Free. Refreshments at cheap rates will be available.

Will those intending to be present please communicate, without delay, with:

THE SECRETARY, STOUGHTON BARRACKS, GUILDFORD.



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Ferguson Highway, north of Timagami.

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High Falls, Blanche River, near Englehart.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COUNTRY

THE Province of Ontario has spent great sums of money in opening the doors of the vast treasure-house which stretches for hundreds of miles north of Georgian Bay and the Great Lakes Region.

Two main arteries constitute the chief agents of communication in Northern Ontario: the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway and the Ferguson Highway. These have been the means of developing the North to its present pitch of productivity, and will continue to be its greatest links with Southern Ontario.

It was in 1902 that the Provincial Government began the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, with the object of making the Great Clay Belt of the province accessible to colonization. It was believed at that time that exploration of the district stretching from Lake Nipissing and on to Lake Abitibi would bring a rich reward in the discovery of ore and minerals. This expectation has been more than realized, as apart from previous discoveries of silver in South Lorrain, and iron and copper near Temagami, the precious metal districts of Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake had yet to be brought to light.

The district opened up by the building of the T. and N.O. is conceded to be one of the wealthiest of the Dominion in mineral, agricultural, water power and forest wealth. The railway has led to the exploitation of the great mining areas of Cobalt, South Lorraine, Kirkland Lake, Rouyn and the Porcupine district. The Clay Belt has been opened up for settlement and agriculture, while water power has been harnessed for mines, mills and industries.

The vast mining area thus made accessible represents millions upon millions of new wealth. Discoveries of gold alone have been recorded in one hundred and ten townships along the T. and N.O.

When construction of the railway, pushing northward, reached Cobalt, discovery of the vast deposits was made. Operation of the North Bay—New Liskeard line started in January, 1905, although ballasting the track was not completed.

When, later, the project for the building of the National Transcontinental Railway, Quebec to Winnipeg, was announced, it was felt that the T. and N.O. should be built still farther north to meet it, and at the close of 1907, 137 miles of rail stretched from North Bay to Englehart. In the following year an eight-mile branch from Englehart to Charlton was finished, unlocking the door of the fine farming and lumbering district about Long Lake. In the same year the T. and N.O. reached Cochrane, where it met the Transcontinental line, 253 miles from North Bay.

Rapid development of the Porcupine Gold Camp led to construction of a branch line to that area in 1911, and, by the following March, connection was made with Timmins. Several more branches were built in the next decade, and when information concerning navigation and harbours on James Bay, and the resources of the district became available, early in 1922, a contract was let for the extension of the line north of Cochrane seventy miles. Further construction is now under way.

The other great artery of Northern Ontario, the Ferguson Highway, so named in honour of the Premier of the province, is also contributing in no small degree to the development of Ontario's inland empire.

The motorist is now able to travel for a distance of five hundred miles north from Toronto, to Cochrane, using the Ferguson Highway from Severn Bridge, on the northern boundary of Muskoka District, ninety-six miles from Toronto, to Cochrane. From Severn Bridge, where the highway comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Northern Development of Ontario, the motorist travels through a district of great natural beauty—the Muskoka Lakes district. This spot affords recreation to thousands of tourists annually. At Gravenhurst, a branch of the road leads to Bala and another to the borders of Lake Joseph, both popular summer resorts in the midst of an area of surpassing loveliness. From Bracebridge, a branch road runs to the village of Dorset at the head of the Lake of Bays. Westward to Port Carling, the road skirts the north shore of Muskoka Lake, to join the Gravenhurst—Bala road at Glen Orchard.

North of Bracebridge, another road takes the motorist to Lake Rosseau, which, with its many islands, is regarded as the most beautiful of the Muskoka Lakes. At Huntsville, the Lake of Bays steamers call for passengers for the lake resorts, and at Scotia Junction the highway crosses the railway from Parry Sound to Ottawa. This line passes through the southern part of Algonquin Park. As the motorist continues northwards, roads branch off at Emsdale and Burks Falls, that from Burks Falls leading to Parry Sound on the Georgian Bay. Trout Creek, Powassan, Callender, North Bay—these places are passed, and from the latter one drives still northward. One mile from North Bay from the look-out cairn on Thibeault Hill, a magnificent view may be had over Lake Nipissing and its Manitou Islands.

Five miles farther on, one arrives at the entrance to the new part of the highway—Cooks Mills. Here the Forestry Department registers the names and addresses of all tourists entering the territory which leads to the Temagami Forest Reserve, the southern boundary of which is reached five miles past Martin River.

Temagami—from two Indian words, Timia—Kami, or deep and flowing waters—is a region consisting of about a million and a half acres of dense pine forest, of some sixty miles from east to west by fifty miles from north to south. Its area is interwoven with countless lakes and rivers. A forest reserve, it has been withdrawn from settlement by the Provincial Government. In this great reserve are found Lakes Temagami, Lady Evelyn, Obabika Bay, Rabbit, Matawibika, Annina-Nipissing, and many others. The greater part of the Montreal River flows through it also.

Lake Temagami, the largest body of water in the district, is one hundred square miles in area. Its greatly-indented shore-line measures about three thousand miles. Over sixteen hundred surveyed islands, from small rocky islets to tracts of wooded land of hundreds of acres, stud its surface. The islands, which are numbered, may be leased from the Government.

In the clear, pure, cold waters of Lake Temagami, the fish grow to great size. They are firm-fleshed and consist chiefly of the common pike, pickerel, perch, wall-eyed pike, small-mouthed black bass and speckled trout.

The best fishing of the region is found in one of the most beautiful bodies of water, Lady Evelyn Lake. This fisherman's paradise is also famous for its big game, and hunters annually turn northward in the autumn to shoot moose, red deer and caribou. Ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, pink grouse, geese and ducks abound, and there are also bear, marten, fox, beavers, otter and muskrat.

One of the finest canoe trips to be had in the whole North country may be taken along the intricate waterways of the Temagami area. Near the north end of Bear Island, the waters of Lake Temagami divide, flowing by the northern arm of the lake through Sharp Rock Inlet to Diamond Lake. A short portage leads into Lady Evelyn Lake, past Lady Evelyn Falls into Montreal River. The other way, the waters flow by the south-west arm of Lake Temagami, into Cross Lake,

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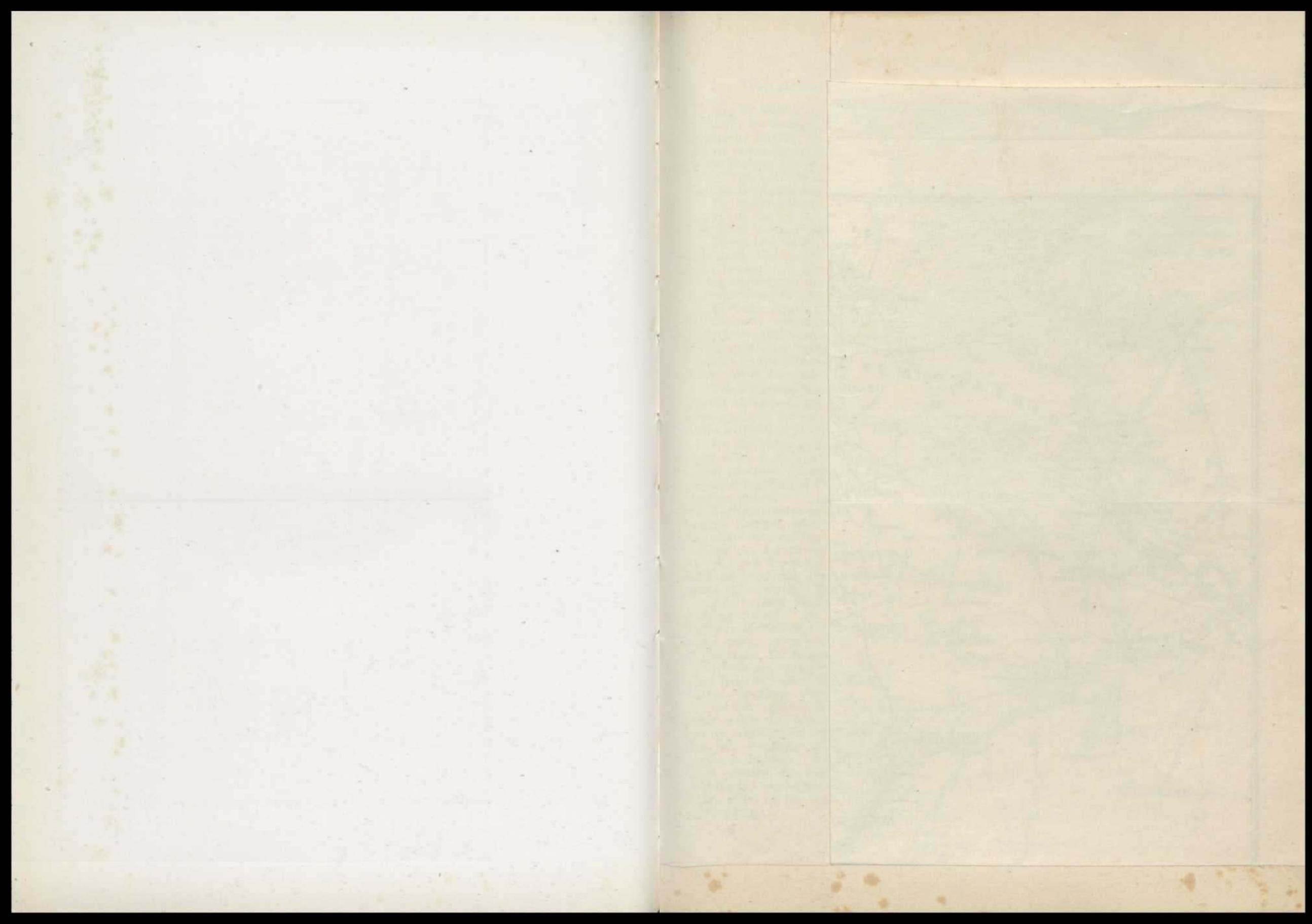
Montreal and Mattabitcheoun Rivers near entrance to Lake Temiskaming, about 40 miles from Haileybury.



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J. Laflamme and Wolf-Dog Team. Head dog is a Belgian Police Dog.

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then out by way of a channel into Cedar Lake, thence into Sturgeon River, down the latter by Sturgeon Falls and into Lake Nipissing. Lake Nipissing may be crossed by steamer to the Chaudiere Falls, the end of steamboat navigation. By skiff or canoe the traveller may go thence into Wolseley Lake. Here the Canadian Pacific Railway has an excellent bungalow camp. From Wolseley Lake the Big and Little French Rivers divide, to join again at Pickerel on the C.P.R., later emptying into the Georgian Bay.

To assist hunters and campers, the Hudson's Bay Company have a great variety of stores in their stores at Bear Island. They also furnish guides. Temagami is a port for the passenger boats which ply the lake.

Thirty-two miles past Temagami on the highway, the motorist reaches Latchford, the centre of an extensive lumber industry. Cobalt is reached nine miles farther on. Here is the business centre of one of the most famous silver-mining districts in the world. Shipments of silver from this and outlying areas, since discovery in 1903 to 1927, have aggregated over \$238,000,000.

Through North Cobalt, where a road branches to the Lorrain Silver Mines, the highway continues to Haileybury, where the Southern Clay Belt begins. Haileybury, picturesquely situated on the shore of Lake Temiskaming, is the residential centre for many engaged in the mining camps south of the town. Farther on, also on the lake, is New Liskeard, in the heart of a fine agricultural area. A Government demonstration farm is situated here.

From Earlton Junction, a branch of the railway runs west into Elk Lake, from whence there is heavy road traffic to Gowganda, where famous silver mines have been operated for two decades. Charlton, past Englehart, is the commencement of the original road into Elk Lake and Gowganda.

On the verge of the northern gold-mining district is the village of Dane, and eight miles farther is Swastika, the entrance to the Kirkland Lake gold fields, a group of mines second only in productive importance in the province. Here are operated the Tough Oakes, Sylvanite Gold Mines, Wright-Hargreaves and Teck-Hughes mines.

Fertile country in the Northern Clay Belt is found farther along the highway around Ramore, where mining development work is under way to the eastward. At Matheson, on the Black River, agriculture is being actively carried on. At Skillington, a road runs west to Porcupine and Timmins, at the former of which are situated the most productive gold fields in Ontario. In quality of ore and tonnage produced, the famous Hollinger Mine stands high among the greatest mines in the world. The business centre of the gold fields is located at Timmins.

North from Skillington the highway sweeps through a particularly fruitful farming country. At Monteith, a road leads off to Iroquois Falls, joining the highway farther on. Iroquois Falls, which has been tastefully laid out, has large paper mills. At the Junction of the Canadian National and T. and N.O. railways at Cochrane, the terminus of the highway is reached.

Roads are being rapidly constructed in northerly, easterly and westerly directions from this point, while the T. and N.O. will ultimately be extended to Moose Factory on James Bay.

So the work of development goes on, and it is impossible, in the scope of a short article, to do more than hint at the infinite possibilities, in wealth of natural beauty, agriculture, mining, lumbering, hunting, fishing and power development, that are contained in Ontario's Northland. The economic wealth of the entire region is limitless. Its surface has been no more than scratched. And the lure of open country, the call of the forest, the roar of rapids and waterfall, and the shimmering placidity of the innumerable lakes offer attractions to pleasure-seekers. A few miles off the beaten path, and all the mystic thrill of the unknown lies open and waiting.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1928.

The Committee have the honour to present their Eighth Annual Report and Abstract of Accounts for the year 1928, duly audited.

General.—The Association formed by the late Colonel D. Warren in 1914, had just commenced to operate when war broke out and put a stop to its activities. In 1919, after collecting the views of the then existing Battalions of the Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel J. Rainsford-Hannay, D.S.O., formed a committee comprising representatives from all Battalions as far as possible, which reorganized and enabled it to renew its work on May 12th, 1920.

Membership.—Continues to increase. Figures for 1927 and 1928 are as follows:—

	Officers and Hon. Members.	Other Ranks Serving.	Other Ranks Non-Serving.	
	1927	314	1560	2750
	1928	330	1560	2850

All ranks who have served, also those connected with or interested in the old Regiment, not yet enrolled as members are earnestly invited to apply for membership.

Life Membership.—Is still on the increase. Figures now stand at 237 serving and 352 non-serving against 304 and 273 respectively at close of 1927.

Assistance Given.—During the year £303 was expended in Grants to 205 cases, £356 in loans to 21 applicants, and £107 in subscriptions to other Societies. Over 500 applications by post were investigated and 71 personal calls were dealt with.

Employment.—Twenty-one men and two couples were assisted in securing employment. Members, employers and employed are urged to help the Committee by sending particulars to Secretary of any vacancies known, or likely to occur. Men of most trades, etc., are invariably available.

Gifts of Clothing.—Thanks to donors of a number of serviceable and very useful consignments, the Committee have been able to make up and despatch 12 useful parcels in cases where clothing was the outstanding need. The Committee again appeal that cast-off clothing, boots, etc., may be dispatched to the Association, particularly before the winter months.

Appeals for Legacies.—Incalculable good can be afforded the Association by benefactors remembering it in their Wills, and the Committee feel that it has never occurred to many interested in the old Regiment to help the Association and those for whom it was instituted, by means of this form of assistance which perpetuates the donor's association with the Regiment, and his or her help to its old soldiers.

Annual Dinner (All Ranks).—The twentieth, at Harrods', proved to be a great success—meal and service both were excellent—above 500 attended.

The twenty-first takes place at Harrods' on Saturday, June 15th, 1929. Will members intending to be present please inform Secretary as soon as possible.

Garden Party (All Ranks).—The third was held on the Lawns, Stoughton Barracks, on Saturday, June 30th, 1928—attendance approximately 350. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, although the weather was none too kind. The Band and Drums, 2nd Battalion, also the Regimental Museum proved to be great attractions to the old hands.

The fourth will take place at Stoughton Barracks on Saturday, June 29th, 1929. *Conclusion.*—The Committee, on behalf of all ranks, past and present, express their gratitude to those who have shown a kindly interest in the Regiment by supporting the Association by subscriptions, and thus becoming honorary members.

The Association continues to gain ground. Many members have, apart from financial and employment questions, found the Association useful to them in many other respects—pensions, security, etc., matters.

The help given by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society in investigating and reporting upon cases referred to them has again proved very valuable.

The Committee trusts that the improved conditions will be more noticeable during 1929, also that the steady increase in membership may be maintained.

R. NEVINS, *Captain.*
Secretary.

M. W. H. PAIN, *Major,*
Hon. Treasurer.

W. J. T. GLASGOW, *Brig.-General,*
Chairman of Committee.

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Obituary

List showing those known, and reported to have died since last publication, November, 1928.

NO.	RANK AND NAME.	BATTALION.	SERVICE.	DATE OF DEATH.
6077749	L./Cpl. F. Thirkettle ...	2nd Bn.	... 1916-1923	25/10/28
	Col. C. F. Lawson ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1861-1892	8/11/28
2805	Pte. H. Edwards ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1889-1902	9/3/29
6811	Pte. G. Linegar, D.C.M., M.M.	1st Bn.	... 1901-1918	22/3/29

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THE LATE COLONEL C. F. LAWSON

WE regret to announce the death of Col. Charles Fairbanks Lawson, late of the Regiment, which took place at Victoria, British Columbia, on November 8th, 1928, at the age of 87.

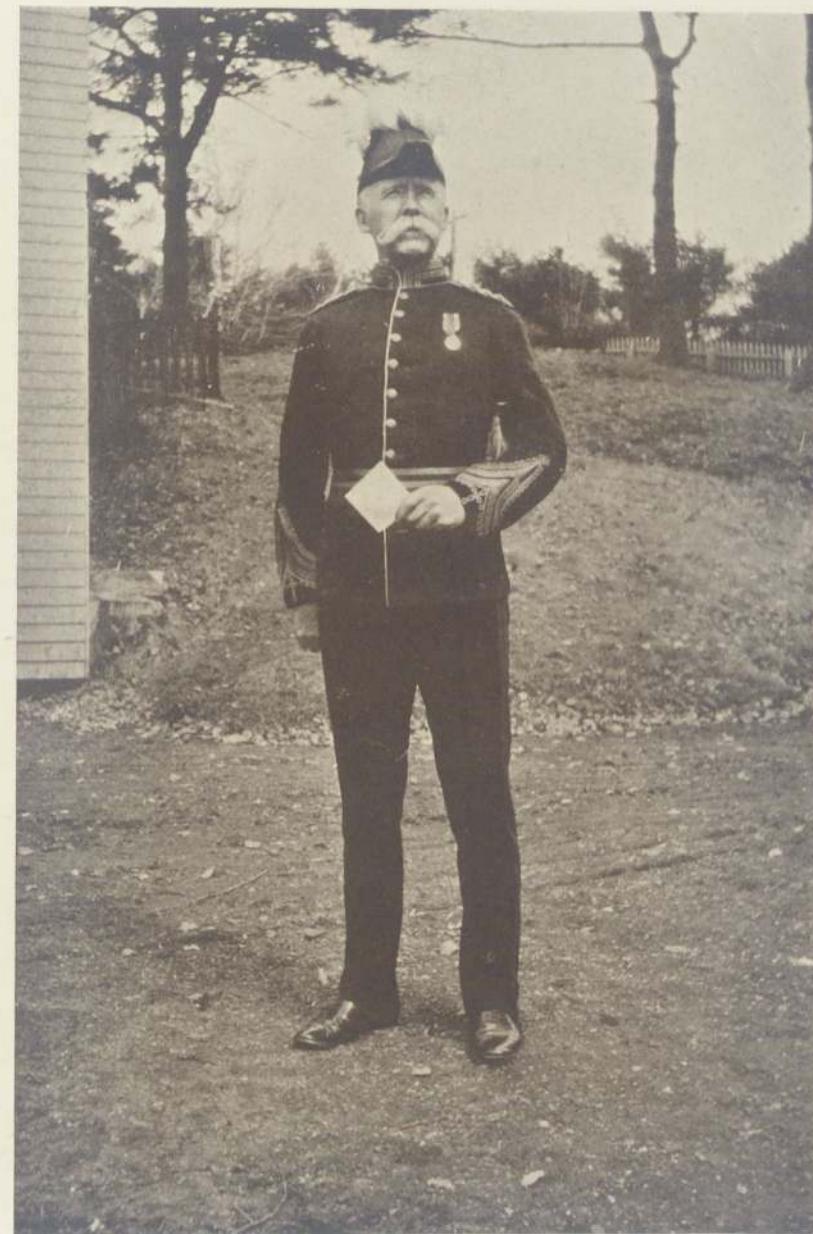
Col. Lawson joined the 1st Battalion as Ensign in January, 1861, and went to the 2nd Battalion on promotion to Lieutenant in March, 1861. He served as instructor in musketry from August, 1864, until promoted Captain in February, 1872. In February, 1877, on the formation of the Depot at Guildford, Capt. Lawson was one of the first company commanders at that establishment, where he commanded "D" Company until he joined the 2nd Battalion at Bareilly and took over "B" Company in 1879.

He returned to England in December, 1880, and took up the Adjutancy of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, now the 4th Battalion. This appointment he had to relinquish on promotion to Major, July 1st, 1881. He became Lieutenant-Colonel in the 1st Battalion in September, 1886, and succeeded to command in May, 1890. Brevet-Colonel in September, 1890, he continued in command of the 1st Battalion, until placed upon half pay in September, 1892.

Promoted Colonel in August, 1894, he obtained command of the Regimental District, and continued in that appointment until finally retired in May, 1899.

Col. Lawson was a fine upstanding figure, and in his younger days an athlete of no mean ability. A strict disciplinarian, but always just, he was as a Company Commander very jealous of any interference in his company without previous reference to him. A good shot himself, he, as an ex-instructor of musketry, took great interest in rifle shooting. He preferred the back position, and, when opportunity offered for practice, paid the cost of the ammunition for those men of his company who adopted this position. It was in 1868, during the time he was instructor of musketry, that two representatives of the 2nd Battalion—Clr.-Sergt. McClury and Cpl. Smith—carried off General Eyre's Challenge Cup at Wimbledon. This trophy was won again by the 2nd Battalion at Bisley in 1896, the representatives being Sergt.-Major Dormand and Sergt. Ewers. It then became the property of the Battalion.

As a Commanding Officer, Col. Lawson took more than ordinary interest in the well-being and comfort of the men. An efficient messing system ensured good feeding and absence of waste. To the man who desired to fit himself for employment in civil life, he offered inducement by extending the scope of the regimental workshops and offering every facility for instruction. He was particularly keen on steadiness in the ranks, and on order and cleanliness in the barrack room. Under the inexorable rules of the Service he gave up command in September, 1892, but he left behind a Battalion strongly imbued with that regimental spirit which has been its chief characteristic for so many years, and to which he was by no means the least contributor.



THE LATE COLONEL C. F. LAWSON.

O.C.A. ACCOUNTS

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MADE UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
To Life Members, Association as per last Balance Sheet 460 0 0	By Lloyds Bank, Limited :—
Add Subscriptions received during year 1928 9 0 0	General Account ... 245 0 3
	Charitable Fund Account ... 119 18 0
	Dinner Club Account 437 3 0
	„ Cash in hand of Secretary 7 14 4
	„ Investments at cost as at 1st January, 1928 6270 2 11
	Add Stocks purchased at cost during year 2711 15 11
	8981 18 10
	Less Sales of Stock during year, cost value 1566 11 7
	7415 7 3
„ Life Members, Dinner Club, as per last Balance Sheet 113 0 0	„ Advances :—
Add Subscriptions received during year 1928 4 10 0	Balance as at 1st January, 1928 ... 2006 4 5
	Advances made during year 356 5 10
	2362 10 3
	Less Amounts repaid 321 14 8
	2040 15 7
	£10,265 18 5
General Income and Expenditure :—	
Balance as at 1st January, 1928 ... 2134 10 4	
Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1928 275 10 1	
	2410 0 5
„ Charitable Fund Income and Expenditure Account :—	
Balance as at 1st January, 1928 ... 6644 19 9	
Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1928 244 15 8	
	6889 15 5
„ Dinner Club Income and Expenditure Account :—	
Balance as at 1st January, 1928 ... 243 6 5	
Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1928 48 6 10	
	291 13 3
„ Reserve, Profit on Sale of Investments 146 9 4	
	£10,265 18 5

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1928.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries and National Insurance	313 17 7	By Members' Subscriptions	680 19 9
" Charitable Fund	100 0 0	" Life Members' Subscriptions (Proportion)	47 0 0
" Printing, Stationery and Postage	12 16 11	" Interest on Bank Deposit Account	11 15 2
" Garden Party	20 19 10	" Sales of Badges	11 0 0
" Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses	17 10 3	" Miscellaneous	8 9
	465 4 7		740 14 8
" Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1928, carried to Balance Sheet	275 10 1		
	£740 14 8		£740 14 8

DINNER CLUB. ALL RANKS.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Dinner	163 3 7	By Members' Subscriptions	219 18 4
" Salary (Proportion)	20 0 0	" Life Members' Subscriptions (Proportion)	11 10 0
" Printing, Postage and other Expenses	10 3 2	" Interest on Bank Deposit Account	10 5 3
	193 6 9		241 13 7
" Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1928, carried to Balance Sheet	48 6 10		
	£241 13 7		£241 13 7

CHARITABLE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grants in Aid	303 11 10	By Dividends on Investments	281 9 2
" Subscriptions to Charity Organization	107 8 0	" Donations	276 19 4
" Trustees Fees and Expenses	7 2 6	" Interest on Bank Deposit Account	10 1 3
" Postage and Miscellaneous Expenses	6 11 9	" Grant Refunded	1 0 0
	424 14 1	" Old Comrades' Association	100 0 0
" Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1928. Carried to Balance Sheet	244 15 8		669 9 9
	£669 9 9		£669 9 9

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