



THE OFFICERS, ANZAC DAY, 1932.

Front Row (Left to Right).—Capt. J. D. Hull. Major F. G. Galleghan. Lt.-Col. J. J. Dunbar, V.D. Capt. R. A. Perkins. Major N. A. Neal. Second Row.—Capt. F. J. D. Field. Lieuts. H. E. Gracie, T. A. Bowman, W. B. Nehl, J. W. Beckett, C. E. Morgan, M.M., and G. H. Whitfield. Capt. W. Owens. Back Row.—Lieuts. B. J. Litchfield, H. E. Rosevear, F. Jory, C. I. Guest, W. B. Toolhill, P. J. J. Meehan and I. S. McKenzie.



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## EDITORIAL

WE are asked by Lieut.-Col. F. G. Galleghan, Commanding 2nd Battalion Australian Military Forces, to publish the following: "I will be grateful if you will convey to the members of The Queen's my good wishes on taking command of the 2nd Battalion A.M.F., and the assurance that everything possible will be done to cement still further the good feeling existing between the affiliated units."

We wish once again to remind subscribers of the necessity of notifying a change of address. Copies of the JOURNAL are frequently returned owing to the addressee having moved, and it is generally impossible for us to discover the new address. A postcard giving the new address is all that is necessary and will ensure prompt receipt of the JOURNAL.

We have received one or two criticisms as to the cover design of the JOURNAL, and one of our readers has been good enough to submit an alternative design. We should welcome the views of our readers on this question and shall be glad to receive any alternative designs they may care to submit, although no prize is offered. It should be remembered that over-elaboration is not required, and that any design should be simple and Regimental. We receive copies of many Regimental Journals, and although one or two have flattered us by producing an almost identical design there is generally a large variety in the arrangement. Most designs incorporate the Regimental Crest, Badges and Colours in some form or other, and very few are content with the simple title.

We publish elsewhere a somewhat free translation of our second motto, *Vel Exuviae Triumphant*, sent in by a correspondent. There has been considerable controversy about the correct interpretation of this motto, and a satisfactory literal translation is difficult to obtain. This has been rendered more difficult by the fact recently published that the Regiment was not engaged at Tongres. We hope that some of our readers who are classically minded will give us more information and alternative translations.

The march of the 2nd Battalion through a portion of the County was an unqualified success, the weather on the whole was kind and the Battalion received a hearty welcome in the various towns and villages through which it passed. We hope that it may be possible for the Battalion to make similar marches through other parts of the County during the time it is quartered at Aldershot. During the year we have visited almost every Regimental Recruiting Area in Great Britain, and have heard many opinions expressed as to the value of this form of making a Regiment known in its area.

A new edition of "Games and Sports in the Army" is in course of preparation and will probably be published before these lines appear in print. The book has been revised and brought up to date, and all alterations in the rules of the various games and sports with which the book deals have been incorporated. It can be obtained through any branch of N.A.A.F.I. or direct from the Secretary, Army Sport Control Board, War Office. Price 2s., by post 2s. 6d.

We should like to take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Happy Christmas and the best of luck in 1933. We hope that the New Year will show promise of better times and a lifting of the economic depression which appears to have the world in its grip.

The next number of the JOURNAL will be published in May, 1933, and news and articles for publication should reach us not later than April 15th.

## 1st BATTALION

THE six months under review have been singularly uneventful. Rumours of wars have been broadcast times without number, but Tientsin has remained extremely quiet and peaceful. Even the appearance of the League Commission under Lord Lytton failed to provoke more than idle curiosity and the usual spate of oratory.

Colonel H. C. Ponsonby left us in May, having completed his four years of Command. We were all very glad to hear that he had received his well-earned promotion. His departure was an International affair, as British, American, Japanese, French and Italian officers came down to the Station to wish both him and Mrs. Ponsonby "good luck."

A fortnight later Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Boyd arrived to take over Command. He is an old friend and we were very glad to see him again.

Our time-table of moves has worked without a hitch, except that once again we have been compelled to leave Shanhaikuan earlier than originally intended. Last year we left two days earlier, this year it is eleven days. The Sino-Japanese situation has been responsible on both occasions. At the time of writing the Battalion has just returned from Shanhaikuan, with "D" Company at Peking.

Our stay in Shanhaikuan enabled us to view certain aspects of Japanese diplomacy at close quarters. Before and during the visit of the Lytton Commission to "Manchukuo," the new National Flag was planted just outside the Great Wall on either side of the railway. When the Commission passed through Shanhaikuan, on its way to Peking, the flag was still outside the Wall. Next day it appeared actually on the Wall itself, and simultaneously the "Manchukuo" flag was hoisted on the railway station, which is inside the Wall and in China proper. Many protests were made, but the flag remained and continues to remain.

During July and August we received several visits from the Fleet, e.g., H.M.S. *Suffolk*, *Keppel*, *Cornwall* and *Kent*. The latter is the flagship and anchored off Shanhaikuan for the day. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly landed in a sampan, and we believe that the landing in a sampan on an open beach by a Commander-in-Chief is without precedent.

Three race meetings have been held on the lines of last year. They were a great success both financially and socially.

The Regimental Rifle Meeting was won by L./Cpl. Maton, "B" Company, with the excellent score of 113. Lieutenant B. E. L. Burton was second with 96.

### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the past few months the actual situation in North China has become much more sharply defined. Our opinions as to the relative values of the opposing sides have undergone a great change, some of the eye-witnesses of the trouble at Shanghai having helped to give us a very fair idea of the happenings there, although some of the accounts appear to an unprejudiced observer to be rather highly coloured.

The effect on the Mess is very little—the only really important topic being the "rate," or, to put it more clearly, the rate of exchange. This, according to some of our pessimists, is always "going down." I will not endeavour to explain

whether going "up" or "down" is better for us financially, merely mentioning *en passant* that even the grave and reverend seniors among us become quite heated over this acute problem.

We are expecting some old acquaintances by the incoming trooper, and we shall be glad to see some of the new arrivals once more. We are expecting to welcome that staunch supporter of the Mess, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Swanwick, C.S.M. Hawkins, Sergts. Berry, Bryant, Gilbert and L./Sergt. Dennis, whose short stay at Home points unfavourably to the climatic conditions now prevailing at the "Shot." We are also expecting to welcome our old friends, C.S.M. Jude, Sergts. Hill and Hooper from the Depot, where they have been helping with great success to turn the young idea into something which approaches the high ideal at which we always aim.

We are very sorry to be losing Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Sellicks, C.S.M. Handscomb, Sergts. Budd and Wyles and L./Sergt. Holdaway to the Second Battalion, while the lucky trio for the Depot are C.S.M. Buckingham, Sergts. Philpot and Chapple. This exodus will rather cripple the Mess, but we are only welcoming old friends back again in most cases, and there are very few of those who are expected in Tientsin who are really unknown to us, either by personal acquaintance or through the pages of the JOURNAL. Those at Home perhaps do not realize the interest that is taken in all details both of sporting and Regimental happenings. Even the last transfer to the Scottish Rifles arouses sympathy (a point that few at Home seem to realize).

A pleasant surprise for many of us was to experience the hospitality of the T.B.M.E.C., which really formidable abbreviation being interpreted, meaneth the Tientsin British Municipal Emergency Corps, who not only shoot well, as we have found on several occasions, but at the end of their long and tiring business days are ever willing to extend the hand of friendship (with necessary appurtenances) to any of the members who may chance their way.

During our time at Camp at Shanhakuan, we were pleasantly surprised to receive members of the sister Service at our "Tin Tabernacle"—the corrugated iron erection wherein many of us spend so much of our time (and credit). These visits resulted in further additions to our collection of Ships' Badges which we have been acquiring since our move to Hong Kong. These form a collection of which we are justly proud, and we hope to materially add to them before we move from this station.

We are pleased to place on record that we managed to defeat the Officers in the annual match for the "Pink Column," an event which always produces some very close shooting.

The Battalion Race Meetings produced some really good riders among the members; "Ridgy," who must be a descendant of "Nimshi," won several events, and was nearly always certain of a "place." In consequence he was heavily backed for the Sergeants' Race. Unfortunately for his backers, the insult to the equine breed which he drew refused to sympathize with the crowd, and Dick, who managed to persuade his pony that in the direction of the winning-post lay home, and the sooner that it went there the better for all concerned, won by about five lengths.

It must not be imagined that although we always look upon the bright side of things life is all one long vista of pleasure. Not so—life has its darker sides—as witness the frenzied messages that were received from Ehr leng Temple on the annual training. Heartrending messages were sometimes received by the Signal Station, when someone wanted some more "Ruby Queens," or other things ran short.

The time when the rations decided to fall off the cart was one of life's little tragedies. What the escort said does not concern us, but we should have been interested to know (a) if there were any eggs in the rations and (b) whether the troops at Ehr leng really noticed the difference in their daily diet.

There are so many things that appear amusing and important at the time and are not worth alluding to later, that we regret that our screed contains so little—this being the case we will abandon our task until the next issue, when there may be some news worth writing about. Until then—*au revoir*.

#### CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

During this half year our members have been separated at Shanhakuan, Peking and Tientsin. For this reason it has not been easy to record the activities of the Mess as a whole.

Our members at Shanhakuan will tell for some time to come how they "roughed it," of the white washed room, its walls devoid of any decoration, with its tables and forms, which were of the collapsible variety—especially the forms. It was fortunate that these articles of furniture were not too constantly used, otherwise they might have collapsed permanently. Friday nights usually saw the crisis, and those of us who liked to while away the last hour before bedtime each night in the Mess, were relieved to find that the forms had withstood the strain. This Friday night rush, contrasting with the absence of a great many members on the other nights of the week, is thought to be due to our old friend, the National Savings movement, which we understand is breaking all previous records. We wish those supporters of the movement rapid accumulation, but would like them to make more regular use of our Corporals' Room.

While at Shanhakuan many members have taken the opportunity of improving their horsemanship. "Dollar Hack" Corner was the rendezvous of various parties recruited from members. Many an enjoyable afternoon or evening was purchased for the sum of one dollar (may be more). Unfortunately in some cases the consequences of these prolonged rides were seen in members occasionally being unable to sit in comfort. One member in particular, forgetting his similar experience of last year, invited a recurrence, and, sad to relate, got it.

This year again we have been visited by men of the Royal Navy. H.M.S. Cornwall, anchored at Chingwangtao, sent several parties over to camp. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, monopolized the ponies, and transformed the vicinity of the Regimental Institutes to make it appear like a ranch in the Wild West. During the evenings we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of them, when we learnt a few rollicking Naval songs and listened to some enlightening popular Army ones. An invitation to the Battalion to visit H.M.S. Cornwall was fully accepted and many of our members were numbered among the party. Their conversation on the evening of their return showed us that they had had a really good time.

In the sphere of sport we have not a great deal to record. It may be that our committees entrusted with the arrangement of games have become lax, or perhaps we are getting old and no longer wish to exert ourselves in strenuous contests. It might even be that after "tripping the light fantastic" in various "high spots" in Taku Road, some members do not feel up to much exertion and would rather rest their weary bodies. Usually, conforming to our British peculiarities, we take our sport seriously, but a departure from this has been introduced at Tientsin during the early summer, by the arrangement of the tennis matches in which the married families were invited to take part. The tea and impromptu dance which followed helped to make these events much liked. Credit is due to those members who exerted their mental and physical powers to organize these events, so we thank them now and exhort them to keep up their efforts. At Peking the corporals have

a tennis club, which is well supported. Regular play is improving the standard, although the styles of some members are rather original.

We congratulate "Silent Sam" Lynwood on his appointment and wish him success on his course.

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### CRICKET.

We have been very fortunate this year in having a concrete cricket pitch laid down on the football ground, which has proved very satisfactory. The Detachment at Tientsin played several games with the Tientsin Cricket Club, and were in most cases the victors, sometimes winning by large margins. A Platoon Cricket League was formed and the second eleven of the Tientsin Club was asked to participate, also the Staffs and Departments. This league was not completed, but several very good games were played. A Platoon Knock-out Competition was started, but up to the time of going to press has not been finished. On "The Glorious First" the Officers played the Other Ranks' team, but this game remained unfinished owing to the absence of several officers on duty. On August Bank Holiday another game was played between the Officers and the Other Ranks' team, the result being a win for the latter. On the return of the Battalion to Tientsin it is hoped to finish off the Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition. On the whole it has been a successful cricket season for Platoons, but owing to the Battalion moves, such as "D" Company to Peking, and "C" Company to Tientsin, it has been impossible to have any Battalion team games.

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### FOOTBALL SEASON, 1931-32.

Since the last issue of the Regimental Journal the Battalion team has only played one "friendly" football match. This was with the St. Louis Club and proved to be an exceedingly clean and fast game, resulting in a win for the Battalion by four goals to two.

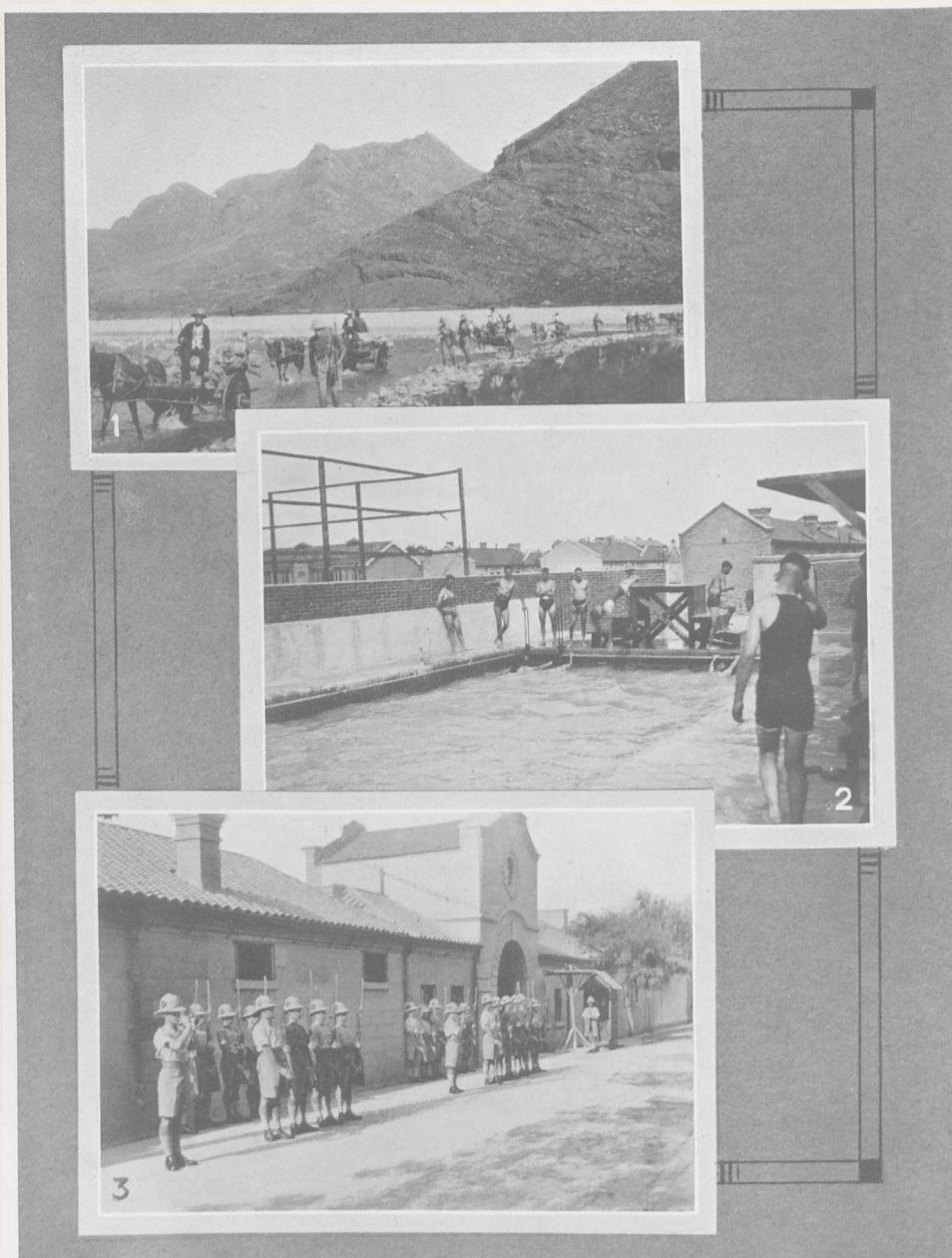
Our Company teams have improved immensely, showing far more "staying power" than in the previous season. The Machine Gun Company were the runners-up in the Second Division. In the final of the Borrows Cup, Headquarter Wing beat the T.A.F.C., after playing extra time, by three goals to two. The game was very close, and was probably the most exciting match of the season. The Capstan Cup (six a side) again went to the S. & D. team, who defeated Headquarter "A" team by eight points to nil. "B" Company captured the Tientsin Area Cup by the narrow margin of only one point. The South China Cup was won by Headquarter Wing.

In view of the fact that we have only one football ground (known officially as the parade ground until 1 p.m. daily), Platoons have had very little chance of any good practice, but in spite of this an Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition was held and was won by No. 4 Platoon ("M.G." Company).

Several quite good games were played between our Companies and the Nankai College and various other Chinese teams.

Things are looking rather black for next season however, as we are losing at least ten of our best players. Hope is revived in the knowledge of the return to the Battalion of Sergts. Hill and Hooper, who are coming out to us during the next trooping season.

## 1st BATTALION.



1. Transport Convoy of "C" Company crossing river on return from Erhling.
2. The Swimming Pool at Tientsin.
3. Changing Guard at Tientsin.

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### ATHLETICS.

The Battalion did extraordinarily well in the 10,000 metre cross-country run which is held annually by the Tientsin Amateur Athletic Association. We entered a team of eight runners and they are to be congratulated on their splendid performance against extremely keen competition. Pte. Callaghan was the first man home, Pte. Fuff was second, and Pte. Dennis and Cpl. Baxter came in fourth and fifth respectively. Mrs. Ponsonby very kindly presented the cup and also a medal to each of the first four men of our team. The Brigadier congratulated the team on their fine performance.

The French Army International Sports Meeting was originally to have taken place on May 11th, but apart from the cross-country run the meeting has been postponed on several occasions. It is now due to take place in October. The French team won the cross-country run with a total of sixteen points; we came second with twenty-two points, the Americans third, and Italians fourth. Pte. Callaghan again made a fine effort and secured second place.

### SWIMMING NOTES.

The Life Saving Class, which has been in abeyance since the Battalion left Malta, was re-established this summer, and a large class was formed at Shanhai-kuan under L./Cpl. B. Thompson.

An examination was held on July 26th, twenty candidates presenting themselves for examination. Although the sea was rather rough the squad went through the tests with determination, and sixteen candidates were successful in passing the examination.

The successful candidates were recommended for the Royal Life Saving Society's Bronze Medallion, and it is hoped that, next year, they will qualify for the Award of Merit.

L./Cpl. Thompson, who trained the squad, was recommended for the Society's 1st Class Instructor's Certificate.

### WATER POLO.

The Regimental team did not play up to its standard this year. In the Tientsin League they finished last without having gained a single point. This was very disappointing, as last year they finished as runners-up, having lost to one team only, and great things were expected of them this year.

The loss of four of our best players, through transfer to the Army Reserve, was felt severely.

### 2ND-CLASS CERTIFICATE HOWLERS.

#### EXAMINATION HELD IN TIENSIN, APRIL, 1932.

- Q. State what you know about any of the following:—Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Colin Campbell, Lord Beatty, Capt. Cook, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Roberts, Lord Haig, Sir George Milne.
- A. (i) Cromwell fought in the War of Spanish Succession: afterwards known as Duke of Marlborough.

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- (ii) Sir Colin Campbell was a great leader in the Indian Mutiny where he was in the Relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking.
- (iii) Sir George Milne was the man who represented England in the League Party which came to China to investigate the trouble between China and Japan.
- (iv) Sir Colin Campbell is the man who got back the motor racing speed record for England.
- (v) Lord Roberts was one of the great leaders in South Africa, where he marched from Kabul to Kandahar.
- (vi) Lord Beatty was on the English side during the war.
- (vii) Capt. Cook captured Gibraltar and Minorca.
- Q. Why, in your opinion, are British Troops stationed in or at Malta, Palestine, Ismailia, Peshawar?
- A. (i) Because Malta is a Naval Base.
- (ii) In my opinion troops are stationed at Palestine because they expect trouble there.
- Q. Why was England constantly at war with France between 1689-1815?
- A. Napoleon wanted to become Victor of the world. England would not agree to this so Lord Howe defeated him at Corunna.
- Q. Give the names of two of the most famous battles fought in the Crimean War.
- A. Capture of Castopole by Inkman.

## REGIMENTAL DINNER (OFFICERS)

THE Regimental Dinner was held at the King Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, on Monday, June 13th, 1932. The following officers were present:—Major-General Sir W. D. Bird, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment (Chairman); Lieut.-General Sir G. F. Ellison; Major-Generals Sir E. O. F. Hamilton, A. E. McNamara, S. F. Muspratt, Sir A. F. Sillen, Sir I. L. B. Vesey; Brig.-Generals W. J. T. Glasgow, R. H. Mangles, E. B. Mathew-Lannowe, F. C. More-Molyneux, W. D. Wright, V.C., C. F. Watson; Cols. R. G. Clarke, M. C. Coles, G. N. Dyer, B. L. Evans, H. H. M. Harris, W. Parker, Lieut.-Cols. C. R. K. Bacon, R. A. M. Basset, G. A. Buxton Carr, L. M. Crofts, F. W. O. Faviell, P. J. Fearon, E. C. Feneran, G. J. Giffard, J. Rainsford-Hannay, H. J. Sanders, A. M. Tringham, H. F. Warden, S. T. Watson, H. C. Whinfield, C. R. Wiggin; Majors D. G. Adams, P. Adams, E. de L. Barton, R. H. Dorman-Smith, E. K. B. Furze, J. J. Grubb, W. S. Hooker, W. S. Cave, R. J. K. Mott, G. K. Olliver, M. W. H. Pain, R. K. Ross; Capts. D. E. Bathgate, A. P. Block, J. L. S. Boyd, F. A. Coward, H. G. M. Evans, R. C. G. Foster, F. E. B. Girling, B. C. Haggard, C. A. Haggard, I. T. P. Hughes, G. C. Morton, J. B. P. Phillips, N. A. Willis, R. C. Wilson; Lieuts. R. M. Burton, L. C. East, H. A. V. Elliott, D. L. A. Gibbs, R. H. Holme, C. R. Hurley, J. B. H. Kealy, J. F. K. Ponsford, L. S. Sheldon, J. H. Sillem, J. Y. Whitfield, H. E. Wilson; 2/Lieuts. J. A. R. Freeland and R. P. Mangles.

## 1ST BATTALION

THE EAST.  
(With sympathetic acknowledgments to the unknown author.)

I'm tired of the Mongol and Tartar,  
I'm sick of the Jap and Malay,  
And faraway spots on the chart are  
No place for yours truly to stay.

I've had enough under-sized chicken  
And milk that comes out of a can,  
The East is no region to stick in  
For this one particular man.

I'm weary of curry and rice all  
Commingled with highly spiced dope,  
I'm weary of bathing with Lysol  
And washing with carbolic soap.

I'm tired of itch, skin diseases,  
Mosquitos and vermin and flies,  
I'm fed up with tropical breezes  
And sunshine that dazzles my eyes.

Oh, Lord, for a wind with a tingle,  
An atmosphere zestful and keen,  
Oh, Lord, once again just to mingle  
With crowds that are white folk and clean.

To eat without fear of infection,  
To sleep without using a net,  
And throw away all my collection  
Of iodine, quinine, et cet.

To know all the noise and the clamour,  
The hurry and fret of the West,  
I'd trade all the Orient glamour  
That damned lying poets suggest.

They sing of the East as enthralling,  
And that's why I started to roam,  
But I hear the Occident calling  
Oh, Lord, but I want to go HOME.

## With acknowledgments to the Editor of "Links."

The young man wrenched open the door of the railway carriage, tumbled inside, and collapsed on the seat gasping for breath, as the train slid towards the end of the platform.

The colonel in the opposite corner grunted. "When I was your age, my lad," he said disapprovingly, "I could sprint down a platform and catch a train without turning a hair."

"But I—missed—this—at the—last station," panted the young man.

## 1ST BATTALION

## THE SECOND GENERATION.

The photograph under the above heading in the last issue of the JOURNAL has encouraged various members of the Battalion to forward particulars of their own family connections.

Apart from the four officers serving in this Battalion whose fathers were in the Regiment, the following W.O., N.C.O.s. and men are sons of former Queen's men:

## HEADQUARTER WING.

1. Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) S. H. Sellicks. Father, Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. S. Sellicks, 1887-1910, Great War, 1914-1919; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

2. 6082456 Pte. E. Stacey and 6082690 Dmr. S. Stacey. Father, Pte. Stacey, 1898-1926; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

3. 6082764 Bdsn. A. Winter. Father, Sergt. A. Winter, died 1915; 1st and 2nd Battalions. Nephew of Drum-Major Winter, 1st Battalion.

4. 6084442 Pte. D. Welsh. Father, 4200 Pte. J. Welsh, 1894-1903; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

5. 6085010 Boy H. Friar. Father, Pte. H. Friar, 1909-1919; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

## "B" COMPANY.

6. 6757256 L./Cpl. H. W. Vincent and 6757700 L./Cpl. A. H. Vincent. Great-grandfather, date unknown. Grandfather, 21 years (including Boer War). Father, A. H. Vincent, 19 years; 1st and 2nd Battalions. Numerous uncles and cousins.

7. 6084646 Pte. A. Hills. Father, Cpl. W. E. Hills, 1899-1918; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

## "C" COMPANY.

8. 6082680 Cpl. J. Baxter. Father, Sergt. W. Baxter, 18 years; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

9. 6082820 L./Cpl. A. Spooner. Father, Pte. F. Spooner; India and France. Died Prisoner of War. 2nd Battalion.

## "D" COMPANY.

10. 6080483 L./Cpl. W. Reid. Grandfather, R.Q.M.S. T. J. Reid, 2nd Battalion (25 years). Father, R.S.M. W. Reid, M.C., 1892-1923; 1st and 2nd Battalions.

## AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TIENTSIN.

24th June, 1932.

Capt. R. Oxley-Boyle,  
PRESENT.

Dear Sir,

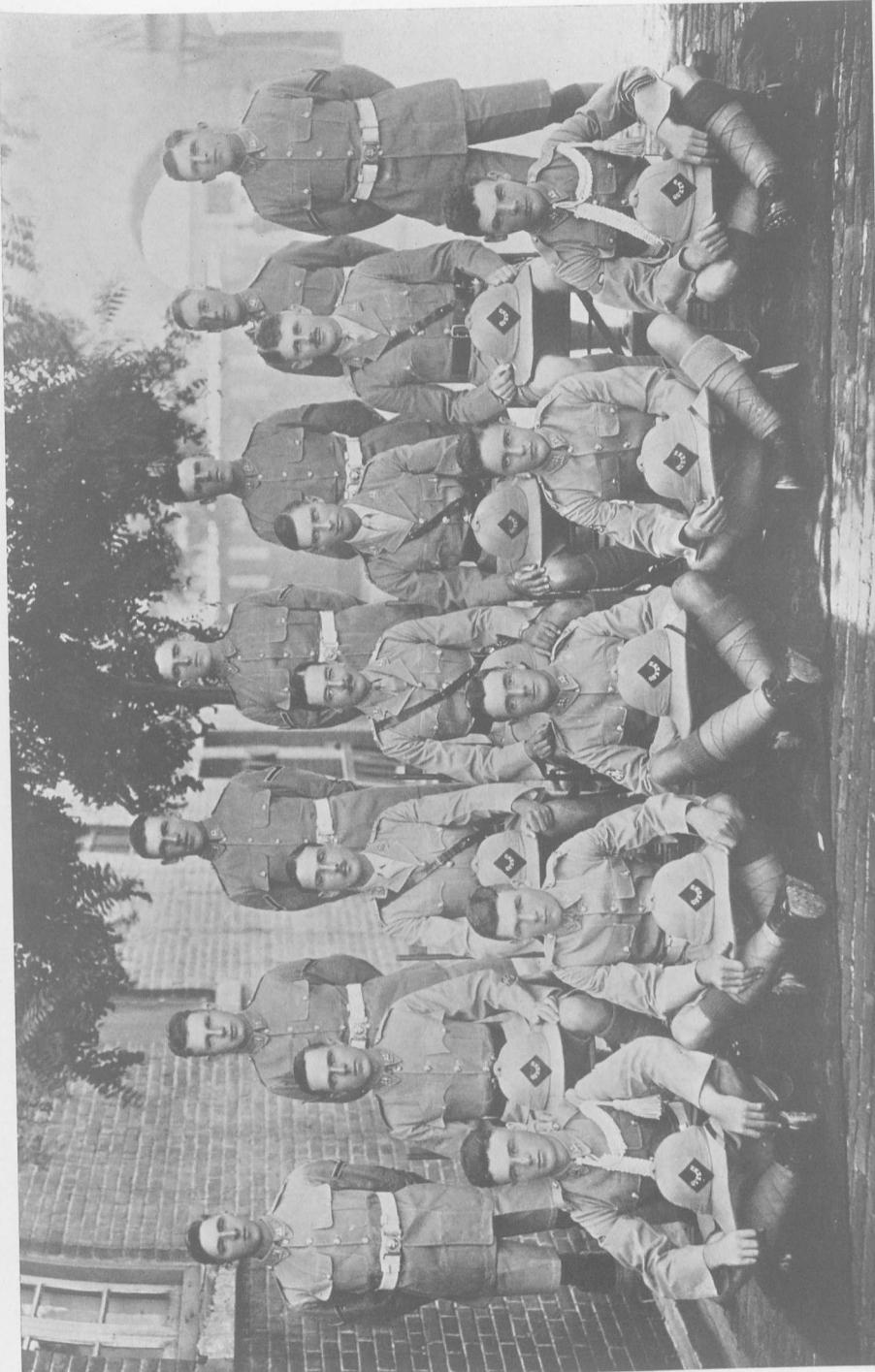
I am awfully sorry to trouble you without your formal consent.

I am told there is a cook's vacant position to contract meals for the soldiers in the British Barracks, Shanhaiwan. Would you be so kind as to ascertain it to me if it is true? A friend of mine who is an excellent hand in cuisine, likes very much to accept this job. If the job is still suspending, I am ever so much obliged, should you recommend it to him.

Excusing me for the trouble I made herein,  
I am,

Dear Sir,  
Yours obedient servant,  
CHIANG HSO LING.

1st BATTALION. THE SECOND GENERATION.



Back Row (Left to Right).—L. Cpl. F. Spooner, L. Cpl. E. Binfield, L. Cpl. W. Reid, L. Cpl. A. Vincent, L. Cpl. H. Vincent, Pte. F. Hills, Cpl. J. Baxter.  
Middle Row (Left to Right).—Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) S. H. Sellicks, Lieut. L. H. Fairtough, Lieut. G. M. Elias Morgan, Lieut. A. U. H. Hackett Pain, Lieut. P. R. Terry.  
Front Row (Left to Right).—Dmr. J. Welsh, Pte. E. Stacey, Bdsn. A. Winter, Boy H. Friar, Bdsn. A. Winter, Boy H. Friar, Dmr. S. Stacey.

## ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING

### ALDERSHOT CENTRE'S SUCCESS AT OLYMPIA.

THE many sceptics who still argue that a six months' Vocational Course is not sufficient training to make the soldier a useful craftsman, will be given much food for thought by the successes of the Aldershot Army Vocational Training Centre at the International Building Trades' Exhibition held at Olympia during September.

In the competitions open to Students of the London Polytechnics, Technical and Trade Training Schools, the Centre secured more prizes than any other School competing, three first, two second and one third prizes being awarded as follows:—

FOR THE BEST STAND (1st Prize).—Presented by the Promoters of the Building Exhibition.

FOR THE BEST PIECE OF SMITHY WORK (1st Prize).—Presented by the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers.

FOR THE BEST EXHIBITS OF PLUMBING (1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes).—Presented by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers.

FOR THE BEST PIECE OF FINISHED BRICKWORK (2nd Prize).—Presented by the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers.

This success is very gratifying to the Centre as it is the first occasion on which they have been allowed to compete in these competitions.

The following extract from some notes on "The School Exhibits," by Mr. Hubert Lidbetter, F.R.I.B.A., which have been published in the leading Technical Journals, is worth reproducing:—

"The metalwork of the Army Vocational Training Centre, however, should delight the heart of the pacifist by the evidence of the great skill of these young soldiers in turning their swords into ploughshares. The whole Exhibit was a credit to the men and their Instructors. It may seem invidious to pick out one Exhibit for special mention when there were so many admirable collections, but this is a work we should all encourage and delight in."

and *The Builder* reports as follows:—

"On this occasion, though some of the work could be criticised, the average of merit is a very high one, and it would be invidious to single out any one for special mention. But the Army Vocational Training Centre is in rather a different category in that it tends to encourage the enlistment in the Army of the better type of recruit. That the training now given to those whose bent is towards one or other of the building crafts is practical and thorough becomes more and more evident at each succeeding Exhibition."

The Stand attracted considerable attention from employers, and the high standard of workmanship was remarked upon, which augurs well for the employment of vocationally-trained men.

Specimens of finished work carried out by the Students of the various trades taught at the Centre were displayed on the Stand and, in addition, specimens of work by the Bricklayer, Plumber, Plasterer, Carpenter and Painter Students were actually constructed and finished at Olympia.

These latter included an arched brick-surround with lead fountain giving a continuous spray of water, a two-column portico in fibrous plaster, an oak half-timbered red wall complete with oak door with forged iron fittings, and repousse lead rain-water heads and pipes. On the outer sides of the Stand a striking colour scheme was prepared, and an ashlar wall face was erected complete with oriel bay and cedar shingle roof.

## THE PLUMBER AND HOT-WATER FITTER

A plumber arrived in the Lower Regions. "Your job," said one of the devils, "is to keep this section of the hot-water pipes in order." "Righto," said the plumber, sensing a cushy job, "where's my mate?" "That's just the point," replied the devil, "you will have no mate."

**L**IKE Scotsmen, philosophers and all other pioneers, the plumber is repeatedly abused; in fact, they say that when a plumber makes a mistake he simply charges double the price.

With the aid of such humorous stories and cartoons, people have been led to believe that the plumber spends his time in winter either repairing burst pipes amid streams of water, or sitting placidly on the edge of a bath waiting for his much-criticised "mate."

The problem of what the plumber does in the summer is in the same category as "Where do flies go in the winter time?" It has never been solved, and is just one big mystery. The idea that he is still repairing the burst pipes left over from the previous winter cannot be true, as with our mild winters there are no burst pipes left over until the summer. Neither does he ride about the country on a cycle urging you to "Stop Me and Buy One," nor is he the individual who looks after the deck chairs at the seaside.

No, to the plumber and his universally-ridiculed mate we must give credit for the work done to supply our houses, shops, hotels, etc., etc., with water, gas, baths, lavatories, sinks, and all the fittings and pipes necessary thereto. The present-day plumber is a skilled heating and sanitary engineer, although I am afraid there are many who still think a sanitary engineer is a man with an "instinct" for detecting smells.

Unlike most tradesmen, the plumber is generally busy all the year through, either on new work, alterations or repairs, and, although a spell of heavy frost makes him welcome nearly everywhere, he takes no delight in this period and, contrary to what is said, does not go round chanting "Frost! frost! where is thy sting? Make it severe and let the plumbers begin."

In provincial towns, the plumber's work is particularly interesting as it covers such a great variety of work. He is engaged principally on new buildings, and commences, roughly speaking, during the time the roof is under construction when he fixes the necessary leadwork and rain-water gutters, etc.

He then proceeds with the installation of the necessary water and gas pipes, tanks, cisterns, etc. Whilst other work is in course of completion, the plumber (not forgetting his "mate") is fixing the baths, basins, sinks and so on and connecting these fittings to the pipes previously installed.

The waste pipes from the fittings are taken through the wall to the outside of the building and there connected to the pipes which lead to the drains.

In addition, he is called upon to install domestic hot water systems and small heating installations as well as the oil services in our more modern buildings.

In the larger towns, the installation of heating and hot water systems is a separate trade and is known as "Heating and Domestic Engineering." The men engaged on this work are termed "Pipe Fitters"; unkind people call them "Pipe Stranglers."

During the last few years, there has been a distinct revival of ornamental leadwork; excellent examples of this almost lost art are now being used on many of our large public and commercial buildings.

In modern industry, and in the construction of plant for the manufacture of acids, dyes, explosives, etc., the plumber plays an important part, and this section of the trade is usually termed "Chemical Plumbing." This interesting work necessitates particular hand skill in the form of lead burning or fusing.

With the variety of work which the plumber undertakes, it is not surprising to hear that his mate has "gone back for his tools" (to use the well-known phrase) because should the plumber be working on a roof job and suddenly be called upon to repair a kitchen boiler, he would require entirely different tools.

Whilst there is no more maligned tradesman than our worthy friend the "Plumber," there is probably no other job quite so interesting, nor one which offers such a variety of work.

It will be seen by the foregoing that to anyone leaving the Army who can use his brains as well as his hands, this trade offers excellent opportunities.

The work can be divided up under three specialist trades, *i.e.*,

General Plumbing.

Heating and Domestic Engineering.

Chemical Plumbing and Ornamental Lead Working.

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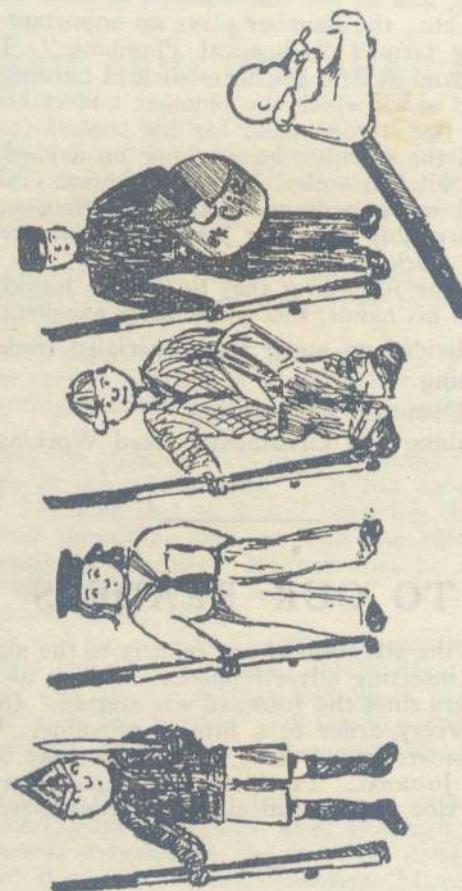
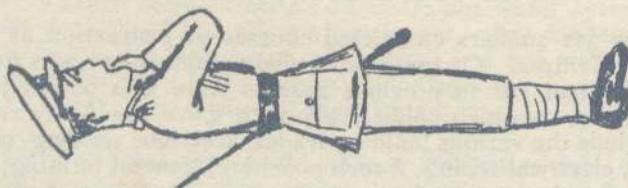
### S.O.S.

We are running very short of copy in the shape of articles and stories for the JOURNAL. Will those of our readers who possess the "pen of a ready writer" take pity on us and send us something for the next number?

### WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

In October 311 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Of these, immediate employment was found for 199, and 33 students who had left in previous months were also placed in employment.

These courses, at which soldiers about to leave the Army receive training in civil trades, include the various building trades, acetylene welding, motor mechanism, boot repairing, electrical wiring, french polishing, general farming, poultry farming, dairy farming, handymen, gardener-chaffeurs, groundsmen, and also positions of trust and private service.



"AS YOU WERE!"

## OLD PHŒBE

THE following letter which appeared in *The Times* of September 2nd, 1930, and is republished by the courtesy of the Editor of *The Times*, and of the writer of the letter, gives an interesting record:—

*To the Editor of "The Times."*

Sir,—In his article on Sergt. Bennett, "the learned saddler," the Hon. Sir John Fortescue quotes an extract from some unnamed document relating to Phœbe Hessel (not Hansell), the Brighton woman soldier, which in several respects is incorrect.

The extract states that Phœbe was born at Shoreham in 1715. Actually she was born at Stepney in March, 1713, of respectable parents named Smith. When fifteen years old she fell in love with a Samuel Golding, a private in "Kirke's Lambs," and on Golding's regiment being ordered to the West Indies she donned the dress of a man, enlisted in the 5th Regiment of Foot, and followed her lover. She served for five years, and at the Battle of Fontenoy (1745) received a bayonet wound in the arm. A few years later her own and Golding's regiments were at Gibraltar. On Golding himself receiving a wound which resulted in his being sent to England, Phœbe, unable to bear the parting from him, revealed her sex to the wife of General Pearce, with the result that the General gave Phœbe her discharge and sent her, with a letter of recommendation, to the military hospital at Plymouth, where she nursed her lover back to health. On Golding's discharge he and Phœbe were married.

Later Golding died, and soon afterwards Phœbe married a fisherman named William Hessel, of Brighthelmstone (Brighton). On his death Phœbe Hessel became a "character" in Brighton of the Regency, and was a great favourite of the Prince Regent (afterwards George IV), who called her "a jolly old fellow." Later, Phœbe Hessel became an inmate of the Brighton Workhouse, where she died, aged 108.

The full story of Phœbe Hessel (with portraits) was printed in the August number of the *Sussex County Magazine*. Some of the details of this article were obtained from Hone's Year Book. They may be regarded as reliable, as the writer in Hone declares that he obtained them from Phœbe herself in September, 1821.

In the extract published by Sir John Fortescue in *The Times*, it is stated that Phœbe was with "Sir Gilbert Elliott, afterwards Lord Heathfield, during the whole of his government in Gibraltar," that she was wounded several times, and "fought bravely in America at the Battle of Bunker's Hill" and further, that a "misdemeanour put an end to her martial career. She was brought to the halberds and, having her neck and shoulder bare, her sex was discovered, when she exclaimed, 'Strike, and be damned.' " The sentences I have quoted differ from the actual facts. General George Augustus (not Gilbert, which was the name of his father), Elliott was Governor of Gibraltar for about ten years from 1775, some years after Phœbe Smith had received her discharge. For this reason she could not have fought at Bunker's Hill (June 17th, 1775). No statement concerning the alleged "Strike, and be damned" incident occurs in any of the local histories dealing with Phœbe Hessel.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR BECKETT,  
Editor, *Sussex County Magazine*.

## 2nd BATTALION

NO member of the 2nd Battalion can complain that Aldershot is dull in the summer. No sooner had we finished Company Training, than we were seized by the Tattoo authorities to erect marquees, arrange seating accommodation and find personnel for traffic control. Our representatives in the arena were the Band and Drums and a colour party depicting the Regiment in the year 1689. Next year we expect to take a more interesting part, and hand over the "donkey work" behind the scenes to someone else.

Within ten days of the close of the Tattoo Rushmoor was ready for the Aldershot Horse and Hound Show. The Battalion entered for all the events open to Infantry Units, but in spite of the excellent work put in by our Transport Section we were not as successful as we had hoped to be, the standard being very high. Our only successes were those of Major M. W. H. Pain on "Windy" in securing fourth place in his pool in the Handy Hunters Event open to Infantry Officers, and of Pte. Rodd with "Babs" who paraded in the finals for the best mule in the Aldershot Command.

The Command Rifle Meeting came hard on the heels of the Horse Show. Our Corporals are to be congratulated in the Falling Plate Competition. An account of the Meeting is published in the Small Arms Club notes.

Immediately after Bisley, which followed the Command Meeting, we started Battalion Training. We were most unlucky with the weather, it rained practically every day during the last fortnight in July. With the Commanding Officer and all three Rifle Company Commanders being experienced "Bushmen," it is no wonder the Battalion soon learned to disappear completely. During one Inter-Battalion battle, our opponents discovered this to their discomfiture. Overheard on the night digging and wiring exercise as the wire was being carried forward: "Come on boys, pick up your Yo-Yos!"

On August 1st "D" Company set out on the Company and Battalion march through Surrey, followed by "A" and "B" Companies the next day. An account of the march is published elsewhere.

We began Brigade Training on August 26th. The Exercises were largely of the "Hide and Seek" variety, which gave considerable scope to those possessed of low cunning. The Battalion was greatly handicapped through the loss of some 200 N.C.Os. and men being away on Draft leave for China.

The Battalion was organized into two small rifle Companies and a few men armed with rattles and arrows representing M.Gs. The speed with which these M.Gs. were able to get into action was remarkable. The weather was kind to us except for the last two battles, when it rained so hard that operations had to be curtailed.

The Draft for the 1st Battalion departed on September 23rd. Good luck to them! We all wish them a pleasant voyage and a happy time in China.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. A. J. A. Watson on winning the Army Putting the Weight, with a putt of 41 feet 8 inches; also the Inter-Services Putting the Weight with a putt of 44 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch.

### THE BATTALION'S MARCH THROUGH SURREY.

The Battalion marched out of Aldershot in three Company columns, "D" Company on August 1st, and "A" and "B" Companies on August 2nd. In the scheme, "A" and "B" Companies were ordered to march on Reigate, while

"D" Company's rôle was that of delaying this advance as much as possible without becoming too involved. The "War" was of great interest to the inhabitants, who were most friendly to both sides.

On August 2nd Companies bivouacked as under:—

"B" Company.—Busbridge Hall, Godalming.

"A" Company.—Bramley Park, Bramley.

"D" Company.—Derryswood, Wonersh.

On August 3rd the Companies set forth in very wet weather for the Ockley area, a march of some eighteen miles, and bivouacked:—

"A" Company.—Broome Hall, Holmwood.

"B" Company.—Jayes, Park, Ockley.

"D" Company.—Henfold, Beare Green.

Luckily the weather cleared and Companies, on arriving at their respective areas, were able to settle down under dry conditions.

The following day, August 4th, saw the whole Battalion collected at Earl Beatty's residence, Reigate Priory. That evening the Mayor of Reigate, Colonel Spranger, very kindly entertained a number of officers to dinner at his residence, where we met General Sir Archibald Murray and Brigadier-General Cunliffe.

The Battalion marched through Reigate at 9 a.m. the next morning, the Mayor taking the salute. In spite of the comparatively early hour, a large number of people collected to wish us a pleasant walk to Newlands Corner, which was to be our camping ground that night. We passed through Dorking at 11.20. In the presence of a great gathering the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Lord Ashcombe, took the salute. He was accompanied by two Deputy-Lieutenants of the County, Colonel R. W. Barclay and Mr. H. H. Gordon-Clark, and Mr. G. J. Jeal, chairman of the Dorking Urban Council. The weather was very hot, and the troops found the big hill outside Dorking rather trying. But after a halt of two hours for dinner we marched to Newlands Corner without a casualty. We made a fairly early start from this beauty spot on August 6th, and arrived at Guildford at about 9.30 a.m. Owing to the steep and slippery surface of the High Street the transport turned off at Boxgrove and awaited the Battalion in the Woodbridge Road. Before marching through Guildford a platoon of recruits from the Depot joined the column for the march through the city. The Mayor of Guildford took the salute from the balcony of the Guildhall in the presence of a large number of people.

The march from Guildford to Aldershot was very trying, the sun beating down on our backs for the remainder of the journey.

On arriving at Aldershot we found the Colonel of the Regiment and our friends of the 22nd Battalion formed up to greet us as we marched in. We greatly appreciated being played into Barracks by their Band and Drums.

Altogether, the Battalion marched some eighty miles in five days. Throughout the march we were welcomed by the people of Surrey, who showed a keen interest in their Regiment.

We are particularly grateful to all landowners, on whose ground we camped, for their most generous hospitality and cordial welcome, which certainly went a long way to make the march so successful.

Our thanks are also due to the police forces of the county and townships through which we passed. Their excellent arrangements for the controlling of traffic during the march was of great assistance, and much appreciated.

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OVERHEARD ON THE BATTALION MARCH.

Near the lake in Reigate Priory, a soldier was heard to remark:—

"I suppose that water is where the Admiral carries out his Tactical Exercises without boats."



THE MARCH THROUGH SURREY.  
The Mayor of Reigate taking the salute at the Red Cross Hotel, Reigate.

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## SMALL ARMS CLUB.

Our first few months at Aldershot have been marked by a certain renewal of interest in Rifle Shooting. At Dover, where facilities were so bad unless we camped at Lydden Spout Range, very little practice could be had on the open range. Here we are much luckier.

The results of the Annual Course, fired in February, were patchy. It was cold. Those who did badly may blame the climate, though observers have discovered other causes of bad shooting, and the results will be better next time.

In April we joined the County of Surrey Rifle Association, and many of us took part in the Sunday spoon shoots at Bisley on the Surrey targets. Spoons were given by the Association each week and were won by the following competitors: L./Cpl. Cook, Bdsn. Keeling F., Ptes. Whittington, Bailey and Dexter, and R.S.M. Watford. Four of our representatives were selected to shoot for Surrey against London and Middlesex in a match which the county lost by a very few points. Teams were forty a side. One County Colour was awarded.

Our first venture at the Surrey Rifle Meeting was very encouraging. We entered for all events for which Regular units and Individuals are eligible. There is just a suspicion that we took the thing too easily. In the County Championship 2/Lieut. Dawson gained second place and the Ebbutt Cup with 174, being one point behind Mr. Hart, of Chobham R.C. Both scores beat previous records in this Competition. Lieut. Waspe was eighth and Pte. Bailey ninth. We were second in the Watney Challenge Cup (Rapid Fire), losing to the 5th Battalion "A" Team by six points. In the Kingston Prize 2/Lieut. Dawson tied for first place with Lieut. Burton-Brown of the 5th Battalion. He also came third in the Surrey Brewers Prizes. Our Company Teams, "D" and "H.Q." Wing, picked up some useful tips in the Belhaven Cup event, but no prize.

Dorking Rifle Club invited us over to a match on their range behind Leith Hill on June 4th. It is a pleasantly situated range, quite unlike a Military Range, with a little pavilion right on the 600 yards firing point where teams indulge in a tea interval. Dorking used aperture sights, and we used our own rifles with success, getting 682 against their 620. One of our scores is put down by Dorking as a record for open sights on Bore Hill Range.

On May 17th, while most of the Battalion were away on Whitsun leave, we had an informal shoot on one of the Cæsars Camp Ranges. Pool Bulls and a sweepstake at 500 yards proved quite popular.

This was followed by more shoots of a similar kind to practise individuals for the Command Rifle Meeting. The keenness and interest displayed often surpassed the skill of the competitors, who had to come to the range when they could escape parades and Garrison duties.

When it came to the Aldershot Command Small Arms Meeting we gained some more valuable experience in regard to the selection and training of teams. Whether we shall be able to profit by this depends on many things, of which the principal are steady practice and the enthusiastic will to win. The Corporals did well to reach the final of the Knock-out Match, where they lost to the Devonshire Regiment. The team was: Cpl. Court, Cpl. Golding, L./Cpl. Bushell and L./Cpl. Campbell. They had no previous practice for this competition.

At this year's Battalion Rifle Meeting, which was held at Ash Ranges under very difficult weather conditions, over 400 individuals shot for the Battalion Championship. Pte. McKay is to be congratulated on winning the Championship. He is no stranger to Ash Ranges. None of the practices were easy, and those who did badly will know how good one has to be in order to get near the top. There were some novel features among the results.

Light Automatic Pairs was won by a pair from "C" (M.G.) Company, with No. 3 Group H.Q. Wing second.

The Company Shield Competition (A.R.A. conditions) was won by "C" (M.G.) Company, who beat "H.Q." Wing by two points. In this competition out of a total of twelve firers, four pairs of Lewis Gunners have to fire. As "C" (M.G.) have no Lewis Guns and "H.Q." Wing are supposed to be Anti-Aircraft only, it is not known how these teams got their private practice. After many years' supremacy, No. 3 Group had to relinquish the Fallen Plate Knock-out Cup. They fell to the Drums, who in turn were beaten by a veteran team of "B" Company after a thrilling tie. As usual, the Officers defeated the Sergeants in the Knock-out, but fell to "B" Company, who carried all before them. This year, in order to get a preliminary canter for the King George and Royal Irish A.R.A. Cups, a competition between Officers and Sergeants was organized under A.R.A. conditions. A Cup was presented by the Corporals. The Sergeants won by 598 to 556. The running about which the Sergeants got at these events served to loosen them up for their annual tussle with the Officers at the Sports Meeting on the following day. The Commanding Officer's Rapid Fire Cup was won by H.Q. Wing. This in a new trophy, instituted to encourage Rapid Fire Training, which is the secret of success in Army Rifle Shooting. Very few people nowadays are aware that it was the late Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Charles Monro, who introduced rapid fire into the British Army when he was Commandant at Hythe. The keenness of the Young Soldiers of "B" Company was rewarded by their victory in the Young Soldiers' Competition.

The results of the Meeting are given below.

*Individual Championship.*—1, Pte. McKay; 2, L./Cpl. Shorricks; 3, Lieut. H. S. Kelly and Cpl. Jones.

*Young Soldiers' Championship.*—1, L./Cpl. Wilmer; 2, Pte. Stevens; 3, Pte. Dexter.

*Aggregate Prizes, Class A.*—1, L./Cpl. Shorricks; 2, Lieut H. S. Kelly and Cpl. Jones; 3, Sergt. Tasker, Sergt. Dennis and Bdsn. Robinson.

*Class B.*—1, Pte. McKay; 2, Sigm. R. Wood; 3, Pte. Stevens.

*Class C.*—1, Cpl. Jayes and L./Cpl. Wilmer; 2, Pte. Sprankling.

*Class D.*—1, Pte. Scully and Pte. Weston; 2, Pte. G. Carr; 3, Pte. McCarthy.

*Commanding Officer's Rapid Fire Cup.*—1, "H.Q." Wing; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "C" (M.G.) Company.

*Inter-Company Challenge Shield (Best 16 Scores).*—1, "H.Q." Wing. Team: Lieut.-Colonel Giffard, Lieut. Waspe, R.S.M. Watford, A./S./S. Smith, Sergt. Hudson, Cpl. Newman, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Shorricks, L./Cpl. Hyson, L./Cpl. Moth, L./Cpl. Hooper, Bdsn. Smith, Bdsn. Robinson, Sigm. Spencer, Sigm. R. Wood and Pte. Bailey; 2, "C" (M.G.) Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.

*Inter-Company Competition (Company Shield A.R.A.).*—1, "C" (M.G.) Coy. Team: Cpl. Golding, L./Cpl. Campbell, L./Cpl. Bruce, Cpl. Steward, Ptes. McKay, C. Newman, C. Iles, R. Iles, Waters, Yates and Byatt, and Cpl. Bond; 2, "H.Q." Wing; 3, "A" Coy.

*Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Challenge Shield.*—1, "B" Coy. Team: 2/Lieut. Watson, Ptes. Dexter, S. Cooper, Stevens, Carr, Dade, Osborne and Adams; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.

*Inter-Platoon L.A. Pairs.*—1, 11 Pl. "C" Coy. (Cpl. Steward and Pte. McKay); 2, No. 3 Group (Sergt. Selmes and L./Cpl. Riordan).

*Inter-Company Knock-out Tile Competition.*—1, "B" Coy. Team: 2/Lieut. Watson, C./Sergt. Stafford, Sergts. Akers, Lowes and Cooper, Cpl. Houchin and Jacques, and Pte. Dexter. Officers defeated the Sergeants; "B" Coy. defeated the Officers.

*Individual Revolver Championship.*—1, R.S.M. Watford; 2, Pte. Whittington; 3, L./Cpl. Smith.

*Boys' Competition.*—1, Boy Casey; 2, Boys Hawkins and Skinner.

We now have a full record of everybody's performance this year, and are determined to get teams ready to give good accounts of themselves in as many events as possible next year.

The Battalion teams were very kindly taken in hand by Lieut. Waspe—assisted by the Q.M. Staff—whose experience and advice was invaluable. We hope next year to give him more support, and produce better results.

### CRICKET, 1932.

Regimental cricket in Aldershot virtually came to an end at the beginning of August. The calls of Company, Battalion and Brigade Training made it more or less impossible to carry on after that date.

We have had quite a reasonable season and a potentially strong side, but it has been seldom possible to develop the full weight of our attack in any particular match. Capt. Bolton has, unfortunately, been sick since the early part of the season, while the calls of Command and Army cricket have prevented Lieut. Grimston from playing, except on few occasions. We were, however, reinforced by 2/Lieut. J. S. W. Meikle, of the 19th London Regiment, who did a six weeks' attachment and who helped us on the cricket field in no uncertain fashion. Major Ross has returned to the fold after an absence of nine years, and we expect to see him making lots of runs next year. Sergt. Wells was away at Netheravon for a goodly period, and 2/Lieut. Piggott had the misfortune to put his hand to a real hot one during the Regimental week at Guildford, which kept him out of action for the rest of the season. Nearn (better known, possibly, as the Light Aid Detachment of the Armourer's shop) has been the mainstay of the bowling and a very useful slip field wicket. Sergt. Dennis, by now back in Tientsin, has kept wicket with marked success, and we shall miss him next year.

The annual match on "The Glorious First" with H.M.S. *Excellent* proved a most exciting game, and although we led them on the first innings the Navy put it across us in the end by eighty-one runs. The feature of this game was Sub-Lieut. Bramwell's hundred in the *Excellent*'s second innings. It transpired afterwards that he had been allowed to go to bed early the previous night! Bad staff work on our part and undoubtedly the main factor in our defeat! Padre Goudge, the familiar figure of this match for many years past, came up specially from his ecclesiastical retreat in the Cotswolds to umpire. We hope to see him again in like capacity next year at Whale Island. We wound up the season with the Inter-Company Competition. The combination of Grimston and Nearn in the ranks of "H.Q." Wing proved far too strong for all comers except the Drums, whom they met in the final. This was a most exciting game and the issue hung in the balance for some moments and several wickets, the remainder of "H.Q." Wing just managing to scrape home by a bare wicket.

## 2ND BATTALION

H.M.S. "Excellent" v. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Played at the Officers' Club, Aldershot, on June 1st and 2nd.

H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Sub-Lieut. Bramwell, c Wells, b Basset	0	b Block	153
Lieut. Cowgill, b Basset	8	b Piggott	15
Commander Selby, c Block, b Basset	0	lbw b Grimston	0
Lieut.-Comdr. Lees, c Piggott b Basset	14	b Piggott	7
Sub-Lieut. Larkin, st Olliver b Block	7	b Haggard	3
Lieut.-Comdr. Tidd, b Basset	19	b Piggott	3
Sub-Lieut. Sutcliffe, st Oliver b Basset	16	lbw b Piggott	0
Lieut. Gregson, c Piggott b Basset	7	c Harris, b Grimston	13
Sub-Lieut. Hetherington, lbw b Grimston	0	run out	9
Rev. Crick, not out	6	not out	0
Lieut. McMullen, b Grimston	0	st Olliver b Basset	2
Extras	0	Extras	11
Total	79	Total	280

## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. A. P. Block, lbw b Bramwell	13	lbw b McMullen	7
Lieut. G. S. Grimston, lbw b McMullen	10	c Larkin, b Bramwell	53
2/Lieut. M. V. Fletcher, lbw b Cowgill	33	b McMullen	0
Major G. K. Olliver, c Lees b Bramwell	9	b McMullen	21
Lieut. J. Y. Whitfield, c Sutcliffe b Cowgill	17	lbw b Cowgill	12
2/Lieut. F. J. C. Piggott, lbw b Tidd	4	lbw b Cowgill	6
Capt. J. B. P. Phillips, b Cowgill	0	b McMullen	6
Sergt. J. Wells, b McMullen	4	not out	17
Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Basset, c McMullen b Cowgill	1	b Cowgill	36
L./Cpl. P. Harris, c Crick b Bramwell	7	c Bramwell b Cowgill	1
Capt. B. C. Haggard, not out	0	b McMullen	1
Extras	10	Extras	10
Total	108	Total	170

Result.—H.M.S. Excellent won by 81 runs.

## RESULTS OF OTHER MATCHES PLAYED.

2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders, 73; 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 59 (2/Lieut. Fletcher, 33).

2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 109 (Lieut. Whitfield, 23); Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment, 113 for 5 (Major Olliver 51 not out).

Yateley C.C., 120; 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 80 (Sergt. Wells, 15).

Cranleigh C.C., 107 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 6 for 25); 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 110 for 4 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 56).

2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 199 for 6 dec. (2/Lieut. Meikle, 60; Lieut. Whitfield, 59); No. 1 Company R.M.C., 145 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 5 for 35).

Sandhurst Wanderers, 237 (Nearn, 4 for 74); 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 165 for 6 (L./Cpl. Harris, 73 not out; 2/Lieut. Meikle, 63).

2nd Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 155 (Capt. Haggard, 4 for 49); 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 142 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 63; Major Ross, 29; L./Cpl. Newman, 24).

Yateley C.C., 87; 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 104 for 5 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 77 not out).

2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 65 (Lieut. Whitfield, 17); 2nd Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 63 (2/Lieut. Meikle, 6 for 22; Pte. Nearn, 4 for 22).

"THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE."



TEAMS OF H.M.S. "EXCELLENT" AND THE REGIMENT AT ALDERSHOT.

Back Row (Left to Right):—Rev. F. Goudge, 2/Lieut. M. V. Fletcher, Sub-Lieut. D. H. F. Hetherington, Lieut. G. S. Grimston, Lieut. J. Y. Whitfield, Sub-Lieut. A. E. Sutcliffe, Lieut. W. J. Lamb, R. H. Bramwell, L./Cpl. B. Knight, Sergt. J. Wells, Sub-Lieut. R. W. R. Larken, Capt. J. B. Phillips, Lt.-Comdr. D. M. Lees, Capt. A. P. Block, Lieut. E. H. G. Gregson, Major G. K. Oliver, Comdr. R. P. Selby, Lt.-Comdr. A. L. Tidd, Capt. B. C. Haggard, Rev. T. Crick.

2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders, 35 (Capt. Haggard, 5 for 13; Pte. Nearn, 5 for 20); 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 67 (Pte. Horsfield, 14 not out).

Summary—	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
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#### RESULTS OF INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION.

##### *First Round.*

“A” Company, 30; Remainder of “H.Q.” Wing being 31 for no wicket.  
“D” Company, 61; “C” (M.G.) Company, 62 for 3 wickets.  
Band, 64; “B” Company, 166.  
Drums, bye.

##### *Semi-Final.*

“C” (M.G.) Company, 46; Remainder of “H.Q.” Wing, 47 for 1 wicket.  
“B” Company, 50; Drums, 84.

##### *Final.*

Drums, 35; Remainder of “H.Q.” Wing, 36 for 9 wickets.

#### ATHLETICS.

For various reasons it was found impossible to enter a team for the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships; in fact there have been so many other calls on our time that it was only possible to hold the Scissors Cup Competition and the Inter-Company Team events. The details of these are published below.

The standard of athletics is not high in the Battalion and new blood is badly needed. We have been reinforced by two stalwart performers in 2/Lieuts. Watson and Freeland. The former won the Army Individual Championship at Putting the Weight, and we take the opportunity of congratulating him, both on this and on his record putt of 44 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. in the Inter-Services Championship. This is an Inter-Services record. Pte. Reeves (“C” (M.G.) Company) ran in the Army Three Miles, but found that making the running in this class is not a paying proposition. This race should have taught him a good deal. If he would only learn to run with his head as well as with his legs he might one day attain higher honours.

The Scissors Cup Competition and the Inter-Company Team Events were very keenly contested. There were some remarkably close finishes, and the eventual winners of the Athletic Shield could not be foretold before the last event. This race—the one mile relay—had an unfortunate ending however, as “A” Company, who were in the running for the Shield, were unable to score any further points owing to their first string collapsing. Then, when Lieut. East, for “The Drums,” looked like coming home alone, he pulled a muscle and was passed by both “C” (M.G.) and “D” Companies’ runners. Nevertheless, these mishaps did not rob “The Drums” of the Shield, although they ruined any chance “A” Company may have had of tieing for first place. As has been said, the standard in the Battalion is not high, and with a view to improvements competitions on the lines of the Scissors Cup will be held fortnightly through the winter.

#### BOXING.

The Boxing Season, 1931-32, proved to be quite successful from a training point of view, as no less than 60 per cent. of the men in the Battalion were able to let off steam by having a “scrap” of some sort, with the result that those who eventually reached the finals in the competitions were able to put up some very good fights.

We had two excellent matches with "B" Company, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, and as we were beaten in Aldershot by only one point we accepted a return match with a view to reversing the previous result; but on this occasion we lost by a margin of three points. We therefore congratulate "B" Company on their fine performances (details are given below).

During the season several discoveries were made in the way of raw material, and the following men, with a little more experience, should develop into good boxers:—Ptes. Osborne, Miles, Anthony and Byatt. We are afraid, however, that the Draft due for China will claim most of these, and can only wish them luck with the 1st Battalion if this is their forte.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the Battalion Team on their good form during the season. We hope that the draw in the Inter-Unit Championship will be more favourable next season, and that we shall be able to "settle down" before meeting any prospective Army Champions.

We should also like to congratulate L./Cpl. Newman on winning the Welter-weight Championship Belt after such an excellent fight against that dogged old warrior, L./Cpl. Lockwood, who has held the belt for several years. Newman, on present form, looks like developing into an Army Champion in the near future if he will only keep in training by fighting with the more experienced boxers. He has excellent physique, is very strong, cool and hard-hitting, his favourite k.o. punch being a left hook to the jaw, but in order to do really big things he will have to put more "devil" into his fighting and develop his right-hand punch.

The following have been awarded their colours for the season 1931-32:—

2/Lieut. Watson; L./Sergt. Webb; Cpls. Spence and Allison; L./Cpls. Hooper, Ferrari, Brown, Gillian, Lockwood and Newman; Dmr. Reeves; Ptes. Leppard, Topps, Bolch, Jenner, Thomas, Green, Anthony, Brand, Byatt, Mills, White, Osborne and Dawes; Boys Hooper, Hudson, Dawes, Lambert, Evans, Weller, Tracey, Casey, Jones, Robinson, Skinner, S. Johnson, E. Johnson and Kingsland.

#### BOXING TOURNAMENT.

2nd Battalion versus "B" Company, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.  
Aldershot, 13th April, 1932.

#### NOVICES.

##### Bantam-weight.

Pte. Brand (2nd) v. Pte. Brabazon (5th).—A very good fight in which both men used a straight left with effect. Brabazon was more effective with his right and gained a narrow victory on points.

##### Feather-weights.

Pte. Byatt (2nd) v. Pte. Cunningham (5th).—This was a poor fight, in which there was a great deal of wild swinging. Cunningham, failing to take full advantage of his longer reach, was just beaten on points.

Dmr. Reeves (2nd) v. Pte. Swinden (5th).—Reeves started well but Swinden proved the stronger boxer, and by scoring well with both hands won a good fight on points.

Pte. Miles (2nd) v. Pte. Hammond (5th).—Miles was too strong for his opponent, whom he knocked out in the first round.

##### Light-weight.

Pte. White (2nd) v. Pte. Thomas (5th).—A good fight which White won on points. Thomas was the more aggressive but White kept cool and, pushing out a left to some purpose, won by a comfortable margin.

##### Welter-weights.

Pte. Osborne (2nd) v. Pte. Stratton (5th).—Osborne failed to take any notice of the referee's warnings not to hit with an open glove, and was disqualified in the first round.

Pte. Leppard (2nd) v. Pte. Barber (5th).—A very good hard-hitting fight. Barber took a lot of punishment in the first round, but made a great recovery and knocked out his opponent late in the second.

Pte. Anthony (2nd) v. Pte. Hood (5th).—Anthony proved the stronger boxer and won a good hard fight on points. Rather inclined to hit with an open glove.

##### Middle-weight.

Pte. Green (2nd) v. L./Cpl. Holland (5th).—A wild hard hitting fight. Holland proved the fitter and stronger boxer and the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

#### RESULT OF TOURNAMENT.

"B" Company 5th Queen's Royal Regiment, 14 points; 2nd Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment, 13 points.

#### SPECIAL CONTESTS.

2/Lieut. A. J. A. Watson (2nd) v. L./Cpl. Wright (5th).—L./Cpl. Wright was the better boxer and scored repeatedly with both lefts and rights to the head. Watson, though bigger and stronger, failed to make use of his reach and attempted only to get to close quarters with little success.

Cpl. Spence (2nd) v. Sig. Rice (Royal Corps of Signals).—Cpl. Spence won by a knock-out in the second round. There had been very little in the fight up till then, though Spence was slightly up on points, having scored frequently with straight lefts. Rice was dazed by a right hook to the jaw, quickly followed by several others, and the referee stopped the fight.

Pte. Dawes (2nd) v. Sig. Cartlidge (Royal Corps of Signals).—Dawes won a very close fight with very little in it the whole time. Dawes scored with his left well but is too inclined to rely on a right swing which very seldom reached its mark.

L./Cpl. Brown (2nd) v. Sig. Ringrose (Royal Corps of Signals).—Ringrose won a poor fight which was spoilt by almost continuous holding. Ringrose gaining his points with a swinging left. Brown failed to make any use of his left.

L./Cpl. Hooper (2nd) v. Sig. Rogers (Royal Corps of Signals).—A good clean fight in which Rogers proved the stronger boxer and used his left with effect.

Boy Hooper (2nd) v. Boy Tichener (5th).—An excellent fight in which Tichener gave the best exhibition of boxing of the evening. Hooper put up a very good fight against a better boxer who used his left and a right hook to the head very effectively. Tichener's defence and footwork was very good, and he was much too quick for his opponent.

Cpl. Allison (2nd) v. Sig. Warburton (Royal Corps of Signals).—Warburton proved too good for Allison, though giving away several pounds in weight, and won comfortably on points. He appeared to have a good knowledge of boxing,

attacking from out of distance, quick on his feet and used both hands effectively. Allison did not seem too fit and was troubled by an old injury to his knee.

Pte. Newman (2nd) *v.* Sig. Warby (Royal Corps of Signals).—A close fight between two fairly experienced boxers. Newman was the stronger and kept his head. He hit straighter and with more power behind his punches. Warby went down for several seconds in the second round from a right hook to the jaw, and was knocked out by a similar punch in the third round. Newman fought better than he has for some time, and if he will learn not to hold his punches he should do better.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

WHEN the 1st Battalion was stationed at Aldershot in 1923, a certain Private "sat" for his 3rd Class Certificate of Education. I will not mention his name.

After the examination his answers to the questions set for the paper on Regimental History were sent to the Battalion with the request that the examiner might be informed whether Pte. E. was a genuine half-wit, or was merely trying to be funny. As a matter of fact he was neither, but only a man who had been "punched up" with a maze of facts which his brain could not assimilate.

I can only remember two of the questions and their answers, but as gems of unconscious humour, they ought to be rescued from oblivion.

*Question 1.*—State what you know of the origin of the Queen's Regimental Badge.

*Answer 1.*—Mr. Kirke married Mrs. Braganzer (*sic*), and the badge came among the wedding presents.

This was an unfair question. The origin of the badge is not at all clear, and no examiner has any right, in such a case as that, to ask a question to which no correct answer can be given.

*Question 2.*—State what you know of the Kitchener Trophy.

*Answer 2.*—The Kitchener Trophy was won by the 1st Battalion in 1794 for having the best record in drill, crime, and hospital attendance.

Both answers show the result of the evils of cramming information into the brain of a man whose education had not taught him to digest and sort out facts.

As regards the first answer, Pte. E.'s brain seethed with the fact that a lady whose surname was Braganza had married somebody, and that a person of the name of Kirke was mixed up with it somehow. Also somewhere back in his brain he knew that a lamb was involved with the lady. Hence his reply.

In the case of the second answer, the result is the same, though somewhat more co-ordinated. His head had been stuffed full of facts concerning the Glorious First of June, 1794, and he had also been taught that the Battalion records of Courts-Martial, hospital attendance etc., were taken into consideration when the marks for the trophy were being awarded.

Pte. E. did his best, and as an unconscious humourist we must be grateful to him. On the other hand, his performance does not reflect credit on his instructors.

2nd BATTALION.



MARCH THROUGH SURREY

1 and 3. Halts on the March. 2. "Major repairs."

## A DERBY DREAM

### A TRUE STORY.

THIS is an exact account of a dream, and what happened afterwards. I can offer no explanations, and all that I can do is to give an assurance that what I am setting down here is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

In January, 1907, I returned home from the 1st Battalion in India, being posted to the Depot at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, and my wife and I took a furnished house about a quarter of a mile from the barracks.

One night, about the beginning of May, I had a vivid dream that I was watching the race for the Derby. I do not know why I knew that it was the Derby that I was watching. I had never seen the Epsom race-course in my life, but in my dream I saw the Derby run. From where I was standing, in my dream, on the side of the race-course facing the stands, I could only see the jockeys of the two leading horses and the backs of the horses themselves, on account of the crowd, and all the other riders were blurred. I could, however, clearly see the colours of the riders of the first and second horses. The leading jockey wore a dark blue jacket and a blue cap, with what I thought was a yellow button or tassel on it, and the second wore a blue and white striped jacket with, I think, a white cap. My memory at this length of time is not quite certain on that point.

I thought so little of my dream that I do not think I mentioned it to anybody but my wife, at the time. A few days before the race we had a friend staying with us who was keenly interested in racing, and one evening I told him of my dream. He was an Irishman, and at once wanted to go into the matter thoroughly. So we got hold of the day's morning paper and looked up the probable starters and their owners' colours. Sure enough, there could be no doubt but that the colours carried by the two horses of my dream were those of Orby and Woolwinder. I had so little faith that I took no steps to back either horse, but my friend did, and I fancy that he passed on the information to others.

On Derby Day I hired a car, and our house party went in it to Epsom. The first thing that struck me as we arrived at the Course was that I recognized it as the place of my dream, and I then decided that I must have a bet on Orby. We all went on to the Grand Stand which was pulled down a few years ago and replaced by the present structure. We made for the top, from which you could get a very fine view of the race from start to finish, except when the horses were coming round Tattenham Corner. There was the usual crowd, and as we were anxious not to lose our places, we elected to remain on top, and not go down to Tattersall's enclosure in order to make our bets. There were two or three bookmakers on top of the stand, and we did our business with one near us. He was apparently convinced that the favourite, Slieve Gallion, was bound to win, and would only offer a very short price about him. On the other hand, and for the same reason, he was offering quite good prices about other horses. As a result of my modest investments on Orby and Woolwinder, I stood to win £37 10s., and other members of the party had quite considerable amounts due to them if the result was favourable.

The result is a matter of history. Orby was first and Woolwinder second. As soon as the "all right" was signalled, I looked about for my bookmaker. I could not see him at first, but eventually spotted him fast disappearing down the only opening which gave access to, and exit from, the top of the stand. Owing to the crowd, I took some time to reach the place, and by the time I got there

he had gone for good. One member of my party got at him before he managed to get clear, and collected his winnings, but I was too late. I managed, however, to secure the clerk, and gave him in charge. The charge was dealt with in the small police-court under the stand, and whilst the race after the Derby was being run I was giving evidence against the clerk, who was remanded. Whilst I was waiting in the court for my man to be dealt with I saw several welshers brought in by the police. At least two of them were very much the worse for wear as a result of the attentions of the crowd prior to their rescue by the police. Some weeks later I gave evidence against the clerk at the assizes at Kingston. The Grand Jury returned a true bill, but he got off because the charge had been wrongly worded. To the best of my recollection he was charged with "Stealing by means of a trade known as welshing, etc.," whereas he should have been charged with "Being concerned, together with another man, not in custody, in stealing by means of a trade known as welshing, etc." His counsel asked me in evidence if I had handed the money, when making the bet, to the clerk or the bookmaker, and on my reply that I had handed it to the bookmaker, the counsel said that there was no case to meet. So he got away with it!

The really unfortunate part of the whole affair, as far as I was concerned, was that after we reached the course I had met R. J. K. Mott, who had served in the 2nd Battalion until the close of the South African war, and had then retired and gone in for the breeding of blood stock. He told me that he had a mare called "Offer" running in the race after the Derby—I think it was the Stewards' Handicap—and that he thought she had a fair chance. Had I been able to get my money after the Derby, I would most certainly have invested at least a "tenner" on "Offer"; but I was prosecuting the bookmaker's clerk in the little police-court under the Stand when "Offer" won at 7 to 1!

I may as well say now that it is of no use for readers of this true story to write and ask me if I have by any chance dreamed what horse will win the 1933 Derby. I assure my readers that I have never had a similar dream before or since, but if ever I do again, I shall do all my business in Tattersall's enclosure. I do sometimes dream of that bookmaker, though. He was tall, slim and dark, and I remember that he had a gold-filled front tooth. I have been looking for him for twenty-five years, but I have not seen him yet!

"THE PROPHET."

"THE MACHINE GUNNER'S PSALM."

The Machine Gun is my Gun,  
I shall never want another,  
It maketh me to lie down in wet places,  
It soileth my clothes,  
It leadeth me into the paths of danger  
For its name sake:  
It prepareth a stoppage for me  
In the presence of mine enemies.  
Yea, though I walk through the trenches  
Or go over the top,  
I fear much evil while it is with me,  
Its crank and its lock discomfort me.  
It anointeth my face with sweat  
And its oil runneth over me.  
Surely the d—d thing will not follow me  
All the days of my life,  
Or I shall dream of the Army for ever.

4th BATTALION

*Headquarters*: The Barracks, Mitcham Road, Croydon.

*Honorary Colonel*: Colonel J. M. Newnham, O.B.E., D.L., LL.D.

*Commanding Officer*: Brevet-Colonel B. L. Evans, T.D.

*Adjutant*: Capt. N. A. Willis.

IT is now ancient history that the Annual Training of the Territorial Army was cancelled for 1932, but ways and means were found for most Battalions to undergo from four to seven days' training. In our case the means were provided from the usual source, but the way was found by Major Olliver and those under him at the Depot, and a very pleasant way it was. Fifteen Officers and about 150 Other Ranks put in five days at the Depot from July 29th to August 2nd, and a more enjoyable time has never been spent by members of the Battalion. We fully endorse the words on page 67 of the last issue that "there can be few, if any, barracks in England in which it is more pleasant to live in the summer months." All the arrangements were excellent, and everything done for our comfort, and we offer our grateful thanks to Major Olliver for his kindness. We have but one complaint and that is the cavalier manner in which two members of the Depot cricket team treated our bowling when we looked certain winners—they should both have been on fatigue! The game in question was most enjoyable; we batted first and scored 110, and the Depot replied with 129, after being eight wickets for 43, but *Vel exuviae triumphant*.

The Battalion was well represented at the Surrey Rifle Meeting and collected a few useful awards.

Our own Rifle Meeting was held on October 1st and 2nd at the Westcott Ranges, the team shoots taking place on the 1st, in pouring rain, and the individual competitions on the 2nd in bright, though cool, weather.

The Watney Cup for marching and shooting was won by "B" Company, and the Torrens Cup for Field Firing by "C" Company.

The new Sergeants' Mess is really finished, and as the only item remaining is electric light bulbs we think it will be open by the time these notes are printed. It is a great improvement on the previous building, being solidly constructed, and we hope our Sergeants will not "put this up" for many years to come. It is about a year since the old Mess was destroyed.

The annual cricket match between Officers and Sergeants was played on September 25th, and after an interesting game resulted in a win for the Sergeants. Scores: Officers, 106 and 98. Sergeants, 86 and 141.

Clr./Sergt. Townsend and Sergt. Willerton batted well in the second innings for 43 and 44 respectively.

"H.Q." WING.

*Transport*.—Lieut. Phillimore and about one half of the Transport Section attended a short course at Woolwich in August. All were delighted with the warm welcome given and with the nature of the training. Satisfactory reports were obtained by all.

Under C.S.M. Fenner and Sergt. Stovell, Classes of Instruction have been carried out throughout the summer, and are being continued. The keenness of the men is shown by the high percentage of attendances.

*Signallers*.—A determined effort has been made to increase the strength of this section, and several promising recruits have been obtained. Sergt. West and Cpl. Forrester are to be congratulated upon the regularity with which they attend all parades.

Lieut. Timpson, the Signal Officer, left us recently for a fortnight's course with the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot. Unfortunately he was confined to quarters, owing to ill-health, for much of the time.

*Drums*.—Our hardworking Drum Major is being rewarded by the increased efficiency of his drummers. Practices are well attended and all augurs well for next year.

*Band*.—The Bandmaster, too, has surmounted his many difficulties and is now able to turn out an efficient combination of musicians.

*General*.—This year abbreviated Annual Training (!!) at Guildford was well attended by "H.Q." Wing personnel. But it was agreed by all that the period was too short. More would have attended had they not been prevented by reasons of employment. In these days, when work is so scarce and "jobs" so precarious, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that a man's first duty is to keep his situation.

October 1st and 2nd were devoted to firing the various competitions. Here are a few results showing the best performances by the Wing and its members:—

*Watney Cup*.—2nd, "H.Q." Wing.

*Ladies' Challenge Cup*.—5th, Sergt. G. A. West.

*Tradesmen's Challenge Cup*.—2nd, C.S.M. A. W. G. Fenner; 5th, Sergt. G. A. West.

*Tradesmen's Extras*.—1st Bdsn. R.H. Merchant; 4th, Sergt. G. A. West.

*Aggregate Jewels*.—2nd, Sergt. G. A. West.

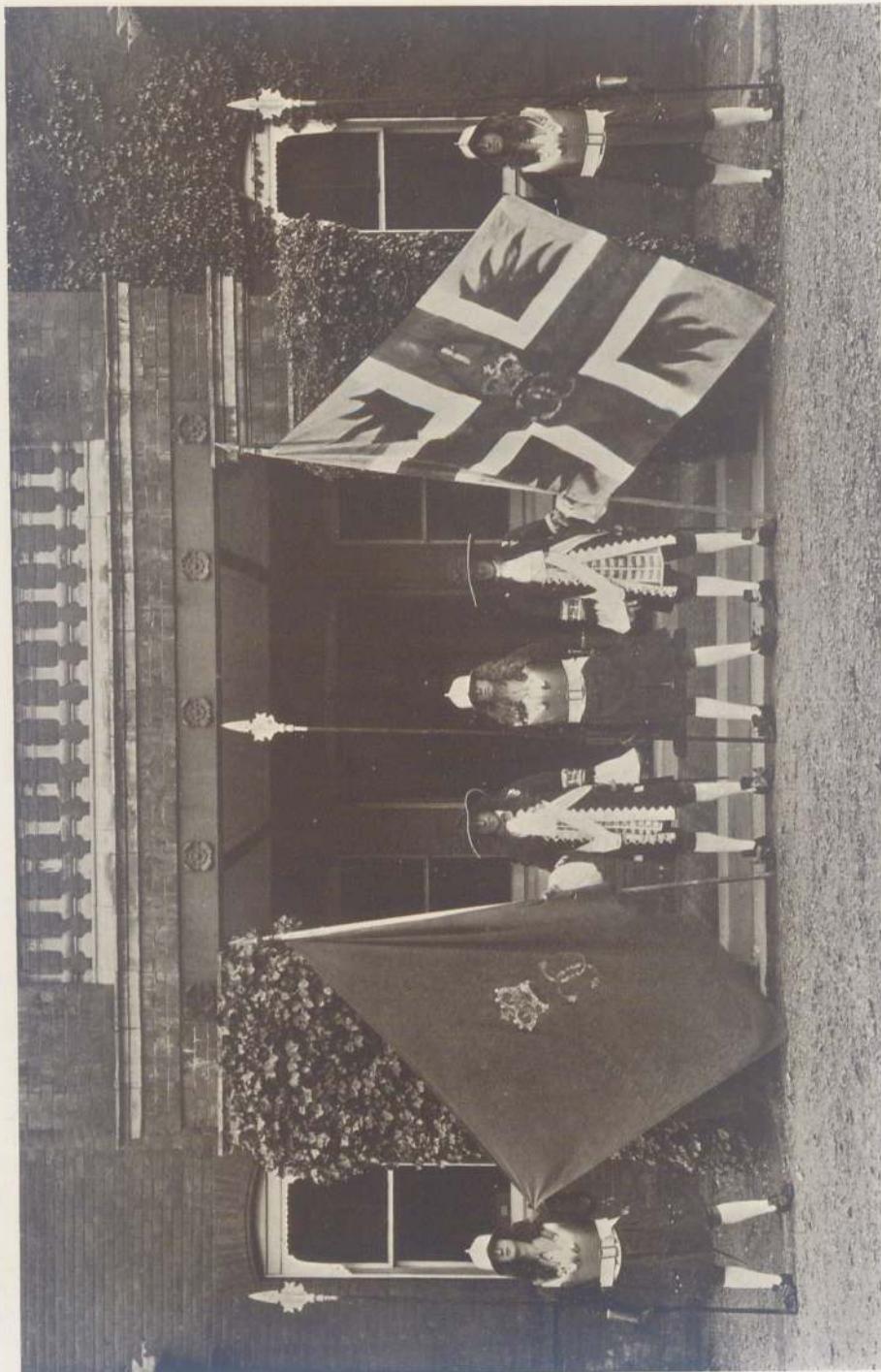
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#### "A" (M.G.) COMPANY.

At the risk of repeating what has no doubt been mentioned already in the reports contributed by other companies, we should like to say a word or two about national economy, curtailment of Annual Training and kindred subjects. However, it would perhaps be hardly prudent to express our frank opinions, lest worse befall, and we therefore content ourselves by observing that there have been many handicaps during the year now drawing to its close. As a result, all ranks have been called upon to make an extra effort to maintain the general efficiency. No doubt the moral characters of us all have been much strengthened thereby. It looks as though we must continue to bear the strain.

The few days' training at the beginning of August gave us all much-needed practice, and a good deal of useful training was carried out both on the ground and in barracks. Unfortunately, we could not all be present, for a course for machine gunners was taking place at Woolwich at the same time. Further, a number of men had to work on the Saturday before Bank Holiday, so that they arrived late, while many had to return to their homes on the Monday evening.

Nevertheless, we were charmed with the welcome extended to us by officers and all ranks at the Depot, and we are hoping to have another chance of taking our guns over the very interesting country near Guildford. Our range-takers, under Sergt. Prizeman, devoted a morning to the recording of all necessary ranges, and should be able to take over at once next time we go, provided they are not confused through the celebrated "white cottage" having been painted another colour in the meantime.



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THE COLOURS OF 1689 AT THE ALDERSHOT TATTOO.

## 4TH BATTALION

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Congratulations to all those who distinguished themselves at Woolwich, also to Lieuts. Stiby and Ault, who passed out for promotion. Condolences to Capt. Ault, who has been kept away from the barracks through having had to give his whole time to the arduous labour of stabilising the nation's finances.

## "B" COMPANY.

We are very glad to be able to include in this report that we have regained the Watney Cup, which competition took place early in October. We were second in the Torrens Cup, and, with various members of the Company doing well in individual events, we feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves.

Unfortunately, we cannot report on any of the competitions which normally take place at Camp, as the "axe" prevented judgment. We can say, however, that the odd five days spent at Guildford showed that we have made strides in training during the year, and if any judgment is given later on in the matter of cups we ought to be well up the list.

The soccer season has just commenced and the side, skippered by C.S.M. Friend, looks promising. A full fixture list has been arranged, and with new equipment it is hoped that the side will go far.

The programme for the year for Company training ensures that every channel of training is covered, and with the social side of the Company being well catered for we look forward to the future with considerable optimism.

## "C" COMPANY.

When the training year commenced there must have been many of us who looked forward with the greatest anxiety to the period that has just passed. Not only were we aware of the drastic economies that would be necessary so far as the Territorial Army was concerned—the cancellation of Annual Camp and the restriction of travelling grants and funds for training—but we knew full well that, because of the depression in industry, we must expect a very serious falling off in our revenue for our private Company funds, upon which funds so much depends in an outlying Company such as ours, with its three widely separated detachments.

At the end of the training period, however, we look back with the greatest satisfaction on a year well spent. Nearly everyone has faced the difficulties cheerfully, parades have been well attended, the standard of training has been greatly improved, and our numbers are higher than they have been for some years. The recruits now coming in are of a good type, and their keenness to learn is noticeably greater than that of any batch of recruits we have seen for many years.

In June we turned out two teams for the Surrey County Meeting at Bisley. Now that we have lost the Marden Park Range it is particularly difficult to get practice for this meeting, but despite this our teams put up a good show. In the combined Rifle and Lewis Gun team shoot we were placed a good second to Lieut. Burton-Brown's Company (5th Queen's) who put up a very fine score. Our gunners, Sergt. Richards and Pte. Dodd, upon whom so much depended, used their gun to very good effect. In the other events we also did well, members of our team winning several prizes—altogether a very pleasant week-end.

Officers have had several opportunities for tactical training without troops, and the Company put in a useful few days' training with the Battalion at the Depot. At one time it was thought that the attendance would be poor, but when the day came we turned out a higher percentage than any other Company. The recruits

enjoyed themselves immensely and we took particular pride in our barrack rooms, where the morning inspection revealed the results of much polishing in many unusual places! We hope that it will not be long before we have another opportunity to visit the Depot—and then for a longer period. It is good for us.

The latest items of interest have been the Watney and Torrens Cups competitions and the Battalion rifle meeting. We did not distinguish ourselves in the Watney Cup, though we put in a good march under cheerless conditions, but we won the Torrens Cup for field firing after one of the most exciting competitions of recent years.

At the end of the T.A. Year we look back, as we have said, with some satisfaction, and it is pleasant to have an opportunity to put on record how much we owe to our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. A. E. Reynolds, M.M., who has worked heroically in our three detachments to stimulate keenness and to raise the standard of training.

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#### "D" COMPANY.

The past six months have not proved eventful but, if we cannot look back with pride upon some outstanding achievement, nevertheless we do not feel disposed to grumble.

The ills of the country have hit us harder than any other Company, and we have been forced, temporarily, to part with two-thirds of our officers while the conversion scheme is still in operation; we trust that it will not last for long.

The few days at the Depot were thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks, the comfort of life in Barracks being a surprise to all. We are now eagerly awaiting news of next year, of which some pleasant sounding rumours are already on foot; may they be true.

Congratulations to our shooting team on coming third in the Watney competition.

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#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

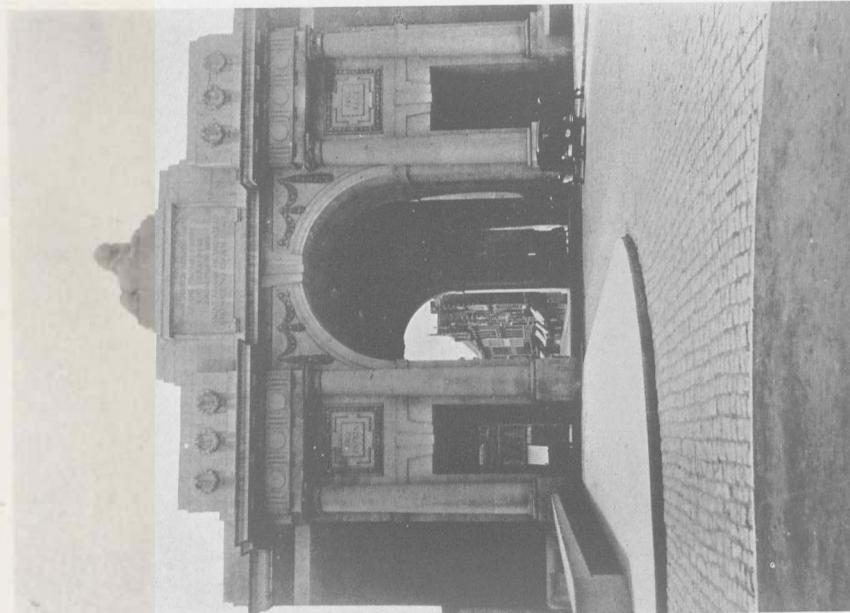
Shakespeare (or was it Gladstone?) once said "everything comes to those who wait!" Having waited more or less patiently since last October there is now every prospect that we shall be housed in our new Mess by the time these notes are in print.

Grateful as we are to the powers-that-be for allowing us to use the Lecture Room as a temporary home, we shall be just as pleased to clear out as the said powers-that-be will be to see us go.

We spent a very pleasant interlude at the Depot, and if we were somewhat boisterous at times we trust that the members of the Depot Mess will remember that we had only five days in which to work off steam which would normally be spread over fifteen days.

The Annual Cricket Match with the officers ended in a victory for us after three successive defeats. When we entered upon the last innings wanting 119 on a pitch that looked like the "slough of despond," things were none too promising, but a stand of over seventy for the first wicket, coupled with some effective, if unorthodox, "scythe" strokes by our tail-enders turned the game in our favour.

Members of the Mess are very prominent among the winners at the Prize Meeting, but we do not propose to detail the results as such would not be appreciated by a certain C.S.M., who, having reserved himself for a particular competition, spent many minutes polishing his glasses, and then failed to hit the target.



THE MENIN GATE, YPRES.  
The Regimental Panels are on right and left  
of main wall on this, the Menin side.



A REGIMENTAL GRAVE,  
KEMMEL CEMETERY.

## THE 2nd/4th BN. THE QUEEN'S REVISIT FLANDERS

(PHOTOS BY CAPTAIN H. W. BOLTON, D.S.O.)

OLD Comrades of the 2/4th Queen's paraded in the Square at Ypres on Sunday, June 12th. The party under the command of Capt. R. R. B. Bannerman, M.C., marched to the Menin Gate, where a wreath of Flanders poppies was laid by Sergt. H. Mann (Honorary Secretary of the Association). The 4th Battalion was represented by Capt. H. W. Bolton, D.S.O. On the same date visits were made to Hill 60, Kemmel Area, Menin Road to Courtrai, and to Military Cemeteries in the areas of Queen's actions." (Press report.)

The pilgrimage commenced with a Friday night meeting over coffee and cakes at Wilson's Café, Croydon, by kind invitation from Mr. W. E. Wilson, J.P., and after a pleasant chat, all left for East Croydon station to Victoria, where other members of the party joined. On reaching Dover the troops embarked in a new turbine steamer for Ostend.

Aboard, and in the saloon, an excellent performance of humour (aided by the funny faces of another party) kept us all awake and laughing. The released husband of the wife who wore the breeches, with his beaming face; and the female-hatted pseudo card-sharper, made their, to us, welcome debut as anonymous comedians. At our elbows any chance of silence was broken by the smooth and golden gurgle of Sergt. "Dolly" Grey and his two musketeers from Coulsdon, who with amazing restraint, managed to keep a small bock going most of the night. Then a word for "Teekets, pleeze," the demon with the pork-pie hat, who, on the return journey, re-appeared to wake most of us at 2 a.m. with his infernal screeching.

### ASHORE.

On reaching Ostend and passing the Customs, the parade drew up in the big hall for roll-call; and so sad were the faces of the assembled company when three were marked "missing," that several members of another party—thought to be the "Ain't it grand to be bloomin' well dead" party—detached themselves and joined us. One, in fact, accompanied us as far as the Hotel, where, with fine ceremony, the landlord handed him a Belgian raspberry. However, back to roll-call; the troops became younger when a scout reported Sergt. "Dolly" Grey and his musketeers at the boat-side arguing that, as the first ashore, they must wait for the others. The walk through the wharves was enlivened by an almost noisy whiff of cloying and clinging dockside; happily this served to enliven our "Merriest Mascot," a fine bouncing young Sherlock Holmes brought in to look after us by Sergt. Harry Mann. After a stretch and a wash at the Hotel Leopold, most of the party took a walk along the front, as yet asleep except for a couple of newsboys of mature age, who sold newspapers worth their weight (to them) in silver. Then were the various cleaning maids of differing beauty who gave contrasting and unexpected acknowledgments to the greetings of our "Merriest Mascot." At the Leopold again, breakfast at 6.30 a.m., found coffee, bacon and eggs, and crisp rolls so inviting that at one table, not far from that taken up by the bald-heads, two rubber stomached warriors consumed something like twenty between them.

As an underline in the middle of a light article, and there will be several, we might remember here that the 2nd Battalion were at Ostend in October, 1914.

## CONVOY.

At 8 a.m. the convoy of cars of the Wipers Services, Ltd., moved us along the front, and after an all too short few miles, left the smooth road for the inevitable pavé. German gun positions, a badly smashed and burned hotel formerly kept by a German, and the sight of a new Nieuport, prefaced a journey now extended from the original tour to allow a visit to Kemmel, via Ypres. The latter town was reached by the old canal road by Boesinghe, well known in early days to the 1st Battalion—where old British dug-outs and shelters still remain along the canal, the Rum Road area. Until the ruins of the Cloth Hall, which are preserved, are reached, Ypres is unrecognizable to old hands. However, on our through journey we passed to Shrapnel Corner by the Lille Gate, and here, a glance back at the ramparts at once recalled the old days; it is to be hoped that the proposition to remove the soldiers' landmark, the ramparts, will not be pursued. We bowled down the road, set for Kemmel, passing at the corner the Pop Road of varied memories; but what a difference! An open smiling countryside dotted with new red-roofed houses and young trees now transforms the stern shell-pocked boggy hell of war days.

## KEMMEL AND YPRES.

Vierstraat, Kemmel, Suicide Road and the like, are now strange even to those who had very good need to know the country in earlier days. Kemmel Hill can be appreciated as a great landmark; it is partially wooded and has a greta house nestling in the trees of the upper middle slopes. The church, like everything else, is rebuilt, and in front of it quite a number of the party took photographs. After leaving the village, visits were made to various cemeteries, for the 2/4th, 10th and 11th Battalions, as possibly others, were fighting round Kemmel, and tribute should be paid to those responsible for the pleasing, homely and beautiful manner in which these shrines are tended. On return to Ypres a halt was made in the Square, and the party paraded with medals for the ceremony of laying a wreath at Menin Gate. A short march brought us to the Gate, where near to one of the two panels to the fallen of The Queen's, Sergt. H. Mann deposited a Haig wreath. Those who have not made up their minds should decide to do the easy journey to the Menin Gate at Ypres; there they will find on every surface within the Gate, on the staircases each side and on the walls of the terraces above, row upon row, the names of their comrades who fell and whose graves are unknown. Some thousands, in fact, are about the ground covered by the gate! The Queen's panels are on the right and left sides of the main walls at the Menin Road end, and they are no small ones. Those who read should know that of The Queen's Royal Regiment men of the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 2nd/4th, 3rd/4th Battalions fell round Ypres.

## MENIN ROAD AND HILL 60.

A good lunch was served at the Hotel Splendide et Britannique, after which the convoy continued the journey by way of the Menin Gate along the now smiling and once devilish Menin Road. Passed were Hellfire Corner, Tank Cemetery, Hooge Crater and Clapham Junction, while report was received that the road had collapsed some time before, to disclose an old forgotten dressing station near Clapham Junction. Queen's men will have vivid memories of that "forgotten" dressing station. A turn off the main road brought us to Hill 60, where the trench line and dug-outs from which the 5th Division launched its attack, were visited. The system is preserved and gated by Belgians, and gives a good representation of war trenches not disguised by undergrowth. The crown of the hill and the tortured ground round it has, by request of the British I believe, been left untouched, and here it is almost impossible to re-create war-days; grass, wild



KEMMEL CEMETERY.



SOME OF THE PARTY AT THE GERMAN BIG GUN AT MOERE.

Left to Right, in Front.—Sergt. Mann, C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Lieut. E. Wilson, Cpl. Boddy, Capt. R. Bannerman, M.C.  
Lieut. Finzi, L./Cpl. Davison, M.M.

flowers and a wonderful crop of yellow broom of astonishing vigour now cloaks stark horrors beneath. Even so, Cpl. Ransome, Pte. Bowie and others came across a booted foot, but were unable to report any body. This was probably a result of previous heavy rain.

Adjournment for tea found our "Merriest Mascot" making cups for us, "as mother makes it," by permission of the house-dame. Back to the Menin Road and we were soon passing the old spots Gheluvelt, Gheluwe, Menin, and even old Wevelghem, where the 2/4th Battalion paraded within the church fully armed, with the civic authorities, for a first Armistice service.

#### EPIC OF GHELUVELT.

Mention of Gheluvelt must bring with it 1914. And here is an extract from the War Diary of the 1st Battalion: "The 2nd Division recaptured Gheluvelt during the afternoon, but the line of trenches was reconstructed on the western side of the village, and Major Watson and Lieut. Boyd collected some two hundred men of the Battalions of the Brigade, and formed them on a line immediately east of Hooge. Here a very few more men from the Battalion rejoined from the trenches occupied by the Welch Regiment, while 2/Lieut. Fowler came up with eight more from hospital—and then this Battalion of The Queen's, 32 strong, under Lieut. Boyd, proceeded to reinforce the King's Royal Rifles on the southern side of the Chateau near Gheluvelt." October 31st, 1914. Battalion strength, 1st Battalion The Queen's, November 1st, 1914, including cooks and transport men collected from the Quartermaster: 32.

- "A" Company.—Two Cpl., two L./Cpl. and twenty Ptes.
- "B" Company.—Four Ptes.
- "C" Company.—Two Ptes.
- "D" Company.—One L./Cpl. and one Pte.

#### COURTRAI TO OSTEND.

A short halt was made at Courtrai to renew acquaintances with the open-air cafés, and in the afternoon sunshine, to watch the Sunday dress-parade of the inhabitants. After leaving the town, yet another interesting call was to the giant German gun at Moere. This gun fired to Dunkirk and was protected by a dummy which on required occasion puffed smoke a kilo away; the actual gun was never discovered during hostilities. The continued journey other than the stops, was chiefly notable by reason of a grand cycle race "Belgique," the procession of which several times hit our route; and also of the sensations caused to the Belgians by the determined roof-riding exploits of Cpl. Ransome, and, at first, a few others.

An excellent dinner at the Leopold finished the day; then until about 11 p.m., Queen's men were, as in 1914 days, having a look at Ostend.

The tour was a complete success in delightful weather, starting with the good send-off by Lieut. Wilson and his father, kept moving by Cpl. Boddy with his ideal arrangements, and initiated by the busy Sergt. Mann, we can congratulate all who were present for rounding the whole affair so sedately and merrily. The only tip we learned was that sleep should be sought the first night. In conclusion, a word of appreciation to those Belgians, who, when our party marched off with the wreath at Ypres, were good enough to salute by removing their hats. A little thing, but much appreciated.

## 5th BATTALION

*Headquarters:* The Drill Hall, Guildford.

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

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

*Adjutant:* Capt. R. C. G. Foster, M.C.

In spite of the difficulties of these times of economy we have managed to have an active summer, and, mainly as a result, our numbers have not depreciated at all, in spite of the cancellation of Camp. In this, I believe, we are almost unique in the Territorial Army.

To start at the beginning; our cross-country team (all of Farnham Detachment) made the long journey to Sevenoaks (very nobly accompanied by our Padre) and struggled valiantly round a long and slippery course. We were actually 7th out of twelve teams that competed; a considerable improvement on last year. Pte. Brabazon was 7th, and L./Cpl. Holland 12th in individual placings.

In May the Reunion Dinner was again held. Numbers were lower than in previous years (about 180 attended), but otherwise it was as great a success as ever.

In June the first outdoor Battalion Tactical Exercise was held. The subject (The Attack in Close Country) and the area (Friday Street) were both new, and there was an excellent attendance and considerable intelligence shown.

The Surrey Rifle Meeting was, as usual, very well patronized and we were most glad to see the 2nd Battalion in form besides the Depot and 4th Battalion. We were very proud to win the Watney Cup with the 2nd Battalion second, the Depot third and the 4th Battalion fourth. "D" Company again won the Allen Cup, and Lieut. Burton-Brown the "Officers," so it was on the whole a satisfactory meeting. Our stalwarts then attended the T.A.R.A. Meeting at Bisley, where Sergt. Lawrence was equal top and Lieut. Burton-Brown fourth in the T.A. Championship. The latter was equal top for the T.A.R.A. Gold Jewel and won the Officers' Silver Medal, while Sergt. Lawrence was second with a bronze medal in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Class. They were first and second respectively in the Aggregate (Goldsmiths and Silversmiths) Cup. Our team was fourth out of twenty-one in the Quartet Cup.

A second exercise was held early in July in the well-known district of Dorkenfield. The excellence of the hospitality and the pleasantness of the country make these particular exercises invariably most popular, and this one was even more successful than usual.

On July 9th we had the first of our big shows, the Guard of Honour for His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and a Machine Gun Display given at the British Legion Rally at Guildford. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was also present.

A full account is given in the "C" Company news, so all we will do here is to heartily congratulate "C" and "B" Companies on what was really a very smart Guard of Honour and "C" Company, again assisted by "B," on a very lively and amusing display.

On July 23rd we started our Annual Training—such as we were able to carry out on the money allotted. We had planned to spend one day at Dickhurst, fight our way to Tilford, and then on to Puttenham and Guildford. Unfortunately the weather did its very foulest for us and largely spoiled what should have been a most enjoyable four days. The unpleasantness though was largely alleviated by the generosity of Capt. Baker, at Dickhurst, and the farmers and others at Tilford and

Puttenham who cleaned out the barns and laid fresh straw down, in most cases refusing any payment at all. It is pleasant to record that they have all expressed appreciation of the condition in which the barns were left. "Better than the Regulars," being one comment. Especial mention, too, must be made of the reception given us at Tilford by its Rector, our Padre, and a most useful Padre to have. The march finished with a very impressive march through Guildford, and a splendid lunch arranged by Captain Elliott, whose catering throughout was a magnificent triumph over difficulties.

Our next ceremony was the opening of the new Woking Drill Hall by Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. Here again a full account is given in the news of the Company concerned, and we will confine ourselves here to saying how deeply the Battalion feels the great honour done it by His Royal Highness. That Woking also appreciated the honour was shown not only by the large crowds that gathered but by the large number of recruits who have come in. It has, we hope, marked the turning point in the Woking Detachment's fortunes. We should also like to express our thanks to the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of the County, The Colonel of the Regiment, Lord Midleton and the many other leaders and gentlemen of the County who showed their interest in the Battalion by attending. His Royal Highness and the Lord Lieutenant have both congratulated the Battalion on the success of the ceremony. Special mention should be made of C.S.M. Spooner, in whose hands to a great extent the preparations lay, and whose very hard work was largely responsible for the success.

On October 2nd we held a very successful Rifle Meeting at Camberley, in which we fired the T.A.R.A. Decentralized Competitions. Our Battalion team made the excellent score of 1,057 which would have been second in the Lord Lieutenants last year. "D" Company's score of 510 in the High Sheriffs won the Brigade Championship and would have been fifth in the whole T.A. last year. Our Vickers Gun team dropped only 36 out of 250 points. So we are full of hope.

As regards personnel there have been many changes. We are very sorry indeed to lose Capt. Wise after his long service, but the distance at which he lived and his duties as Member of Parliament made his resignation unavoidable. K. S. Mullard (late Sergt., Lancing O.T.C.) has joined us, and several other suitable candidates are in the offing.

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of C.S.M. Hiney. Anyone who has visited the Camberley Detachment must realise what a monument it was to his enthusiasm and personality. His popularity was tremendous and he will be hard to replace. He was buried on October 9th, at Camberley, with full military honours, and among the very large crowd of mourners were representatives of the 2nd Battalion, Depot, Royal Military College, British Legion, Police and Special Constabulary.

We are also sorry to lose Sergt. Dennington, who returns to the 2nd Battalion in November. He has been of great service to the Battalion and has brought about a marked improvement in the Dorking Detachment, both in numbers and quality. We welcome Sergt. Freeland in his place, who should maintain his high standard.

### "C" (M.G.) COMPANY

ANNUAL TRAINING, 1932.

Owing to the national economy campaign, annual training was carried out on greatly modified lines this year. This however, did not prevent a maximum of enjoyment being crammed into the short time at our disposal. Quite a good muster were ready to leave on the afternoon of July 23rd when we left Guildford for Dickhurst, there to become the guests of our Company Commander, Capt. Baker, for two days. After bedding down we were free for the remainder of

Saturday evening. On Sunday we attended Divine Service at Northchapel. A good training programme had been arranged to commence on Monday but the clerk of the weather was unkind to us, and we were almost washed out. In consequence, training was abandoned for that day.

On Monday afternoon we boarded our buses and proceeded to Tilford, where arrangements had been made for our comfort and we were again installed in barns with plenty of clean straw for the night. The following day an attack was made *en route* to Puttenham, where we remained for the night.

It was a great pleasure to us to welcome an old friend of "C" Company, in the person of Capt. Ponsonby, who attended training with us and produced some very realistic shell-fire effects during the attack towards Puttenham.

On Wednesday we marched home, and, on arriving at the Drill Hall, were served with a very enjoyable lunch. The Commanding Officer then addressed us and informed us that he would be handing over Command of the Battalion before next Camp. This information was received with the greatest regret by all ranks, and three hearty cheers were given at the close of his address. We then dispersed to our homes, fervently hoping that our usual fortnight's camp would be restored to us next year.

#### BRITISH LEGION RALLY—JULY 9TH.

On Saturday July 9th, we had the honour of providing a Guard of Honour, with the help of "B" Company, for H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught on the occasion of his visit to Guildford to inspect the Surrey Branches of the British Legion. The Guard was commanded by Capt. Baker, and the other officers were Lieut. Clarke and 2/Lieut. Merriman.

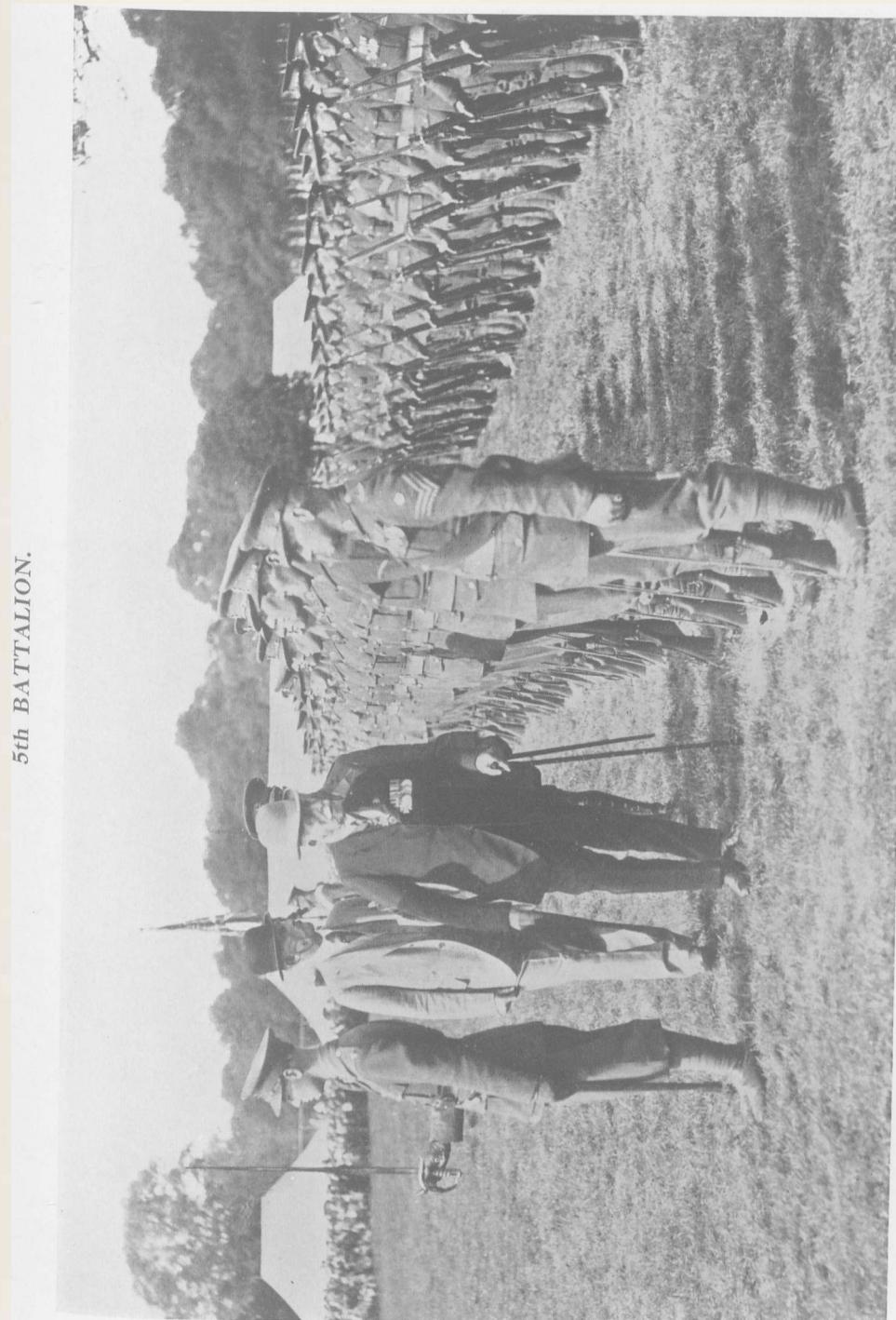
His Royal Highness spoke very highly of the good turn-out and high standard of arms drill attained by the Guard. We have cause to congratulate ourselves on the fact that although the day was very hot no-one was overcome by the heat. Thanks to the generosity of Col. Giffard and the officers of the 2nd Battalion, we had the assistance of the Band and drums of the 2nd Battalion.

In the evening we gave a display in which we tried to show how invaluable machine guns are in modern warfare and the method in which they are used. We have to thank the 2nd Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment for so generously lending us their machine gun carriers, without which we should have been unable to give the display. The scheme was briefly as follows:—

A force of infantry, acting as rearguard to a body of troops, had been attacked by a tribe of Arabs which far outnumbered it. The display reconstructed the adventures of the rearguard, which, after fighting all day was nearing exhaustion. They entered the arena from the north end closely pursued by the Arabs. They made a brave stand, and when nearly overpowered by the enemy sent up an S.O.S. This was answered by a unit of mechanized machine guns which hastened to their rescue. They arrived and took up positions on the left flank of the rear party. By means of heavy machine-gun fire they checked the further advance of the enemy. Light lorries then came up bringing more machine-gun crews which took up positions. The exhausted infantry then embarked on the lorries with their casualties and retired under cover of the fire from the machine guns who, in their turn, retired.

The Machine Gun Platoon was under the command of Capt. Baker, the Arabs under Lieut. Grimshaw, and the Rerarguard under the command of 2/Lieut. Merriman.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Major G. E. Cohen, Chairman to the Surrey Council of the British Legion: "Thank you so much for all the help you have given us to make our rally a success. Please convey to Capt. Baker the thanks of my Council for the very smart Guard of Honour, which gave the Parade the necessary touch of discipline to remind both us



5th BATTALION.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT INSPECTING THE BATTALION GUARD OF HONOUR AT THE BRITISH LEGION RALLY, GUILDFORD, 9th JULY, 1932.

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Legionnaires and the public that we once knew something like that and once emulated that same smartness. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was very struck with the turn-out of the Guard, and paid Capt. Baker a particular compliment, which, no doubt, he has told you of. I would also like to thank Capt. Baker for one small thing, and that was placing a sentry over the Legion Standards, showing that he had grasped my idea of the whole emblematical significance of the Parade from reading my foreword to the Programme."

MACHINE GUN COURSE—AUGUST 1ST TO 13TH, 1932.

The Company Sergeant Major and four N.C.Os. represented the Company at the Machine Gun Course held at Woolwich from August 1st to 13th. The Instruction, which was mainly of a technical nature for the officers and senior N.C.Os., was very capably handled by Major Campbell, assisted by other members of the Instructional Staff of the Machine Gun School, Netheravon, among whom it is interesting to note was an old member of our 2nd Battalion, Sergt.-Instructor Daniels, who proved a good friend by placing his advice and experience at our disposal.

The course was attended by Officers, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers representing all regiments in the 44th and 54th Divisions, and the progress was very closely watched by the Brigade and Divisional Staffs of both Divisions, who paid many visits during the Course.

WEEK-END CAMP—AUGUST 27TH TO 28TH, 1932.

Despite lack of funds during the present depression we were able to hold a week-end camp at Ash Ranges during the latter part of August and, without touching wood, we must admit that the clerk of the weather was unusually kind to us.

On Saturday, August 27th, we left Guildford about 3 p.m. and on arrival at Ash found our marquees already erected and a nice hot meal waiting for us. After satisfying our appetites and drawing bedding, etc., we made the necessary preparations for the Scheme which was to be carried out the following day.

Sunday, the day allotted to us to fire Part III of the Machine Gun Course, proved to be a most instructive and interesting day. The Company moved off at 8.30 a.m. and took up a defensive position near the Field Firing Range, which had been specially prepared with the valuable assistance of the Senior Range Warden. With one exception the selection of areas for gun positions was carried out very efficiently, although more practice is required in getting the guns into action. During the action officers and N.C.Os. were practised in Fire Orders and Fire Control.

We finished the day by giving a demonstration with Tracer Ammunition showing the trajectory of the bullet and bringing out the following points:—

- (1) The importance of good Fire Orders.
- (2) How important it is for the Range-takers to be efficient in taking correct ranges, to prevent waste of ammunition and time.

The Brigade Commander visited us during the show and was very pleased with the display given.

ANNUAL COMPANY PRIZE SHOOT.

The above shoot took place at Westcott on Sunday, October 9th, and once again the weather favoured us which no doubt greatly assisted in the high scores that were obtained.

The following were winners of the various cups:—

*Grand Aggregate Cup*.—Sergt. H. V. Lindsay.

*Rapid Fire Sweepstake*.—Sergt. H. V. Lindsay.

*Pool Bull Winners*.—Sergt. H. V. Lindsay and Dmr. A. Fairs.

## CLASS "A"—

*Application Cup*.—Cpl. B. Jarrett.

*Rapid Fire Cup*.—L./Sergt. C. Burrows.

*Snapshooting Cup*.—Sergt. H. V. Lindsay.

## CLASS "B"—

*Application Cup*.—Pte. F. Cox.

*Rapid Fire Cup*.—Pte. H. Stevens.

*Snapshooting Cup*.—Pte. H. Stevens.

## FOOTBALL

Our Football Team commenced the season very well indeed, winning their first three matches easily, but have not been so consistent in their last two matches.

*Results to date*.—Bramley Reserves, won 5—3; Compton, won 6—2; Friary Sports, won 8—2; Guildford Park United, lost 0—2; Godalming Albion, drew 4—4.

## "D" COMPANY.

Following on the rather dull and uneventful period which the Company experienced in the first half of this year, things have brightened up considerably and taken a decided turn for the better. It is expected that by the end of October the Company will once again have reached a total strength of 100 or more other ranks. This compared with our meagre total of 58 representing the company at the end of April last is in itself an indication that better times are already here.

By far the most interesting item in the year for the Company was the Opening Ceremony of the new Woking Drill Hall. On this occasion we were honoured by the visit of Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The residents of Woking turned out in large numbers in spite of the bad weather conditions, which prevailed earlier in the day. The ceremony was a great success and Capt. A. F. F. Young, and the Company, have been warmly congratulated on the very excellent programme of events which were so well arranged and carried out. Following the official reception, and inspection of the Battalion Guard of Honour, His Royal Highness inspected the Company, who were paraded inside the Hall under the command of Capt. A. F. F. Young, and was afterwards conducted round the new Hall. His Royal Highness was keenly interested in what he saw, and afterwards congratulated the Company on possessing such a fine and well-equipped Drill Hall. The Club Room, Cinema, Gymnasium and the very excellent Miniature Range, which are the chief assets of the new building, were specially commented upon. After the inspection His Royal Highness presented the following prizes won by the Company during the past year:—

*Charterhouse Cup* (Company Champion Shot).—Sergt. E. C. Keen.

*Monro Cup* (Best Shot in Class "B").—Pte. R. H. Hayden.

*Dixon Cup* (Best Recruit Shot).—Pte. A. H. Hall.

*Platt-Higgins Cup* (Best Rapid Score).—Sergt. E. C. Keen.

*High Sheriffs Cup* (Best Lewis Gun Shot).—Sergt. E. C. Keen.

*Collier Cup* (Best Shooting Section).—Sergt. E. C. Keen's Section.

*New Hall Cup* (Champion Section).—Cpl. H. W. Kite's Section.

*Recruiting Cup* (for the most Recruits in the year).—Pte. R. H. Hayden.

*Surrey Territorial Association Cup* (Small Bore).—Won by "D" Company.

*The Allen Challenge Cup*.—Won by "D" Company.

Subsequent to the official opening ceremony the following programme was carried out: The Hall was opened to the public from 6 p.m. to 7.30, and a series of games and sideshows were run by members of the Company. This item proved a very successful interlude, and during this period several hundred people were entertained.

The Company were again well to the fore in shooting, and with the following team, Lieut. C. Burton-Brown, C.S.M. G. E. Smith, Clr./Sergt. J. H. Cox, Sergt. E. C. Keen, Sergt. A. Lawrence, Cpl. L. M. Wigman, Cpl. H. Wickens, and L./Cpl. A. Croucher, won the Allen Cup for the third year in succession, and by a rather large margin of points. The Surrey Territorial Association Cup (Small Bore), which was fired in three stages during the winter, was also won by the Company, represented by the following team, C.S.M. G. E. Smith, Clr./Sergt. J. H. Cox, Sergt. E. C. Keen, Sergt. A. Lawrence, and Cpl. H. Wickens. Individuals of the Company who again gained distinction in this direction were Lieut. C. Burton-Brown and Sergt. A. Lawrence, who both shot excellently in the T.A.R.A. Central Meeting. At the Battalion Concentration this year the Company was not so successful as in other directions, only twenty-three other ranks attending—twelve from Woking and eleven from Farncombe Detachments respectively. Those who did attend managed to enjoy themselves thoroughly in spite of the very bad weather which we experienced. The lack of numbers, however, was keenly felt and no doubt contributed largely to us parting with the Adjutants Shield. But the brighter circumstances in recruiting which are prevailing at present encourage us to expect far better results in subsequent attendances at Annual Training in Camp.

## BY CABIN CRUISER

TRAVELLING on duty by private car is legislated for, but there are no regulations covering a journey in a private yacht. The very phrase smacks somewhat of adventure. Fortunately a similar journey had been recently carried out, so in this instance no financial objections were raised.

The trip in question was from Edinburgh to the coast defences on the Clyde. The vessel concerned was *Catherine*, named after the great Queen Catherine of Braganza.

*Catherine* is a motor cabin cruiser, thirty feet long, with a fair spread of canvas. Built to the writer's specification by a small firm of fishing boat builders in Fife, she is of unusually stalwart construction with a beam of 9 ft. 3 in., and a draft of 4 ft. The firm is a family affair, having been established nearly 200 years ago. It now consists of three brothers, all of whom take a very active part in the work of ship building, and, one imagines, the methods now adopted are very little different from those employed when the firm started.

Sleeping accommodation for four is provided, whilst an addition of one or two more is possible if the cockpit is used. At the sharp end is a small lavatory, followed by a two-berth cabin. The saloon comes next. This has a table in the centre, and its two settees provide beds for two. In the corner of the saloon is a sink and small cooking stove, and at the after end is the engine casing. Ample lockers and hanging space are provided. The cockpit is an open one and contains the wheel and engine controls, whilst under a small aft deck is housed the petrol tank and odd tackle.

The crew for this particular journey was composed of three members of the Royal Regiment and one of the Second of Foot, none of whom had previously visited the West Coast.

The tides in the Firth of Forth must be treated with respect, for they run fast, and so the departure of the good ship westwards was timed to leave Granton,

Edinburgh's harbour, at low water (12 noon), and so catch the flood tide up. The wind was westerly and, blowing against the tide, made the sea choppy, but Inchcolm, one of the little islands in the Firth of Forth, was soon abeam. Inchcolm boasts a fine old monastery dating from the twelfth century, which is in a remarkably good state of repair. There are many old legends how evil-doers when sailing past the island have been caught in a storm and shipwrecked on its rocky shore, there to be shriven by the holy abbot.

By one o'clock we were under the Forth Bridge, a most imposing sight from the water, and a few minutes later were abeam Rosyth, the famous naval base in the war. Almost opposite Rosyth is Port Edgar, once the home of the North Sea destroyers. Both these places are now almost deserted.

The wind now increased and *Catherine*, full of *joie de vivre*, danced like one possessed. It was accordingly thought unwise to have a hot lunch—some of the cooking utensils were already endeavouring to enter the bilges—and instead, cold pie and tomatoes were served on deck.

At 2.30 p.m. we passed Borrowstounness, Boness, for short, and Grangemouth soon afterwards came in view. These two harbours mark the limit of navigation for big ships up the Firth of Forth. Stirling, once within reach of ocean-going vessels, is now no longer accessible owing to the silting up of the river.

Grangemouth was our first objective, for here is the entrance to the Forth and Clyde Canal, which, as its name implies, joins the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Clyde. The actual entrance is by the Carron River, a somewhat tricky piece of navigation, for the channel is indifferently buoyed and much silted up. It was still two hours to high water, and, realizing that if we did go aground we should not have to wait long before being floated off, we boldly entered. Good luck was with us. No sandbanks were encountered, and we were soon in and through the sea lock which marks the entrance to the canal.

The Forth and Clyde Canal is 35 miles long and contains 40 locks and 45 bridges. Completed in 1790 it was once a hive of industry. Alas, now its trade has sadly diminished, with detrimental results.

For the first few miles there is a steady upward climb, then comes a level stretch of 16 miles until the descent begins at Maryhill, where there are six locks in quick succession like giant steps.

Each set of locks and bridges has a lock keeper who works one side; the other side must be worked by one of the ship's crew unless someone ashore volunteers assistance. The negotiation of these locks requires considerable care if the varnish on the boat is to remain intact. After the first two or three locks a drill was devised and duly promulgated in Training Instruction No. 1.

This was as follows:—

The duties of No. 1 of the crew were ashore, opening the locks and making fast the ropes.

No. 2 was in charge of the bow rope. On approaching a lock the end of this rope was whirled round the head and then aimed at No. 1.

No. 3 was at the wheel.

No. 4 had the stern rope, and his duties were similar to No. 2. The checking of the forward course of the boat is largely dependent on the rapid making fast of this rope. No. 4 was therefore specially selected.

When the boat is in the lock and the sluices opened, the rush of water is very apt to cause the boat to swing round suddenly. It is therefore necessary to watch the ropes carefully and have a few fenders handy in case of need.

This drill soon reached a very high standard and the speed with which locks were negotiated was almost bewildering. What is more, the boat reached the far end of the canal unscathed—no mean accomplishment.

The outskirts of Falkirk were passed about 7 p.m., and an hour later, finding a rural spot, a halt was called for the night.

## BY CABIN CRUISER.



1. IN THE CANAL. 2. IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH. Forth Bridge in background.  
3. PASSING THROUGH A LOCK.

The next morning was bright, and after an excellent breakfast we set off about 9 a.m.

The canal provides a variety of scenery from really pretty rural stretches to the less beautiful suburbs of Glasgow. Even the latter have their attraction and are full of interest. For the last few miles the canal runs close to the Clyde and passes near Port Glasgow, where the giant Cunarder stands in her stocks only half finished.

At 8 p.m. Bowling was reached. It is only possible to use the sea lock within three hours of high water. We had missed this, so tied up in the basin for the night. A fine drizzle had begun in keeping with the best traditions of Glasgow, and, as we had an early start before us, we soon turned in.

By 5 a.m. next morning we were on the move again and in a very short time had left the canal behind us.

The Firth of Clyde is very thoroughly buoyed and presents no difficulty in navigation provided the chart is carefully followed and the visibility is good. Any deviation from the tortuous and narrow path will almost certainly result in stranding as the channel, largely artificial, has steep sides flanked by mud flats, covered only at high water.

Even in these depressed times the volume of traffic up the Clyde is considerable and the largest vessels find their way to Glasgow. It was a little alarming, especially in the half light, to pass some of these monsters, which, looming out of the darkness, seemed to fill the whole channel.

The first few miles were rather depressing, for the whole shore is covered with empty stocks, and a deathly silence reigns where once the sound of riveting filled the air. As the sun rose and the Clyde widened, we left behind the ship building area and came upon the scenery which has made the West Coast of Scotland so famous. And the descriptions of it are no exaggeration. Flanked by mountains and with numerous lochs opening into it, the Firth of Clyde provides an ideal cruising ground. Unlike the Firth of Forth, shoal water is almost unknown, and the hundreds of enchanting little bays can be entered at all states of the tide.

By 8 a.m. we had reached Gourock and anchored in the bay just west of the town—a good sheltered spot from everything but a north wind. The only form of annoyance was the pleasure steamers which came in to a pier close by and caused an unpleasant wash.

Breakfast was served soon after our arrival, and the rest of the morning was observed as a holiday re-fuelling and re-stocking the larder. Our cellar, too, had been sadly depleted, chiefly due to the severe physical labours in the canal, and we were fortunate in obtaining a large earthenware jar in which to carry the necessary liquid refreshment for the rest of the journey.

The afternoon and evening were devoted to our military duties. These having been satisfactorily performed we decided to spend a few days exploring farther afield—but that is another story.

To many yachtsmen anything with a motor is an invention of the devil. But when time is short and a programme has to be adhered to, the motor cruiser has obvious advantages. Suffice it to say that the trip already described could not have been carried out by a purely sailing vessel with the weather conditions as they were.

The cabin cruiser, providing as it does a real floating home, affords a means of travel unequalled for enjoyment and interest. Contrary to general belief, it is also a cheap form of amusement. There is no tax on the vessel and harbour dues for a boat of *Catherine's* tonnage are negligible. Actually, we never used a harbour, but anchored in some sheltered spot picked out from the chart or sailing directions. Fuel consumption averaged eight miles per gallon—about  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per person per mile—and the only other expenses, apart from food and drink, were the canal dues of £1 4s.

Motor cruising is still in its infancy. It has a great future before it.

## 22nd LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S)

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

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

*Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. B. H. Hughes-Reckitt.*

*Adjutant: Capt. J. L. S. Boyd.*

*"Arma vivumque cano"*  
As Virgil said ages ago;  
This may seem obscure  
But we hope you'll endure  
The effusion we've written below.

THE chief event of interest since our last contribution to the JOURNAL has been Annual Training at Aldershot. In spite of the curtailment of this period to one week, and the restrictions on pay and allowances, the response from the Battalion was most gratifying. All the officers attended, and 70 per cent. of the total strength of the Battalion was present at Aldershot.

The actual numbers were as follows:—

"A" Coy.: 2 officers, 48 other ranks; "B" Coy.: 3 officers, 45 other ranks; "C" Coy.: 3 officers, 40 other ranks; "D" (M.G.) Coy.: 3 officers, 69 other ranks; "H.Q." Wing: 5 officers, 69 other ranks; M.O. and Permanent Staff: 2 officers, 3 other ranks. Total: 18 officers, 274 other ranks. Total strength: 18 officers, 401 other ranks.

We left the Drill Hall on Sunday, July 31st, to the accompaniment of martial music, several policemen and an assorted escort of small children. It seems a reflection on our military prowess that we need the protection of the civil arm of the law during our perambulations in London, but there is probably something about this in Magna Carta or the Habeas Corpus Act. The platform at Waterloo was strewn with such a quantity of railway debris that a good deal of the normal precision of entrainment was lost—not to mention the train, which was *nearly* lost. The guard was all for departing with about half the army still "untrained," but by applying a heavy N.C.O. to each of the rear buffers we averted this catastrophe.

We reached Aldershot without further incident, and marched to Barossa Barracks in the lines of the 1st Guards Brigade.

It was a great disappointment to us that the 2nd Battalion were away from Aldershot on a Training March during our visit. We feel that another great opportunity of cementing our friendship with the Regular Battalion was thereby lost. However, man proposes and the Army Council disposes. The 1st Bn Welsh Guards stepped willingly into the breach, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking Lieut.-Col. Beckwith-Smith and all ranks of his battalion for making us so welcome and for the assistance they ungrudgingly afforded us during our training. One of our Majors (scheme-bitten) actually asked a Guards sergeant to act as a fatigue man during one of his exercises—and it was so; Greater love hath no man!

Monday and Tuesday were spent in Weapon Training on Cæsar's Camp Range. One or two stray sheep expressed mild surprise at the vagaries of some of our less skilled marksmen, but otherwise no interest was evinced in the desecration of the cradle of Regulardom by the Territorial. The results of the shooting were good. Rain interfered a certain amount, but the work went steadily on each day until a rising moon proclaimed an armistice. The refiring of men who failed to qualify was left over until our return to Bermondsey.

On Wednesday and Thursday, training was carried out under company arrangements. The provision of transport by the 1st Bn. Welsh Guards and the 1st Bn. The Green Howards was much appreciated, and our thanks are particularly due to the helpful and energetic Transport Sergeant of the Welsh Guards. The Green Howards were also kind enough to lend their officers' chargers, without which the mounted officers would have been severely handicapped in their work. The Officer Commanding "D" (M.G.) Company wishes to express his thanks for the help given during this period by L./Sergt. Read of the 2nd Battalion.

On Friday, the scheme-bitten major referred to above was given his head and allowed to stage a demonstration of an attack. An attempt was made to introduce a little realism and romance into the "Preparation of a Fire Plan." Hearing what was afoot, the M.O. sneaked furtively up to London on Thursday evening and returned with a small bottle of brownish liquid which he declared to be "synthetic blood." As the M.O. is intimately connected with Guy's Hospital, we are still wondering about that "synthetic." Anyway some very plausible casualties resulted; the difficulty was to assemble them after the battle, as even the strains of the "Dismiss" failed to arouse them from their slumbers in the warm and pleasing countryside round the Foresters P.H. The Great Ones missed this, the grisly phase of the battle, but arrived in time to watch the triumphal procession of the infantry to its objective, supported by the machine guns and a section of No. 6 Light Battery which sportingly came out to help us with the operation. Much ordnance and blank S.A.A. having been shot off, a number of Very lights discharged (and the resulting fires extinguished—*vide* Aldershot Command Order No. 0?0?0?0?), and a quantity of gas released at the subsequent and inevitable conference, the army retired in good order in the direction of Barossa and lunch.

Saturday was devoted to the competition for the Previté Cup. This competition consists of a tactical scheme for a platoon. On this occasion the scheme was set and judged by Lieut.-Col. Beckwith-Smith, of the Welsh Guards, the winners being a platoon of "A" Company under the command of 2/Lieut. Teesdale-Smith, to whom we offer our congratulations.

During the week the Transport Section had an opportunity of doing some work with six-horse teams, thanks to the kindness of the O.C. 44th Field Battery, R.A. Some photographs of these activities appear elsewhere in this JOURNAL.

We should like to convey our appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Howse (the Bandmaster), Cpl. Itzinger (Drum-Major) and the Band and Drums, who played us out to the Training Area and back each day.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday the 2nd Battalion reached Aldershot on the last stage of their trek through Surrey. The Battalion lined Queen's Avenue as they marched in, and afterwards marched past the Colonel of the Regiment, who expressed himself as very pleased with our turn-out and marching. The Sergeants, true to time-honoured custom, entertained the officers to a social evening on Saturday. Besides the members of our own Sergeants' Mess, we met old friends from the 2nd Battalion, and some new ones from the Guards, and everyone enjoyed a thoroughly noisy and cheerful evening. The hospitality of the British sergeant is proverbial, and the air of sadness which pervaded the atmosphere on Sunday morning was, perhaps, not entirely due to leaving Aldershot after a week of hard work and good comradeship.

We arrived back at Headquarters in time for lunch on Sunday, August 7th, pleasantly warmed by an incipient heat wave.

We have been promised a full fortnight's camp next year, but we shall look back on this year's training as a most instructive and enjoyable time.

On July 10th, the Annual Brigade Church Parade of the Old Comrades' Association was held in Southwark Park. A very large number of old members paraded at Headquarters for this service, including Col. Previté, Col. Greenwood,

Col. Woolley, Lieut.-Col. Hughes-Reckitt and other past and present officers of the Regiment. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Williams-Ashman, and the Massed Bands and Drums provided music both for the service and during the march to and from Southwark Park. Headquarters was closed during August, work commencing again at the beginning of September.

The machine gunners have been responsible for most of our recent activity. Capt. Halse has been conducting a course of elementary instruction in the gun for the whole Battalion, which has proved very interesting. Two officers and five N.C.Os. of the "M.G." Company recently attended a course at Pirbright, run by the instructors from the Small Arms School, Netheravon. They derived much benefit, and it is hoped that the effect will be felt throughout the Company. We hear that an indoor rangefinder will be available for use during the forthcoming winter. This is welcome news, as outdoor instruction in range-taking is not easy to arrange in the neighbourhood of Headquarters. On October 9th the Machine Gun Company carried out field firing at Stoney Castle Range; attendance was good and an interesting day's work carried out.

We were recently visited by a section of Armoured Cars from the 23rd Armoured Car Company (Sharpshooters), by arrangements made by Capt. Mackenzie-Smith. We hope that they will come and see us again during the winter, as we have only too few opportunities of seeing the other branches of the Service.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Purfleet on Sunday, October 2nd. Purfleet is not a nice place; its variations of climate are almost too bad to be true. On this occasion, half a gale blowing across the range was the chief trouble. There are also sheep at Purfleet; they are never seen, but the fact that sheep are only too obvious.

The results of the competitions were as follows:—

*The Morris Cup (Rifle).*—1, "H.Q." Wing; 2, "D" (M.G.) Coy.

*The Lilliput Cup (L.A.).*—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "D" (M.G.) Coy.

*Battalion Championship (Rifle).*—C.S.M. Hillier, "B" Coy. Officers: Lieut. Bevington, "B" Coy.

Pool Bulls were obtained by:—Sergt. Snell, "D" (M.G.) Coy.; C./Sergt. Potter, "A" Coy.; C.S.M. Hillier, "B" Coy.; Lieut. Shepperd, "H.Q." Wing; Pte. Nash, "B" Coy.; Major Carpenter, "B" Coy.

We should like to congratulate the winners, and also "D" (M.G.) Coy. on their efficient handling of the humble hand gun after a protracted familiarity with their heavier and steadier pieces.

With apologies for reverting to more ancient history, we should like to record that the Battalion entered teams for all events in the Divisional Rifle Meeting in June. Although a man short, the team for the Young Soldiers' Competition was placed second in its section—a very good effort.

The Signallers have been carrying out their classification tests in which ten men have been successful. In view of the difficulties of this highly specialized branch of our training, this is very satisfactory, and Lieut. Godfrey is to be congratulated on the keenness he inspires into his section.

Boxing training has already commenced under the supervision of our keen and energetic Quartermaster, Lieut. Sheppard. We hope that the Battalion will this year repeat its successes of former years. A Battalion Boxing Meeting is being arranged for the latter part of November.

The following members of the Sergeants' Mess have left during the past year:—Mr. Graham (Bandmaster), C.S.M. West, C.S.M. Osborn, C.S.M. Pattenden, C./Sergt. Cruse. Our best wishes go with them for future happiness and prosperity. C.S.M. West has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal for Long and Distinguished Service with the Territorial Army.



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We congratulate the undermentioned on their promotion and appointments:—  
Mr. Howse (Bandmaster), C.S.Ms. Hillier and Greenhead, C./Sergts, Halpin and Bishop.

S./Sergt. Coldman is due to leave us soon. We shall sadly miss this popular and efficient member of the Sergeants' Mess. Whether at billiards or at Weapon Training, his quiet and cheerful efficiency will remain a pleasant memory for many years to come. We understand from the R.S.M. that there is only one bright side to this N.C.O.'s. departure—there is apparently a large number of "Williams" in the Mess, and the fact that, in these hard times, the members will have one less "Bill" to deal with is a source of some satisfaction. We offer Sergt. Coldman our best wishes for a happy and successful career on his return to the 2nd Battalion.

We still want 100 good recruits to bring us up to strength. Now is the time to bring them in, and we ask all serving members to introduce a man each between now and Christmas.

## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

**A**T last the Museum has been moved into the Hospital Ward. This is a great improvement, and we have to thank the R.Es. for their great assistance in enabling us to have the new place, and for doing it up

It looks very fine now, and there is ample room in which to move round and admire the various cases. We now look forward to the time when we can collect our old uniforms or copies of them, and find it possible to exhibit them properly in a glass case.

Recent additions to the Museum are as follows, of which the Silver Gorget is very rare and an excellent specimen:—

1. Officer's Silver Gorget, George III. Purchased for the Museum.
2. Officer's Silver Cross Belt Plate C.R. Purchased for the Museum.
3. Tacticks by Lieut.-Colonel W. Dalrymple, of the Queen's Royal Regiment. Presented by Brig.-Gen. F. J. Pink, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
4. Army List of 1812. Presented by Lieut.-Gen. G. F. Ellison, K.C.M.G., C.B.
5. One Etching, Duke of Wellington. Presented by Lieut.-General G. F. Ellison, K.C.M.G., C.B.
6. One Officer's Forage Cap, 1900. Presented by Colonel H. F. Warden, D.S.O.
7. China Medal, two clasps. Purchased for the Museum.
8. Roll of Officers who attended unveiling of Boer War Memorial.
9. Boer War Rifle. Presented by Lieut. H. E. Wilson.
10. Burma Medal, two clasps. Presented by Rev. W. E. St. L. Finny.
11. Standing Orders 2nd Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment. Presented by Colour-Sergt. C. Fenn.
12. History of the 2nd Queen's, now Royal West Surrey Regiment, by Davis. Presented to Field-Marshal His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, by the author. Presented to the Museum by Captain R. B. B. Bannerman, M.C. (late 4th Battalion).

## 2nd BATTALION MARCH THROUGH SURREY.

### THE AMATEUR SOLDIER AT WORK

#### A PHANTASY OF THE BAD OLD DAYS IN THE TERRITORIAL ARMY.

WE had been doing our annual fortnight under canvas, and for about a week had been as peaceful as it is possible to be when stationed within three miles of Aldershot, when we were rudely shaken by the bald announcement that, on the morrow, General Bloggs would visit us and watch us training. If Generals had souls, we reflected—a possibility no Territorial, and only those Regulars who are very advanced thinkers, will ever admit—they would not thus disturb the sweet calm of the day's training. Ever since our arrival matters had been pursuing the even tenor of their ways. Each day we had marched to some not too distant rural spot and purposed to transform it into a battlefield. Each day on arriving there, after an appropriately lengthy rest, the real business on hand had started. The Colonel, who was an enthusiastic rider, had cantered off with the Adjutant murmuring something about having a look at to-morrow's area. The Second-in-Command, whose equestrian accomplishments were comparatively poor, would forestall an invitation to assist in the search for fresh worlds to conquer by asserting that the drummers had been rather lazy, and he had better keep an eye on them as they practised in the next field. It is reported that after the third or fourth day he could snore in perfect time with the music!

The Company Commanders had called up their Subalterns and given them vague and indefinite orders concerned with an attack on "that hill over there," and then retired to the eminence in question to read the morning papers they had brought out in their haversacks, and keep an occasional eye on their flocks as they gently strayed towards them, what time the Regimental Sergeant-Major, fiery old Regular that he was, was left behind like a bee bereft of its sting to buzz awhile round the Transport Section, and then, after standing for a second rather too close to the most evil horse in the team, to sink hurriedly on to a mossy bank and brood upon the inferiority of Territorials generally, and in particular the inefficiency of drivers who could not prevent their charges from kicking.

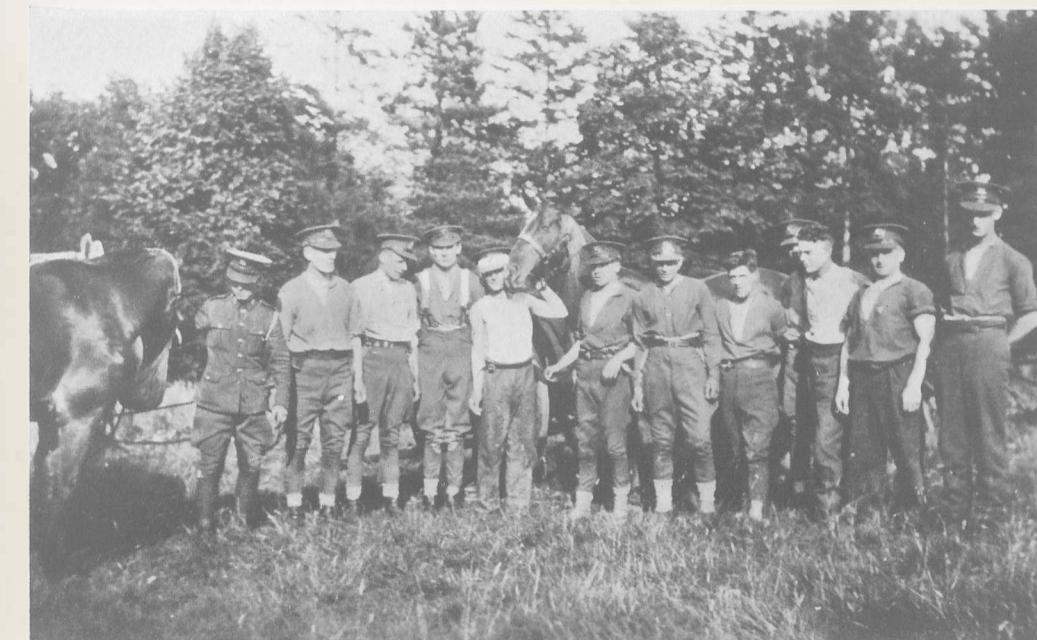
But to-morrow all was to be different. There was an unusual hush in the Mess that night, and after dinner, one by one, the Officers crept off to their tents where they could be seen for hours reading their training manuals by candle light. No Territorial Officer will ever admit to reading an official book on training, and thus it was that, rather than produce them in the comparatively well-lit Mess, they turned in at length with splitting headaches.

The great day dawned, as in the story books, without a cloud in the sky. The Colonel was up early, and while in his bath altered the whole scheme that had been planned for the General's edification. That did not deter his officers, who were used to that kind of thing. The Second-in-Command, too, was up betimes, worrying the frantic Company Commanders with confusing pieces of advice on all subjects from the way the General likes the men's boots to be laced to what to say if he asked them questions about gas.

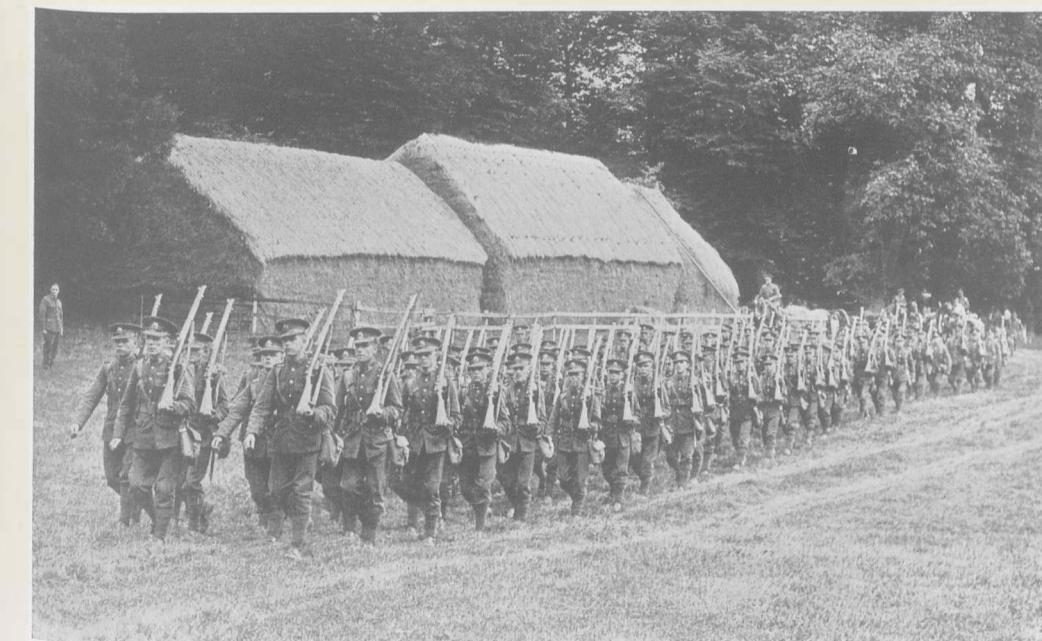
The Subalterns had not got up so early and had eaten hearty breakfasts, but the frenzy of their superior officers was rapidly undermining their morale. Even the Adjutant, strong Regular soldier that he was, found his nerve slipping and had to go to the orderly room and repeat Kipling's "If" to himself three or four times before going on parade.

At last the Battalion moved off to the scene of operations.

It had been arranged that the highest hill for miles around was to be attacked and that the General should watch the battle from the summit. He was expected to arrive at about eleven o'clock, and in order that there should be no hitch the Colonel rode to the chosen spot with his Company Commanders. Before leaving,



"B" COMPANY'S TRANSPORT AT HENFOLD.



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"A" COMPANY ARRIVING AT REIGATE PRIORY.

The Adjutant thrust a map into the senior Subaltern's hand, showed him the route by which the Battalion should approach the battle and told him to march off at once so as to arrive at ten o'clock.

The Colonel and his cortege arrived at the top of the hill at half-past nine, and having dismounted and lit cigarettes their spirits improved somewhat.

Ten o'clock arrived and the Company Commanders departed to their rendezvous. A quarter-past, half-past, and no sign of the Battalion. "Go and find them," said the Colonel to the Adjutant in an agitated voice. Another half-hour passed without event save for the uneasy speculations of those on the hill as to what fate might have in store.

At ten past eleven horsemen were seen riding towards the summit. The General and his Staff; all was lost. The Colonel was already conning over the words he should use in the letter resigning his commission. Then another horseman appeared, alone this time, approaching at a gallop from the opposite direction. A glimmer of hope, it was the Adjutant. The General arrived first, winning the race by a short head. "Good morning, Riskett," he said to the Colonel, "where are your men?" The question was answered by the Adjutant, breathlessly but with great credit—Adjutants in the Territorial Army have a marvellous knack of answering awkward questions on the spur of the moment—"They have done rather a long approach march, sir," he said. "It is part of the exercise, but they should be beginning the attack in a few minutes." Aside he explained hurriedly to the Colonel that the senior Subaltern had unfortunately been holding his map upside down and had only just been rescued from marching into the next county.

A further wait and then field-glasses revealed the tired Battalion hove-to in the shadow of a wood. The great man, who was showing signs of impatience, was tactfully shown these hopeful portents and the plan of attack was explained to him.

Then, contrary to the course of action mapped out for him, he said, "Very good. I will go down and see how they get on." There was nothing for it but to follow him disconsolately to where the battle was slowly unfolding.

He was obviously in his most inquisitive mood. First of all he seized upon an N.C.O. who, slowly but resolutely, was crawling forward. "What are you?" he asked. "An imaginary screen of scouts, sir," replied the puzzled one. The General gasped and, with difficulty, asked, "Oh! What's that?" "I don't rightly know, sir," was the reply, "this is my first time on parade this Camp; I'm the Canteen Corporal." With a snort the General gave up the unequal contest and sought fresh victims. He turned round in time to spy a Subaltern who was moving in the opposite direction. The latter, feeling the evil eye upon him, and thinking no doubt that discretion was the better part of valour, set off at a steady double, but the horses of the Staff soon overhauled him. It was the junior Subaltern. "What a shame we caught him," said a senior Staff Officer to the Adjutant, "just out of the egg, too!"

After telling the luckless youth many things he knew already, and some that were fresh to him, about the Canteen Corporal, the General got back to one of his favourite themes. "Have you warned your men about gas?" he asked.

The junior Subaltern had been too busy with his egg and bacon to hear the remarks of the Second-in-Command that morning on this all-important subject, and he incautiously smiled broadly and replied, "Of course not, sir." "Why not?" "Well, sir, we're not issued with gas masks and I thought it best not to confuse my men with a lot of unnecessary details." This was too much for the great man. He glared in silence for a while and then turned to the Colonel. "I see several of your men have their boots wrongly laced up. See that I don't find them like it again," he said, and with this parting thrust he left the battlefield in high dudgeon.

That night we had our guest night, and at about 11 p.m. our guest of honour, General Bloggs, could have been seen squirting a soda-water syphon at the face of the junior Subaltern, who was struggling to climb into the Mess tent by the somewhat unorthodox entrance provided by the ventilator in the roof.

Some time after we read in his official report that the standard of training in our Battalion shown at Camp had greatly improved, and that our officers and other ranks showed more than average intelligence.

We still are not sure if Generals have souls but we are crediting one of them with a sense of humour.

## 24th LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S)

*Headquarters: 71, New Street, Walworth, S.E.17.*

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

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

*Adjutant: Lieut. R. H. Holme.*

PRIOR to Annual Training this year we were, as usual, principally concerned with Weapon Training. Several Sundays spent in the normal classification practices at Ash being interspersed with the Divisional and London District Rifle Meetings.

In neither of these did we appear with great distinction, but it is worth noting that our Machine Gun team, entered for the Dewar Trophy, put up a very smart show so far as gun drill was concerned, but having left plenty of time for the actual shooting got over-excited and made a much lower score than they had put up in their practice shoots. This was a great disappointment, both to our many spectators and to the members of the team themselves, who had shown the greatest keenness throughout. We also had a team entered for the *Daily Telegraph* Cup for the first time, if not in the history of the Battalion, certainly for very many years. We have always contended that without the time and money which many other units can afford for practice for this event, the conditions are too difficult to allow of a team entered by us having a fair chance. This year the competition was divided into two sections to give the more severely handicapped units a better chance. In these circumstances we both took the field and can be reasonably satisfied with our performance if only on account of the enthusiasm of the members of the team. We are looking forward to being placed higher next time.

At one time it looked as though there would be no Annual Training this year. Fortunately the Division, by means of cutting down allotments for all other forms of training, was able to find enough money to send Battalions to Barracks for a week.

We thought at first that there might be difficulties as to whether the 22nd or ourselves should go to the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, but to our great good fortune higher authority was accommodating about the dates, and the 2nd Battalion so hospitable, that we were able to stay there for consecutive weeks.

An added advantage of this, so far as we were concerned, was that the only other London Territorial Unit in Aldershot at the time of our visit was The Artists Rifles, so that training areas were not too congested.

That we got mixed up in a terrific Cavalry action one day and nearly stole the Artists' thunder when their field-work was being watched by the Duke of Connaught were minor mishaps which were soon rectified.

So far as training was concerned we spent two days firing at Cæsar's Camp, the classification for most men attending Annual Training having to be fired then. This arrangement was much appreciated. Devoting two whole days to firing the



H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught inspecting the Guard of Honour.



The Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C.) making his address.

OPENING OF NEW DRILL HALL AT WOKING.

bulk of the Battalion being far simpler to organize and carry out than a series of Sunday excursions to Ash.

Apart from firing we concentrated on compulsory training, withdrawals across the ubiquitous Basingstoke Canal being our principal pastime. T.E.W.Ts. were also organized for those officers and N.C.Os. who were surplus to the Company establishment.

While thus occupied we were visited by General Sir Wilkinson Bird, General Oldman and Col. Giffard. We also had a visit from Col. Simpson.

In Barracks we were exceedingly happy. It would be impossible to recite the names of all the officers, warrant officers, and N.C.Os. of the 2nd Battalion who did so much for our comfort. We are very grateful to all of them, but if names must be mentioned we would refer especially to Col. Giffard, Lieut. East, and Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Waspe, all of whom have helped us so often before. The officers were made to feel thoroughly at home by Capt. Bathgate and Lieut. Whitefield, and we were delighted to meet old friends in Lieut. Parsons, who was very helpful over our rangetakers' tests, and last but not least Capt. Pickering, than whom there can be no one keener on the closer merging of the London Battalions into the Regiment. His encouragement is very genuine, and his criticisms of anything which he considers not sufficiently regimental, though given in the best humour, generally mean that there is some little detail that will do with looking into.

Thanks to the kind hospitality of the Sergeants' Mess our sergeants were enabled to give a very successful social on one of the evenings towards the end of the week. This immediately followed their rather surprising defeat at the hands of the officers at cricket. Several of the officers had surreptitiously accepted the heavy odds laid on the Sergeants, who, by virtue of a series of easy victories, were hot favourites. Two things conspired to upset their renegade tactics. In the first place a last-minute decision caused Capt. Teesdale, who many years ago was reputed to be a very fine goal-keeper, to occupy a somewhat similar position as wicket-keeper. This left Major Paul Adams a good target for his fastest bowling, and four catches at the wicket resulted. C.S.M. Stammer played his usual imperturbable innings, and the brothers Fluke also batted freely. The chief difficulty about the officers' fielding was to find safe places for all those with a less intimate knowledge of the game.

The officers in their reply made a creditable start, Lieut. Clark producing an oft-repeated clout over mid-on's head, which one rarely expects to find in an opening batsman. He was well supported by Capt. J. Senior, and Major D. G. Adams also surprised himself and the spectators by scoring a few. But after these, with Major Paul Adams failing and five wickets down for a little over thirty, it seemed a foregone conclusion that the result would follow those of previous matches.

Then, however, the second surprise occurred as Capt. Teesdale knocked up twenty-nine very rapidly, while Lieut. Woolmer kept his end up, and these two were not separated until the match was won. Swift running between the wickets had not been Capt. Teesdale's hobby for some years, and once he took command of the game the only anxiety felt by the other members of his team was that he might die before he had made the winning hit.

Later in the day it was announced that his Company ("H.Q." Wing) had won the Quarter-Master's Bowl for cleanliness of quarters, so that the magnificent (silver-paper) trophy presented to him by the Sergeants' Mess, at their social, for the most outstanding performance during training was deserved in every direction, the more so as "H.Q." Wing had never previously won the Bowl since its formation.

Back again at "H.Q.", with the winter in prospect, we are settling down to individual training. At present those of us who have reason to do so are growing dizzy over an old enigma in a new form, officially called "Categorization."

We hope to evolve something that will keep all ranks busy and interested until Annual Training is again on the tapis.

The last event of importance before going to press was the visit of General Sir Wilkinson Bird. He dined with the officers on October 6th and afterwards gave a lecture on some of the problems of the higher command at Mons and the Marne. He conveyed in a way in which, we are tempted to think, that he alone can, how simple in reality the great problems of war can be once they are skilfully analysed, and, even so, how very difficult to solve. We should be grateful to him merely for coming to see us, but we are doubly indebted for the instruction which he imparted in so pleasant a manner.

#### VISIT OF THE BAND AND DRUMS TO ST. MARTIN'S ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL, PYRFORD, SURREY.

During Annual Training the Commanding Officer gave special permission to the Band and Drums to give a display to the crippled children at St. Martin's Hospital, Pyrford.

The visit was instigated by Drum-Major Lawlor, whose son is undergoing a protracted cure for a diseased hip, and had the enthusiastic co-operation of Bandmaster Norris. An account taken from the official organ of the hospital runs as follows:—

HUT I has one jolly little patient, Terence L., who has to lie on a sloping bed for the cure of his bad hip. Now this boy has a father who comes to see him on visiting days, and father happens to be Drum-Major in a certain Territorial regiment we shall tell you about shortly. How it all came about we don't know, but the Drum-Major talked to the Bandmaster, and they both had conversations with the various members of the Band. The Colonel gave the necessary leave and the great surprise happened. We must have a separate heading for this.

#### VISIT OF THE BAND AND DRUMS OF THE 24TH LONDON REGIMENT THE QUEEN'S ON AUGUST 12TH.

Nobody except the Matron and the Warden and one or two others knew it was going to happen, and it was kept secret until almost the last moment in case the weather should be bad. But the sun shone beautifully, and about 3.30 p.m. the Band and the Drums appeared and fell in, the Band gay in their scarlet uniform, and the Drums in khaki—thirty-two in the Band and twenty-four in the Drums under the command of Mr. S. G. Norris, Bandmaster, and Band-Sergeant H. J. Lowry, with Drum-Major S. J. Lawlor (Terence's father) leading the Drums.

Then they marched and counter-marched on the field in front of St. Martin's to the tune of the Regimental March Past. How fine the Drum-Major looked at the head of the Drums, and how he twirled his staff. The little boys were speechless with delight, and the "up" girls who had been brought over from St. Nicholas's and grouped at the end of Hut 11 lawn, and the big boys in the hut, were thoroughly enjoying the unusual spectacle.

Then the Drums played separately, and afterwards the Band, marching up and down the field. The Drums then beat "Retreat" and the Band played light music. Afterwards, Band and Drums together, massed and marched to the old tune "Marching through Georgia" and the Regimental March again; then "God Save the King" brought a very memorable afternoon to a close.

We are all very grateful to Col. H. L. Sanders, D.S.O., M.C., for giving the Band leave to play here, and to the Bandmaster and Drum-Major for organizing such a splendid show, which the boys will remember for many a long day.

#### The Humble Petition of Ahmed Khan, late Kotwal, 1st Battn. The Queen's Regt.

SIR,

I most humbly and respectfully beg to attract his honor's kind notice upon these few lines, which I beg to offer in a hope of mercy and judgment as the Almighty Father bestowed an authority on his honor and enabled him to help such unfortunate persons in their behalf as I am.

Sir, I exceedingly regret for the contrary result of my all devotions in discharging my services to my officers in charge, and beg to explain them as follows:—

(1) Sir, the 1st Queen Regiment left Dugshai in the mouth of August 1897 and reached Hoti Mardan after visiting Jalundher, Pindi, and Nowshera Cantonments en-route.

When it left Hoti Mardan to proceed further, Abdul Rahim Khan Khansamah was discharged and a cook was appointed to serve the Mess, and I was ordered to supply eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables, etc., with all other needables for the Mess.

I accordingly supplied Mess with all its demands at the undermentioned stations.

Jalala, Dargai, Malakand, Khar, Chukdara, Huch, Sarai, Sadhoo, Punch-Koora, Mian-ki-Killi and Nawaghai. At least the Regiment reached Peshawar after visiting Shabqadur and then marched from Peshawar to Kohat, Hingoo, Shanawari, Shaman, Mustoorah, Karapa, Tirah-Maidan, Tira-bagh and Durgai.

Again, when Sadda Kalum was too near it returned back to Khanki-Bazar, and reached Jamrud after visiting Tira-bagh Mustoorah Sipri, and Alamguddar.

Thence it marched to Barah, from Barah to Jamrud and again returned to Jamrud after visiting Ali-Masjid, Bazar-wali, China-Bazar, and several other stations which are out of my remembrance at present.

(2) Sir, at the risk of my life I tried to supply the Mess with all its wants at all the above mentioned stations, and at march, which can be well verified by the Officers' Mess which I served. Moreover when the Officer Commanding of the mentioned Regiment came back to Tira-Maidan he ordered me to supply with a hen.

I begged him that I searched much for the hen as per your order, with which your orderly informed me but I could find no hen at all.

On hearing this, he answered me, that "it does no matter anybody shoot you or kill you, I want a Murghi."

Sir, now your honor can judge well the object of the mentioned officer by his words which he spoked being a high ranked officer of the Regiment.

In obedience to his strict orders I was obliged to deliver myself to death, which was certain in such a place in going out of the Camp to search a hen.

Sir, I accordingly risked my life to go to a village in that search, and luckily succeeded to get one.

When I offered him the hen, he again ordered me to supply him with a hen and six eggs every day.

Sir, it was too difficult to supply him with his demands daily when even one which had been supplied was once obtained in the risk of my life, but Sir, the Almighty Father help me in that affair and I lukly succeeded to procure his demand.

(3) Moreover, it was my daily duty to cause the beddings of the followers to be packed, and to transmit them to the appointed stations of the halt, beside my Government duty which was only to issue ration to the followers.

## THE KOTWAL'S PETITION

Sir, the tub of the eggs was on my shoulder, and a hen bound round my waist even through the shots of the enemies, in such an impossible time, when the Transport itself could do no supply at all.

(4) Besides all the above mentioned services, the pony of the known officer became lame, when we reached at Sadhu, and I provided him with a pony at Nawaghai after a great and high search, but when we reached at Peshawar, he handed me the pony back instead of his value amount.

Your honor can judge the reward well, which granted to me by the said Commanding Officer for all the above services, and it was that he caused me to be granted with a title of Deserted-Whilst on Field, and besides that, whenever I try to procure my subsistence he never fails to sting at and to infame me.

All other officers gave presents to their subordinates but my Commanding Officer caused to be granted me with the honor of Deserted-Whilst on Field and caused even that Medal and gratuity to be forfeited which my services await by Her Majesty the Queen and it can be well proved by the two copies of my applications enclosed for your kind perusal. Your honor can well verify the impossibility of the Field supply by those Generals who appeared the present Field.

(5) I feel much shame to enter the Border Regiment as per your kind order, fearing that they will never permit me to do so, when they heard my infame by the Commanding Officer of my own Regiment, and I myself don't dare to enter there till the decision of my poor case.

Yet I kept my correspondence addressed to the said Commanding Officer but now being totally disappointed beg to submit my miseries to his honor's kind consideration, hoping his judgement will take trouble to deliver my poor case where its decision is concerned, for which, as in duty bound, I shall ever pray for his honor's long life and prosperity.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,  
(Sd.) AHMED KHAN, late Kotwal,  
2nd Bn. Derbyshire Regiment.

D/17 April/99.

From D.A.G. Bengal.

To Ahmed Khan late Kotwal, 2nd Bn. Derbyshire, Amballa.

Ref.: His petition d/14 Mar/99 for his medal and gratuity for his services with the 1st Bn. R.W.S. Regt. during the recent operation on the N.W. Frontier.  
*Memorandum.*

A. Khan is informed that his above petition has been transferred to the Deputy Adj. General Punjab Command for the consideration of the Lt. Genl. Comdg. of that Command.

(Sd.) A. B. Champain, Capt.  
for Dy. Adjt. Bengal.

To The Quarter Master.

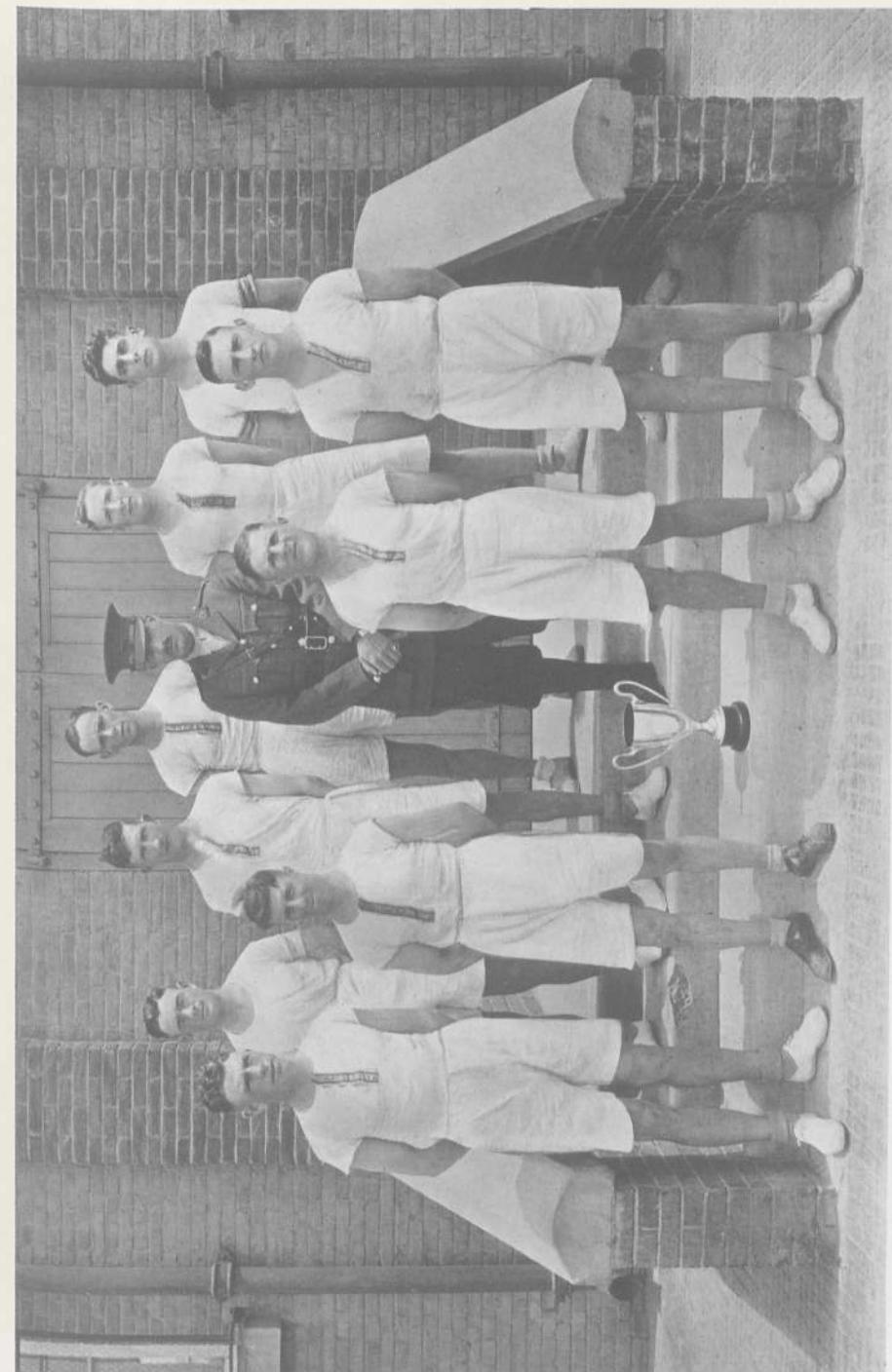
1st Batt. The Queen's R.W. Surrey Regt.

HONOURED SIR,

I most humbly and respectfully beg to lay down the following few lines of your favourable and kind consideration. That I have been applied once before for 10 days' leave, but unfortunately I became unsuccessful, now I beg to remind about the same, as I have to do much work at home, also I am suffering with dyuria since 2 days, I am going to point the substitute on my place.

Hoping your honor will be good enough to grant me leave for 15 days for which an act of your kindness I shall feel much oblige and highly grateful.

I am to remain, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
AHMED KHAN,



BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.  
Winners of the International 10,000 metres Cross-Country Race, Tientsin, 1932.

*Regimental Kotwal 1st Battn. The Queen's Regiment.*

Jamrood, 1st February, 1898.

Leave granted for 8 days you must be in camp by 10th February.

(Sd.) E. G. HAMILTON, Major,  
Commanding *The Queen's Regt.*

To The Quarter Master,  
1st Battn. The Queen's Regt.  
HONOURED SIR,

I most respectfully and in submissively beg to lay down the following few lines for your favourable and kind considerations that I am suffering with fever and dysentery since 12 days ago on account these I cannot able to come on my duty before 25th February, 1898. I hoping your honor will kindly accept this for which act of kindness. I shall ever pray for your life and prosperity.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

AHMED KHAN,

Sabbathu, 9th Feby. 1898.

*Regtl. Kotwal 1st Bttn. The Queen's R.*

Leave up 10th February, 1898.

AHMED KHAN,

You are hereby directed to report yourself at Regtl. Head Quarters within one week or you will be proceeded against as a deserter whilst on service. You must also bring with you a proper medical certificate explaining your absence.

Should you be medically unfit to rejoin a medical certificate to that effect must be forwarded.

You are to acknowledge receipt of this Memo.

Jamrood. 4th March, 1898.

(Sd.) J. J. GRUBB, Lt. Q.M.,  
*The Queen's.*

The Quarter Master,  
1st Battn. The Queen's Regt., Jamrood.  
HONOURED SIR,

With due respect and humbly submission I beg to inform you that after taking medicines from Dr. Rahim Bukhsh I made my medicines from the 7th instant by the General Hospital with the view that after taking perfect health I shall leave Umballa for Jamrood on the 15th March 1898. But up to date. I have not been so fortunate as to obtain perfect health.

In the end I am going to Lahore for the since and I am getting much ill on the account of Captain Pell and the Adjutants good doing with me at Navagai with those hurts I am suffering much harder. I cannot walk well.

Kindly take another man into your service. I will not come untill I may be quite well.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your honors most obdt. servant,

AHMED KHAN.

Umballa. 17th Mar. 1898.

No. 244, from the Officer Commanding 1st Bn. The Queen's Regt. to Ahmed Khan Kotwal 1st Queen's, Jamrood, 20th March, 1898.

With reference to your letter of the 17th you are hereby directed to furnish forthwith the necessary medical certificate to account for your absence since 10th February last. Failing receipt of this or your return to duty by the 26th instant you are to consider yourself discharged from your appointment from the 10th February for illegal absence whilst on Field Service.

(Sd.) J. J. GRUBB, Lt. Q.M.,  
The Queen's.

To The Commanding Officer,  
1st Bn. The Queen's Regt., Thoba.  
HONoured SIR,

I most humbly beg to bring to your notice that I have already sent in two or three letters to the Quarter Master asking him to send me my gratuity money and medal as it must have been drawn because I am also one of the Indian followers who are in accordance to G.O.C.C. entitled to receive. But to my misfortune I have had no reply to any of my letters, therefore I most submissively beg to lay my case before you, in the hope of meeting my wishes namely, the gratuity money and the medal on receiveing which I shall ever remain thankful.

Bareilly. 11th August 1898.

O.M.'s 941.—This is apparently from Ahmed Khan.

If so Ahmed Khan, is informed that having deserted whilst on Field Service he has forfeited all claim to medal and gratuity. His name was entered on the Battn. Roll but no money drawn for him *vide* above.

Thobba. 15th August, 1898.

(Sd.) J. J. GRUBB, Lt. Q.M.,  
The Queen's.

To the Officer Commanding,  
1st Bn. The Queen's Regiment.  
(Thro' O.C. 2nd Bn. Derbyshire Regt.)

SIR,  
With reference to your letter No. O.M. 941 dated 15th August 1898 I beg most respectfully sovily to represent your honor's since of justice, I have not deserted from Field Service as stated in your letter above quoted but I came here on leave by your permission *vide* my applications dated 1st February, 1898, dated 9th February 1898, and 17th March 1898, respectively, afterwards on 20th March 1898. I have been discharged from service *vide* your letter No. O.F. 244 dated 20th March, 1898, and then being obliged I have obtained the same post in the Derbyshire Regiment.

I Sir, In my application dated 17th March 1898 it is clearly requested that I was under the treatment of General Followers Hospital at Umballa which if was desired to keep me in the service could have easily and officially have enquired from that office, a out door ticket the said hospital is in my possession and the true copy of which is herewith submitted for inspection and perusal.

To impute desertion to one in my possession who was granted leave after undergoing all the hardships of a campaign, I beg leave to remark, not in conformity with equity and justice owing to the above reasons, I humbly put up my

humble case again for your kind reconsideration and favour of redrawing my gratuity and medal considering my humble claim and hard work performed by me at the point of death, in actually and individually under the fire of the enemy on several occasions in field service, which fact is well known to you as well as to the Quarter Master of your Regiment.

I beg to remain, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
Bareilly. The 24th August 1898.

AHMED KHAN.

*Out Door Ticket Station Followers. Hospital Umballa.*

Name.	Yearly No.	Age.	
Ahmed Khan	III,29	37	Diseaseague.
Treatment.			
7. 3. 98.	Quinive Sulph. gr. 6,	3 times a day.	
8 do.	P Jalapa Co. dr 1	at once.	
9 do.	Fever Mixture Oz.	3 times day.	
10 do.	do.	do.	
11 do.	do.	do.	
12 do.	do.	do.	
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14 do.	do.	do.	
15 do.	Potassi Bromid gr. X	3 times day.	
16 do.	do.	do.	
17 do.	do.	do.	
18 do.	do.	do.	
Q.M/1060.			

O.C., 2nd Derbyshire Regiment.

Ahmed Khan was granted leave from 1st to 10th February, 1898, whilst the Battalion was stationed at Fort Jamrud. He failed to rejoin when his leave expired and in reply to a petition received on the 3rd March, he was instructed to rejoin within one week and furnish the necessary explanation as to why he had over stayed his leave failing from 10th which he would be proceeded against as a deserter whilst on Field Service.

He did not rejoin, and in reply to a further petition he was informed that unless he rejoined by the 26th March and furnished satisfactory explanation of his absence from 10th Feb'y. He was to consider himself discharge from that date for "Illegal absence whilst on Field Service."

Ahmed Khan's Name was entered on batta and medal rolls but he was shown as having forfeited both for illegal absence or desertion.

(Sd.) J. S. COLLINS, Colonel,  
Commanding 1st Battn. The Queen's  
R.W.S. Regiment.

Thobba. 2nd Sept., 1898.

Bareilly. 30th December, 1898.  
Rawal Pindi.

To The Quarter Master R.W.S. Regt.

HONoured SIR,

With my due respects and humble submission, I beg most respectfully to bring to your honour's kind notice that medals for all men of the Regt. have come and been distributed by your honor and I venture to believe that probably my medal might have come to you, if so I humbly request the favour of your kindly favouring

me with the same, considering my humble clamies hard work and service rendered by me under you for a considerable period for which kindness as in duty bound shall ever remain grateful.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

AHMED KHAN.

*late kotwal 1st Bn. Queens Regt.*

Returned through O.C. 2nd Battalion Border Regiment. Ahmed Khan was informed with reference to a previous petition that having deserted when on Field Service he forfeited all claim to Medal and gratuity.

(Sd.) J. S. COLLINS, *Colonel,*  
*Commanding 1st Battalion The Queen's Regt.*

Rawal Pindi. 3rd Jan., 1899.

## THE UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRIG.-GENERAL A. W. TAYLOR, OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

A MEMORIAL window to the late Brigadier-General A. W. Taylor was dedicated by the Provost Kirwan at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Sunday June 26th.

The window, which depicts a representation of St. Oswald, one of the earliest Saxon Kings to adopt the Christian faith, is situated quite close to the Regimental Memorial Tablet for the Great War, 1914-1918. A large contingent from the Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment, attended the ceremony, and marched from Stoughton Barracks, preceded by the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion.

Although many of the troops were young recruits of but two or three weeks' service, the marching was distinguished by the usual precision for which the Regiment is noted.

The splendid singing of the choir during the service was enthusiastically joined in by the troops.

The address by the Provost appealed to both military and civilian worshippers, and was based upon the Regimental motto allied to the story of St. Oswald.

After the service the troops marched past the Guildhall where the salute was taken by the Mayor of Guildford, who takes a great interest in the Regiment. During the march past, the Mayor was accompanied by Major G. K. Olliver, M.C., Commanding Officer of the Depot, and several councillors.

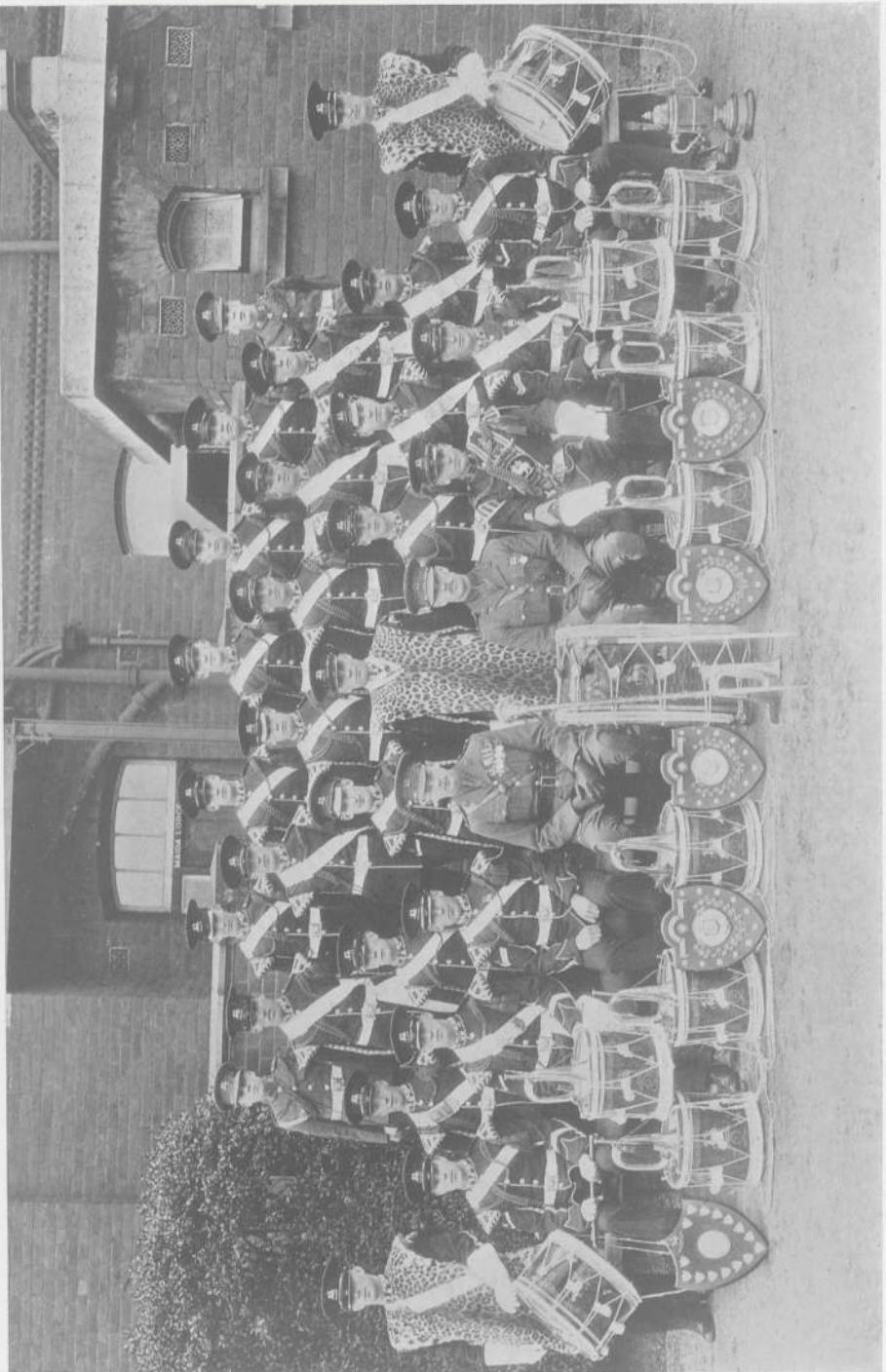
Large numbers of spectators watched the parade, and many followed the troops on their march.

Four N.C.O.s. represented the Regiment at the actual dedication of the memorial. The moment of the unveiling of the window was most impressive.

Many people connected with the Regiment feel that the window is most appropriately situated and remember that it is dedicated to an Officer who was noted for his cheeriness, kindliness to the troops, and unwavering loyalty to the Regiment. He maintained his interest in the Regiment after retirement, and was always ready to assist matters, charitable or otherwise.

He served in the Regiment from 1882 to 1915, during which time he carried out the duties of Adjutant to the 5th Battalion, then the second Volunteer Battalion, and commanded the 1st Battalion during its service in Aden. He died on June 16th, 1930, aged 68 years.

## 2nd BATTALION.



THE DRUMS, 1932.

[Photo: Scoll, Alderhot.

## THE QUEEN'S RANGERS, 1st AMERICAN REGIMENT

Headquarters: 860, Yonge Street, Toronto.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. W. T. Rogers, M.C., V.D.

THE Regiment began its spring training with a church parade to St. Alban's Cathedral on Sunday, April 10th, with the Overseas Battalion, which it perpetuates. The parade, led by the Officer Commanding, and headed by the band in green, fell in early on the afternoon of Sunday, April 10th, on Scollard Street, near the Armouries. Behind the Regiment paraded the veterans—the 20th Battalion, C.E.F., Ex-Servicemen's Association, with the veterans of the 35th Battalion, C.E.F. The 35th is perpetuated by the reserve Battalion of the Regiment. The band of the 20th Battalion led the parade of ex-servicemen.

The recruit class continued for the greater part of the spring training. It was held on Monday and Thursday evenings. On Monday evenings a physical training class was also held.

The Regiment, as in former years, took part in the annual church parade of the Toronto Garrison, held on the Sunday nearest the Queen's Birthday. This year the date fell on May 22nd.

A refresher course for Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, under the direction of R.S.M. E. J. Ridgway, was started on Monday evening, June 20th.

Major R. C. Merrick, M.C., has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

Two Officers and three Non-Commissioned Officers were in attendance at the School of Infantry at Niagara-on-the-Lake in June. As a result, Lieuts. D. M. Findlay and H. W. McManus qualified in Part I for the rank of Captain, and 2/Lieut. W. H. Armstrong in Part I for Lieutenant. Sergt. W. James was granted a certificate as W.O.2. Sergt. J. G. Rowe and L./Sergt. E. P. Gomez passed for Sergeants, and Sergt. A. E. Hutchinson passed the "B" Wing examinations at the Canadian Small Arms School.

Over the week-end of Civic Holiday, the first Monday in August, a Regimental Camp was held on the same site as last year, to the east of the Long Branch Rifle Ranges, on the shore of Lake Ontario. Preparations, in charge of Capt. E. Abrams, the Q.M., began on the Thursday morning previous, and by Friday evening, when the majority of the unit arrived, the entire camp was ready. Saturday was devoted to training. In the morning the Officers worked on a scheme for Monday. In the evening the Officers were hosts to a number of friends of the Regiment at a mess dinner.

Church parade was held on the parade ground on Sunday morning. The service was in charge of Capt. the Rev. P. J. Dykes. In the afternoon, a programme of sports for N.C.Os. and men was held; while the officers held a garden party.

In the sports, Pte. Dunham, of "A," was the winner, with Pte. Pollard, of "D" in second place. In the obstacle race, Pte. Thomas, "A" Company, came first, and Pte. Jackson second. The N.C.Os. race was won by C.S.M. Bailey of "A," with C.S.M. Flynn of "D" as runner-up. Teams of "A" Company distinguished themselves in the relay race, the sculling race and the ball hustle, winning all three. Two boxing bouts and two wrestling matches were much appreciated by the spectators.

For several weeks previous to the camp, "D" Company had been preparing a guard mounting exhibition. This they put on before the guests of the Officers' garden party.

Mrs. Rogers, wife of the Officer Commanding, presented the prizes won at the sports.

The tactical scheme on Monday took the form of an attack by a company on two positions. As the personnel of the unit at the camp was limited, the Officer Commanding decided that the unit should be formed into one company of four platoons. This force, theoretically armed with light artillery and machine guns, was landed in boats from Lake Ontario. As the leading files of its forward platoon reached a long rise running across their line of march, they were fired upon by the advance guard of the enemy. The latter were found to be holding a house 2,000 yards directly to the front with machine guns; and a clump of pines 1,500 yards away towards the right flank with a rifle platoon.

The Company Commander decided that as the ground in front of the ridge was open, he would have to attack by the flanks. On both flanks there was some cover. On the left was a fringe of trees leading down towards several farm buildings near the enemy's position. On the right flank, a roadway, bordered by trees and shrubs, led into the enemy's position. Two platoons were ordered to advance to the attack on the left and one on the right.

At a discussion among the Officers after the attack had been completed, it was felt that the two platoons on the left had exposed themselves unduly, both to machine-gun fire from their immediate enemy, and from the rifle platoon in the woods. The latter would have been able under service conditions to bring Lewis gun fire to bear.

On the right, it was decided by the critics, that the attack, which was launched admirably and got away well, was slow in developing.

The Regiment was fortunate in having as a guest for the duration of the camp, a permanent force Officer from the Royal 22nd Regiment. This Officer, as a result of the criticism, was asked to lead a platoon composed of the Officers in an attack over the same ground taken by the platoons on the left. He did so, and under his leadership, the platoon went over the same ground without being seen for over half the distance. Observers at the enemy's machine-gun position also said that it would not have been possible for machine guns to fire on the platoon effectively for the greater part of the remainder of the distance.

During the past season "D" Company carried on sports supervised by Capt. C. M. Howarth, second-in-command. The Company has the nucleus of a good baseball team, which it is hoped will next year give the other Companies plenty of competition.

Twice a week all summer, the Company paraded for drill, bayonet fighting and physical training. An N.C.O.'s. class was started in the Company to prepare the men for the R.S.M.'s. class. Lectures were given by the Officers of the Company, and drill by the C.S.M. At camp, the Company's guard mounting demonstration was a feature.

Details of Headquarters Wing and "D" Company held a tactical scheme in June. A flight of three planes from the Toronto Flying Club, using imitation bombs, co-operated.

On Sunday, September 11th, the Regiment attended divine service in commemoration of the victory of the Regiment at Brandywine in 1777. It was felt at a meeting of the senior officers of the Regiment that as this battle marked the outstanding event in the history of the Regiment, its anniversary should be celebrated by a dinner as well. A dinner was, therefore, held at the Canadian Military Institute on Saturday evening, September 10th. The event of the evening was a talk on the story of the Battle by Lieut.-Col. C. J. Ingles, D.S.O., the previous Officer Commanding.

In explanation of the significance to the Regiment of the name "Brandywine," it may not come amiss, if there is space in this issue of the JOURNAL, to quote the letter of explanation sent all Officers previous to the celebration.

"BRANDYWINE. What does that name mean to the QUEEN'S RANGERS? To others it may signify only the name of a small stream flowing southward to the Delaware River, a few miles west of Philadelphia; to students of military history it recalls a tactical victory, the strategical fruits of which were not fully seized; but to the Regiment it typifies the ever-glorious achievement, among so many, from which springs determination to carry on the necessary and glorious task for King, Country and Regiment placed in our trust by those who have gone before.

"Under its Commanding Officer, Major James Weymss, the Regiment spent the night of September 10th, 1777, in the outposts a mile or more east of Kennett Square. The Americans were in position along Brandywine Creek, about twelve miles above Wilmington, ready to deny its passage to the British in their advance on Philadelphia, the seat of the Continent Congress.

"Early in the morning of the 11th, General Knyphausen's division, which included the Queen's Rangers, moved eastward toward Chad's Ford. By ten o'clock the troops had reached the enemy's outposts on the high ground to the east of the Ford, and during the next four hours maintained the attention of the Americans by artillery fire and feinted infantry attacks. Not inactive, the enemy moved forward Potterfield's and Waggoner's brigades to prolong and stiffen the left of Maxwell's outpost line. Meanwhile, the main body of the British moved ten miles upstream, crossed the Brandywine, and turning southward, came squarely in the rear of Sullivan's division of the Americans. Sullivan at once changed his front and took up a position facing the British advance, while Green, leaving Wayne's division to handle the defence of Chad's Ford, moved to a position in rear of Sullivan's troops.

"As soon as the main body under Lord Cornwallis gained contact with the enemy, Knyphausen attacked Chad's Ford in earnest. A strong force was ordered to attack the right of Maxwell's line, while the Queen's Rangers were ordered to turn the left. Swiftly moving down a narrow valley the Regiment fell on the left and rear of Waggoner's men, throwing them in confusion on the brigade of Potterfield. Led by Major Weymss, the Regiment pressed on to the Ford, driving the Battalions of Waggoner and Potterfield before it, and soon the whole line was in retreat. The Regiment was victorious, but the cost was heavy, one fifth of the loss of the whole army killed and wounded, including fourteen of the twenty-one Officers. In his report to General Howe, Knyphausen speaks in glowing terms of the conduct of the Regiment. 'I must be silent as to the behaviour of the Rangers,' reports the Divisional Commander, 'for I want even words to express my own astonishment to give him an idea of it.' A few days later the following appeared in General Orders: 'The Commander-in-Chief desires to convey to the Officers and men of the Queen's Rangers his approbation and acknowledgment for their spirited conduct in the engagement of the 11th instant, and to assure them how well he is satisfied with their distinguished conduct on that day. His Excellency only regrets their having suffered so much in the gallant execution of their duty.'

"In brief, such was the event we now commemorate; to the Regiment it brought material rewards, but no reward could be greater than the knowledge of duty well done."

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECOND BATTALION (City of Newcastle Regiment)

Commanding Officer: Major F. G. Galleghan.

SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL the command of the Battalion has been transferred from Lieut.-Col. J. J. Dunbar, V.D., to Major F. G. Galleghan. Lieut.-Col. Dunbar, who has been placed on the Unattached List from May 19th, his four-year term of command having terminated, had completed twenty-seven years' association with the unit. Enlisting in the 4th Australian Infantry Regiment as a bugler in 1906, at which time his father was also serving, Col. Dunbar rose to the rank of 2/Lieut in March, 1914. He enlisted for active service in December, 1914, and saw service in both Egypt and Palestine, returning to Australia in 1919. On his return he rejoined his old unit, later named the Second Battalion, and held each commissioned rank in succession, assuming command of the Battalion, whilst holding the rank of Major, in 1928, in succession to Lieut.-Col. B. B. Rodd. Col. Dunbar was awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration (V.D.) in 1930. The entire personnel of the unit, together with the citizens of Newcastle, sincerely regret his retirement, and the best wishes of all are with him for his future success, both civil and military.

Major Galleghan has settled down to his arduous task of command, and the confidence of officers, N.C.Os., and men is with him. Major Galleghan also has passed the whole of his period of service, with the exception of the Great War period, with the unit. Commencing in the Senior Cadets he soon rose to the rank of Cadet Lieutenant. Serving in France with the A.I.F., he returned to Australia and rejoined his Battalion. He has held all commissioned ranks and was Major Second i/c to Lieut.-Col. Dunbar.

The unit strength has increased in the past few months, and at present is over-strength. It is anticipated that in a few months a new Company will be formed at Boolaroo, at which town a platoon is now established, and "B" Company (East Maitland) will then be transferred to the 13th Battalion which has its Headquarters at West Maitland, about twenty miles from Newcastle.

Anzac Day (April 25th) the anniversary of the historic landing at Gallipoli, was a momentous day in Newcastle. This is the day most reverently kept in Australia, commemorating the "birthplace of Australia's nationhood" and honoring the sacrifices of the Anzac heroes on that memorable day and during the following months on the awful Peninsula.

A large parade of ex-service men, all militia units of the district, etc., was held in the morning, and formed into a column which marched through the main streets to King Edward Park, where a combined service was held. *En route* the column saluted the soldiers' memorial in front of the G.P.O. On the return the salute was taken by Brigadier J. M. C. Corlette, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. (Brigade Commander and temporary Divisional Commander). On the return to the Regimental Drill Hall a laurel wreath was placed on the memorial panel, which was erected in the Main Hall to commemorate the 1,205 members of the 2nd Battalion A.I.F. who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war, in the presence of the whole Battalion, following which the bugler sounded the "Last Post."

The Battalion was distinctly unfortunate in being placed third for the Anzac Cup competition on Anzac Day, only two points separating the first three units. Ten units competed for the Cup, and the decision is based on general turnout, attendance on parade, marching and performance. The 1st Field Ambulance was first; the 39th Fortress Engineers Company second; and the Battalion third, being the only infantry unit placed. Considering the great advantages the technical

2nd BATTALION AT ALDERSHOT HORSE SHOW.



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MAJOR M. W. H. PAIN ON "WINDY" IN OPEN HANDY HUNTER COMPETITION.



PTE. RODD AND "BABS" IN FINAL POOL FOR BEST MULE.

units have over an infantry battalion for making a sparkling turnout, the result was not at all disheartening, and only tended to increase the enthusiasm of the troops and make the will to win next year greater.

At the week-end, June 4th and 5th last, the officers were engaged in tactical training without troops in the Rutherford area. During the period map-reading, field-sketching, and map enlargements were practised. Opportunity was taken to conduct the examination in Subject B for the rank of Captain, which Lieut. C. E. Morgan was successful in passing.

Two week-end courses—for officers and N.C.Os.—were conducted by the Adjutant (Capt. R. A. Perkins) assisted by Battalion staff. The students were quartered at the Drill Hall, and the instruction and practice in minor tactics, map-reading and field-sketching were most interesting.

The Annual Courses were completed early in the year, with the exception of Table W (revolver practice), which the officers fired in June.

Rifle shooting has been the forte of the unit for many years, and the inter-unit and club shoots held this year have always reflected credit on the Battalion marks-men. The Rowland's Cup, competed for annually between Companies, and won this year by "B" Company, was presented by the C.O. to Lieut. C. I. Guest, captain of the winning team, on August 9th. The competition was very keen, and "B" Company had a hard task to gain first place. At the annual general meeting of the Battalion Rifle Club the following prizes were awarded:—"A" Grade: Sergt. F. Duck, Capt. F. J. D. Field, Pte. F. Lomas; Sergt. Duck "off rifle" prize. "B" Grade: Cpl. S. E. Dews, Pte. J. T. Fitzgerald and Cadet L. W. Royle; Cpl. Dews "off rifle" prize. "C" Grade: Ptes. R. P. Innes, A. J. Bird and S. Jenkins; Pte. Innes "off rifle" prize. Field point score prize: Sergt. F. Duck. An attractive prize list was approved for next year.

The Skill-at-Arms awards for the past year were as follows:—

*Crown and Crossed Rifles in Wreath* (Best Shot in Battalion).—Sergt. C. V. Armbrister.

*Star and Crossed Rifle in Wreath*.—Pte. F. Butler.

*Crown and Crossed Rifles*.—Sergts. J. Meehan, A. R. Cotterill and A. D. Studte; Cpl. J. C. Banister, J. K. Clarke, D. Edwards, W. J. Studte, J. J. Hartcher and A. S. Burns.

*Star and Crossed Rifles*.—W.O. (11) E. S. Fiedler, Sergt. C. R. Ward, L./Sergts. W. H. Paynter and J. R. Edwards; Cpl. J. Moloney and D. Edwards; Pte. A. S. Burns.

*M.G. in Wreath*.—Clr./Sergt. T. W. Smith, Cpl. S. Dews; Ptes. G. A. Henderson, S. McNaught and W. E. Hatherly.

*L.G. in Wreath*.—Sergts. J. Hannington, E. J. Griffiths, J. Banister, A. R. Cotterill and A. D. Studte; L./Sergts. A. D. Young, G. W. Kemp and R. Brighton; Cpl. E. C. Miller, F. J. Doherty and A. S. Burns; Ptes. T. J. Baulks, A. Kelly, J. McNaughton, M. H. B. Anderson, H. Seiver, J. Foster, L. Judd, J. T. Fitzgerald, W. T. Francis, W. H. Cook and F. N. Kelly.

The C.O. had the pleasure of presenting the Moolenarker Bugle, awarded to the best N.C.O. in the Battalion for the year, to Sergt. C. V. Armbrister. This bugle, obtained at Moolenarker during the Great War, was presented to the Battalion by Capt. Collingwood, M.C., M.M. (of the 2nd Battalion A.I.F.) for competition between the N.C.Os. and has been the means of creating great keenness throughout the unit.

Under the new system of parades all officers and N.C.Os. parade each Tuesday night in a cycle of four weeks. The first parade is in preparation of the work for the Company parades which are held on the second weeks and are attended by all ranks, and the third and fourth nights are officers and N.C.Os. classes.

Recent promotions and appointments are as follows:—

Major J. G. D. McNeill transferred from Reserve of Officers, and Lieut. C. E. Morgan, M.M. to the rank of Captain.

To the Rank of Sergeant.—Cpl. C. Kemp, D. Edwards, G. L. Standen and A. J. Hitchens.

To the Rank of Corporal.—Ptes. A. Barber, C. Kemp, V. J. Henry, J. Purvis, S. Hayes, D. J. Fallins, A. Ford, O. A. Screen, J. F. Fitzgerald, S. J. Guest and C. H. Smith.

The appointment of Sergt. C. E. Dalton to the rank of Lieutenant is pending.

Regret has been expressed by all ranks at the recent death of the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (the Earl of Dudley, P.C., K.C.M.G., etc.) who was for some years Governor-General of Australia.

The social activities of the unit have not been entirely neglected, and an "At Home" and a dance, organized by the officers, were both splendid successes. On the occasion of each monthly mess meeting the officers dine in the Mess, and the innovation has proved very popular.

A large gathering attended a combined officers and sergeants "At Home" held on April 22nd. Lieut. W. B. Nehl was M.C. of the dancing, music for which was provided by a splendid orchestra arranged by the sergeants. Musical items were contributed by Capt. W. Owens, Lieut. J. W. Beckett, S.S.M. B. S. Black and lady visitors.

A most welcome visitor to the unit in May last was Mr. P. Walker, who served in India during the Great War period with the 1st/4th Battalion of The Queen's. Mr. Walker gave a most interesting lecture to the sergeants on the North-West Frontier. This was the first personal touch the Battalion has had with The Queen's, and should prove to be the forerunner of a much closer union.

The Battalion, with the rest of the 1st Infantry Brigade and attached units, will march into camp at Rutherford on September 26th, and spend six days under canvas. Intensive training will be undergone, and all ranks are confident that the prestige and the unit motto, "Nulli Secundus" will be upheld. In preparation for the tactical training to be carried out during Camp, the officers spent the week-end of September 3/4th at Rutherford. The various competition teams are earnestly practising, and it is confidently expected that the Brigade Championship Cup will accompany the Battalion when it marches out of Camp.

As a result of a letter of introduction from Major F. G. Galleghan, the ex-Regimental Medical Officer (Captain N. P. Breden), who is now with the British Army, has made personal contact with The Queen's. In writing Major Galleghan by a recent mail, he particularly stressed how pleased he was to have met the members of The Queen's personally, and remarked on how apparent was the interest of the Home Regiment in her sister units overseas. Following Captain Breden's letter, in which he explained the system in vogue in the Depot Battalion of The Queen's of naming each platoon from one of the Regimental Battle Honours, the same system has been adopted in the Battalion. This has proved a great means of improving the interest of the personnel in the unit tradition.

#### ITEMS FROM COMPANIES.

"H.Q." Wing.—Capt. C. H. G. Spencer has taken over the administration of the Wing. The signallers put up an excellent show at the gymkhana at Sydney this year, in running second in the signalling competition, being placed next to the crack Sydney team. The Cadet physical training team, trained by Capt. Spencer, brought the P.T. Cup back to Newcastle for another year. It appears to be a permanent possession of the Battalion.

"A" Company.—The personnel of the Company regret the transfer of their popular O.C. (Capt. F. J. D. Field) but are certain that his place has been well

filled by Capt. J. D. Hull. Capt. C. E. Morgan, M.M. is now Company 2 i/c. The Lewis Gun Team from "A" Company, which represented the Brigade at the Sydney Gymkhana this year, was narrowly beaten into second place. The team was trained by Lieut. J. W. Beckett, and was opposed by teams from all over the State.

"B" Company.—Since the resignation of Capt. W. Polley, Lieut. F. Jory has very successfully handled the command of the Company. "B" Company's rifle team has put up some excellent results this year, and was successful in defeating a very good team from the 16th Light Horse Regiment (Hunter River Lancers). The annual report of the East Maitland Volunteers' Club showed a credit balance in hand of £44 7s. 6d. This balance was left after payments of £5 for Christmas relief, £13 10s. donations for voluntary bivouacs, £4 donation to rifle club, and purchase of furniture, repairs to piano, orchestra fees, etc., amounting to £107 1s. 5d.

"D" (M.G.) Company.—The command of the Company has been transferred from Major N. A. Neal, who is now Battalion 2 i/c, to Capt. F. J. D. Field. All ranks are pleased at the transfer back to the Company of Lieut. G. H. Whitfield. The "M.G." Team, which won the competition in Sydney last year, were unfortunate in not being placed this time. However, it has only served as a spur to better efforts next time.

#### VEL EXUVIÆ TRIUMPHANT

I WONDER whether, when others have been asked the meaning of VEL EXUVIÆ TRIUMPHANT, they have given the translation as per Regimental History. "Even the spoiled have their hour of triumph," and if so, what has been the effect on the minds of those requiring the information?

My experience has been that usually they are thoroughly puzzled and can see no meaning at all in the sentence.

There was one, however, a member of the fair sex, who said: "Well, I call that an absolutely rotten motto for a Regiment. It seems to me to mean something between "Even a worm will turn," and "He that fights and runs away lives to fight another day."

I was bound to admit that this was exactly how it had always struck me. In an attempt to get a more satisfactory and less insulting rendering, I consulted several of the greatest classical authorities, but in each case I got the same answer, which was that a translation cannot be given unless the context is known, that there are half a dozen different translations of the three words, each with a totally different meaning, but which of these may be the correct one it is impossible to say without knowledge of the context.

They were unable to give me any idea from what work the quotation might have been taken. They, however, agreed that the translation given in the History seems the most unlikely of all others to be the correct one, since the authorities granting a motto would not be likely to insult a Regiment by "rubbing in" some reverse it may have suffered.

According to the article on the Regimental Mottoes in the last number of the JOURNAL, it would appear that it was the custom for a Regiment to apply for a motto.

Would any Regiment apply for a motto meaning: "Even the spoiled have their hour of triumph"?

It happened that our padre, when the 1st Battalion were stationed at Aden, was a great student. I put the matter to him and he became greatly interested. Although he entirely agreed with all that the authorities I had previously consulted

had told me, he was not content to leave it there. He first worked out all the various meanings the words might have, and from these selected the one which appeared to him the most probable. This is the rendering he gave me—:

"Even their battered armour bears witness of many a hard-won fight." Two word-pictures he painted to make the meaning clear. First: Battered and dented armour and helmets hanging in the mess room of a Regiment the thoughts passing through the mind of a newly joined subaltern on first seeing it—"If only that old armour could speak, what tales of battles it could tell."

The other a picture of the Regiment returning home from the wars, the route lined by spectators, who make such remarks as—"Ere Bill, just look at the dents in their armour, them blokes have had some tidy scrapping."

## FRIMLEY AND CAMBERLEY CADET CORPS

WE welcome the news that the proud privilege will be restored to us of again wearing the badge of our "Parent" Regiment, The Queen's Royal Regiment, a Regiment which for more than 20 years has shown us nothing but sympathy, active help and encouragement.

A part of the Corps spent a most happy day at the Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment, on their kind invitation, on October 12th, 1931, and after a series of games, were given a most excellent tea.

The Annual Prizegiving took place at The Caird Hall, on November 25th. Mrs. W. E. Davies kindly undertook the onerous duty of distributing the many prizes that are competed for each year, and the Hall was filled with parents and relatives of the Cadets, and with a most welcome number of our kind supporters in the neighbourhood. Cadet Stanley distinguished himself by making a large sweep of the prizes open to Cadets of his seniority. The smartness of the turn-out of all ranks, and especially of the Band, under Sergt.-Drummer Smith, was most favourably commented on.

From a financial point of view, the greatest event of our Cadet year is our Annual Bazaar, and it is no exaggeration to say that our beautiful Caird Hall is in a very great measure responsible for the invariable success of our great yearly venture. But if it were not for the splendid work, and many months of real hard toil put in by Lady Berkeley, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Jelf, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Ralli, Mrs. de Gex, Mrs. Horniblow, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Darrock, Mrs. Davies and Miss Justice, and many others, we should never achieve the wonderful success that has marked this great annual effort on our behalf. Not the least delightful part of this happy day was the programme of excellent music provided by Miss Cousins and her capable orchestra. The Bazaar on this occasion was opened by our staunchest supporter, Mrs. Whitby-Smith.

A delightful innovation this year has been an invitation Dinner, organized entirely by the Cadets themselves, to the members of the Committee of the Corps, which took place on January 12th. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and an excellent meal provided by our generous hosts.

In Col. Guy Lee, D.S.O., late of the Buffs, we have been fortunate in securing the very best type of C.O., a keen and enthusiastic boxer, a good judge of character, human and most efficient, he is just the ideal man to set his mark on lads of an impressionable age; all ranks wholeheartedly welcome his appointment.

The Corps secured second place in the Surrey Shield Competition for Miniature Rifle Shooting, with an excellent average of 92.6 per cent.

There are two more events to chronicle, the first being the most enjoyable afternoon which took place at the Caird Hall on Saturday, March 12th, when the

Corps entertained the Boys from the Depot, the Queen's Royal Regiment, at Guildford, and the following events were competed for:—

*Cross-Country Run.*—Won by the F. and C.C.C.

*Billiards.*—Won by the Depot.

*Darts.*—Won by the F. and C.C.C.

*Shove Halfpenny.*—Won by the F. and C.C.C.

*Ping Pong.*—Won by the F. and C.C.C.

The greatest event of the evening was the Boxing, which the Depot won by three fights to two. L./Cpl. Holden, L./Cpl. Swell, Cadet Rawlin, Cadet Rideout and Cadet Williams, put up real good fights.

The Corps, competing for the first time in an "open" competition, achieved the creditable performance of finishing second in the Inter-Cadet Cross-Country Race organized by the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

A new useful Course of "First Aid" instruction and V.A.D. work has been organized by Miss Harris and ably carried out by Miss Joan Harris, Miss Henniker, Miss Ralli and Miss Gladstone.

The ever-popular and eagerly awaited party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Goodman every year, to the Junior Cadets and their little brothers and sisters, was a brilliant success.

A most noteworthy feature of the past year's Cadet activities has been the zeal, energy and efficiency shown by the Cadets themselves in organizing Socials and Dances, and a most excellent Gymnastic Display which they have given, in public, on several occasions.

## ANNUAL CAMP.

For the fifth year in succession the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps camp was held at Sandown, Isle of Wight. The advance party, under the Regimental Sergeant-Major, left on July 26th in order to prepare the camp for the main body. The scene at Blackwater Station on Saturday, July 30th, was a very happy one, when fathers, mothers and friends gathered to see the Cadets off by the 8.45 train. The arrangements made by the Blackwater Station staff were, as usual, perfect, and everyone most kind and courteous in their assistance. The sight of all these happy lads off to their camp made many an older man regret he too could not join in the holiday which these Cadets had so well earned. The second-week party left amid similar scenes on August 6th.

The number of Cadets attending camp was over eighty; a good muster for the Corps in these hard times when one considers the lads themselves pay at the rate of 15s. a week towards their camp. Although this is the Cadets' holiday, all had parades to attend and camp duties to perform, which gave them both mental and physical employment.

The daily routine was as follows:—Réveille, 7 a.m. (make up beds, etc.); breakfast, 8 a.m.; parades and lectures, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; bathing parade, 11.15 a.m.; dinner, 12.30 p.m.; tea, 4.30 p.m. Each day the Cadets had squad drill, physical training, shooting (on the miniature range), gymnastics and route marches twice weekly, accompanied by their band. Each Sunday all ranks of the Church of England attended church parade at Sandown Parish Church, the Roman Catholics at Sandown Catholic Church.

The catering arrangements were excellent, the meals being well cooked, varied and punctually served. Great credit is due to Mr. Sivell, the master cook, and his assistants, whose hard work, owing to the hot weather, was at times very trying. Best thanks are due to a number of kind friends in Frimley and Camberley who so generously responded to the appeal for fresh vegetables and jam. These gifts were very much appreciated.

Bathing parades were a source of great joy to the residents and visitors at Sandown, the Cadets marching down from their camp each morning arrayed in various "fancy" costumes, and headed by their own jazz band, under Sergt. W. Gillman, after which impromptu concerts given on the beach were a special delight to the populace.

#### DISPLAYS ON THE PIER.

Two quite excellent gymnastic displays were given "by special request" on the pier on August 9th and 11th, Cadet Stanley excelling himself by turning somersaults over no less than twelve senior Cadets in line. The whole display was a really fine performance, which thrilled the audience.

Wednesday, August 10th, being Regatta Day, Sandown was packed with visitors. The Cadets entered wholeheartedly into all the various sporting events and won many prizes, the best effort of all being when the Cadets' team won the open tug-of-war, beating Trouville in the final.

#### VISITORS.

A number of relatives and friends visited camp on August 7th, and spent a very happy day with the Cadets, and all seemed most enthusiastic about the conditions of camp and all they saw and heard.

A red-letter day came on Tuesday, August 9th, when Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Guy Lee arrived from Camberley, and were given a most hearty welcome. The Colonel made a very thorough inspection of the whole camp, and seemed delighted with all the arrangements and the good "turn-out" of all ranks.

On Wednesday, August 10th, Miss Reynolds spent a happy day in camp, having a word with all and being thrilled to see the Cadets' victory over the camp staff in a very hard-fought tug-of-war.

It was a very real disappointment to all ranks that General and Mrs. Jelf were unable to visit the camp. It was greatly due to the General's untiring efforts that the success of camp was assured.

#### THANKS.

A special word of praise and thanks is due from one and all to Mr. Hefferman and the staff of the Cadet Corps who devoted their entire holiday to giving the Cadets a really wonderful time, the happiness and health of the lads being their first and only consideration. Without this splendid voluntary staff it would be impossible to run such a camp.

The following composed the Corps staff:—

R.S.M. W. Briercliffe, C.S.M. Giddings (of the R.M.C. staff), and R.Q.M.S. Daniels, whose energy seemed inexhaustible. The cooks, Messrs. Sirell, Wright and Bowyer, excelled themselves in the wonderful meals they provided. Messrs. Sharman, Churchyard and Cattermole all fulfilled their various duties in a most efficient manner. Sergt. W. Gillman and Sergt. A. Catchpole assisted in every possible way to make 1932 camp such a huge success.

The people of Frimley and Camberley who responded so generously to appeals to assist the camp should feel proud in the knowledge that without their help it would be an almost impossible task to keep the flag flying, but they would have felt well rewarded for their generosity if they could have seen the happy, healthy, sunburnt faces of the Cadets when they left the train at Blackwater Station on the evening of August 14th, going home fresh and full of vigour to start work again on Monday morning.

The Cadets have won respect and made an excellent name for the Corps during their period in camp. Their smartness and general good conduct is much appreciated by the residents of Sandown, who asked them to be sure and return again.

The Cadets are a credit to the district of Frimley and Camberley, from whence the greater number are recruited.



GYMNASТИC DISPLAY GIVEN BY THE CORPS ON THE PIER AT SANDOWN, I.O.W.

## THE DEPOT

### GENERAL NEWS.

HERE is one change in the Officer personnel at the Depot since the last issue. Lieut. Gibbs has left and been relieved by Lieut. Kealy. We are all sorry to lose him and wish him all the best of luck with the Home Battalion, and at the same time we tender a hearty welcome to Lieut. Kealy.

Recruiting has been very good, and the Depot is actually fuller than other Depots in England. We have had several squads under training, and amongst the recruits have been a large number of county men and Territorials. The healthy state of recruiting is probably due to the Battalion's march through the county.

At the present moment we have 133 recruits "under training," and there have been as many as 180.

### STATISTICS.

Number of men enlisted for Regiment since last publication	...	131
Number of men posted to 2nd Battalion (Recruits) ...	...	141
Number of men discharged (Recruits) ...	...	24
Number of men deserted (Recruits) ...	...	3
Transferred (Recruits) ...	...	Nil
Number of Deserters rejoined (Recruits) ...	...	2

### POSTINGS TO 2ND BATTALION (RECRUITS).

Peninsular Platoon, 27 men, 14/4/32.  
Tangier Platoon, 25 men, 11/6/32.  
Ladysmith Platoon, 18 men, 7/7/32.  
Namur Platoon, 24 men, 21/7/32.  
Gheluvelt Platoon, 23 men, 11/8/32.  
Corunna Platoon, 24 men, 23/9/32.

### DUTY MEN.

6083959 Dmr. P. Daniels, 6084243 Pte. J. Riley, 6082933 Pte. J. Musgrove, 6077544 Pte. G. Starling, 6080341 L./Sergt. F. Hill, 6082796 Pte. A. Johnson, 6447562 L./Cpl. R. Jackson, 6076732 C./Sergt. R. Clarke, 6076735 Sergt. P. Picton, 6076698 Sergt. W. Spence.

### POSTED TO 2ND BATTALION.

Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs, 26/4/32.

### POSTED FROM 1ST BATTALION.

Lieut. J. B. H. Kealy, 26/4/32.

### POSTED TO 1ST BATTALION.

Captain B. C. Haggard, 23/9/32.

### POSTED FROM 2ND BATTALION.

6084849 Pte. J. Griffin, 6084580 Pte. G. Barnes, 6084771 Pte. W. Evans, 6078228 Cpl. F. Hubbard, 6757612 Pte. G. Jenner, 6076424 C./Sergt. T. Williams, 6077980 Cpl. H. Houchin, 6077881 Sergt. P. Tasker.

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## APRIL, 1932—PENINSULAR PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6085043 Pte. T. Wilmer. Shooting: 6085043 Pte. T. Wilmer. Physical Training: 6085049 Pte. A. Ralph. Individual Drill: 6085043 Pte. T. Wilmer. Athletics: 6085049 Pte. A. Ralph. Winners: No. 4 Section.

## JUNE, 1932—TANGIER PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6085086 Pte. E. Williams. Shooting: 2028052 Pte. J. Turner. Physical Training: 6085098 Pte. E. Toasland and 6085077 Pte. O. Parkington, tie. Individual Drill: 6085079 Pte. T. Hulse. Athletics: 6085079 Pte. T. Hulse. Winners: No. 2 Section.

## JULY, 1932—LADYSMITH PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6792332 Pte. C. Bilbrough. Shooting: 6792332 Pte. C. Bilbrough. Physical Training: 6085120 Pte. J. Fone. Individual Drill: 6085096 Pte. A. Cruise. Athletics: 6792332 Pte. C. Bilbrough. Winners: No. 3 Section.

## JULY, 1932—NAMUR PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6085139 Pte. E. Eastwood. Shooting: 6085139 Pte. E. Eastwood. Physical Training: 6085139 Pte. E. Eastwood. Individual Drill: 6085134 Pte. R. Barrett. Athletics: 6780465 Pte. E. T. Gage. Winners: No. 3 Section.

## AUGUST, 1932—GHELUVELT PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6085159 Pte. A. Cassidy. Shooting: 6085151 Pte. C. Pitfield. Physical Training: 6035158 Pte. T. Anderson. Individual Drill: 6780558 Pte. W. Hooper; Athletics: 6085143 Pte. J. Wall. Winners: No. 3 Section.

## SEPTEMBER, 1932—CORUNNA PLATOON.

Individual Champion and winner of Regimental Cane: 6085171 Pte. A. Hanson. Shooting: 6085173 Pte. E. Lewington. Physical Training: 796914 Pte. F. Clark. Individual Drill: 6085173 Pte. E. Lewington. Athletics: 6085171 Pte. A. Hanson. Winners: No. 3 Section.

## CRICKET.

## THE REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.

Ideal weather favoured a most enjoyable week. We won against the Queen's Own and Reigate Priory, and lost to the Free Foresters and the Grasshoppers.

The all-round performance of Lieut. Grimston was a feature of the week. He made 185 in four innings, and took 18 wickets for 6.2 runs apiece.

Unfortunately we were without the services of Major Dorman Smith, who was unwell, Lieut. Fletcher, who was on a course, and Lieut. Piggott who smashed his hand in nearly holding a hot return caught and bowled on the first day of the week. Capt. Bolton was in hospital, so could not play. These unavoidable absentees seriously weakened our side.

## THE DEPOT SEASON.

A small team like ours cannot afford to lose the services of three good cricketers in one season. Capt. Haggard, Lieut. Grimston and Dmr. Woods all left us last winter. We felt their loss.

## THE DEPOT

We have had an enjoyable season, losing 16 and winning 9. Our best match was against the Romany C.C., who beat us in the last over by two runs.

Sergt. Hooper has improved as a bat since he has been here, and had quite a good season.

In bowling we improved as the season advanced. Sergt. Manners bowled well on occasions. L./Cpl. Coe kept a good length. Pte. Shevlin and Burns both recruits, proved valuable members of the team with bat and ball. The following recruits played for the Depot during the season:—Shevlin, Burns, Cavendish, Fennell, Wright, C. Smith, Bilbrough and Ingram.

## BOWLING AND BATTING AVERAGES.

## BATTING.

	Runs.	No. of Innings.	Average.
Major G. K. Olliver, M.C.	251	8	31.3
L./Sgt. Power	54	2	27
S./I. Lambert	19	1	19
Sgt. Hooper	360	26	13.8
Capt. A. P. Block	171	14	12.2
Pte. Burns	144	12	12
R.Q.M.S. Wakeford	119	10	11.9
Pte. Shevlin	162	15	10.8
L./Cpl. Coe	147	14	10.5
C.S.M. Jude	209	20	10.4
Pte. Bilbrough	10	1	10
Sgt. Manners	200	21	9.5

## BOWLING.

	No. of Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Pte. Barnes	159	17	9.3
Capt. A. P. Block	540	53	10.1
Sgt. Manners	532	52	10.2
Pte. Shevlin	186	16	11.5
Pte. Burns	227	16	14.2

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

## CRICKET.

Our fixtures during the summer consisted of two matches with the Borough Police (one of which was cancelled owing to rain), and a match with H.M.S. Excellent P.Os. Mess.

The match with the Police proved the most exciting game played at the Depot during the season, and resulted in a win for the Mess by the smallest possible margin, almost on the stroke of seven o'clock, when the game was due to finish. The Police scored 168 runs, and when our score stood at 95 for 8 the position looked hopeless. However, the ninth wicket did not fall until the score was 169, and the eleventh man was free to relieve his pent-up feelings in the customary manner of eleventh men.

A very pleasant dance, which was held in the Gymnasium during the evening brought the day to a suitable end.

The P.Os. of H.M.S. Excellent arrived before lunch, with quite a big party, and it was therefore possible to play a two-innings match. Although this was not as exciting as the previous match, it was quite interesting and amusing. Again the Mess proved victorious, and the day was concluded by a very jolly evening in the Mess.

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## TENNIS AND BOWLS.

Our games contest with the Officers of the Depot took place on a glorious day, but resulted in a crushing defeat for us. The score in games was 56-27, only two sets being won by the Mess, and we did not take our revenge completely at bowls, in which the final score was 64-61 in our favour.

Nevertheless, we had a very enjoyable time and a little profitable experience at tennis.

## WEAPON TRAINING.

Since the notes of the last issue we have been steadily plodding along with the recruits Table "A." A good average has been maintained throughout the summer, and a great keenness is shown by recruits in their endeavour to win a silver spoon, 90 out of a possible 105. The following were successful:—

Tangier Platoon: Pte. J. Turner, score 90. Ladysmith Platoon: Pte. Reeves, 95; Pte. W. Hide, 90; Pte. J. Fone, 98; Pte. G. Bilbrough, 98. Namur Platoon: Pte. C. Hosey, 90; Pte. E. Eastwood, 93. Gheluvelt Platoon: Pte. A. Cassidy, 91; Pte. C. Pitfield, 93. Corunna Platoon: Pte. E. Lewington, 92; Pte. A. Houson, 90; Pte. H. Sharman, 91. Peninsular Platoon: Pte. E. Hufford, 90; Pte. C. Westwood, 90.

The majority of the Depot Staff have fired their Annual Course, and a very high standard to date has been achieved. Among the Staff we have only one spoon winner so far (Sergt. Manners, score 101), but we hope for several more from those who have not yet fired.

The Staff, to win a silver spoon, must score 100 out of a possible 105.

## TEAM SHOOTING.

We entered a team in the Surrey Rifle Meeting, and although we did not retain the Surrey Brewers' Cup or the Watney Cup, we held on to the Belhaven Cup with a score of 667 out of a possible 840. In the Officers' Challenge Bowl, Lieut. J. F. K. Ponsford was second.

Other results were:—

*Peak Challenge Cup.*—Sergt. Spence, 5th place.

*County Championship.*—Sergt. Torkington, 10th place.

*Watney Cup Depot Team.*—2nd place.

## MINIATURE RANGE.

Beyond the recruits' Empire Test, very little miniature rifle shooting has taken place during the summer months. We hope to get the Recruits' Spoon Shoots going during the winter evenings. Two matches were held with the Haslemere British Legion Miniature Rifle Club, the first being won by the Depot at home by a small margin, the second being lost at Haslemere by only three points. This particular fixture was very enjoyable, and Commander Phillimore, of the Haslemere team, gave us all a most excellent time.

We are now polishing our barrels for a match with our very old enemies, the Worplesdon Rifle Club.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL was published there have been two happenings of note:—

First, L./Sergt. Hill, after three years' noble work, has returned to the 2nd Battalion, where it is hoped that he will be able to perform an equally useful task.

## PRISTINÆ VIRTUTIS MEMOR

He may at least rest assured in the knowledge that his services here have not gone unappreciated. In his place we welcome Cpl. F. Hubbard.

Secondly, at long last, another room has been allotted to Educational Training, and in consequence there is now at least a more peaceful atmosphere about the School.

The new school is by no means new to many members of the Regiment, as such remarks as "I got my third here in '97 have already shown."

For the rest, there is little fresh to report. That educational "bogey," percentages, has a more satisfactory appearance, but he has yet to show complete satisfaction.

## PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Since our last notes, no important alterations have occurred in the routine of our work. Seven platoons have left us to join the 2nd Battalion, each platoon being congratulated by the S.O. Physical Training during their passing out; also we have to record that out of this number we have not had a single failure on passing out.

This is due greatly to the untiring efforts of Staff-Sergt. Lambert and our two assistant instructors, Cpl. Whelan and L.-Cpl. Ferrari. The latter has since been recommended for an advanced course of Physical Training. We take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of luck.

Our Inter-Platoon Boxing is still a great success. We hope the Editor will find room to congratulate Ptes. W. Clay and B. Stanton of "Gheluvelt" Platoon, who have given us something worth watching in the ring.

## PRISTINÆ VIRTUTIS MEMOR

MEMORIES of the past were linked with those of the present and future at the Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment, Stoughton Barracks, on June 23rd, when the public were invited to view the barracks between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

All roads led to the barracks from about 5.30 p.m. onwards. Parents of serving soldiers, veterans of the Regiment and many others, exceeding 3,000 passed through the gates.

Serving members of the Regiment assisted in conducting visitors round and explaining current military custom and practice, relating stories of Regimental history as portrayed by exhibits in the Museum; panels and pictures in the Dining Hall and Barrack Room. Great interest and appreciation were shown by visitors in all arrangements for the feeding, housing, comfort and amusement of the troops. The Dining Hall system of service and variable diet as shown by the Diet Sheets were admired by all, matrons remarking upon the cleanliness and attractiveness of the Hall and neatly arranged tables, whilst being enthusiastic regarding the arrangements for quick service. Old soldiers compared messing arrangements with those of their days, must to the detriment of the latter. Pictures depicting events of Regimental History and uniforms of the early days of the Regiment, together with a tablet on which was compiled a record of sporting triumphs, were examined with great interest.

Our Master Cook underwent an intensive course of cookery at the hands of many housewives (and others), all of whom were enthusiastic whilst being shown his temple of culinary art. Anyhow, he now knows how to steam cabbage and peel

potatoes. One pert Miss of some eighty summers inquired: "Where do the eyes go?" His answer is not on record as it is summer-time.

Most amazing eloquence was also displayed by our pet platoon Sergeant, who dealt with questions regarding barrack room comfort and procedure in ready fashion, not even floored when asked: "How can a poor chap get into a small bed like that?"—this question arising from the fact that the beds were made up in armchair fashion.

Battle honours and short accounts of each engagement displayed over each bedcot again brought this encyclopædic Sergeant to the fore. The visitors' rooms, library, canteen and supper bar all received their due share of praise.

Many thronged to the Gymnasium, where records of recruit performances at work and games are displayed on the walls, and two instructors with some recruits here gave a short display.

The Museum, however, proved to be the most popular show, being filled to more than its capacity with a continuous stream of visitors. Here the veterans extended themselves in a host of stories (all, of course, the truth and nothing but the truth) of the past. Humorous anecdote, full of wit and sparkling comedy-tragic interludes—daring feats all became real, as the old soldiers served again in their reminiscences.

Practically everyone present saw the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion "Beat Retreat," the playing and marching compelling even dour, critical veteran drummers to applaud.

The Mayor of Guildford (Mr. William Harvey) and Corporation were entertained to dinner in the Officers' Mess, and afterwards were shown over the barracks.

From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. the 2nd Battalion Band, conducted by Bandmaster R. Barsotti, A.R.C.M., played a varied programme, while many couples danced on the lawn.

All enjoyed the evening, young and old vieing with each other in showing their love of the Regiment, recruits proudly conducting their parents and friends; veterans equally proudly recalling memories of the past.

A repetition of this opportunity to visit barracks is eagerly awaited, and the occasion has done much to gain a deeper appreciation of the service by the general public.

## NOTES ON CIVIL EMPLOYMENT

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

HERE does not seem to be any immediate prospect of improvement in employment. The state of the labour market at present is awful. Every Labour Exchange has thousands of unemployed on its books and, contrary to some opinions, the majority of these really do want work, but there is none to be got.

There is however a more hopeful feeling in the air, and week after week one hears of factories opening up again after months of idleness, or of new factories being built. To my mind the employment crisis is over, but it will be some time before a healthier state of affairs is regained.

With the situation in civil life as it is, it is more important than ever it was that the soldier, if he has to leave the Army, should prepare himself for civil employment. Any man who has the chance of "taking on" should do so, as that will tide him over some years which are bound to be bad for employment.

If the soldier has to leave the Colours he will have to decide where to live. To go blindly back to one's old home, without finding out the prospects of work there, is foolish. Similarly it is not altogether wise to announce that he will go anywhere. It adds to the difficulties of the Regimental Association or other Agencies which are trying to help, as they do not know where to commence their inquiries. The best plan is to decide on one place and make it known that, should you fail there, you will go anywhere a job offers itself.

Recently I was present when a manager of a big business was interviewing applicants for employment. The firm are good employers and pay good wages. About twelve of the applicants had only recently left the Army, and I was astounded by their apathetic manner. One question was "Why do you want to work for this firm?" Nearly all the soldiers answer something like this: "I've got to work for someone," or "I can't find any other work." It should be obvious to anyone that such spiritless answers will not please or impress an employer. My answer to that question would have been "Because it is a good firm to be with." The whole attitude of these men was lethargic. They showed no alertness and no real desire to join the firm, and yet they struck me as being good men who, through thoughtlessness, were not showing themselves off properly. To get a job you must please the employer and give the impression that you are alive and energetic.

I still come across cases of soldiers parting with their savings to buy small businesses and the like. On investigation I find that in nine cases out of ten the man selling the business is a complete stranger, and the soldier has made no inquiries as to his honesty or the genuineness of the offer. A transaction such as this is sheer madness. The world is full of plausible sharks who thrive on the money they are given by "mugs."

Recently quite a number of corporals and private soldiers completing twenty-one have come to this Centre for the so-called "Position of Trust" Course. The course is not really suitable for them, and they would be far wiser to take the Handyman or Boot Repairing Course. The former definitely improves their employability, and the latter will always enable them to earn a few shillings in their spare time. Private Service is another class which I would not advise the old soldier to join unless he has had long experience in the Officers' Mess or as a married Officer's Servant. Employers call for young men for this work.

Every soldier entering civil life must report to his local Labour Exchange. He has to have his particulars taken and obtain his Employment Cards. Those who are going on pension should make the fact clear to the Labour Exchange authorities. This is important, as some employers prefer men with a pension, as that pension is, in itself, a form of fidelity guarantee.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**T**HIS article was drafted in response to a request from the Colonel, The Royal Sussex Regiment, to explain to officers and other ranks of the Regiment the work of the National Association for employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen and what should be done by those wishing to avail themselves of its organization. It has been amended for general circulation in the hope that it may be of assistance.

The Association registers only men whose character on discharge is at least "Good." Men desiring any form of Government employment, such as postmen, porters or cleaners in the General Post Office, messengers or porters in War Office or other Government Departments, warders and watchmen in museums, art galleries and other Government buildings, are entitled to register twelve months prior to discharge or transfer to Reserve. In filling Post Office and many other Government vacancies preference is given in the following categories:—

First, to Regulars with War Service;

Then, to men who served on "Hostilities Only," Engagements, and

Lastly, to Post-war Regulars.

From this it is clear that men who enlisted after November 11th 1918, will have many years to wait before nomination. Even men in the first category may have to wait from one to three years after discharge, and so all must seek general civil employment whilst waiting.

Those desiring Government employment should request their Commanding Officer to complete A.F. B.2516 and forward it to the branch of the National Association nearest to their proposed place of residence on discharge, the addresses of which are shown in current Army List Advertiser.

As soon as a man goes on "discharge furlough" he should call on the National Association branch and complete his registration for civil employment, bringing any available documents, chits from officers or letters of recommendation which are often most helpful in placing him. Such chits should refer specifically to capabilities which may be useful in civil life. The National Association was recently requested to find "two good spin bowlers." Firms often prefer good athletes; care of live stock, or experience of gardening, lawn-keeping, carpentry, car cleaning, typewriting may all be useful. With 40,000 sailors, soldiers and airmen coming annually into a labour market with 3,000,000 unemployed, the difficulty is for each man to "lift himself out of the brown," and to convince the employer he is better than five out of six candidates.

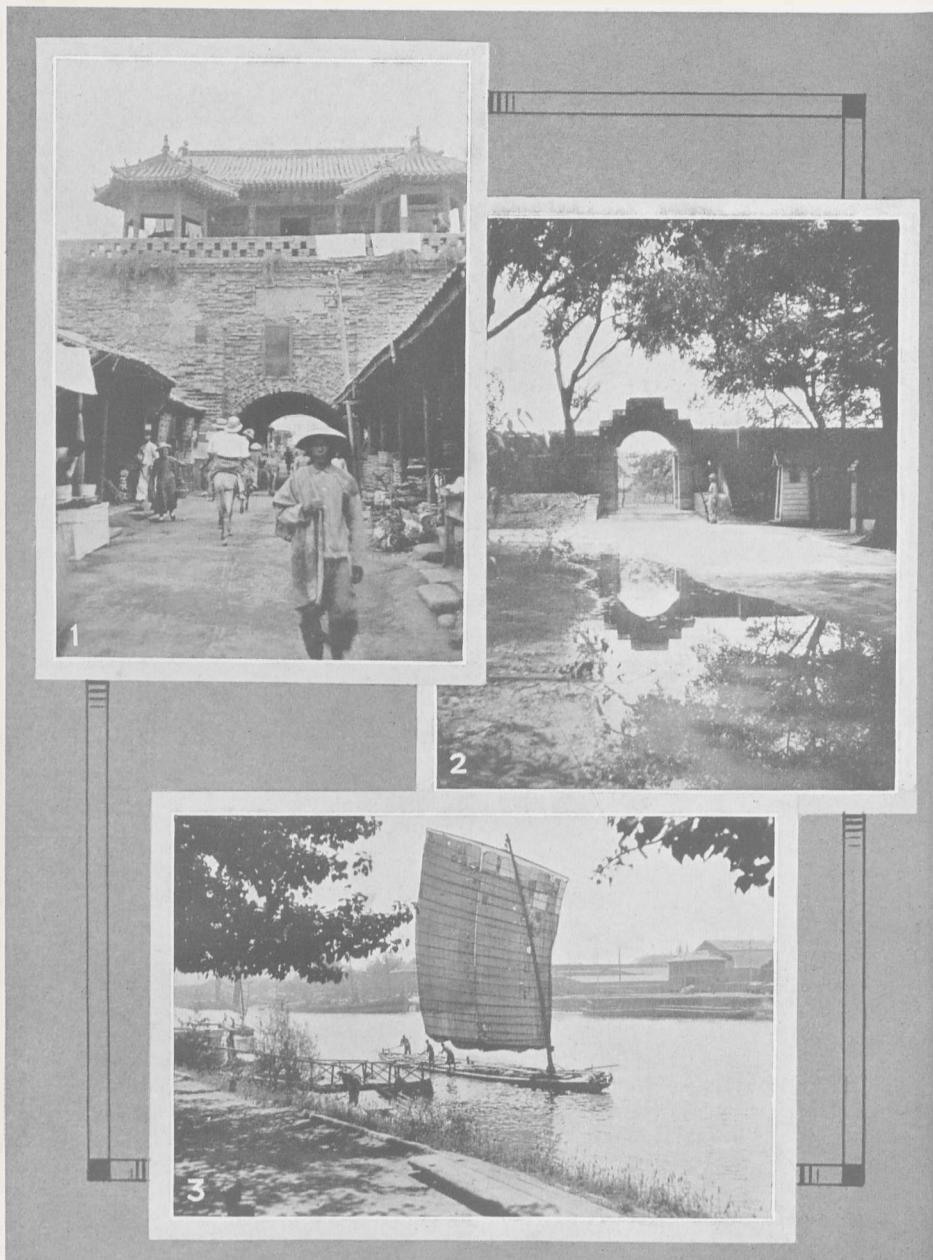
Thirty-six branches of the National Association now have job-finders trained to find out from the men what they can do, and from employers what jobs they can fill; further job-finders are appointed whenever funds permit, each appointment costs approximately £200 per annum. The National Association exists to help men, but if "God helps those who help themselves" it is not much good expecting the National Association to be able to help those that don't.

Start right NOW to pick up something of use to a civil employer; concentrate on collecting helpful chits; save up for the "looking-round" period; find out all you can about civil conditions to-day, so that contact with them to-morrow won't be too great a shock of disappointment, and if there's a chance of going on Serving —GO ON!

A. H. SMYTH, *General Manager*,  
National Association.

62, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
October 18th, 1932.

1st BATTALION.



BATTALION PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION.

1. 1st Prize.—The South Gate, Shan-Hai-Kuan City.
2. 2nd Prize.—The West Gate, British Legation, after heavy rain.
3. 3rd Prize.—A junk on the Canal, Tientsin.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER.

FIVE hundred past and present members of the Regiment attended the Old Comrades' Association and Dinner Club (All Ranks) 24th Annual Dinner at the Georgian Restaurant, Harrods, London, on Saturday, June 10th, and as usual, the function was a most enjoyable one. Major-General Sir Wilkinson D. Bird (Colonel of the Regiment) was in the chair, and among others present were:—

Major-General A. E. McNamara, Brig.-General R. H. Mangles, Col. G. N. Dyer, Lieut.-Cols. S. T. Watson and G. J. Giffard, Majors R. A. M. Bassett, G. K. Olliver (Hon. Treasurer of the Association), J. J. Grubb, N. B. Avery, Capt. R. C. G. Foster, J. B. Coates, N. A. Willis, F. A. Coward, J. P. Howells, F. E. B. Girling, R. E. Pickering, D. E. Bathgate, J. L. S. Boyd, A. P. Block, H. J. Carpenter, G. V. Palmer, W. H. Chitty, H. P. Foster, A. S. Hodgson, H. E. Reimann, R. C. Halse and R. Nevins (Secretary to the Association), Lieuts. J. F. K. Ponsford, K. J. Wilson, J. Y. Whitfield, R. M. Burton, G. Haggard, H. E. Wilson, D. L. A. Gibbs, J. B. H. Keally, K. M. East and L. P. Smith, the Rev. H. J. Burkitt, with Chief Petty-Officer F. H. Rudge and Petty-Officer H. Horsey, of H.M.S. *Excellent*.

While the guests were assembling, and during the dinner, ex-Drum-Major H. C. Sales played pianoforte selections.

The toasts of "The King," and "The Queen and Members of the Royal Family" were honoured.

The Chairman heartily welcomed the representatives of H.M.S. *Excellent*, and announced that the 1st Battalion, quartered at Tientsin, had sent a telegram: "With best wishes and good luck from all ranks." (Applause.) He (the Chairman) was told that the Battalion Trooped the Colour on St. George's Day in an excellent manner before a large crowd, not only of Chinese but of American, Japanese, French and Italian soldiers. The health of that Battalion had been unusually good in relation to that of the station, and this was ascribed to high discipline. "As you know," added Major-General Sir Wilkinson Bird, "discipline is only another word for hearty co-operation between all ranks." (Applause.) Their 2nd Battalion, now at Aldershot, had been described to him as being a well-trained, keen and cheery one, and, therefore, both battalions were well maintaining the high traditions of the Regiment. (Applause.) Unfortunately this year it would not be possible to hold the Officers' Garden Party at the Regimental Depot at Stoughton, nor the All Ranks' Party which usually followed on the next day, but arrangements had been made for the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion to play at the Depot on June 23rd from 6.45 to 10 p.m. It was hoped that ex-soldiers of The Queen's who lived within reach of Guildford would attend, and wives and children would be welcomed.

Referring to the Report of The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades' Association, Sir Wilkinson pointed out that nearly £750 had been expended in giving assistance. This, he said, might not seem much in relation to the capital at the disposal of the Association, nearly £10,000, but that was held in trust, and there was only power to spend the interest, which was about £400 per year. Their Association worked to find employment through the National Association for the Employment of ex-Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, and, thanks to that organization, and in particular to Capt. Thomas, the Croydon representative,

they had been able to find work for 79 ex-Queen's soldiers in areas as far apart as Carlisle, Newcastle, Sheffield, Bristol, and Croydon. (Applause.) This was not quite so good as the year before, but, having regard to the grave trade depression, they could safely say that it was not unsatisfactory.

Trade depression seemed to be as unending as the late war at one time seemed to be. During the war some people said we could not get through, but we did. In one of the great battles in the early part of the war, he had been told, an officer was wounded and taken to a dug-out in the front-line trenches. The Germans delivered a series of attacks. There lay the officer, listening to the signs of battle, the thud, the whine and the crash of shells, the angry hiss of the shrapnell, the scream of the ricochet, the roar of musketry, the clatter of machine guns. Suddenly there was a silence. Did it mean that the line had been broken and the brigade defeated? At that moment a cheery voice called from the trenches, "Are we downhearted?" and the confident roar of "No!" came back from the line that had beaten the Germans. "If," said the Chairman, "we could give the same confident answer now we should overcome the trade depression." (Applause.)

Capt. H. E. Reimann (formerly of the 1st Battalion) gave the toast of "Absent Comrades," and speaking to the young serving soldiers present, said they could consider themselves very fortunate in attending that gathering. It gave them an idea of what it meant to be an old comrade, through being among men who had fought together, and soldiered together in peace time to make the Regiment what it was. (Applause.) The moral of the story told by the General was to be found in the motto of The Queen's, and, in these abnormal times, if they could think of the words which, interpreted, meant "remembering their gallantry of former days," the reply would be in the loudest tone, "We are not downhearted," based on the belief that the time would come when they would see the turn of the tide, and more opportunities for employment, particularly for the men of The Queen's. Then the Association would take its share in finding not perhaps 79, but 790 jobs for men out of work, if necessary. The toast was divided into three—the men overseas, those laid aside through sickness or domestic and distressing circumstances, and those who would never be with them again. Year by year the old faces were becoming fewer and fewer at that gathering. Capt. Reimann mentioned some who had passed away, and, concluding, said they wished prosperity to their comrades overseas, recovery to those who were sick, and better times for those who were down and out. (Applause.)

Chief Petty Officer F. H. Rudge conveyed to the company the greetings and heartiest good wishes of the officers and men of H.M.S. *Excellent*, and returned thanks for the reception accorded Petty Officer Horsey and himself. The speaker referred to the occasion when The Queen's soldiers and the sailors were associated in fighting together, and said all desired that the friendship between the Regiment and H.M.S. *Excellent* should not only be maintained, but increased year by year. He had heard old sailors talk about the happenings in days gone by. The Queen's Royal Regiment, he thought, was the senior foot regiment, and one of the best in existence. (Applause.) He would tell the officers and men at Whale Island how cordially their representatives had been received. (Applause.)

Ex-Sergt.-Major A. E. Ellis (Harlesden) gave "The Health of the Chairman," and commented upon the fine standard of soldiering which Major-General Sir Wilkinson Bird had set and maintained throughout his distinguished career. Now the General had "a cushy job"—(laughter)—but they found he continued with the same energy to push things on. Among the first to greet the 2nd Battalion a few months ago was the Colonel of the Regiment. (Applause.) The toast was accorded musical honours, and the company then split up into little groups to talk over former associations in peace and fighting days.

The Regimental Old Comrades' Association arranged for the laying of a wreath on Thiepval Memorial, unveiled by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales on Sunday, August 1st, 1932, on panels of which are engraved the names of more than 750 officers and other ranks who fell in that area during the war.

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

NO.	RANK AND NAME.	BATTALION.	SERVICE.	DATE OF DEATH.
6081042	L./Cpl. N. Smith	... 2nd Bn.	... 1922-1927	21/5/31
6078084	Pte. A. H. Francis	... 1st Bn.	... 1919-1927	20/4/32
8791	Pte. T. C. Barker	... 1st & 2nd Bns.	1906-1919	3/6/32
2392	Pte. J. Kell	... 1st & 2nd Bns.	1888-1901 1914-1918	1/7/32
	J. Punter	... 5th Bn.	... 1914-1919 (Depot Master Shoemaker 1892-1922)	6/9/32
990	Sergt. P. Pratt, D.C.M.	2nd Bn.	... 1914-1918	24/9/32

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