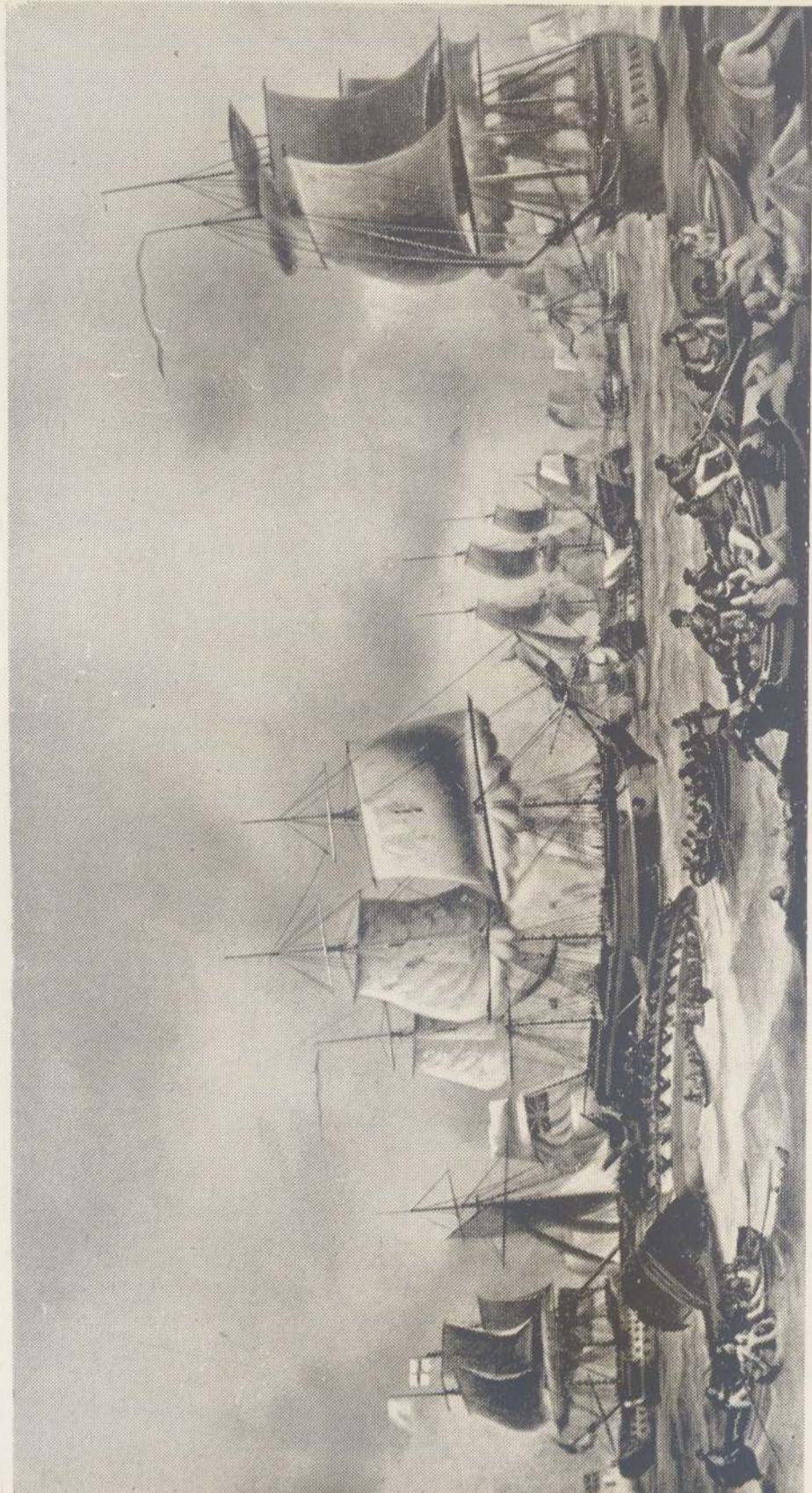


"THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE : 1794."



This Painting of Lord Howe's famous victory was recently discovered in an East End tavern and is to be given to the nation. The above photograph originally appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, and we desire to express our thanks to the Editor for kindly lending us the block, from which the impression is taken. We also thank Messrs. Photopress, Ltd., of 10, Johnson's Court, Fleet Street, E.C.4, for allowing us to republish the photograph.



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EDITORIAL

WE congratulate the 2nd Battalion on reaching the final of the Army Hockey Cup. The team was unlucky not to win in the first match of the final against the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, when two periods of extra time were played. A full account of the matches will be found in our columns.

It may interest readers to know that there are five former members of the Regiment at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Arrangements have been made to send copies of the JOURNAL regularly to the Hospital so that these old comrades may be kept informed of the doings of all Battalions of the Regiment.

The 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades Association is making arrangements for another tour to the Battlefields in Belgium and Northern France this year, and a Pilgrimage to Gallipoli and Palestine is proposed for September, 1935. We publish a brief notice of these trips, and wish the Association every success in its programme. The bringing together of those who have seen Active Service in each other's company is a valuable means of fostering *esprit de corps*, and should be a help to recruiting.

The Annual Report and the Accounts of the Regimental Old Comrades' Association will be found in this number. The Association continues to make steady progress, but difficulty is still being experienced in finding employment for men leaving the Colours. The employment figures for 1933 show an improvement over those of 1932, and it is hoped that the increased activity in trade and industry will produce still better results in the current year. In this connection we should like to draw the attention of serving readers to the advantages offered by the Army Vocational Training Centres. We publish regularly news and information regarding this training, and full details can be obtained from Battalion Orderly Rooms.

It is gratifying to note that fencing is still well to the fore in the Regiment. Both the 2nd Battalion and Depot scored successes in their respective Command Bronze Medal Tournaments, the 2nd Battalion winning four out of a possible eight medals for individual events. In the Army Inter-Unit Team Fencing Competition the Regimental Team has won the right to represent the Aldershot Command, and will take part in the final of the Competition, which will be fought at The Royal Tournament, Olympia, on Thursday, May 31st, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

Notices of the various Regimental Dinners, O.C.A. Garden Party, etc., to be held in 1934 are published in our columns. We desire to remind those wishing to attend these functions of the necessity of notifying the respective Secretaries in good time. We hope that all those who can attend will make a point of doing so.

The 1st Battalion is to leave China for India towards the end of this year. Rumour has it that its ultimate destination will be Quetta, but this is so far unconfirmed. This move brings the Battalion nearer home, and although all ranks have made the most of their stay in China, we understand they are looking forward to the move to new surroundings.

We are still having readers' copies of the JOURNAL returned to us owing to failure to notify us of a change of address. We desire again to draw attention to the necessity of sending us immediate notice of change of address. Unless this is done, we cannot guarantee safe delivery of readers' copies.

The next number of the JOURNAL will be published in November next. News and articles intended for publication should reach us not later than 15th October.

1st BATTALION

ATTER our late return from Shanhaikuan, in October, we settled down to what, by all accounts, must have been one of the mildest winters on record. This possibly accounts to a large extent for the extreme good health of the Battalion, though unfortunately there have been a few exceptions. As mentioned in the Sergeants' Mess Notes, Sergt. Norris has been seriously ill, and we add our congratulations on his recovery, offer our good wishes for his future, and our very real regrets that he has been forced to leave us after such long service with the Regiment. Mention must also be made of Pte. Lawson, who has been invalided home; Pte. Ivatts, who has been seriously ill for a long time; and Boy James who, after a very long time in hospital, where he displayed great pluck, has also had to go home. Lieut. Sykes Wright had the misfortune to break his leg shortly before Christmas while playing "Rugger" but we are glad to say that he is up and about again. But to turn to more cheerful subjects; although we are sorry to lose Lieut. Colonel Boyd we are glad to hear that his recovery is now only a matter of time. We are also glad that Major Pilleau, whom we congratulate on his promotion, has completely recovered.

As the Battalion has now been abroad seven years it is inevitable that many changes will take place yearly. This trooping season has seen the departure of Major Prendergast, Capt. Veasey, Lieut. Dickinson, R.Q.M.S. Jackson, and some two hundred other ranks. We wish them all success in their different spheres of activity. The same trooper has brought us Major Jebens, Major Coates, Capt. Willis, Capt. Evans, Lieut. Kelly, Bandmaster Brooks, R.Q.M.S. O'Albertanson, and some one hundred and fifty other ranks, to all of whom we extend a hearty welcome. Somewhat late in this editorial we offer our congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel Hull, on his promotion and his appointment to Command of the Battalion, with which he has served continuously, except for a tour of duty at the Depot, since the Great War.

Mention above of Bandmaster Brooks reminds us of the improvement he has already made in the Band. The Band has given a concert in Tientsin, and some members performed with credit in the orchestra which accompanied the production of the "Pirates of Penzance," staged by the Tientsin Amateur Dramatic Society—which Society kindly performed in barracks for the benefit of the other ranks. There has been a large turnover of bandsmen with the home battalion, and we hope the 2nd Battalion will settle down as quickly as ours.

Since our last issue Brigadier A. J. Ellis, D.S.O., has taken over the Area and will assist in preparing us for India during our training at Shanhaikuan, whence we go in June. A Guard of Honour was found by "B" Company for Brigadier Ellis on arrival. Other Guards of Honour were found by "D" Company for the Governor of Hopei; by "C" Company on the departure of the Minister, as mentioned in the Peking letter; while "D" Company is now preparing to receive the new Minister this month. The retiring Minister was kind enough to make very complimentary remarks upon the way in which the Legation Guards of The Queen's Royal Regiment had performed their duties.

The usual Armistice Day ceremony was held, at which the Consul-General took the salute. Details of sporting pastimes will be found under the appropriate headings of this issue. Other items of interest since our last notes were the dance at the Country Club, given by the officers in January, and the Children's Christmas Tree Tea Party which was a great success. C.S.M. Hartridge and Clr./Sergt. Scott receive our congratulations on receipt of the Good Conduct and Long Service Medals.

The Battalion cinema continues to be a great success, and it is hoped that conditions in India will allow it to carry on.

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PEKING LETTER.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL there have been several changes in the British Legation Guard. Major F. J. Jebens, M.C., relieved Major L. L. Welman, M.C., as Commandant; Major T. H. Sarsfield relieved Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Williamson, M.C., as Medical Officer; and Lieut. H. G. Duncombe was appointed Adjutant, *vice* Lieut. D. C. G. Dickinson, on the latter's transfer to the Home Establishment.

The winter has been an exceedingly mild one, and facilities for games have been excellent. We have played a large number of football matches with the various Chinese Universities, and these fixtures provided some very interesting games.

The cinema, in the Recreation Room, has been extremely popular, and the concert parties which from time to time has entertained us were greatly appreciated.

On the eve of departure of our personnel for the United Kingdom, an All Ranks Dance was held in the Recreation Room. The Regimental Dance Band came up from Tientsin for the occasion, and a large number of members of the British Women's League were present. The organization of the dance was in the hands of L./Sergt. Lynwood and Cpl. Southon, and they are to be congratulated on running a very good show.

At the end of November we were very sorry to say farewell to the retiring Minister, Sir Miles Lampson. A Guard of Honour was furnished on the morning of Sir Miles's departure, and as this took place two hours before dawn, the Guard of Honour functioned in bright moonlight. The Minister, in saying good-bye, complimented the Regiment upon the conduct and efficiency of the Guard.

We are now busily "punching up" for the parade which is to take place on the arrival of the new Minister. In connection with this it may be worth while to quote a remark made by a certain young officer on being told that there was to be a salute of seventeen guns. He said "How in the devil are we going to fire a salute of seventeen guns? We've only got two here!"

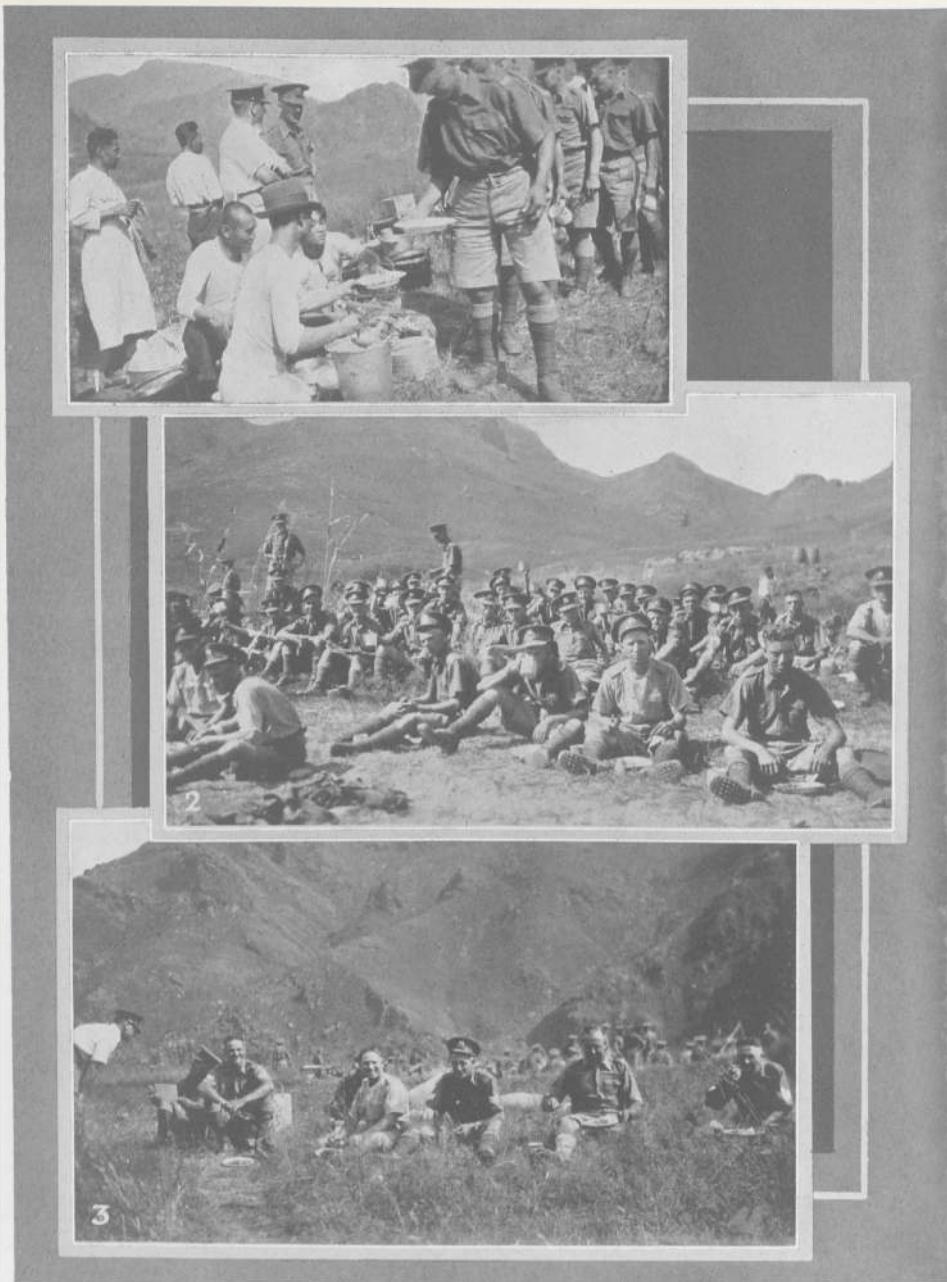
SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Here we are at the end of February, and our JOURNAL Representative is "piping up" for notes to be included in the next issue of the Magazine. Owing to the fact that we are stationed at the farthest outpost of the Empire, and that the Trans-Siberian Railway is not yet entirely reliable, important mails are sent over the "all red route," thus necessitating early postage.

We mentioned in our last notes that we were spending the summer at Shanhai-kuan Camp. Although the countryside was in a very unsettled state (the Japanese being in occupation of Shanhai-kuan City) nothing startling happened to interfere with our pleasures and we were able to roam about inland, go on picnics to the hills and improve our pony riding. Quite a number of members took up fishing, and the usual big fish ("That long") was caught on numerous occasions. One of our members did remarkably well at the Regimental Pony Races. He brought off a great coup by winning the cash sweep—quite a considerable sum. He no doubt found it very useful for buying knick-knacks for the home. He was married in December, poor lad.

The Mess was able to entertain the W.Os. and P.Os. of H.M.S. *Berwick*, and according to the caterer everyone had a great time. Our close connection with the Navy at Hong Kong and Malta make them doubly welcome when they are able to visit us. They reciprocated by giving us a royal time aboard ship at Chingwangtao.

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1. "Grub-Stakes."

2. "Replenishing."

3. "Relishing."

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We returned to Tientsin rather late in October and proceeded to make ourselves snug for the winter. The Mess had been newly painted in our absence and was luxurious after the old tin hut at camp. The billiards table was a welcome sight, and we soon proceeded to regain our old form. Incidentally we congratulate L./Sergt. Delaney on winning the Mess Billiards Championship in great style.

The fortnightly whist drives have been held regularly since our return from camp, and continue to be very popular. A small band performs after the whist, and as no one departs until the small hours it goes to show how very enjoyable these functions are.

The Mess, desiring to give departing members a good send-off, and to wish them success at home, held farewell dinners in November and January for this purpose. They were both excellent affairs and brought to light the splendid comradeship among members. Clr./Sergt. French delivered a brilliant and witty speech at the latter dinner, further enhancing his already great reputation as a wit, and literally brought down the house. We shall miss them all, and once again wish them the best of luck.

Christmas found us merry and bright and prepared to celebrate. The Mess Dinner was held with members' wives present, and it was more than a cheerful affair. The ladies make a wonderful difference at a dinner party, and brighten up the whole atmosphere. C.S.M. Hartridge became very popular with them by giving a really funny speech on "Why he was single." Dancing completed a perfect evening's enjoyment.

The Christmas Draw proved a great success. Every ticket a prize. It was very well supported, and the display of prizes reminded one of Sainsburys. The presentation of live stock caused tremendous laughter. The single members did very well by winning quite a lot of "bottled food," which naturally did not last very long.

The children were given a party in the Mess, complete with Christmas tree. It was highly amusing, the youngsters having a great time. My word! what a lot of them.

A Fancy Dress Football Match was held on Boxing Day morning between the Mess and the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. Jock, alias King Kong, alias the Loch Ness Monster, was the referee. He controlled the game quite well, but had little idea of a Rugby scrum. A good show, most funny to watch and fully appreciated by the troops.

The Mess continue to hold their own at indoor and outdoor sports. Many pleasant games have been arranged, such as shooting, hockey, football and billiards matches, with other messes and clubs. We really have a great time in our leisure hours. We mention the fact that the ladies of the garrison attend twice a week at the miniature range for shooting practice. They are proving excellent "marksmen."

So far the winter has treated us very well, not having been too severe. There has been little sickness among the members and their families, but everyone will welcome the warmer weather.

The rate of exchange gives cause for anxiety. At the moment it is very much on the upgrade, and our purchasing power on the downward. Even so, North China is a remarkably cheap place to live in.

We welcome with open arms members who have joined us during the season, and feel sure they will be most happy with the Battalion.

Two of our young members, Sergt. E. Gould and L./Sergt. Brent were married in December—Gould at Peking and Brent at Tientsin. We wish them every success in their new venture. By the way, the Royal Engineers have purchased a row of newly-built houses. Is this a hint to single members?

It is with great regret that we mention the serious illness of Sergt. Norris, our Pioneer Sergeant. He was taken seriously ill before Christmas with heart

trouble. However, we are glad to relate that he made a wonderful recovery and was well enough to be sent home on the last trooper. Unfortunately, it is doubtful whether he will be able to serve further. He has been with the Regiment for twenty-two years, and will be very much missed in the Mess. We wish him every happiness, and trust he will speedily regain his health.

Our move at the end of the year is now definite. Somewhere in India is to be our new station, and Quetta, on the North-West Frontier, seems the likeliest.

After four years in North China a change will be welcome, yet we shall leave Tientsin with many regrets. We have had a good time and made many friends. There is one consolation: we shall be much nearer home.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Thanks to the splendid achievements of teams, and various members of the Mess, we have at last obtained some good material to place upon this clean and innocent piece of parchment. Our old rivals, the Sergeants' Mess, condescended to lower their majestic dignity by accepting our challenge to two games of hockey. The first was well contested, and resulted in a draw. The second was again well fought, but the weight of the Corporals' defence was far more superior to the skill of the opposing forwards. Consequently, we left the field to don the proverbial feather.

Billiards is now a dominating factor in the Mess. Paddy, the wizard of the rod, pole, and perch, has been enlightening the members with a few of his remarkable screw shots. These have been well applauded and practised, much to the chagrin and regret of the Mess Orderly, for he has to replace the broken tips.

According to the talent in our billiards team, we should do well, and high hopes are held for the captivation of that coveted trophy "The Calbeck and Macgregor" Cup. "Here's strength to their elbows."

From the twitterings of the birds, and other bright young things, the dance staged by the Corporals on 2nd February was, undoubtedly, one of the most outstanding entertainments of the season. All members are deeply gratified to the Senior Messes for their support, the Dance Committee, the Regimental Band, and the "Sandwich King," Toone. (Full points, "Tunny.")

The departure to the higher sphere of "Silent Sam," and the arrival from the United Kingdom of "Tornado Togo" has converted our little domain from a maniacs' paradise to a veritable Hades.

Despite the various changes and departures in our ranks, the spirit of the Mess has gradually risen from the depression that is encountered during the summer months. One gentleman blamed the gold standard, and obviously the remainder agreed. (Me, too!)

Among other arrivals were a bevy of members who have attended various courses in "Blighty." We congratulate them on their success, but not on their portliness. My word, wern't they fat! They did not get like that on "Jack Hares'" duff.

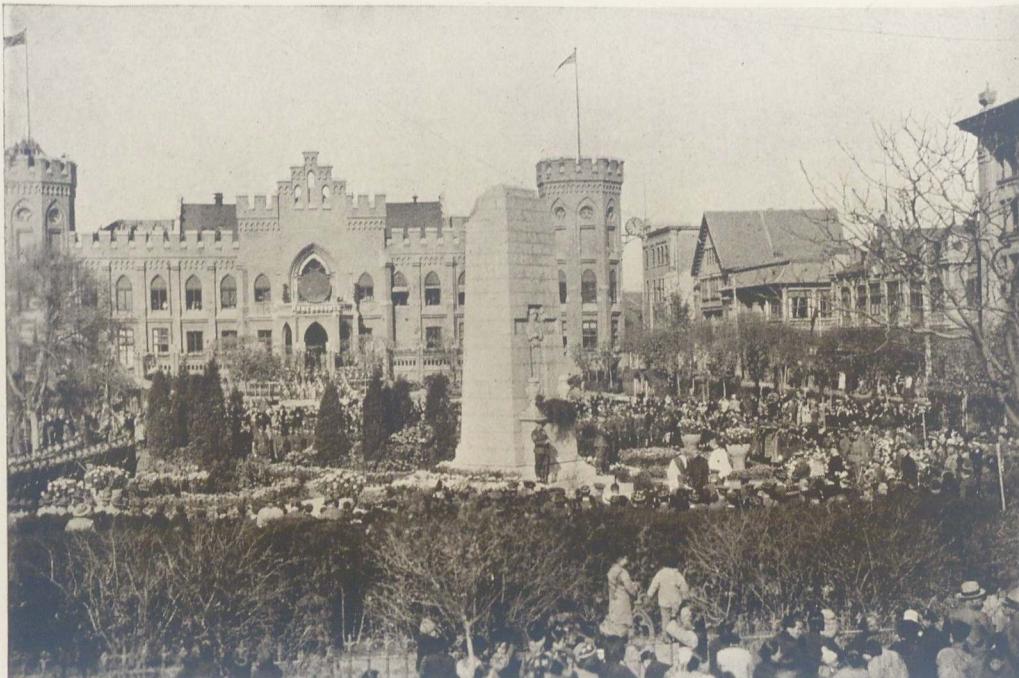
We take this opportunity of saying farewell, and to express our gratitude to that well-appreciated Mess fixture, Joe Larkin. Good-bye, Joe, and the best of luck.

Oh! by the way, we nearly forgot the shove ha'penny board. This necessity has been permanently attached to the Mess for at least four years. It has settled disputes, and given cause for constant merriment amongst the members during the course of the periodical competitions. Interlude, for the Shove Ha'penny Yell: "Rah! Rah! Rah! Shove! Shove! Shove Ha'penny!"

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Brigadier A. J. Elles with the British Consul-General, Mr. Giles, and Foreign Officers watching the Battalion march past.



The Service at the War Memorial.
ARMISTICE DAY AT TIENTSIN, 1933.

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ATHLETICS.

Owing to our late return from camp at Shanhaikuan no Regimental Athletic Meeting was held this year, for we are faced with the problem of either cancelling our Regimental Athletics or declining to enter for the International Meeting, and for obvious reasons our own interests had rather unfortunately to be sacrificed *pro bono publico*. This was particularly unfortunate owing to the date of the International Meeting being fixed three weeks earlier than we had expected, to allow the Chinese—who, incidentally, two years ago did not even enter a team—to participate in the All-China Athletic Meeting at Nanking ten days later.

In consequence, with a bare fortnight in which to collect and train our athletes, not one of our team was really fit, although each man worked magnificently, with the inevitable result that although there were more British finalists than those of any other nation, our men just failed to win their events by the barest margins.

Pte. Whiffen, our outstanding athlete, was very unlucky to lose the 100 Metres to the Olympic Champion, Liddell, by a mere fraction, in very good time. He was also third in the 200 Metres, High Jump, and Hop, Step and Jump, and second in the Long Jump. Sgt. Sharp was second in the High Hurdles and equal third with Whiffen in the High Jump, and Thomas and Fuff were second in the Hop, Step and Jump and 800 Metres respectively. Our long-distance runners were not nearly fit, and White and Barrier did well to be placed in the 5,000 Metres and the Steeplechase. The results were disappointing but fully expected, the pity of it being that British prestige should suffer through no fault of our athletes who had not been given a fair chance.

HOCKEY.

Our season, which is now drawing to a close, has been to a large extent marred by the uneven surface to which our ground has been reduced by bad weather. Hitherto it has been fast and true, but this year the frequent showers of rain in the early winter, followed by severe cold, have caused the entire surface to break up, and until the frost breaks nothing can be done to renew it. In consequence the standard of hockey has deteriorated sadly, it being almost impossible to give or receive a pass with any certainty or even to stop the ball with one's stick.

The Inter-Platoon Competition, which was played off first, resulted in a win for the Drums "A" team, who defeated No. 13 Platoon in the final, 2-1, after a close, exciting game.

The Inter-Company hockey takes the form of a league, run on the American Tournament system, and in addition to the military there are two civilian teams, representing the Tientsin and German Hockey Clubs. This league is still unfinished but the Staff and Departmental team are in a strong position at the top, which can be equalled but not beaten. Whether "B" Company, who can still tie for first place if they win all their remaining matches, can withstand this test is a matter of conjecture, whose ultimate settlement unfortunately cannot be decided before this article is on the high seas.

FOOTBALL.

The season has been most successful for the Battalion teams. We began with the usual Platoon and Company friendly games in October, in order to select promising material. In the Tientsin Amateur Football Association League, "D" Company are to be congratulated on finishing at the head of the Second Division. At the time of writing the First Division fixtures are not completed.

The Tientsin Club, however, have succeeded in winning the League outright. Head-quarter Wing are "sitting pretty" for second place. In the Peters Cup only one match has been played, and in this the Regiment easily defeated the Tientsin Club, 7-3. Four new players appeared for the Battalion on this occasion, namely: Pte. Bennett, Pte. Fitzjohn, Pte. Fitzpatrick and Pte. Pearce. The Borrows Cup is still in the initial stages.

Headquarter Wing are to be congratulated on winning the South China Cup for the third season running.

In the Inter-Platoon Competition the Jones Cup was won by the Signal Section again, after an exciting game with No. 14 Platoon. This competition throughout was very keenly contested, and provided spectators with some good football.

In the Inter-Port Football we have had three players and a reserve in the Tientsin team: Sergt. Hill (vice-captain), centre-half; L./Cpl. Archer, outside-left; Pte. Dellar, left-back; and L./Cpl. Beatty, reserve. Tientsin shared the honours with Shanghai in the Telegraph Cup—a triangular contest between Shanghai, Hong Kong and Tientsin.

Sergt. Hill (of Army Football Cup fame) deserves the highest praise for the sterling manner in which he has led the Regimental team, and hardly less the team themselves. They were: Pearce; Fitzjohn and Dellar; Fitzpatrick, Hill and Bennett; Rogers, Beatty, Thomas, Whiffin and Archer.

BOXING.

Since the last publication the Battalion have held the usual Novices' and Open Boxing Competition. There were many entries, and the N.C.O.s. and men were very keen. The meeting lasted for a week and many good fights were witnessed.

Several new men have been boxing at the American Barracks and have put up good shows. So far the belts won by Pte. Eyles and L./Cpl. Pullen have not been wrested from them this year, as the season at the American barracks goes on until the end of April.

The following are to be congratulated on having won their weights in the various bouts, in the Novices' Competition:—

Bantam-weight, Bdsn. Saunders, "H.Q." Wing; Feather-weight, Pte. Beckett, "H.Q." Wing; Light-weight, Pte. Grimes, "M.G." Company; Welter-weight, Pte. Guest, "M.G." Company; Middle-weight, L./Cpl. Doncaster, "B" Company; Light Heavy-weight, Pte. Shand, "D" Company; Heavy-weight, Pte. Hall, "H.Q." Wing.

BOYS' COMPETITION.

Welter-weight.—Boy Standing, "H.Q." Wing.

OPEN COMPETITION.

Class "B."—Feather-weight, Pte. Stenning, "H.Q." Wing; Middle-weight, L./Cpl. Noah, "H.Q." Wing.

Class "A."—Light-weight, L./Cpl. Dawes, "B" Company; Welter-weight, L./Cpl. Pullen, "H.Q." Wing; Middle-weight, Pte. Barnshaw, "M.G." Company; Light Heavy-weight, L./Cpl. Stannard, "B" Company.

NOVICES' COMPETITION—FINALISTS.

Bantam-weight.—Bdsn. Saunders, "H.Q." Wing; Pte. Davies, "B" Company. *Feather-weight.*—Pte. Beckett, "H.Q." Wing; Cpl. Wilson, "H.Q." Wing. *Light-weight.*—Pte. Grimes, "M.G." Company; Pte. Tidey, "B" Company. *Welter-weight.*—Pte. Guest, "M.G." Company; Pte. Boulton, "H.Q." Wing.

Boys—

Welter-weight.—Boy Standing, "H.Q." Wing; Boy Denny, "H.Q." Wing.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Doncaster, "B" Company; Bdsn. Seeley, "H.Q." Wing.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Shand, "D" Company; Pte. Bolton, "H.Q." Wing.

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Hall, "H.Q." Wing; L./Cpl. Taylor, "D" Company.

OPEN MEETING.

Class "B."

Feather-weight.—Pte. Stenning, "H.Q." Wing; Pte. Miller, "M.G." Company.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Noah, "H.Q." Wing; A./Sergt. Mathews (R.A.O.C.) "H.Q." Wing (Attached).

Class "A."

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Dawes, "B" Company; Pte. Eyles, "H.Q." Wing.

Welter-weight.—L./Cpl. Pullen, "H.Q." Wing; Pte. Browning, "H.Q." Wing.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Barnshaw, "M.G." Company; Pte. Webster, "M.G." Company.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Stannard, "B" Company; Pte. Anthony, "M.G." Company.

Points awarded to Companies as follows:

Company.	1st Day.	2nd Day.	3rd Day.	4th Day.	Totals.
"B"	14	33	45	54	65
"D"	33	39	51	58	64
"M.G."	22	37	50	62	70
"H.Q."	14	26	37	53	71

GNATS IN THE EAST WIND.

On 29th September "B" Company was displaying much activity before "Reveille" and by the time "H.Q." Wing was awake the country carts, which formed our transport, were winding their way through camp, to accompaniment of the whooping Chinese drivers. "B" Company were proceeding to Erheng to exercise the uninitiated in the intricate art of Mountain Warfare.

The Company Sergeant-Major had, by exercising much diligence and fore-thought, got things moving according to programme, and there appeared no "snags" until the Officers' Mess cart hove in sight. After a few complimentary remarks about carts in general and Officers' Mess carts in particular, the top-heavy vehicle was relieved of some of its load and the column proceeded to the mountain fastness within the vicinity of Erheng Temple.

A trip with a convoy of country carts upon country roads such as we have here would increase the education of many, as a number of new words are added to the English vocabulary.

With a few ups and downs the camp site was reached, none of us much the worse for (s)wear. The first consideration was food; the Sergeant-Cook having preceded us by an hour or so had succeeded in putting forward an appetising dish commonly known as brown stew. Having relished and replenished, camp was set up with little delay. Our stay was made most enjoyable, the weather being really fine, though on one or two occasions misgivings were vouched by the astronomers in our Section as to what would happen on the turn of the moon. Sun gladdened our hearts by day, and camp fires by night, around which several bottles of Horsehead were consumed. Our N.A.A.F.I. manager swelled his chest on more than one occasion upon his increased sales. No untoward incident

A SHOOTING TRIP IN NORTH CHINA

happened during our vacation, unless a Dental Inspection at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday could be called such.

October 4th saw the Camp struck, and very soon we were paddling across the babbling brook—though I have heard it called by many another name.

Prior to moving, instructions were received that we were to fight our way into Camp, as Blue Force, consisting of "H.Q." Wing, were bent on capturing our convoy. With much secrecy as to our route we succeeded in upsetting the enemy's plan of campaign, which possibly caused us to arrive in Shanhakuan Camp an hour or so before we should. It was not long before the carts were unloaded and kits away, when we could say good-bye to Erheng for another six months. I think that the secret of mountain warfare will keep until then.

A SHOOTING TRIP IN SHANSI, NORTH CHINA.

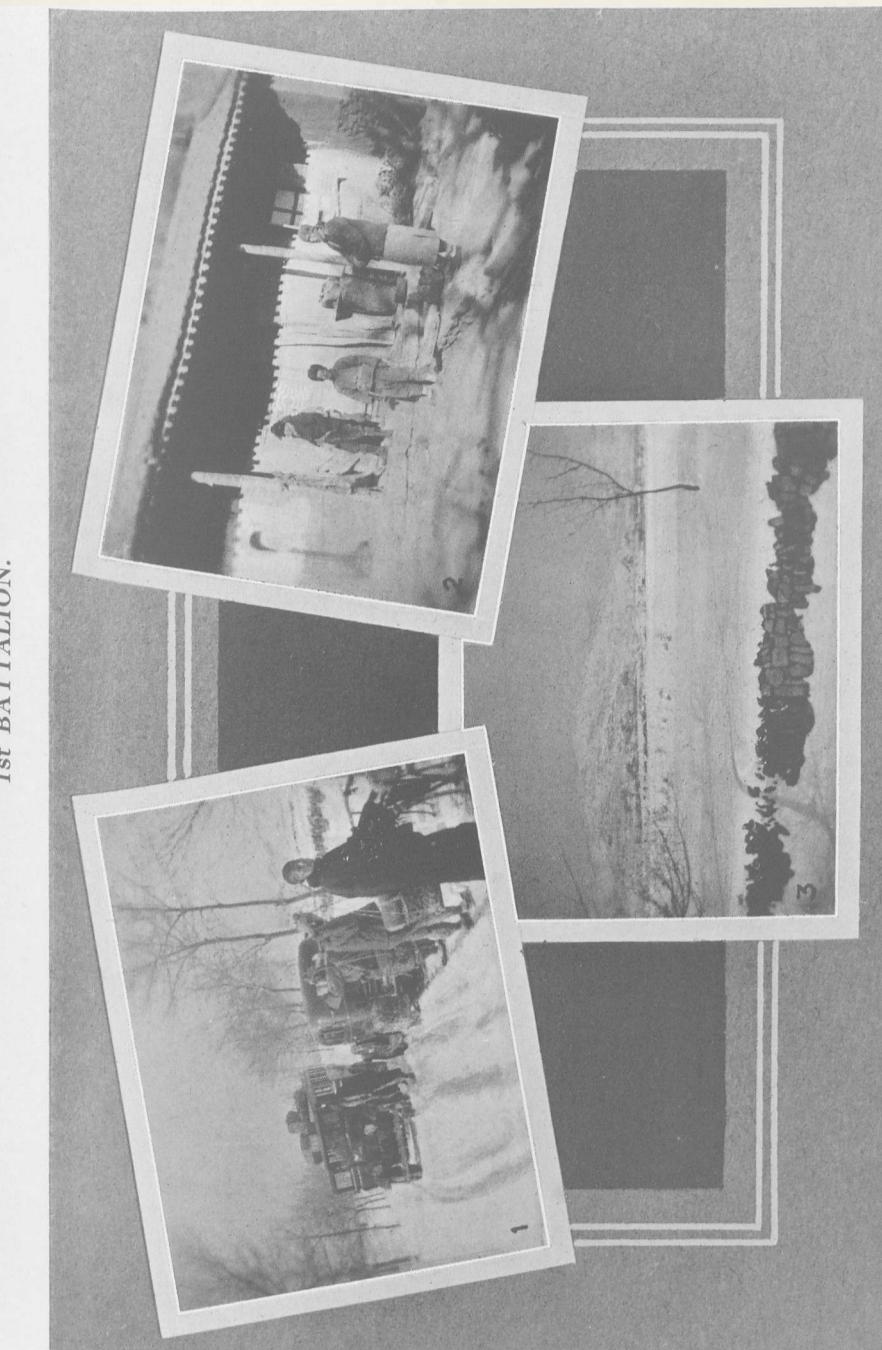
The train journey from Tientsin to Taiyuanfu was uninteresting for half the journey until the railway started to climb. We then wound our way like a snake up and up through coal-bearing hills, in which the coal could occasionally be seen in an outcrop. Having arrived at Taiyuanfu in the afternoon we collected all our kit, including beds, food and stoves and spent the night in the hotel. Next morning we set off by car and cart for the hills. After forty miles we transferred to pack and commenced climbing. The day after we arrived in shooting country. We found a Chinese villager who had a couple of spare rooms—tunnels dug into the hillside with a window at one end. Here we made ourselves very comfortable. The first week of shooting we had bad weather—high winds and low temperature. We managed to bag seven deer (*Capreolus Bedfordi*, to give its full name) and several pheasants. We then moved up the valley to another village, and settled down to find pig. The first two days were completely blank. The next days were more successful. We bagged four, comprising three boars and a sow. Their weights were not exceptional, the heaviest 260 lb. and the lightest 190 lb. The record for China is in the region of 400 lb. My companion sighted leopard once when he only had a shotgun, which was bad luck. We managed to collect twenty-five brace of pheasant and seven brace of partridge. Other birds seen during the trip included golden eagles, chukor, pigeon and the inevitable magpie.

The journey back to Taiyuanfu was unpleasant. Snow had fallen to a depth of eight inches, and the passes were very treacherous. We arrived back in Tientsin three days later, having had fourteen days' shooting.

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER
(OFFICERS)
OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1934, AT
THE KING EDWARD VII ROOMS
HOTEL VICTORIA, NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE
at 8 o'clock p.m.

Notice of Dining to be sent to the Honorary Secretary, COLONEL R. G. CLARKE, C.M.G., D.S.O., Barham House, Canterbury, not later than 11th June.

The management of the Hotel Victoria have placed a dressing room, free of charge, at the disposal of members wishing to change at the Hotel. The management also offer special terms to officers and their wives wishing to stay the night at the Hotel.



1st BATTALION.

A SHOOTING TRIP IN SHANSI, NORTH CHINA.
1. The means of transport—bus and private car. 2. Our Base of Operations. 3. The foothills as seen from the road.

ADEN IN 1934

I HAVE been asked by some of my old friends, late of the 1st Battalion Drums, who were stationed in Aden with the 1st Battalion in 1909, to write a description of Aden in 1934.

After being here roughly a year and a half, during which time I have had a good look round, I think I shall be able to show old members of the 1st Battalion that soldiering in Aden in 1909 and "airing" (R.A.F.) in 1934 in Aden are two different things.

My first visit to the church, at Steamer Point, brought to my notice a brass plate erected in memory of twelve of the 1st Battalion who died here about sixty years ago, and six who died in 1909. Of the latter, I have seen the graves of L./Cpl. Chance and Boy F. Talbot. Also, there is a man of the 2nd/4th Battalion, buried there in 1919. All are marked with headstones.

The names on the brass plate were scarcely decipherable, as they were filled with dried metal polish. I cleaned them out and painted them, and then had a photograph taken of the plate. I took the film to the bazaar to be developed, and, unfortunately, the whole row of "shops" opposite Prince of Wales Pier, Steamer Point, of which the photographer's was one, were destroyed by fire, and my film went with the others.

After a stay in hospital with a broken ankle, I again went to the church and found my paint was a failure; the letters were full of polish again, and so I obtained permission to have the plate taken off the wall, and I filled all the letters with a mixture of wax, black, with initial letters in red; so that should stand for a good many years.

The Garrison has been greatly reduced since the war. There is only one Heavy Battery, R.A., here, and they are in barracks at Steamer Point, and they occupy Forts Tarshyne and Morbut. The rest of the barracks at Steamer Point that used to be Royal Artillery are now Royal Air Force. The old Army Headquarters at Steamer Point are now Royal Air Force Headquarters. The old Sergeants' Mess of the Infantry Detachment, Barrack Hill, Steamer Point, is now used as a model engineering shop by Royal Air Force students, the detachment canteen is now Headquarters, Sergeants' Mess, Royal Air Force, and the block of barracks that used to house the Drums at Steamer Point is now the Royal Air Force canteen.

All the old barracks are still in use, but they have been renovated.

The lines on the Maidan that used to be the Royal Engineers is now Royal Air Force stores, and a skeleton company, known as No. 20 Fortress Company, R.E., are in new barracks near Steamer Point Church.

Water is laid on from Sheikh Othman, so the old camel carts are finished as far as water is concerned. All the old defences on the hill-tops are now obsolete.

Electric light and fans are also fitted in all barracks.

On the Prince of Wales Pier there is a kind of booking hall, which was erected as a War Memorial by the merchants of Aden, and on panels on the walls are nearly four hundred names of men (mostly Indians) who died during the defence of Sheikh Othman, 1915-1918, and who have no known graves. It is not generally known that Johnny Turk got as far as Sheikh during the war, but the old barbed-wire is still to be seen in places. The railway, from Maala to Lahej, has been dismantled and sold.

The Crescent in Steamer Point has been laid out in gardens right along, with a bandstand, and the Royal Air Force Band play there once a week.

The Union Club for Officers and European civilians is still in existence at Steamer Point.

Maala is still the same, and has that peculiar smell all its own.

A FAREWELL TO ARMS

The Crater has been evacuated by troops, and the old British Barracks behind the church are falling down. The old institutes are housing natives, the old Sergeants' Mess is a library for Anglo-Indians, and the Gymnasium is used as a drill hall for the local Boy Scouts. One barrack block is being used as a store by Besses, the Engineers of the Crater; and married quarters, which were built in 1925 for the Army, but were never used, now house natives.

The old native barracks in the Crater are used as houses, except a small portion, which is used by the Aden Armed Police. This body of men furnish the Residency Guard at Steamer Point. The Residency at the Crater has collapsed.

The old Ordnance Barracks, at Isthmus, through the tunnels, have fallen down, and the Royal Air Force have established a dairy farm in the old transport lines, from which we have fresh milk daily. The gun emplacements and shelters in the defences of Isthmus have also collapsed, and are treated as obsolete.

Half-way between Steamer Point and Sheikh Othman a fine aerodrome has been laid out, from which the machines of No. 8 Bomber Squadron, Khormaksar, operate whenever there is a little trouble up-country. The days of the infantryman footslogging across the "blue" is finished. Also at Khormaksar are stationed the Aden Protectorate Levies. This body is composed of a machine-gun troop mounted on camels, and two infantry platoons. They are commanded by a British Lieutenant-Colonel and two British subalterns. They supply the ground force should any be required to support the aeroplanes. The armed police are also trained as infantrymen, and, should serious trouble arise, the Police Levies, and ground men of the R.A.F. would defend the place as infantry until infantry were brought from Egypt by aeroplane, a matter of about twenty-four hours.

The ration strength of British soldiers and airmen in Aden is less than 600, and, with police and Levies, does not exceed a thousand, so it will be seen that the R.A.F. have, in the case of Aden, relieved the British taxpayer, but what is more important to the soldier, has relieved him of a very unpopular station.

Aden, 1934, however, is quite a tolerable place, and, as living, from a married man's point of view, is very cheap, although our normal tour of duty is two years, quite a number of married men, who have their families with them, volunteer for a further year.

I hope that any old Queen's men who were in Aden will find this description interesting, although I do not for one moment expect to hear of any of them retiring and coming here to live, so, in conclusion, I will just say (in answer to a question I was asked by an old Queen's man) that Cowasjee Dinshaw's "Union Fleet of boats" are still running from here to Berbera.

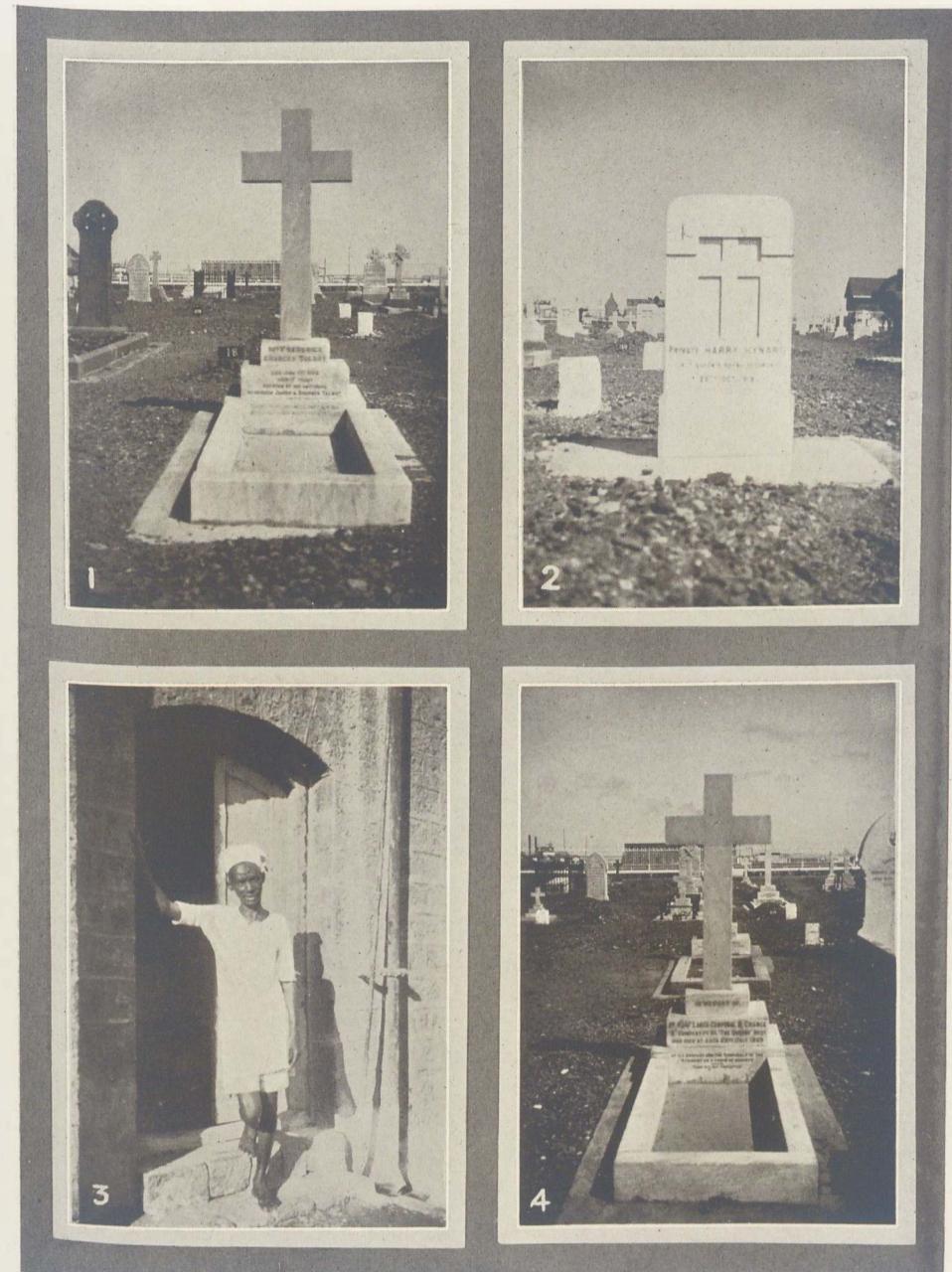
W. PARSONS, *Bandmaster, R.A.F. (late 1st Battalion.)*

A FAREWELL TO ARMS

THE men homeward bound on the draft to the United Kingdom have been round the barrack rooms bidding their comrades good-bye, and it is not without a trace of sadness that they prepare to obey the last command that their old Battalion will give them. They are to parade in order that the Commanding Officer may thank them for the way they have assisted in maintaining the great traditions of the Regiment since they have been with it. The Commanding Officer has spoken his words of farewell and wished them luck, and it is with a feeling of loss that he takes his stand for the last march past. The great majority of the men who pass before him came abroad as young recruits, and he has seen them develop into men both in body and mind.

What had the experience brought them, and what was the attitude towards life which had been created? The most part felt, though they would have found

ADEN IN 1934.



1 and 4. Graves of Boy Talbot and L/Cpl. Chance, 1st Battalion, who died in Aden in 1909.
 2. Grave of Pte. Harry Hynard, 1st/4th Battalion, 25th October, 1919.
 3. Achmed Yacoup, cook to "A" Company, also Drums, 1st Battalion, 1909 (now cook to Supply and Stores Depot, R.A.F.).

it hard to describe, that something very real and stable had been born out of the discipline of their Army life. They had discovered the meaning of good sportsmanship. "To play the game" was now part of their code of life, resulting in the first place from participation in the healthy rivalry of Regimental sports, and, secondly, as a consequence of feeling themselves members of a Battalion, the good traditions of which were dependent upon the individuals composing it. It was this latter consideration that made them see that such actions as reporting sick without a cause, or getting into trouble in town were things that "were not done." The recruit had discovered, too, from his associations with some of the older men, that to belong to the Regiment was no small thing. There was behind it a long and honourable history, and soon he came to share their pride, knowing that he was assisting in maintaining the splendid reputation of his Regiment.

There can be no doubt that the Commanding Officer and Officers feel a sense of loss as they see these men go, but they have the consolation of knowing that they will have benefited by reason of their Army service. And as long as they receive reports that these same men are playing the game as men and sportsmen in civilian life, the Officers can rest content with their work.

When serving overseas a man discovers much more quickly that, as a member of England's Forces, he represents all that England means. Love of home and parents, the whole wealth of England's history, her traditions, her achievements in so many fields, and her honour are felt much more deeply if inarticulately expressed. In the midst of another people, his Regiment strives to be representative of "this England," and a man has a desire to feel that there is no greater country than his own, and the best Regiment is the one to which he belongs.

FENCING

THE Regimental Team was successful in the Command stage of the Inter-Unit Team Fencing Competition. In the Aldershot Command Semi-Final they beat the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, and met The Queen's Bays in the final. The result was a win by 17 wins to 10. The scores were:—

The Queen's Bays.—Foil, 3 wins; épée, 3 wins; sabre, 4 wins.

The Queen's Royal Regiment.—Foil, 6 wins; épée, 6 wins; sabre, 5 wins.

The Regiment has thus qualified to meet the winners of the Southern Command in the Inter-Command stage.

In the Aldershot Command Bronze Medal Tournament, the following successes were gained:—

Officers.—Epée: 1st, Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs; sabre: 1st, Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs.

Other Ranks.—Foil: 2nd, Cpl. White; épée: 1st, L./Cpl. Ferrari, 2nd, Cpl. White; sabre: 1st, Cpl. White.

Lieut. Gibbs, Cpl. White and L./Cpl. Ferrari thus qualified to take part in the Army Championships, at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, on 21st May (foil), 23rd May (épée), and 25th May (sabre).

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER (ALL RANKS)

Will be held at the Georgian Restaurant, Messrs. Harrods, Ltd., Brompton Road, S.W.1, on Saturday, 9th June, 1934, at 7 p.m. Notice of dining to be sent to the Secretary, Old Comrades' Association, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford.

2ND BATTALION

Lieut. G. S. Grimston played for the Combined Services *v.* Midlands and South, for the Army in all matches, and regularly for Aldershot Command.

Sergt. Berry kept his place in the Army side and played regularly for the Command.

Lieut. H. E. Wilson played regularly for the Command, and L./Sergt. Collins on several occasions. L./Sergt. Collins has never played better than he has this season, and has borne the brunt of the Battalion matches.

In addition to the above, Pte. Shepherd, Cpl. Knight, Sergt. Mawditt, Pte. Hammond, L./Cpl. Clarke, Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, L./Cpl. Bilbrough and L./Cpl. Shevin were awarded their Battalion colours.

Our chief difficulty has been to find forwards who can get goals.

L./Cpl. Bilbrough improved a great deal and became our most consistent goal-getter. Unfortunately for us he left at the end of January to join the Royal Military College, where we wish him the best of luck. L./Cpl. Clarke was the only find amongst those who joined us since last year, and has steadily improved. He should do well with more experience.

Lieut. L. S. Sheldon and Pte. Hammond both worked hard and showed great keenness. L./Cpl. Shevin is fast but has at present little ball control, and must learn to hold his stick firmly and with both hands. Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt played very steadily at back and Pte. Shepherd filled the unenviable position in goal with considerable success.

Once again we owe a debt of thanks to Bdsn. Carpenter, assisted by L./Cpl. Wines, for their umpiring and support generally.

RESULTS.

4/10/33.—*v.* 2nd Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Won, 7—0.
 5/10/33.—*v.* R.A.M.C., Crookham. Draw, 2—2.
 6/10/33.—*v.* 1st XI, 2nd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps. Won, 3—0.
 v. 2nd XI, 2nd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps. Won, 4—0.
 7/10/33.—*v.* Royal Aircraft Establishment. Won, 7—0.
 10/10/33.—*v.* 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards. Won, 5—1.
 16/10/33.—*v.* 1st Bn. The Green Howards. Won, 3—2.
 21/10/33.—*v.* Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment. Draw, 1—1.
 2/11/33.—*v.* 1st Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment. Won, 2—1.
 3/11/33.—*v.* 2nd Bn. The Devonshire Regiment. Lost, 1—2.
 6/11/33.—*v.* 1st Bn. The Green Howards. Won, 3—1.
 11/11/33.—*v.* Farnham Hockey Club. Won, 6—0.
 13/11/33.—*v.* Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment. Won, 4—2.
 16/11/33.—*v.* R.A.M.C., Crookham. Won, 6—1.
 17/11/33.—*v.* 1st Light Brigade, R.A. Won, 4—3.
 22/11/33.—*v.* 1st XI, 2nd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps. Lost, 1—6.
 v. 2nd XI, 2nd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps. Lost, 4—5.
 27/11/33.—*v.* 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment. Draw, 3—3.
 15/1/34.—*v.* 1st Light Brigade, R.A. Won, 3—0.
 20/1/34.—*v.* 2nd XI, Royal Military College. Won, 3—1.
 23/1/34.—*v.* Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment. Draw, 1—1.
 24/1/34.—*v.* Farnham Hockey Club. Lost, 1—2.
 26/1/34.—*v.* 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment. Lost, 1—2.
 3/3/34.—*v.* Farnham Hockey Club. Won, 6—2.
 7/3/34.—*v.* 2nd Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Won, 3—2.
 Played 25, won 16, drawn 4, lost 5, goals for 84, goals against 40.

INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY CUP, 1934.

First Round.—The Drums beat Signals, 10—0; "D" Coy. beat "A" Coy., 2—0; the Band beat "C" (S) Coy., 1—0; Remainder H.Q. beat "B" Coy., 2—0.



THE DRUMS, WINNERS INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY CUP 1933-34.

Standing.—Pte. Panther, Pte. Pierce, Pte. Johnson, L. Cpl. Lockwood, Dr. Carter.

Sitting.—Dr. Coshall, Cpl. Newman, Lieut. and Adj't. L. C. East, Drum-Major Palmer, L. Sgt. Julian, L. Cpl. Giltinan.

Semi-Final.—The Drums beat "D" Coy., 3—2; the Band beat Remainder H.Q., 1—0.

Final.—The Drums beat the Band 1—0 after extra time.

In the first round the Drums had an easy win over the Signal Section, and the Band only beat "C" (S) Company after extra time. "D" Company beat "A" Company, and Remainder H.Q. beat "B" Company, both by two goals to nil.

In the semi-final the Drums beat "D" Company after a very close game by 3—2. The Band disposed of Remainder H.Q. by one goal to nil.

The Band and Drums fought out the final, which produced no score when the whistle blew for time. Extra time seemed even less likely to produce a goal, when the Drum-Major scored the winning goal a few seconds before time.

There was nothing to choose between the two teams, and the Band were unlucky to lose. The Drums had, perhaps, the better all-round team, and played throughout the competition with great determination, Cpl. Newman and Dmr. Coshall being outstanding. L./Sergt. Collins and Cpl. Knight were prominent in the Band, especially the former, who played particularly well throughout the competition. Teams:—

Drums.—Pte. Johnson: L./Cpl. Giltinan and Cpl. Newman; L./Cpl. Lockwood, Dmr. Coshall and Dmr. Carter; Drum-Major Palmer, Lieut. L. C. East, Dmr. Panther, L./Sergt. Julian and Dmr. Pierce.

Band.—Bdsn. Carpenter; Cpl. Knight and L./Cpl. Vickers; Bdsn. A. E. Smith, L./Sergt. Collins and L./Cpl. Jennor; Pte. Thomas, Sergt. Bagwell, Bdsn. Robinson, L./Cpl. Norton and L./Cpl. Oliver.

ARMY HOCKEY CUP, 1933-1934.

The 2nd Battalion and the Depot again combined to enter for this competition, and have met with considerable success, but not without much hard work.

GROUP COMPETITION.

1st Round.—A bye.

2nd Round.—v. Royal Engineers, Aldershot. Won, 2—0 (Davis 2).

This game was played on the R.E. Ground on 25th January. Play started at a great pace, which was maintained to the end to the credit of both teams. The score at half-time was 0—0, though the R.E. goalkeeper had more to do, and saved well from Davis and Bilbrough.

After about twelve minutes in the second half Davis took a through pass from Grimston and scored from a nice cross-shot. Shortly after Berry tried to get through, but was stopped on the edge of the circle. A few minutes later Berry again broke through on the left and pushed the ball across the goal for Davis to score with a magnificent first-time shot.

Team.—Pte. Shephard; Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt; L./Sergt. Collins, Lieut. Grimston and Sergt. Berry; Lieut. Davis, L./Cpl. Bilbrough, L./Cpl. Clarke, Lieut. Kealy and Lieut. Wilson.

Final.—v. A.E.C., at Officers' Club, on 5th February. Won, 5—0.

This game was our third meeting with the A.E.C., each side having won once in previous years. Our victory last year being by two goals to one, after extra time, a close game was anticipated, and with Cork and Parslow in the forward line our defence would have to do well to prevent our opponents scoring goals. The team as a whole played really well, and not only did the defence prevent any score, but the forwards played well together, and scored five times. Davis opened the scoring after twelve minutes, giving Capt. Buck no chance with a good shot. A few minutes later the forwards got going again, and Davis scored. There was no further scoring at half-time (2—0).

The A.E.C. attacked strongly from the bully-off, but we soon regained the upper hand and did most of the attacking, and further goals were added by Clarke (2) and Wilson (1). An excellent game which gave us high hopes for future matches.

Team.—Pte. Shephard; Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt; L./Sergt. Collins, Lieut. Grimston and Sergt. Berry; Lieut. Davis, L./Cpl. Bilbrough, L./Cpl. Clarke, Lieut. Kealy and Lieut. Wilson.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND COMPETITION.

1st Round.—v. The Wiltshire Regiment, on Saturday, 17th February, Won, 1—0.

Our opponents were anxious to play on a Saturday, which made it difficult to get a good ground, and we had a very close game against a hard-hitting team.

Lieut. Sheldon came in for Bilbrough, and the forward line never really got going; conditions were not good, and we had to get down to the robust methods of our opponents.

The Wiltshires' goalkeeper saved some good shots, or we might have scored two or three times before half-time. Score: 0—0.

We attacked strongly in the second half, and Clarke missed an open goal with a first-time shot; a little later, by following up a shot, Clarke made amends, and got the ball into the net over the prostrate figure of the goalkeeper.

The Wiltshires attacked strongly to the end, but our defence just held out, to give us a narrow victory by 1—0.

Semi-Final.—v. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, on Officer's Club Ground, 27th February. Won: 1—0.

In this game we avenged our defeat of last year, but it was marred by a serious accident to the leader of the opposition, who broke his jaw, saving what was said to be a certain goal.

We attacked from the start, and were soon rewarded with a goal by Clarke, and then the accident occurred, which upset both sides, and reduced our opponents to ten men. The rest of the game was very even, and both defences were definitely on top.

The Warwickshires strove very hard to equalize, but we just managed to hold on to our lead, to win 1—0.

Team.—Pte. Shephard; Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt; L./Sergt. Collins, Lieut. Grimston and Sergt. Berry; Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Sheldon, L./Cpl. Clarke, Lieut. Kealy and Lieut. Wilson.

Final.—v. 2nd Battalion The Royal Tank Corps. Won: 1—0 (after extra time).

This was a very fast and interesting game, although we should not have had to play extra time.

During the opening stages we forced several short corners, but wild hitting prevented us from getting the lead.

Very good play by the Tanks' left-back also did much to prevent almost certain goals from Davis and Hammond. Half-time: 0—0.

On the resumption, Davis and Sheldon changed positions, which did not appear to help us to start with. Early in this half the Tanks bored through and forced a short corner. They seemed certain to score from this, and only splendid work by our defence saved the situation, Collins scooping the ball almost off our goal-line.

Berry, who was playing very well, received a nasty cut under the eye, but was able to carry on. We pressed hard at the finish, and good shots from Kealy, Davis and Hammond were well saved by the Tanks' goalkeeper.

Extra Time.—After five minutes of extra time, Hammond gave a good pass



2nd BATTALION HOCKEY TEAM, 1933-34.

[Photo by Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.
Standing.—Lieut. L. S. Sheldon. Sergt. Mawditt. Pte. Shephard. Cpl. Knight. L./Sergt. Collins. Pte. Hammond. Lieut. H. F. Wilson. Sergt. Berry.
Seated.—Lieut. J. B. H. Kealy. Lieut. F. J. Davis. Lieut. G. S. Grimston. Lieut. J. B. H. Kealy. Lieut. H. F. Wilson. Sergt. Berry.]

to Davis, who made no mistake with a well-placed shot. Shortly after, Davis again netted the ball, but was ruled off-side.

The Tanks fought hard to equalize, but our defence held out, to enable us to win the Command Shield, 1-0.

ARMY CUP.

Semi-Final.—v. 1st Battalion The Green Howards. Draw: 1-1.

In this game we met our old friends, The Green Howards, who, on previous occasions, have given us very close games.

We started off quite well, and only fine 'keeping by The Green Howards' goalkeeper prevented us from taking an early lead. A fast raid by The Green Howards' forwards ended with a short corner against us.

This short corner was a model of how it should be done, and resulted in a goal for The Green Howards, after seventeen minutes' play. This was a set-back for us, as we had had most of the game so far. We soon got going again, and Kealy equalized with one of the best shots seen during the Tournament. Half-time: 1-1.

It was a great struggle during the second half, both sides having bad luck in the circle. Over-eagerness and wild hitting spoilt our chance of taking the lead. At the same time, The Green Howards were giving nothing away.

Extra Time.—This was played at the same fast pace, although the heavy ground was beginning to tell on some. We dominated the play all through the extra twenty minutes, but we could not get the necessary goal. Score: 1-1.

Semi-Final (Replay).—Considering the conditions and the state of the ground, this was a very good game. It rained from start to finish, but this did not damp the ardour of our supporters, who shouted for goals and more goals.

Owing to sickness and injuries, Wilson and Sheldon were unable to turn out, their places being taken by Major and Hammond, who did their best, and went all out.

We started off with a rush, as usual, towards our opponents' circle, and were soon rewarded with a short corner; again, we did not profit from it; Kealy giving sticks.

Although we kept The Green Howards in their own half, we could not score; their goalkeeper again giving a very good display.

On the resumption, we were pressing almost at once, and good chances were missed by muddling. After ten minutes of the second half, Grimston placed a free hit to Hammond, who struggled through a group of players to score. Except for an occasional runaway by The Green Howards, we did all the attacking.

Both teams were now beginning to feel the effect of the previous day's hard game, but stuck it very well.

Eight minutes from time, a scramble in The Green Howards' circle provided Major with a chance of pushing the ball into the net. Won: 2-0.

Final.—v. 2nd Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, on 6th March, 1934. Drawn, after extra time (twice), 2-2.

This was the most exciting game we have had for years, and we believe that this is the first time that extra time has been played twice, and even then a replay necessary in the final.

We were without Wilson and Clarke, both on the sick list. Dickenson and Hammond took their places.

The K.S.L.I. attacked from the start, and we had many anxious moments. We got going, however, and were soon able to hold our own. The occasion was responsible for some wild play, and we were awarded a penalty corner, from which we again failed to score.

2ND BATTALION

After about twenty minutes, Cox received a through pass from his inside forward, and a bad "air shot" by a defender gave him an easy goal.

The game continued to be very close, both sides attacking in turn, and at half-time there was no further score. (0-1).

We attacked strongly from the bully-off, but the K.S.L.I. defended well. Davis broke through on his own once, but his shot went wide.

In spite of two hard games this week, we kept going well, and if anything, had slightly the better of the game. The K.S.L.I., however, held to their lead, and we were almost giving up hope when Davis got the necessary goal, with only two minutes to go. (1-1).

Extra Time (1).—The game continued at a very fast pace, and after five minutes, Davis, by a splendid individual effort, pushed the ball into the net. The excitement was terrific, and we really thought we had almost got the cup, when the K.S.L.I. attacked again, and Reas, almost on the goal-line, flicked the ball into the net from an almost impossible angle which found the goalkeeper slightly out of position.

Davis very nearly got another goal, but the K.S.L.I. goalkeeper saved well, and it was decided to play yet another extra time.

Extra Time (2).—Rain, which had been threatening, now began to fall, and conditions became more difficult. The game still continued to be very even, neither side giving anything away; we actually got a short corner, but failed to take advantage of it.

It was a most exciting game to watch, and both teams did very well to keep up the pace for the best part of two hours.

Team.—Pte. Shephard; Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt; Sergt. Berry, Lieut. G. S. Grimston and L./Sergt. Collins; Lieut. Davis, Pte. Hammond, Lieut. Kealy, Lieut. Dickenson and R.S.M. Handscomb.

Replay.—v. 2nd Battalion K.S.L.I., on 23rd March. Lost: 1-4.

The weather and ground were perfect, and there was no doubt about the result this time. The K.S.L.I. had a superior forward line, all of whom played on the top of their form, and combined well. There was little to choose between the two defences.

The K.S.L.I. pressed from the start, and had scored two well-deserved goals within ten minutes, through Thursby and Barnaby—from a short corner.

The K.S.L.I. continued to hold the upper hand, and Smailes added a third goal just before half-time. (0-3).

The Queen's played better in the second half, and the opposing goalkeeper was kept busy, and we were eventually rewarded by a goal from a combined movement between Grimston, Sheldon and Davis, the latter scoring.

We still held our own, and a good first-time shot by Kealy unfortunately went over the top. Towards the end, the K.S.L.I. attacked again, and in a few minutes before time, Reas scored a fourth goal for the K.S.L.I., from a mêlée in the circle.

Davis, Kealy and Sheldon, of the forwards; and Berry and Collins, in the defence, were the best. Everyone worked very hard, but some were feeling the effects of the previous strenuous matches.

Team (2nd Battalion K.S.L.I.).—Bdsn. Bunner; C.S.M. Perry and Lieut. Barnaby; Cpl. Evans, R.S.M. Herbert and L./Cpl. Walsh; Lieut. Cox, Lieut. Thursby, Lieut. Smailes, Sergt. Roberts and Lieut. Reas.

2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.—Pte. Shephard; Cpl. Knight and Sergt. Mawditt; Sergt. Berry, Lieut. Grimston and L./Sergt. Collins; Lieut. Davis, Lieut. Sheldon, Lieut. Dickenson, Lieut. Kealy and Lieut. Wilson.

The team was most grateful for the excellent and wholehearted support given them by all members of the Regiment, past and present; their friends and families, who came, regardless of weather or distance, to cheer them on.

2nd BATTALION: ARMY HOCKEY CUP FINAL v. KING'S SHROPSHIRE L.I.



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THE K.S.L.I. ON THE DEFENSIVE.



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BARNABY, K.S.L.I., SCORES FROM A SHORT CORNER.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, 1933—1934.

Football this year has been only slightly less energetic than it was in the season 1932—1933.

Although League games were cut down by 50 per cent., there were still more than forty Regimental matches which had to be played during the season. It will be realized that this number of matches successfully prevented Companies from enjoying as much football as they should do, and made it impossible for any proper training of the Regimental Team. It is to be hoped that next season, League games will be still further cut down, and that there will be time available at the beginning of the season to train a team before it is actually called upon to play.

The League results do not show that much improvement has been made in the Battalion since the previous season. This is the more to be regretted as the standard of Company football is distinctly high, and with more opportunity for practice it is certain that the standard of the Battalion football could be greatly improved.

In the Army Cup we defeated the 7th Brigade, R.A., Bordon, by four goals to nil, in the first round, and lost to the Railway Training Centre, R.E., Longmoor, four goals to nil, in the second round.

In the Boys' Army Cup we were beaten by The King's Regiment in the first round.

The Boys started off the season in very good form, but fell away badly after most of their performers left to join the 1st Battalion at Tientsin.

An Inter-Company League was played within the Battalion, the winners being the Band, who defeated the Drums in the final, by 4 goals to 1.

COLOURS.

The following were given their Regimental Colours; the remaining places in the team were not filled owing to the number of players who were tried out during the season:—

Sergt. Hubbard, Sergt. Hardwicke, Cpl. Jones (captain), L./Cpl. Horsfield, L./Cpl. Redford, Pte. Hopps, Pte. Voisey and Pte. Lineham.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING, 1933—1934.

In spite of last year's optimistic forecast, the season has not shown any great improvement in running in the Battalion.

We are developing a very good habit by winning the Group Run every year, for we won it in November for the third year in succession. In the Young Soldiers' Championship we were seventeenth, but this low placing is accounted for by the fact that only a week before the Run it was discovered that the recruits from the Depot were ineligible to run, with the result that one half of the team had very little training, and this was bound to tell.

The team improved on its last year's place in the Command Championship by two places, when we finished ninth out of twenty-four teams. We had bad luck again here, for Pte. Swan ran with a sore toe, and finished about 300 places below his form; while Yates, who works at Camberley, and could not, therefore, be obtained for training, was badly out of condition. If we can raise the same team next year, and have them all at the top of their form on the day of the race, we should obtain a very high place, despite the advent of two first-class running regiments to the Command. It is very hard to collect everyone for training at

the same time, and only by starting immediately after the annual furlough can we hope to raise a very good side.

Pte. Reeves was again the outstanding runner in the Battalion, and ran regularly for the Command. He finished second in the Army Team versus The Oxford University. He was first in the Command Team, when he obtained fourth place in the Southern Counties Championships, and he again led the Command Team home when coming in tenth in the "National." Unfortunately, he had not got over the effects of a ten-mile run, in which he finished tenth, five days before the Army Championships were to take place. This officially debarred him from running as an individual in the Army Championships, but he could have been allowed to run, had we been informed that one of the Command individuals was sick.

Swan ran frequently for the Command Harriers, and occasionally beat Reeves, and we hope that he will find a regular place in the Harriers' team next season. The outstanding "find" in the Battalion was Gaston, who finished first in the Young Soldiers' Race, after being led 100 yards out of his way by one of the many ignorant and superfluous horsemen.

We have again received invaluable help from the Depot, who provided three men for the Command Run, and who have kept their runners in perfect condition. We hope to see Pte. Hall, a recruit, doing great things next season, when he joins the Battalion.

A number of matches were arranged with other Regiments, and we had varying successes. These matches are very helpful for giving our runners the right "match temperament," and especially useful was a match at Blackdown a week before the Command Run, when The Somerset Light Infantry entertained us and other teams, over their stiff seven-mile course.

The Drums are to be congratulated on winning the Battalion Competition with the greatest of ease. There were four monthly runs of distances up to four miles, and large fields turned out on each occasion.

The following represented the Battalion in the various events:—

Group Run.—Ptes. Reeves, Swann, Richardson, Grooms, Bennett, Cooley, Hawkes, Pearce, Gaston, Newbold, Bolch, Bonnie, Warren, Gooch, Lennox, Kemp, Culley, Bainey, Jenner, Scrymgeour, Fowler, Smith, Porter, Pitcher and Bartlett; Sgt. Berry; L./Cpls. Peasley, Lockwood and Ingram.

Young Soldiers' Run.—2/Lieut. Mott; Ptes. Gadton, Bennett, Squires, A. Taylor, Scrymgeour, Smith, Lennox, Brettell, Robinson, Aldridge, Greenhalgh, B. Taylor, Metson and Harrowsmith.

Command Championships.—2/Lieut. Mott; Ptes. Reeves, Swann, Grooms, Richardson, Bennett, Cooley, Hawkes, Pearce, Gaston, Newbold, Bonnie, Culley, Yates and Hall.

RESULT OF INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION.

1. Drums, 4 points.
2. No. 3 Group, 14 points.
3. Signals, 15 points.
4. "A" Company, 18 points.
5. "B" Company, 19 points.
6. "D" Company, 19 points.
7. Band, 24 points.
8. "C" (S.) Company. Did not run on one occasion.

SWIMMING.

REPORT OF PROGRESS IN BATTALION SWIMMING.

During the past six months the Command Baths have been used as much as possible. The periods allotted are for half an hour, and not more than two periods a week can be got. Eighty-eight men have been passed for certificates.

Five for First Class.—880 yards in 25 minutes. A diving test and a practical test in Artificial Respiration.

Thirty-three for Second Class.—440 yards in 15 minutes, and a diving test.

Forty-nine for Third Class.—100 yards in 10 minutes.

A number of periods were allotted to Companies to teach non-swimmers; other periods have recently been allotted for the instruction of water-polo. A very fair team was put in for the Henniker Shield. Although beaten by the Grenadier Guards, the team showed that they knew the rules well, and also the method of play. It is proposed to enter a team in the Command Junior League, and with the practice from this, quite a good team can be formed.

The baths are now being allotted to Companies for the purpose of practising for the Inter-Company Swimming Meeting, which is being held about the end of June.

The team in the Henniker Shield was as follows:—

R.S.M. W. Watford; Pte. Manning and Cpl. Thompson; Cpl. Hind; Pte. Ash, Pte. Winter and L./Cpl. Horsey.

BOXING.

The Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition was held in the Command Boxing Centre on 21st November, 1933. The entries were limited to teams of six. There were some very good fights in the preliminary rounds, but space does not permit a report on them.

Final—Bantam-weight.—Pte. Brand ("A" Company) v. Pte. Hudson, ("C" (S.) Company).—A very good and keen fight. There was little to choose between the two. Brand won on points.

Final—Feather-weight.—Pte. Lennox ("B" Company), v. Pte. Roberts ("D" Company).—Roberts won, Lennox being disqualified for hitting low.

Final—Light-weight.—Pte. Head ("C" (S.) Company), v. Pte. Stubberfield (Signals).—A very hard-fought fight, with lots of hard hitting, which was won by Head on points.

Final—Welter-weight.—Pte. Anderson ("C" (S.) Company), v. Pte. Hookham ("A" Company).—Hookham made a plucky fight, but lost to a more powerful boxer on points.

Final—Middle-weight.—Pte. Lewington ("A" Company) v. Pte. Read (Signals).—A good hard-hitting fight. There was little to choose between the two. Lewington won on points.

Final—Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Biggs ("C" (S.) Company), v. Pte. Cottingham ("D" Company).—A wild and hard-hitting fight. Biggs was always the attacker, and won on points.

Special Contests.—L./Cpl. Newman v. Dmr. Wallace.—A very good exhibition of boxing. Wallace was out-boxed by Newman, who won on points.

Boy Titchenor v. Boy Prior.—Another bout of good boxing. Titchenor was much faster, and won on points.

Results of Competition.—1, "C" (S.) Company; 2, "A" Company; 3, Signal Section; 4, "D" Company; 5, "B" Company.

The Battalion Individual Championships were held in the Albuhera Boxing Centre on 29th January, 1934. This time the Company entries were limited to four.

Final—Feather-weight.—Pte. Brand ("A" Company) *v.* Pte. Hudson ("C" (S.) Company).—A very even fight, but Brand lost on points. He was congratulated on putting up a good fight.

Final—Light-weight.—Pte. Head ("C" (S.) Company) *v.* L./Cpl. Coote ("B" Company).—Head had difficulty in competing with a man who has so much boxing knowledge as Coote. Although losing on points, he was congratulated on putting up a good fight.

Final—Welter-weight.—L./Cpl. Lockwood (Drums) *v.* Pte. Wallace (Drums).—Wallace made a good effort, but Lockwood, who boxed cleverly and scored repeatedly with his left, won on points.

Final—Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Newman ("D" Company) *v.* L./Cpl. Dexter ("B" Company). The fight was stopped in the first round, as Newman was obviously too good for his man, having knocked him down three times.

Final—Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Grigg (No. 3 Group) *v.* L./Cpl. Brown ("B" Company).—There was little to choose between the two boxers. The fight was awarded to Grigg, on points.

Final—Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Clay ("B" Company) *v.* Pte. Gage ("C" (S.) Company).—Clay won this fight easily on points.

At the end the Commanding Officer presented the prizes.

The Company positions were:—

1, "C" (S.) Company; 2, Drums; 3, "B" Company; 4, "A" and "D" Companies; 6, Signal Section; 7, No. 3 Group.

The final placings of the Companies for the Inter-Company Boxing Cup were:

1, "C" (S.) Company; 2, "A" and "B" Companies; 4, Signal Section and "D" Company; 6, Drums; 7, No. 3 Group.

On 5th March the Battalion boxed "B" Company, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. Unfortunately, owing to injuries on both sides, only eight fights could be arranged. As the Commanding Officer said in his speech at the conclusion of the match, it was a very creditable effort on the part of "B" Company to do as well as they did, having only a quarter of the men that the 2nd Battalion had to choose their team from. The following are the results of the fights:—

Fly-weight.—Pte. Brabazon (5) beat Pte. Brand (2) on points, the former using a straight left with too much effect; he also scored freely with a powerful right.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Mann (5) beat Pte. Hudson (2) on points. Mann's left was too much for Hudson, who also found his opponent's defence a little too difficult to penetrate.

Pte. Hager (2) beat Pte. Golding (5). The fight was stopped in the first round, Hager having felled his man twice. The winner was altogether too powerful for his opponent.

Light-weight.—Pte. Hood (5) beat L./Cpl. Lockwood (2), on points. This was a very even fight, and there was little to choose between the two.

Pte. Wallace (2) knocked out Pte. Swindon (5), in the last round, after a lot of hard hitting.

Pte. Head (2) knocked out Pte. Brooker (5) in the second round. Head, obviously, knew too much for his opponent.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Hooper (2) knocked out Pte. Butler (5) in the second round. Hooper also knew too much for his man.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Clay knocked out Pte. Adamson (5), in the second round. Clay's hard hitting was too much for his opponent.

SQUASH RACQUETS.

We again entered a team in the Command Competition. We were unfortunate in meeting the 3rd Brigade, R.A., who are a good team, in the first round. Lieut. G. S. Grimston, our first string, was unable to play.

The following represented the Battalion:—

2/Lieut. A. J. A. Watson. Lost, 3—2.
Lieut. F. J. C. Piggott. Lost, 4—1.
Lieut. L. S. Sheldon. Lost, 4—1.
Capt. R. E. Pickering. Lost 3—2.
Lieut. M. V. Fletcher. Lost, 3—2.

FENCING, 1933—1934.

The same fencers are with us as last year and, although there have been four Regimental Matches so far, several of the fencers have had practice with the Blades (Aldershot Command) Fencing Club. Cpl. White has been fencing frequently for the Blades; whilst L./Cpl. Peasley and L./Cpl. Ferrari have also fenced.

Concerning the Inter-Unit Fencing. We shall have to fight hard to win, but win we must if we can for it is time the trophy came back to the Regiment. Foil, as usual, is our weakness, but one or two of the Depot fencers show promise, and may be able to assist us there.

Results of matches to date are as follow:—

		Wins.		Wins.
		For.	Against.	
v. A.S.P.T.:	Lost	...	...	II
v. Birmingham F.C.:	Won	...	...	16
v. Depot, Queen's Royal Regiment:	Lost	...	...	13
v. Life Guards:	Won	...	...	17
v. Grosvenor F.C. (épée only):	Lost	...	...	10
				15

SMALL ARMS CLUB NOTES.

As these notes are written, Ash Ranges and the Annual Weapon Training Course seem very near, for a week hence will see us on the Ranges battling with March winds and April showers. That is, unless March has ceased by then to be "lionish."

However, with a view to coping successfully—more successfully than in the past few years—with these conditions, or perhaps we should say, with the "man behind the gun," under these conditions, there has been a good deal of activity, both with rifle and revolver on the Miniature Range during the winter months.

Three main competitions have been running throughout the winter. They are:—

- (a) The Inter-Company Small-Bore Shoot for all comers.
- (b) The Inter-Company Team Shoot.
- (c) The Inter-Company Revolver Team Shoot.

The result of the first of these is as follows:—

1, "C" (S.) Company, with 64.6 per cent. of possible points; 2, "H.Q." Wing, 63.7 per cent.; 3, "B" Company, 62.7 per cent.; 4, "A" Company, 61.5 per cent.; 5, "D" Company, 61.3 per cent.

Highest Individual Aggregate.—Class "A": Lieut. M. V. Fletcher, 153; Class "B": L./Cpl. Ingram, 142; Class "C": L./Cpl. Blanks, 142; Class "D": Pte. MacDonald, 126; Boys' Shoot: Boy Casey, 123.

The Team Shoots were fired monthly by teams of eight from each Company, and "H.Q." Wing and "D" Company, coached by Lieut. R. A. Dawson, proved easy winners.

The result of the Miniature Range Revolver Competition is not yet to hand, as this is not to be completed until April.

In addition to the above, all Companies have competed in the *Surrey Advertiser* Cup (Small-Bore). This is fired in three stages; the first in February, and the last two in March.

The final shoot is taking place as this goes to press.

The "H.Q." Wing Team has maintained a good average throughout, and should gain a high place in Section "A" of the Competition; whilst "D" and "C" (S.) Companies have also done well.

The Battalion Shoot for the Army Small-Bore Championship has not yet taken place. We hope, as a result of the practice that members of the team have been getting, to be well placed. Lieut. Waspe's assistance throughout the winter has been of the greatest help, and his enthusiasm has done much to make the Small-Bore shooting a success.

On 9th February a most enjoyable match with H.M.S. *Excellent* took place at Aldershot. Before the war a Revolver Match between H.M.S. *Excellent* and the Regiment was held annually, and this year's match was in the nature of a revival, with the addition of a Small-Bore Competition, of the pre-war matches.

On the afternoon of the 9th, a Revolver Match was fired at Cæsar's Camp, by teams of six officers from each side. The Connaught Cup and Revolver Cup Practices of the A.R.A. were selected, and the result was a halved match, the Battalion winning the Connaught Cup practices by eleven points, but being beaten by H.M.S. *Excellent* by a considerable margin in the Revolver Cup Practices.

Later on in the day, H.M.S. *Excellent* won the Small-Bore Rifle Competition quite comfortably.

We are much looking forward to a return match at Whale Island in the autumn.

CHRISTMAS SHOOT.

This was well attended, and there was the usual large number of prizes, varying from spacious hampers to tins of toffee.

The winners of the several classes were as follow:—

Class "A"—Lieut. M. V. Fletcher: 45 out of 50.

Class "B"—L./Cpl. Coleman: 45 out of 50.

Class "C"—L./Cpl. Bradfield: 41 out of 50.

Boys' Shoot.—Boy Johnson: 22 out of 50.

With regard to the future, we hope to improve our figure of merit, to do really well in the Command Rifle Meeting in June (we were seventh last year); to retain our Surrey Rifle Meeting Trophies, and to do a great deal better than last year in the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches. We are also entering this year for A.R.A. Central Matches, and trust that the Command Rifle Meeting in the previous week will give us the necessary "filling" to acquit ourselves well at Bisley.

A TRIP TO NIGERIA THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

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PART II

AND so to Lagos Road where I was rowed across to a branch boat, a light draught steamer drawing 9 feet, and at high tide we crossed the bar into the lagoon. The lagoon was fringed with dark green bush which was restful to the eyes, and as we passed on to the wharves and jetties we looked on a town which I think was more attractive than any other coast town, including Sa Leone. I walked along the Marina to the Hausa Mess, where I was unexpected. The official telegram had no doubt been sent from Sa Leone, but as the heads of departments in Lagos seemed at that time to do nothing but score one another off, it was not surprising that official news was not sent to the department needing it.

Lagos was trying to get a lot of things done, but the constantly-changing personnel no doubt made it difficult. They had electric light and an ice-machine which would not work.

I stayed there a week getting things ready for a journey up-country as it now transpired that the trouble in the Lagos police counted for nothing, but that the French had broken through the hinterland, which was ours by treaty right, and tried to reach the navigable part of the Niger. Part of the West Indian Regiment had been sent up-country in support of the Hausa Constabulary, which was in small detachments, and was being reinforced. We were to oust the French if we could. There was no objection to fighting so long as the other side began it. And it turned out in the end the other side made the initial blunders and then chucked their hand in so that French and English troops never had to fight, though things looked awkward at times.

A Capt. S— and myself left Lagos on the 8th December. We tumbled 70 men and a gun into two canoes and were towed up the river by a steam launch 25 miles to Ikorodu. Landing at Ikorodu was funny. Two canoes just took off the soldiers and loads, while my superior officer and I waited till a rotten little canoe came to take us off the launch. We had difficulty in keeping dry, as the water inside and out was almost gunwale high. The canoe was then beached among a small flotilla of fishing craft, and we were carried on shore on the shoulders of the first stray native we saw. The natives here and elsewhere in Nigeria are a cheerful crowd, and seem to prefer the white man who can see the funny side of things to one who is too proud to do so. The first place of importance we came to was Ibadan. F—, afterwards a colonial governor, had a fine tenor voice, and had installed an organ in his bungalow.

Ibadan was the farthest northern place we had settled in, though it was not sixty miles in a direct line to the coast, and below the 8th degree latitude, whereas we claimed up to the 10th. F— told me the W.I. Regiment had got to Saki, about 100 miles up country, but whether N. or N.W. he could not say as they had sent him no information, so he asked if I would let him have a report on the road for the guidance of others. This I was glad to promise, and as the country was all unmapped at that time I was able to fill in hundreds of miles of road during my eighteen months in those parts. Wagging about on narrow bush paths I found one and a half miles an hour, when actually moving, was about the rate at which one advanced in any one direction. I also found that the general direction of the path was constant and also that a native of the neighbourhood, particularly if he were a hunter, would point exactly the direction of the next town, and by standing behind him I could get a very correct compass bearing. The distance

they would explain to me by saying, "If you left 'X' when the sun was there, you would reach 'Y' when the sun was there." From here began the real joys and inconveniences of travel.

All loads, food, ammunition, etc., had to be carried on the heads of reluctant carriers who, even when at last hired for the day, for they would seldom agree for more than one day's march, would drop their loads and bolt into the bush, so the journey took a long time. We passed through the country of the Yorubas. They are very cheerful and fond of drumming and dancing. At one town where a dance was going on there was a man with a withered stump for a leg. But not to be outdone by his more fortunate companions he whirled round on his sound leg, continually slapping the withered limb and adjuring it to dance—"Gurr! Gurr! Gurr!" Their country is fertile and they farm well, producing yams, guinea-corn and maize, and the shea-butter-nut tree flourished everywhere. They make good carriers, and some years later provided strong and well-disciplined soldiers, though personally I always preferred the Hausas, who are spread widely over the country and are naturally travellers and traders and never seem foreigners anywhere, as there is a Hausa quarter in all towns.

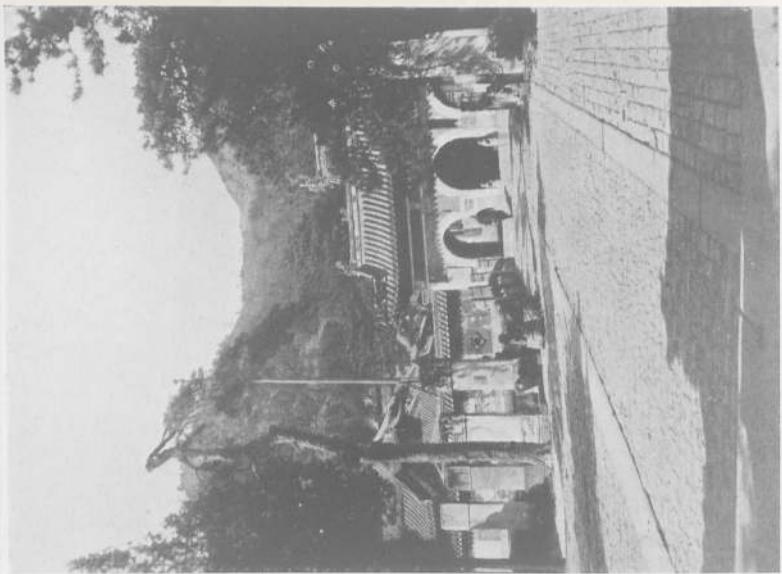
When we reached Saki we had marched 112 miles. Saki was near the northern edge of Yorubaland. Yorubas, Hausas and, indeed, all tribes I have come across in West Africa, have a figurative way of speaking and make much use of proverbs. "You may ride a gift horse to the farm," *i.e.*, about two miles. "Not even a needle" to show that you would not steal anything. When my dog slightly bit one of my soldiers the soldier asked leave to cut some of her hair and put on his leg. "Old woman will you burn me a handle for my hoe" makes something very like "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper." While "The trek-ox that is following the guineafowl going into the dark" is much the same as "The twig on the branch and the branch on the tree down in the valley, oh!" In fact "they're all alike" as we say and as they say.

We found the W.I. Regiment in a mud fort they had built, in which they took up their alarm posts each evening. We spent Christmas there and then pushed on to Bodé where we found a concentration of Hausa troops and officers—civil, military and medical. This place was just north of the 9th degree latitude, and from there we spread out to the Ocpara River, westwards, at which river we reached the boundary between Nigeria and Dahomey, and eastwards towards Kisi, then occupied by the French. We were now north of Yorubaland and in the land of the Baribas. M. B—, of the 18th Hussars, and I, went north-west to Okuta where I stayed a day while M. B— went north to Boria and returned after leaving a flag there with a guard of one lance-corporal and three men. Then we both went westwards to Tabida on the Ocpara River, whence we returned, M. B— going back to Bodé and I went up to Boria, where I was finally installed on 27th February, 1898.

The Governor of Lagos was expected to come to Saki, and the instructions were to hoist flags everywhere where the French were not: to avoid conflict with the French and not enter towns where the French flag was flying. The natives were anxious for us to come, and gave us all information we wanted about positions and numbers of the French. The Dawdu or heir apparent of Boria, for instance, gave very good intelligence. At first he would describe the way to a distant town by making a series of marks in the dust in a straight line and at equal intervals to represent the villages to be passed. Very quickly he learnt to show correct comparative distances and angles between places. Not only could he do this in the dust, but carved maps or networks of paths and towns in the soft inside pieces of gourds or calabashes. He also pressed in little bits of kola nut (red) to show white men stationed at a town. With an arrow pointing to the rising sun, and a special mark for the town he started from, his map could be set and read. He would send in these as reports, and we had information even



THE FAMOUS WHITE PINE TREE AT CH'IEH T'AI SSU, OVER 1,000 YEARS OLD.



THE ENTRANCE TO T'AN CHEH SSU MONASTERY.

down to two tram conductors in lower Dahomey. A bag of 300 blackberries and seven small stones showed the reliefs going up-country, which reliefs he had counted as they passed him on a bush path. The French, in their anxiety to get through to the Niger, had burnt some of the villages, so the natives disliked them and welcomed us as rescuers.

Soon after my arrival at Boria I noticed a handsome Fulani lying down a few yards outside the circle of people who had come to discuss their affairs with me. As he said nothing and simply stared at me I sent my boy to ask what he wanted. He said, "Nothing. I have come to see the white man who does not burn the town." The Fulanis are reserved people, so I did not press the matter. With their cattle they would roam about seeking grass and putting themselves under the protection of the nearest town and selling milk. Incidentally, a very pretty one used to sell me milk and eggs while I was at Boria. But the habits of the country were perplexing. One day I saw a gang of people attack a Fulani woman on the road and rob her and bolt for the town. I followed and found them in the town. They were women; and it was explained that their husband had recently died, and for a fortnight they were in mourning and no one might have dealings with them. So they had, for that period, to take to highway robbery. I felt the truth of Mr. Weller senior's caution, "Beware of Widders!"

The Baribas have a bushy and rocky country where nothing will grow. They are great hunters and more ready for a scrap than the Yorubas, whose farms they used to raid for food when the hungry season came. When I asked the Yorubas why they did not protect their farms or pursue the Bariba raiders, as the Yorubas far out-numbered the Baribas, it was seriously explained to me that the Baribas covered themselves with their ears so that you could not see them, and also built invisible villages, so it was no good going after them. So the Baribas looked to Yoruba farms to supply them with food. We, unfortunately, stopped them doing that, but got them to do some farming themselves and earn a little money by carrying, so, as they were not very numerous, they managed to keep going and I found them excellent friends. But it was difficult to get a market going, and traders following us up began selling gin or methylated spirit which, the king told me, "spoilt his young men." So I bought the lot and poured it away, and told the traders that they would find there was an excellent market for cloth and that, in future, gin was forbidden. They agreed, and there was no further trouble on that matter, but some carriers, with stores from Lagos, stole some shea-butter, and there was going to be bloodshed, but my boy brought me early information and the row was stopped when it was explained to the Baribas that they must be willing to sell for silver, which they could again convert into goods. This they had not, till then, understood, and were really very easily converted to the idea considering that I cannot understand the gold standard.

The next day general friendship was cemented by holding athletic sports between soldiers, carriers and Baribas. The King and the Prince were judges, and the most popular things were the wrestling matches.

The blacksmiths' shops were the most interesting places of occupation, though the mat making and poultry rearing were not to be despised, while the hunters and fishermen are quite skilled. Poisoned arrows were used—those for game having elaborately barbed heads, as they could be recovered; the war arrows had plain spikes, as they would be irrecoverable. The peace-time poison was strephanthus; in war the arrowhead was dipped into a putrefied body.

It was about now that I wrote to the Governor's Secretary, who was at Saki, and enclosed a blank cheque for him to cash for me, and pointing out that our soldiers' pay and issues of clothing were more in arrear than had been the case with the native troops who had recently mutinied in the German Cameroons. This stirred things up, and I understood that the native Paymaster had been

drawing the pay from the Treasury and banking it to his own deposit account, while the native Quartermaster had been selling the uniform cloth.

In the middle of March my detachment was reduced to sixteen, as there was more need of troops farther east. There had been some mild attempts to bounce our posts, but without success. As a town M. B—— visited, under the impression that the French had gone, was found to be still under their flag, he put an English flag with a guard in a village near by. A French native under-officer came and ordered the N.C.O. to pull it down. The N.C.O. refused, and the headman of the village clasped the flagstaff and claimed the protection of the flag. The French under-officer rushed at the flag and pulled it down, but on looking round found that our Lance-Corporal and his guard of three had formed a ring round him and his escort. The French fixed bayonets, and our men then did the same. The French, realizing I suppose that they had made a mistake, tried to bolt; but our men would not allow that, but disarmed them and made them prisoners. They were subsequently sent down-country and round by sea to their own colony.

M. B—— also heard another town was free, and the natives wanted us. But when he got near he found the place still occupied by the French. So he stayed outside in a river bed and sent in to tell the King that he could not enter the town where the French flag was flown. The King came and looked over the wall, and when he saw our troops in the river bed he roused his people and ejected the French guard and flag. Then, of course, there was no reason why M. B—— should not enter. Equally, of course, the French were annoyed.

Two of our men caught a French native soldier trying to get a letter into a French town which we had isolated. They hurried him along to my post, and seeing he looked distressed I asked him if he wanted water, and supplied it, and let him rest while I examined the letter which expressed a hope that they would soon push "*ces messieurs*" into the sea with "*coups de fusil*." When I talked to the man, who was a Sengalese, he said the French were all one could wish. We talked in French, of which we both had a sufficient knowledge. It was evening time, and as my camp was just outside the town, between the town and the water supply, the natives all came to pass the time of day with me on their way to and fro. The Sengalee was amazed and said the French officers had four sentinels round their huts, and would allow no native to come near without a guard. "But," he said, "I see they are friendly to you." He was more amazed at my having no sentinel by day, and only one "*perimenant*" by night, to scare the leopards as I told him. He then asked where he was to sleep, and when I said "in my veranda" he said, "And you in there? Why, I might kill you!" I said, "*A quoi bon?*" and he agreed there was no point in it. Then he had dinner of roast duck with a nicely warmed bottle of chianti. After dinner he came and talked and explained all his officers' peculiarities, and finally complained that he, an officer's orderly, had been under arrest ten times and that he would, after his return, desert. I assured him that he would not because he was too good a soldier, and he again agreed. But, he said, the English were "*bon! bon! bon!*" and that the French, when entering a country, went *pan! pan! pan!* But the English—and here he softly advanced his outspread hand across the table-top and then quietly and firmly closed his fist. Well, perhaps.

Next morning I returned him to the nearest French post with an escort of two of my men, as he was afraid of the natives if he were alone. I wonder what the writer of the letter thought when he found it had only been read by "*Ces messieurs*." Of course, our fellows could go safely alone anywhere; as I said before, they had fellow Hausas in each town, whereas the French made a point of employing strange troops.

Neither plan prevents desertions; but a Sengalee deserted, and when next the French officer visited the post he reduced the N.C.O. in charge of the post to



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the ranks and punished the rest of the guard. So one day a sergeant woke up to find one of his men gone, and the whole post, ten in number, came over to us—arms, ammunition and all. It was suggested that we should take them into our force, but I did not think they were what we wanted, so they went down-country.

One of my detachment deserted later—after the quarrel with the French was over—but the day before he went he took great pains to show me where there were some guinea fowl, and when he left we found his uniform carefully folded in the middle of his grass hut with equipment, carbine and ammunition laid on top of it. He had gone off just in a native cloth. He was a nice lad, and the detachment let me understand that his mother had been left a widow and he was her only son, or something of that sort. And he came from far away in the French Sudan or somewhere.

It was sometime in June that the squabble with the French ended, and I know we thought England had yielded too much, but we did not know that Kitchener would meet Marchand at Fashoda later in the year and fresh arrangements be made. In July I went up to Yashikera, and from there was told to sketch a temporary boundary line between ourselves and the French. Getting ahead of my party one day as I was mapping the road—I learned that my nickname among the Hausas was "the man who goes quick, or keeps in front"—I was confronted on the path across some farms by some Baribas, who threatened me with their hatchets and asked if I was *Français*. When they realized I had stayed at Okuta, Boria, Yashikera they shouted the news on to the town, and when I reached it there was a splendid present of sheep, yams, etc., for my party. I had to explain to them that nothing was certain, and they had better not show themselves too friendly as they might, after all, be in French territory.

I suppose it was owing to the unsettled state of the country that people one met on the roads would draw their arrows the moment they saw one. Slave raiding had been a common practice. I used to call out in Hausa, "Don't be afraid, I'm not a leopard," to reassure these people, and they never actually let fly. The releasing of slaves was a difficult problem, and impracticable to discuss here. When I visited the house of the Dawadu, or Prince of Yashikera, and found scores of women slaves sitting round the walls of his compound, I very quietly mentioned the matter of slave-holding. He at once replied, so as to be heard by all, "I know your English ideas of liberty, and when I heard you were coming I told all my slaves they could go, but they don't seem to have gone yet." At which remark there was a lot of giggling round the compound, so I concluded he was a good master.

Later on, a French officer came with an escort to exhume the remains of three officers who had been killed when the French first came through. When he returned to his town an officer of ours went with him. There was much feasting and dancing this officer told me, and when the fun was getting fast and furious he looked round, wondering what his own escort of three Hausas might be doing, and he found them standing behind his chair fully armed and equipped.

So perhaps it is not surprising that one liked the Hausa soldier.

H. W. S.

THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION GARDEN PARTY

Will be held at Stoughton Barracks on Saturday, 30th June, commencing at 3 p.m. The Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion will play during the afternoon, and the Depot Barracks, Regimental Museum, etc., will be open for inspection. Members of the Old Comrades Association and their wives and families will be welcome. Teas and refreshments will be obtainable at moderate prices. The Depot will be thrown open to the public in the evening from 6 p.m., onwards.

4th BATTALION

Headquarters: The Barracks, Mitcham Road, Croydon.
Hon. Colonel: Col. J. M. Newnham, O.B.E., D.L., LL.D.
Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. R. Papworth.
Adjutant: Capt. J. W. M. Denton.

SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL, Capt. Willis has left to join the 1st Battalion in the Far East. We wish him every success in the future. His place has been taken by Capt. J. W. Denton, to whom we extend a warm welcome. 2/Lieuts. Litson and Sherlock have recently joined the Battalion.

It is difficult when writing in March to mention an event which is to take place in April, and which will be a memory when these words appear, but we are hopeful that our Recruiting Week will be a great success, and that we shall receive a large addition to our numbers.

3,400 Islingtonians duly registered their vote in favour of our Mr. Walters at the recent L.C.C. elections. Unfortunately, it was not enough, and he fought a masterly rearguard action at the wrong end of the Poll.

Winter training has been carried out on the usual lines with one or two innovations. A Battalion route march took place on Sunday, 11th March, when the attendance was very satisfactory, and the general turn-out excellent. The Band and Drums put up a very fine performance, and played alternately the entire march—a distance of approximately seven miles.

Thirteen Officers and 140 Other Ranks were attached to the Depot at Stoughton for Easter training. As usual, everything was done for our comfort, and, in addition to a most enjoyable week-end, valuable training was carried out.

In the Territorial Army Association Football Cup the Battalion team reached the Divisional Final, but after a very good game, they were defeated by The 9th Middlesex, by three goals to one.

"A" (S.) COMPANY.

We have a number of very promising recruits, and these, together with a few of the "die-hard" N.C.O.s., have made our winter parades of fairly satisfactory proportions. It is a curious fact that many men consider they know all about a Machine Gun after about a year of training, and stay away from parades accordingly, whereas the experienced Machine Gunner knows that after the lapse of many years, there is always something for him to learn. Training is all important for our interesting and instructive weapon. It would be as well to quote our late Divisional Commander's words: "There is in warfare, as yet, no answer to determined Machine Gunners."

C.S.M. Townsend took a fortnight's course at Shorncliffe recently, and he has been doing invaluable instruction since his return.

The Company, not over strong, unfortunately, spent four pleasant days at the Depot at Easter, under the command of Lieut. Ault. The year promises well, with a Recruiting Week near at hand, during which we are giving a show, culminating with camp at Arundel Park, that most charming of all our training grounds.

"B" COMPANY.

There seems little of note to record since Annual Training at Shoreham, which was generally agreed by all ranks to be the best held for some years. Parades at Queen's House were resumed after Christmas, and up to the time of writing, attendances have been well up to average.

The monthly Company Dances held in the Drill Hall at the Barracks have been well supported, and seem to be enjoyed by all who patronize them. A successful experiment, which we shall repeat.

"C" COMPANY.

This report coincides with the end of the Government financial year, and we look back on the last twelve months with mixed feelings. In many respects, the year has been a most successful one for us. We resumed annual training in camp; we put up a creditable show at the Surrey Rifle Meeting at Bisley; and we have won six of the Battalion Trophies, including the Camp Cup for the best Company in camp; and also the Watney Cup for marching and firing, the latter being one which we have not held for many years. We wish, however, that our numbers were larger, and that the individual members of the Company were able to put in more time at camp. The average number of drills carried out remains quite high, but we always find difficulty, when the time for camp arrives; firstly, in making arrangements for some of the men to attend at all; and, secondly, in providing for their attendance for more than one week. We feel that, as a Company, we suffer seriously because so few of our members can come to camp for more than seven days.

We have recently welcomed 2/Lieut. N. P. Sherlock, who comes to us from Wrekin College, and who will take over command of one of the Caterham Platoons. We understand that he is a qualified gymnasium instructor, and we are, therefore, taking steps to secure gymnasium apparatus at Caterham, in order that one evening a week may be devoted to gymnasium and social activities.

The Caterham Drill Hall, having been in the hands of the builders for the last three months, has now been handed back to us, and we are grateful to the Association for having remodelled our club rooms so that they are now suitable for our requirements. In the past we have felt that the Hall belonged to anybody but the Territorial Army, but in future we hope to have the exclusive use of the Hall, so that it may be arranged for our own purpose, and not be at the mercy of everyone who is inclined to hire it for a dog or cat show, or a club dance.

For the past three months, owing to the alterations, Platoons have carried out no drills. We shall have to put in double time for some months in order to catch up with arrears.

At Easter training, at the Depot, Guildford, from which we have just returned, we had a poor turn-out because most of our men were working over the greater part of the holidays. The training carried out was of an elementary nature, and we feel that it has greatly benefited the recruits and has given some of the so-called "trained men" a sounder idea of the more elementary matters of their training.

While at Guildford we played the first two rounds for the Battalion Football Cup, and in both were successful. We now play in the final, which is to be held at Croydon at the end of April. We feel that in the games at Guildford we won more by determination than by any particular skill at the game, and we hope at Croydon to be able to turn out a team more representative of our talent.

Finally, efforts are about to be made to stimulate recruiting, and to bring the Company up to full strength. We hope to enlist the help of our Honorary Members in this, and trust that in our next notes we shall have something good to report in this respect.

"D" COMPANY.

The Company continues small and (we trust) select. It is, therefore, necessary that everyone should be present at all parades, thus ensuring that the said parades remind the unbiased observer of a Company, rather than of a Platoon. Moreover, if we are to have plenty of friends in camp, all ranks must continue to look for good recruits.

Despite indifferent weather and dark evenings, some good work has been put in by all ranks, especially N.C.O.s., during the last few months. Our next requirement will be more men for the N.C.O.s. to train.

Good work is being done by the Lewis Gunners, under Clr./Sergt. Kitt, and we are looking forward to seeing some advanced training being carried out shortly.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The winter season has seen several very pleasant functions in the Mess, although far too few members participate in the amusements. Concerts, dances, whist drives and billiard matches have all been tried, and, although well attended generally, our younger members are still conspicuous by their absence.

The Annual Children's Party on 27th January was attended by about two hundred mothers and children, whose obvious enjoyment amply compensated the promoters for their trouble. Some of the kiddies exhibited an amazing capacity for cream cakes, and jellies, and no doubt the purveyors of syrup of figs benefited accordingly.

Easter was spent at the Depot, and we would like to thank the members of the Depot Mess for their hospitality during that period.

FOOTBALL.

To date, the Battalion Football Club have had a successful season, as shown by the brief statistics appended.

First Team.—Played, 23; won, 13; lost, 9; drawn, 1; goals for, 66; against, 58. The leading goal-scorers were: Sergt./Instr. J. Dennis (now with the 2nd Battalion) 22; L./Sergt. Neal (captain) 20; R.S.M. G. Jude, 6; Pte. Charnell, 4.

The Battalion team entered the Second Division of the Excelsior League, and it is anticipated that after the remaining match due to be played shortly, they will occupy third position in this division. Untiring efforts by the following officials, Sergt./Instr. Dennis, as Hon. Secretary, and C.S.M. Fenner, who succeeded him on 1st January; Sergt. Rutty, as Hon. Treasurer, and L./Sergt. Neal, as Captain, considerably helped to secure this success. Sometimes we think Sergt. Rutty's efforts ought to be curtailed, as his subscription chasing activities and "wangles" have already resulted in the bestowal of the nickname, "McIsaac Snowden"!

The reason for the R.S.M.'s goal-scoring being on the low side is (please keep it quiet), that he breaks the net every time he sends in one of his "whoofers," and the club could not stand this expense, so they dropped him a quiet hint to go easy!

On 28th October the team played its first cup-tie match, which it lost, mainly through lack of co-operation.

On 9th December the Depot sent us a team, with whom we had a good match, and we managed to scramble home as winners. Nevertheless, the Depot had their revenge in the evening by bringing up their song-singing batteries, with which they effectually silenced our jubilations.

Our next star match was the final of the 44th H.C. Division Championship. Having defeated the 167th Battery, R.F.A., we met and were defeated by the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, by three goals to one. The match was played



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THE BATTALION ON THEIR ROUTE MARCH THROUGH SHIRLEY ON SUNDAY, 11th MARCH, 1934.

at Willesden on 13th January, and was fast and furious. Sergt. Salter gave a wonderful display in goal.

The League matches having drawn to a close (with one exception), the preliminary rounds of the Battalion Dashwood Cup Competition were played at Guildford (where the Battalion was in training during the Easter Holiday); and the final, between "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company takes place at Croydon during the Recruiting Week, on 29th April.

CRICKET.

We hope to get in a few matches this summer, although musketry week-ends limit our opportunities. The ground, at present, is almost bald, but we may persuade some grass to appear during the merry month of May. Possibly the R.S.M. can be coaxed into fluttering to and fro o'er the little green shoots, murmuring like a summer breeze.

We eagerly anticipate the annual Officers' *v.* Sergeants' Match, in which a Test Match atmosphere prevails, even if some of the players so far forget the solemnity of the occasion as to produce a few "canteen" strokes.

GOLFING SOCIETY.

Armistice Day Parades and the absence on leave of various members of the Society made it impossible to hold the proposed meeting in November last, and the prevailing wintery conditions since November did not encourage even the hardiest to spend a week-end away on "serious" golf. However, our Secretary is anxiously trying to fit in a week-end between the dates fixed up by the Adjutant for musketry and other activities, and it is hoped to hold the Annual Meeting of the Society some time in May.

2nd/4th THE QUEEN'S OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

THE Association is arranging another Battlefields Tour for 1934. Two alternative tours are offered, the first from Friday, 6th July to 9th July, at an inclusive charge of £4 7s.; the other from 7th July to 9th July, at an inclusive charge of £2 14s. The two parties join forces for Sunday, 8th July, and return to London about 7.40 a.m. on 9th July. All information can be obtained from Mr. B. W. Boddy, i/c Messrs. Frames Tours, Ltd., 118, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1. (Telephone: Holborn, 8700); H. Mann, 16, Waddon War, Croydon. The Association is also arranging the day trips this year. All details from the Association Secretary.

In addition, the Association is making arrangements for a three-weeks' Pilgrimage to Gallipoli, Constantinople, Palestine, Syria and Egypt in September, 1935, by specially chartered ship. Fare, approximately £32 10s. (excluding shore excursions). The co-operation of other Regimental and Battalion Old Comrades Associations is invited. Full particulars from Mr. B. W. Boddy, or Sergt. H. Mann, at the addresses given above.

Arrangements have been made whereby Mr. E. W. Wilson (Hon. Treasurer, 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A.) will accept instalments towards the fare for the Pilgrimage at any time, and in any sums. Mr. Wilson's address is:—

c/o Wilson's Café, Ltd., North End, Croydon, Surrey.

WITH THE 2nd/4th BATTALION IN PALESTINE

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PART II.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF GAZA.

THE Force available consisted of two Cavalry Divisions, respectively Imperial and Anzac (each less one Brigade), also The Imperial Camel Corps.

Armoured Cars.

52nd Infantry Division.

53rd Infantry Division (Welsh).*

54th Infantry Division.

Lieut.-General Sir C. Dobell was in command.

The 52nd Division, which was held in reserve at Khan Yunus, did not come into action, and only one Brigade of the 54th Division was engaged in the battle.

On the afternoon of 25th March, 1917, the 53rd Division, to the 160th Brigade of which the 2nd/4th Queen's belonged, marched from Khan Yunus to the sandhills about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Deir el Belah.

As the sun was setting we skirted the eastern margin of the large freshwater lake fringed with palm trees, just north of that village and close to the sea. As fires were not permitted we lay, cold and cheerless, in a deep hollow amid the sand dunes until 1 a.m.

At 1 a.m. we marched eastwards, amid high barley crops. Before daylight we reached the Wadi Ghuzzee and halted in a branch of it, at the south-west extremity of the El Sire Ridge. This ridge, which is bare and rocky, extends $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east from the Wadi Ghuzzee, at an average height of 200 feet above sea level, until it dips into deep wadi at the south-east corner of the maze of cactus hedges and gardens which surround Gaza and extend south of the town for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Beyond the wadi a series of bare, rounded and rocky hills (afterwards known as Outpost, Middlesex and Green Hills) extend in prolongation of the El Sire Ridge, forming as it were stepping-stones up to the famous hill of Ali el Muntar, which stands 270 feet above sea level, a veritable watch-tower and outpost of Gaza. This remarkable hill, known also as the Hill of Hebron, said to be the hill up which Samson carried the Gates of Gaza, was, at the time of which I write, surmounted by a Mohammedan tomb and two or three old trees. Both tomb and trees, and indeed much of the hill itself, disappeared under the tremendous bombardments from land and sea to which it was subjected during subsequent attacks on Gaza.

The military value of the hill consisted in the fact that being thirty feet higher than the highest ground on the El Sire Ridge, and standing high above any neighbouring hill, it furnished enemy observation of a large part of the tract of country in use by our troops, until Gaza was captured on 6th November, 1917.

To return to the night march. With dawn came a sea fog which wrapped the whole country in a damp blanket of mist, through which it was impossible to see objects 100 yards distant. We remained halted for about three hours.

Towards 8 a.m. our Brigade, less the 2nd/4th Royal West Kent, which was detached to Tel el Ajul to watch the left flank, was sent forward to occupy the height "El Sire," at the southern end of the ridge of that name.

* One Infantry Brigade (160th) consisted of Home Counties Units. Major-General Dallas, late 16th Lancers, commanded the Division.

The 2nd/4th Queen's was the last to start. The fog was as dense as ever. One could only march by compass direction. The fog lifted about half an hour later, and we had a wide view of the country to the east and west.

On the west lay a narrow valley, the Kurd Valley, and farther west a ridge of hillocks parallel to and lower than the El Sire Ridge. Beyond lay the broad cultivated valley running from Deir el Belah to Gaza, and beyond that the tangled mass of sandhills which shut out our view of the sea.

To the east lay a narrow rocky valley, and beyond the El Burjalie Ridge, terminating in the rocky Mansura Ridge.

As the mist cleared we received an order to halt. It must have been about 9 a.m. For nearly two hours we remained inactive. During this wait the Brigadier was summoned to Divisional H.Q. On his return he gave us orders to advance to the attack at 1 p.m. Our Brigade was to attack the cactus hedges west of Ali el Muntar. The 2nd/4th Queen's was to be in reserve. A few minutes later came a message from Divisional H.Q. that we were to attack at once.* The leading battalion were started off; the 2nd/4th Queen's followed. Soon after, a halt was signalled. Enemy batteries which had previously shelled, in desultory fashion, our batteries east and west of the ridge, now directed a hot and accurate shrapnel fire on to the ridge just ahead of our line of advance. To avoid this the Battalion had to defile into a narrow gully on the eastern slopes of the ridge.

The heat was now intense, reaching, as I afterwards learnt, 110° F. in tents that day. The men were clad in khaki serge, for the nights were very cold, and they were laden with the pack and all the impedimenta of the infantry soldier.

Mounted officers had to dismount and go on foot for the rest of the day.

On emerging from the gully we assumed artillery formation. By this time the leading battalions had disappeared in the direction of the cactus hedges. The Brigade on our right could be seen advancing in extended order towards Ali el Muntar from the direction of the Mansura Ridge. Clouds of dust farther to the north-east indicated movements of mounted troops. We had now reached the northern extremity of the El Sire Ridge and, descending the rocky slope, entered a deep dry wadi or watercourse, probably a branch of the Wadi el Ghuzzee.

We saw plenty of that wadi in the next thirty-six hours. It had steep and often perpendicular banks about fifty feet high, with occasional clefts up which men and mules could scramble, but long stretches of it offered no exit for animals. We crossed it and occupied a bare rocky hill, Outpost Hill, on the far side.

About this time the Brigade Major was wounded, and the Staff Captain (Loder) received a wound from which he died a few days later. The Brigadier had now to improvise a staff, for which purpose he took Capt. Herbert, a Company Commander of the 2nd/4th Queen's, and the Brigade Signalling Officer, Capt. Bayley.

Shortly after I reached Outpost Hill I was called back to Brigade H.Q. on the El Sire Ridge, which the enemy was vigorously shelling. The Adjutant, Capt. Duncan, who accompanied me was dazed by a shell which burst near him on the rocky ground. About this time the Quartermaster, Lieut. Keen, who was with the Brigade Water Camels, was wounded.

The Brigadier now decided to go across the wadi to Outpost Hill. Arrived there he decided to send forward two and a half companies of the 2nd/4th Queen's in support of the Sussex and Middlesex, who were in touch with the Turks among the cactus hedges, west of Ali el Muntar.

There remained on Outpost Hill one and a half companies of the Queen's and three Brigade machine guns. The enemy's artillery meantime directed an accurate shell fire (4.2 inch) on to Outpost Hill, and searched the deep wadi in rear, in which our Regimental Dressing Station had been established. As darkness fell an urgent message asking for water was received from the Middlesex. News also came through that the C.O. of the Sussex (Lieut.-Colonel Ashworth) had

* Owing to the fog much time had already been lost.

been killed, and also Capt. Spicer, one of the Company Commanders of the Queen's.

We were able shortly after dark to send up a few fantassis of water to the Middlesex Regiment. The ground was too rough for camels and the fantassis had to be manhandled, no light job over such ground, as when full they weighed quite eighty pounds each.

Major R. J. Few joined the Battalion about this time, from camel duty. During the night two Turkish prisoners were brought in. They were armed with the horrible saw bayonet favoured by the Huns. Shortly before midnight a message was received from H.Q. that the Middlesex and Sussex and our two and a half companies would fall back on the El Sire Ridge about midnight. We were awake practically all night expecting the retirement, but it was not until dawn broke that we saw our troops retiring on our flanks.

The Brigade then fell back on the El Sire Ridge, leaving an outpost line including one company 2nd/4th Queen's on the north side of the wadi.

A number of the Lewis Gun mules were sent back during the day to the Wadi Ghuzzee, three and a half miles, to water. They had been without water for over thirty hours.

About 10 a.m. an order came that the 2nd/4th Queen's was to advance towards Ali el Muntar, get into touch with a Brigade of the 54th Division, and help to consolidate a defensive position. Accordingly, we moved northwards down the El Sire Ridge and across the wadi. Finally, the Battalion deployed in attack formation on the rocky ridge leading direct to Ali el Muntar. The exact whereabouts of the Brigade with which we were to get into touch was uncertain, but suddenly we observed some troops about a mile to the north-east retiring towards us. The troops moving towards us were retiring in successive lines in good order. Presently a further body of troops were seen in the distance also retiring.

It appeared that a general withdrawal was in progress. The situation being obscure I decided to go forward and see for myself, taking with me Major Few, the signalling officer, Lieut. Salmond, and several signallers and runners. The remainder of Battalion H.Q. remained with the reserve company, including the Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant-Major.⁸ The ground, a narrow rocky ridge, was bare and intersected with wadis. We advanced about half a mile until we saw our firing line lining a rocky ridge about 500 yards in advance, the supports, which we joined, being in rear. Our companies were somewhat crowded on the narrow rocky ridge, and intermingled with a battalion of another Division (54th) belonging to the Brigade with which we had been ordered to get in touch. This unit had roughly entrenched the ridge. We could see through our glasses, about half a mile to the north, the barbed-wire entanglements in front of the redoubtable Ali el Muntar. The Turkish artillery⁹ now opened on us with an accurate fire of H.E. (4.2 inch) from some locality away on our left flank, and almost enfilading us. Bullets were falling thickly over the ridge from the direction of Ali el Muntar.

The other troops on the ridge then commenced to retire, the 2nd/4th Queen's lying down while they passed through them. More troops arrived, among them the 158th Brigade, also retiring.

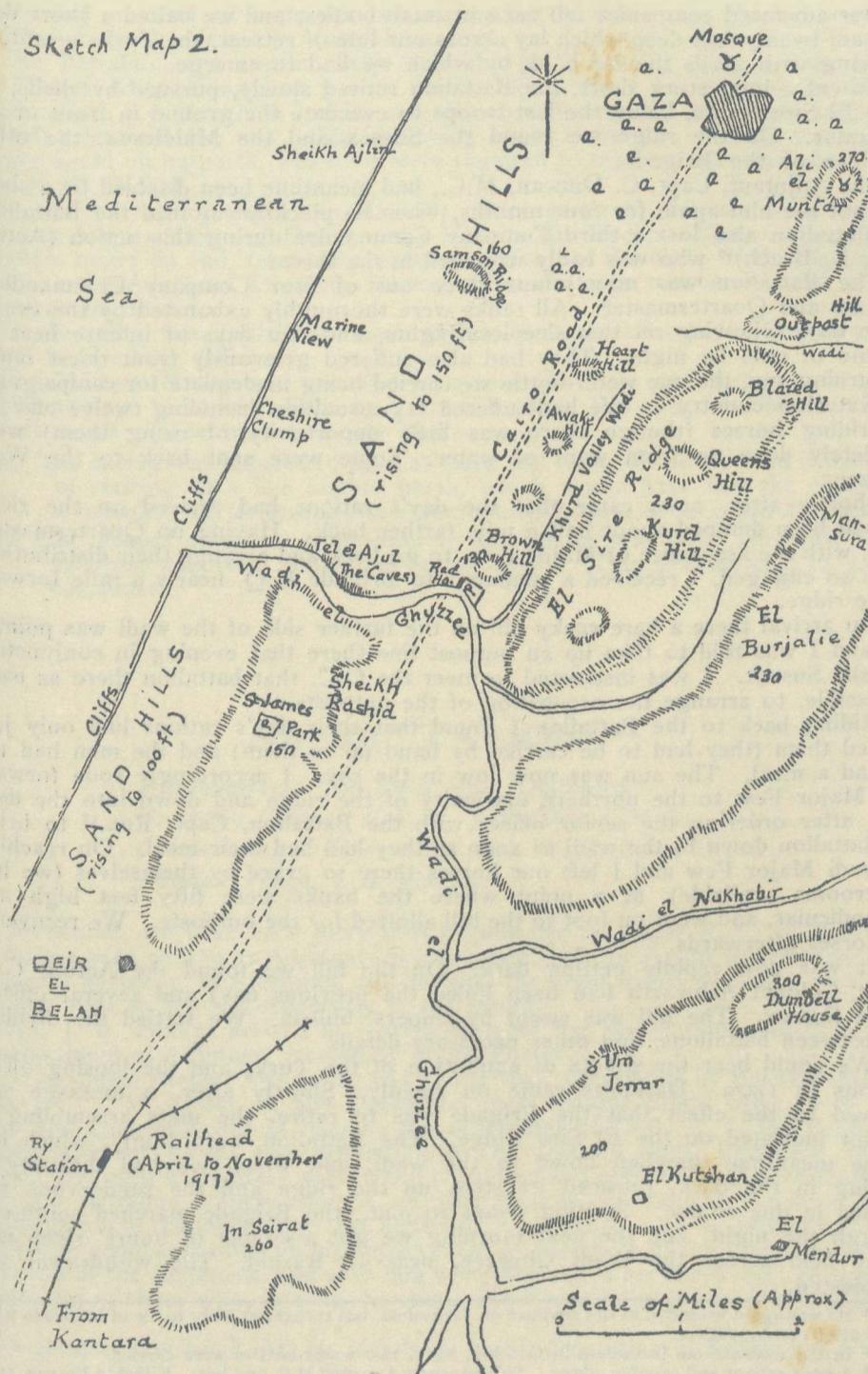
The other Brigades had now retired through the Queen's, who lay facing towards Ali el Muntar. Shortly after, I received a written order from the Brigadier ordering our retirement to the El Sire Ridge.

We commenced falling back, and as we did so the enemy's artillery on our left flank opened a hot and accurate fire, each party being fired at whenever it moved. Our artillery remained silent. We were parched with thirst under a burning sun, which beat down mercilessly on the rocky ground.

⁸ R.S.M. Smart, the only Regular in the Battalion except myself, had been a Corporal in my company in the Tirah Campaign, twenty years before.

⁹ Manned by Austrian personnel.

Sketch Map 2.



Our advanced companies fell back in small bodies, and we halted a short time in a wadi twenty feet deep which lay across our line of retreat, the Turks meantime plastering with shells the far bank by which we had to emerge.

To cut a long story short, the Battalion retired slowly, pursued by shells, on to the El Sire Ridge, being the last troops to evacuate the ground in front of Ali el Muntar. On the ridge we found the Sussex and the Middlesex, the other battalions of the Brigade.

The Adjutant, Capt. C. Duncan, M.C., had meantime been disabled by a shell. I did not see him again for four months, when he pluckily rejoined the Battalion. The Battalion also lost a third Company Commander during this action (Acting Major L. Beach)¹⁰ who was badly wounded in the throat.

The Battalion was now minus three out of four Company Commanders, Adjutant and Quartermaster. All ranks were thoroughly exhausted by the events of the day, following on two sleepless nights, and two days of intense heat by day and of cold by night. They had also suffered grievously from thirst under the burning sun, the one water-bottle we carried being inadequate for campaigning in a waterless country.¹¹ We had suffered 115 casualties, including twelve officers. The riding horses (though there was little opportunity of using them) were completely done up from want of water. Some were sent back to the Wadi Ghuzzee.

Shortly after, news came that the day's rations had arrived on the ridge and had been dumped about half a mile farther back. Having no Quartermaster, I had, with the assistance of Major Few, to go back and arrange their distribution. While so engaged, I received a summons to Brigade H.Q. nearly a mile forward on the ridge.

On arrival there a bare rocky hill on the farther side of the wadi was pointed out, and I was told to take up an outpost line there that evening in conjunction with the Sussex. I was instructed to meet the O.C. that battalion there as early as possible, to arrange the occupation of the outposts.

Riding back to the Battalion I found that their day's rations had only just reached them (they had to be carried by hand up to them) and the men had not yet had a meal. The sun was now low in the sky. I accordingly rode forward with Major Few to the northern extremity of the ridge and down into the deep wadi, after ordering the senior officer with the Battalion, Capt. Roe,¹² to bring the Battalion down to the wadi as soon as they had had their meal. On reaching the wadi Major Few and I left our horses there to graze by themselves (we had no grooms available), at a point where the banks were fifty feet high and perpendicular, and went on foot to the hill allotted for the outposts. We recovered the horses afterwards.

It was now rapidly getting dark. On the hill we found the Acting C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel Ashworth had been killed the previous day) and several officers of the Sussex. The hill was swept by snipers' bullets. We settled the dividing line between battalions, and other necessary details.

We could hear the shouts of exultation of the Turks and the loosing off of firearms in Gaza. Darkness came on rapidly. Shortly after, a message was received to the effect that the Brigade was to retire, the units assembling at a point indicated on the El Sire Ridge. The Battalion, accordingly, which had in the meantime marched down to the wadi, and which we had difficulty in locating in the dark, retraced its steps up the ridge and the rendezvous was reached in due course. Starting about 10 p.m., the Brigade marched south-east through the night, and the next morning we got a couple of hours' sleep in a barley field across the Wadi Ghuzzee, near El Rashid. The withdrawal was unmolested.

¹⁰ He was again wounded in the advance on Jerusalem, but recovered, only to die of influenza a few weeks after the Armistice.

¹¹ In the advance on Jerusalem in October, 1917, two water-bottles were carried.

¹² A very gallant and capable officer. Subsequently awarded M.C. and bar. Killed in France, 1918.

We had marched all night for two nights out of three, and the intermediate night had been sleepless for most of us.

The Battalion was continuously "on the go" from 3 p.m. on the 25th, when it left Khan Yunus, to 3 a.m. on the 28th, when we reached Sheikh el Rashid, where a party which had become detached during the retirement from Ali el Muntar rejoined the unit. The following night there was no rest for us, as we were again on outposts, which we were required to take up after dark on a line south of El Rashid.

In the 2nd/4th Queen's two D.S.O.s. were given as an immediate award to the two Majors, Few and Beach, and a M.C. to the Medical Officer who worked for twelve hours on end, frequently under shell fire, on the night of the 26th/27th March, at the Advanced Dressing Station, where a large number of men of all units were attended to.

The Battalion was specially commended in a Communication of the Commander-in-Chief to the War Office.

The Military Medal was awarded to several N.C.O.s. and men.

The attempt to capture Gaza by a *coup de main* had ended in failure. The practical result of the operation was that:—

- (1) The enemy was induced to fight at Gaza and to subsequently hold it instead of retiring to a line farther north, which would have had the effect of shortening his far-strung-out communications and of lengthening ours.
- (2) Our Forces advanced from Rafa to the line of the Wadi Ghuzzee, thus securing important sources of water supply. This advance cost us 4,000 casualties.

5th BATTALION

Headquarters: The Drill Hall, Guildford.

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

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. W. S. Cave, D.S.O.

Adjutant: Capt. J. B. Phillips.

IN November, we were very sorry to say good-bye to Major R. C. G. Foster, who has been with us as Adjutant for four years. Major Foster has returned to the 2nd Battalion, at Aldershot, and he takes the good wishes of every one with him. We hope to see him frequently in the future.

Capt. J. B. Phillips arrived in November from the 2nd Battalion to take up the appointment of Adjutant, vacated by Major Foster.

We sustained another loss at the end of the year, occasioned by the retirement of Major C. J. M. Elliott on 31st December, 1933. Major Elliott came to us as Captain and Quartermaster in 1926 on the retirement of Capt. E. J. W. Reader. He had previously served with distinction in The Queen's Royal Regiment from October, 1893 until November, 1922, when he retired as Captain and Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion. Sorry though we were to lose his valuable services, we find consolation in the knowledge that he is still in our midst, and we extend to him our heartiest congratulations on his appointment as Secretary of the Old Comrades Association of the Regiment, and wish him every success in his endeavours to make easier the lot of those who, in order to obtain employment, he is brought in touch with.

We congratulate Lieut. H. H. Merriman on his promotion in February.

BOXING.

Boxing in the Battalion has improved a great deal during the winter, and an account of the Battalion Inter-Company Competition, held at Camberley, is given elsewhere. "B" Company again carried off the Company Shield, and it is hoped that this Company's enthusiasm will spread throughout the Battalion and inspire one of the other Companies to produce a closer competition next year for the Shield.

The Battalion was second by one point in the Brigade Competition and, with an even greater effort, it is hoped the Battalion will carry off the Brigade Cup next year.

We congratulate Bdsn. Cooper, (H.Q. Wing) on getting into the Territorial Army finals.

FOOTBALL.

"B" Company won the Inter-Company Football Competition, beating "C" (S.) Company in the final by 7 goals to 2. The new Football Shield (presented by Capt. J. B. Phillips) and the medals were presented to the winning team at the St. Patrick's Ball, at Camberley, by Major R. H. Dorman-Smith, in the unavoidable absence of the Commanding Officer.

SHOOTING.

Great interest and enthusiasm was shown in the winter in the Inter-Detachment Miniature Range Shoot, which was won by the Woking Detachment, whom we congratulate. The final results were as follow:—

	First.	Second.	Third.	Series.	Total.
Woking	634	661	647	1942	
Farncombe	611	604	572	1787	
Haslemere	567	572	633	1772	
Camberley	510	556	604	1670	
Guildford	495	556	615	1666	
Farnham	504	472	478	1454	
*Dorking	282	389	—	—	
†Reigate	522	—	—	—	

* Third series not fired.

† Second and third series not fired.

The usual series of lectures was held during the winter, the outside lecturers being the Colonel-of-the-Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel G. J. Giffard, D.S.O. (G.S.O.1., 2nd Division), Brigadier R. V. Pollok, C.B.E., D.S.O. (Commanding 1st Guards Brigade), and Major-General J. Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., our Divisional Commander. We are very grateful to these officers for giving up their time to come over to talk to us.

Further lectures are to be given by Lieut.-Colonel A. P. Telfer-Smollett, D.S.O., M.C. (Commanding the H.L.I., Dover), and the Colonel-of-the-Regiment, in April.

As an experiment it was decided to arrange a dinner for all officers, in the Drill Hall, previous to the lectures, and this has proved a great success. It gives an opportunity for officers to meet together during the winter.

The Battalion strength is satisfactory, the number of Other Ranks being 474, as compared with 457 on the same date last year. The Battalion is proceeding to Arundel Park from 29th July to 12th August for Annual Training, and we are hoping for a good influx of recruits before this date.

A very enjoyable golf match between the officers of the 5th Battalion and the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot was arranged by Capt. Young at the West Surrey Course, Enton Green, on Sunday, 8th April. Singles were played in the morning,

and foursomes in the afternoon. Unfortunately, the 2nd Battalion were unable to raise a full side, and the Adjutant and the Medical Officer were co-opted to play for the 2nd Battalion. The result of the match was a win for the 5th Battalion by five matches to three.

The following officers took part: Lieut.-Colonel Sturmy Cave, Capt. Phillips, Capt. Young, Capt. Dickson, Capt. Burton-Brown and Lieut. Mullard, of the 5th Battalion; and Major Foster, Lieut. Whitfield and Lieut. Burton, of the 2nd Battalion. We are very grateful to Capt. Young for the excellent arrangements made at the Club for a very enjoyable day's golf.

BOXING.

The Battalion Inter-Company Boxing Competition was held at the Drill Hall, Camberley, on Friday, 19th January, 1934.

Capt. D. S. Lister, M.C., The Buffs, and Lieut. W. A. H. Maxwell, K.O.S.B., very kindly acted as referees, and the following officers acted as judges:—

Capt. J. P. Howells, M.C., D.C.M., 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

Capt. W. A. Dimoline, M.C., Royal Signals.

Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

2/Lieut. A. J. A. Watson, 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

An interesting and instructive demonstration of the points of correct and incorrect boxing was given by Dusty Miller, Instructor Army Boxing Team, and A.S.P.T.; and Q.M.S.I. Butters, A.S.P.T., during the evening.

A special four-round contest was provided by Sergt./Instr. Moore, A.S.P.T., and L./Cpl. Newman, of the 2nd Battalion, the latter winning on points.

The following are the Battalion results:—

Fly-weight.—Winner: Pte. Brabazon, "B" Company; runner-up: Pte. Ashwood, "B" Company.

Bantam-weight.—Winner: Pte. Matthews, "D" Company; runner-up: Pte. Murphy, "B" Company.

Feather-weight.—Winner: Pte. Mann, "B" Company; runner-up: Pte. Ward, "C" Company.

Light-weight.—Winner: Pte. Hood, "B" Company; runner-up: Pte. Swinden, "B" Company.

Welter-weight.—Winner: L./Cpl. Stocker, "B" Company; runner-up: Pte. Brooker, "B" Company.

Middle-weight.—Winner: Pte. Cooper, "D" Company; runner-up: Pte. Constantine, "B" Company.

Light Heavy-weight.—Winner: L./Cpl. Wright, "B" Company; runner-up: L./Cpl. Masterman, "D" Company.

Best Loser of the Evening.—Pte. Standing, "D" Company.

Inter-Company Shield.—"B" Company, 28 points; "D" Company, 7 points; "C" Company, 3 points.

The prizes were presented by the Divisional Commander, Major-General J. Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who, in speaking of the excellent display of boxing during the evening, said: "The whole Army always expects something good of The Queen's. They have a great reputation. We have seen a model evening's boxing, well organized and well handled."

5TH BATTALION

Among the visitors were the Colonel-of-the-Regiment, Colonel H. H. M. Harris, T.D., D.L. (late Commanding Officer, and many officers from the 2nd Battalion and Depot.

The Battalion Band played selections during the evening.

The following were winners in their weights at the Brigade Boxing, at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, 27th January:—

Feather-weight.—Pte. Mann, "B" Company.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Cooper, "D" Company.

Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Wright, "B" Company.

At the Divisional Boxing at Chelsea Barracks on Saturday, 17th February, L./Cpl. Wright was unable to compete owing to illness. Pte. Mann, "B" Company, had a hard fight in the semi-finals of the feather-weights, and was beaten on points by a boxer with more experience.

Pte. Hood, "B" Company, had a walk-over in the semi-finals of the light-weights, and was beaten on points in the final.

These were two of the best fights of the evening.

Pte. Cooper won the final of the middle-weights, and put up a particularly good performance.

"B" COMPANY.

On 25th November we held a Company Concert and Prize Distribution at Camberley, at which we were once again helped by the presence of the Band. Cups were presented to Pte. Goodchild for the best shot in the Company, and to Pte. Taylor, for the best recruit shot.

A very sociable evening was held on 21st December, at which prizes for the Christmas Shoot were presented. Pte. Goodchild once again proved the winner with a possible score.

On 16th March the Annual St. Patrick's Ball was held at Camberley. We were very pleased to have the company of the Second-in-Command, Major R. H. Dorman-Smith, and many officers of the 2nd Battalion and Depot. The music was provided by the Battalion Dance Band, and there were about 300 present.

SHOOTING.—Two matches were held on the Miniature Range at Farnham against the local police, each man firing ten rounds with the police peep-sight rifles and with our Service rifles. The Company managed to beat the police on both occasions.

BOXING.—The Company won the Inter-Company Shield for the fourth year in succession. The Inter-Company Boxing Championship was held at Camberley on 19th January. The results are fully described in the Battalion notes.

FOOTBALL.—The new Shield, presented by the Adjutant, Capt. J. B. Phillips, for the Inter-Company Football, was won by the Company, who beat "D" Company 3-2, and "C" (S.) Company, in the final, by 7-2.

GUILDFORD DETACHMENT.

Nothing really worthy of comment has occurred since the last issue, except that the Annual Ball and Prizegiving took place in the Drill Hall on 17th November, 1933. The Drill Hall was altered beyond recognition, and an enjoyable dance was well attended. We were glad to be able to welcome our late Commanding Officer, Colonel C. R. Wigan, who very kindly presented the prizes.

5th BATTALION.



"B" COMPANY FOOTBALL TEAM.

Standing.—Pte. Davies. Pte. Moseley. Pte. Faber. Pte. Parkhouse. L/Cpl. Lifford. Pte. Smith. Pte. Mann.
Seated.—Pte. Brooker. Pte. Gaines. Capt. J. H. R. Dickson, M.C. Pte. Rampling. Pte. Moth.



"B" COMPANY BOXING TEAM.

Standing.—L/Cpl. Stocker. Cpl. Wright. Pte. Rampling. Pte. Hood.
Seated.—Pte. Swinden. Pte. Ashwood. Capt. J. H. R. Dickson, M.C. Pte. Mann. Pte. Brooker.

RIFLE SHOOTING PRIZES.

Grand Aggregate.—C.S.M. C. P. Watson.

Trained Men.—Application, Cpl. B. Jarrett; rapid fire, C.S.M. C. P. Watson; snapshooting, C.S.M. C. P. Watson.

Recruits.—Application, Pte. C. J. Lamdin; rapid fire, Pte. C. J. Lamdin; snapshooting, Pte. C. J. Lamdin.

General Efficiency Cups.—Machine Gun, L./Cpl. J. Robins; trained men, L./Cpl. J. Willan; recruits, Pte. A. T. Gilbert; Haslemere, Cpl. B. Jarrett; range-takers, Pte. T. M. Williams and Pte. A. J. Elliott.

Recruiting improved during December, but has not been too good since then. A weeding-out of non-effectives has reduced the strength of the Detachment considerably.

Now that the nights are warmer and our gloomy Drill Hall is less like a refrigerator, attendances at drills are improving. Competitions have been arranged to encourage attendances at drills, recruiting, turn-out, etc., and programmes are as varied as possible so as to stimulate interest. A popular innovation is the Detachment Rifle Club, which is well patronized, and the standard of shooting amongst those who are really interested has improved beyond expectations.

Headquarter Training carried out on Merrow Downs on Sunday, 18th March was well attended, and interest maintained, in spite of cold winds and snow.

The rangefakers have been hard at work throughout the winter months on the indoor rangefinder. We hope that the results of the Annual Test, to be held in camp, will be far better than in past years.

We congratulate our Detachment Commander, Lieut. Merriman, on his recent promotion.

“C” (S.) COMPANY—HASLEMERE DETACHMENT.

During the past year the Detachment has shown an appreciable increase of interested and keen members, and this has been especially noticeable since the advent of C.S.M. Watson in June last, when he took over the duties of Instructor and Caretaker. The increase of keenness has made itself apparent in the parade attendances, general efficiency, and particularly in shooting on the Miniature Range, where ability of members has made very marked improvement.

At the Annual Company Shoot, our victory over Guildford was extremely gratifying. In this competition, no fewer than eight cups came to Haslemere, due chiefly to the efforts of C.S.M. Watson, Cpl. Jarrett and Pte. Lamdin.

Great interest was aroused in the Competition Shoot at Christmas, a large percentage of the Detachment taking part. The standard of shooting was bettered only by the truly excellent spread of prizes presented by the tradespeople and residents in Haslemere and the district. All competitors were amply rewarded in accordance with their position on the final list.

The Shoot was followed by an excellent smoking concert, held in the Drill Hall. Local talent was supported by an artist from London, who provided excellent entertainment. The concert was a marked success, and has had its reward in the general interest shown locally in the doings of the Detachment.

“D” COMPANY.

Since our last report we have continued to make very satisfactory progress. Recruiting in both Detachments has been good, and the Company is steadily, but surely, approaching a reasonable strength. As usual for this period of the year,

we are concentrating on Individual Training. Attendances at parades have reached a very satisfactory standard, and makes good and interesting training possible.

Local courses have been run at Woking and Farncombe, and these have proved very successful. Those attending have shown great keenness, and the results obtained were generally good. These courses are, without doubt, a very useful form of training, and produce a valuable effect on the subsequent training of sections by their own commanders.

The Company has been once to the range this year; the attendance was good, but the weather rather spoilt the day. It was bitterly cold and very windy, not at all a nice occasion for good shooting, especially among the recruits. Results, however, were good, and indicate a good standard in Weapon Training for the Company again this year.

In competition shooting we have again done well, and have reason to be pleased with the result of the Inter-Detachment Shoot. The shield was won by Woking, and Farncombe finished a good second. Boxing in the Company has again shown great improvement, and while we have not yet managed to get very near winning the Inter-Company Boxing Shield, continued improvement is sure to get us there eventually.

A very determined effort to improve and encourage sport in the Company is having remarkably good results, and we hope to play lots of cricket during the coming season.

Social life and entertainment has also suddenly made very great strides. A weekly dance at Woking has been run since November, and has proved popular. It has brought the N.C.O.s. and men of the Company together far more frequently than before, and it is probable that it will have a good result in recruiting in due course.

A social evening at Woking in January was a remarkable success; all friends and families of the Company were invited; 250, in all, attended, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to the generous assistance of many friends, a liberal supply of refreshments was available, and every child received a toy. The evening started with a whist drive for adults, and games for children, and closed with a dance. A switchback, provided by Lieut. Mullard for the occasion, was a source of huge amusement to the children.

BAND.

Under the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Tregelgas, the Band has been making excellent progress.

During the winter months weekly practices have been held, in spite of the difficulties of men having to come considerable distances in bad weather to attend.

Amongst other activities during the winter, the Band has played at the Battalion Boxing Competition at Camberley, and an excellent programme was given at "D" Company's Prize Distribution, at Farncombe, in January.

The Dance Band has been very busy, dance music being provided every Saturday night for the weekly dance at Woking, and also at "C" Company's All Ranks' Dance at Guildford, and the St. Patrick's Ball, at Camberley, in March.

The Band is looking forward to a busy programme during the summer, several engagements having already been booked, and it is hoped to arrange more engagements, which all help to swell the Band Fund.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPARED WITH APPRENTICESHIP

"THE APPRENTICE LEARNS BY SEEING—BUT THE VOCATIONAL STUDENT LEARNS BY DOING."

WE all know that comparisons are odious, but as there is a tendency to compare Vocational Training with apprenticeship, the opinion of R. W. Selvidge is well worth reading. He has studied industrial training and says that except in those rare instances where apprenticeship schools are maintained in the industry, instruction for the apprentice in any real sense does not exist. Even in trades where the apprenticeship is well established, little thought is given to systematic training and advancement.

WHAT THE APPRENTICE LEARNS.

The apprentice is generally an irresponsible youth who acquires his knowledge of the trade by watching and waiting on a craftsman, with just an occasional word of instruction. Little instruction is given on the job, and practically nothing is done to teach him how to use his tools or to perform the manipulative operations of the trade. The first thing he learns is to push trucks, and the second to make tea!

The only training he gets is one or two hours a week during the winter should he attend a Technical School.

Compare this with the definite training received by the students in a Vocational Training Centre. First, the use and manipulation of tools, followed by simple exercises and preliminary instruction, then gradually being taken on from the simple to the more difficult work, the student the whole time actually using the tools himself and working under the supervision of a skilled instructor who directs the work and checks it for faults. During the whole period of his training the vocational student is learning by "doing."

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS DO REAL JOBS.

We agree that the ability to perform in a skilled manner the normal operations of the trade is not a sufficient basis for classifying a man as a skilled mechanic; he must have experience in the practice of his trade, and we know there is some talk of our students lacking experience. But do they? During the latter part of their training they carry out jobs without the aid of the instructor, and in this way gain experience and confidence in tackling jobs under different circumstances. We realize that our students in six months cannot hope to gain the experience that some men gather in sixty years, but the experience of some of these is not worth tuppence a ton. Many men only just manage to hold down their jobs by the skin of their teeth, and make a botch of many of the jobs they do. That's the kind of experience we prefer our students not to have.

A GREAT DIFFERENCE.

Go to the employer of apprentices and try to get from him some details of the skill or knowledge of the trade which he expects the apprentices to have at the end of their term of apprenticeship; try to get from him a definite list of the things he expects to teach the apprentice during the first month or the first three months, and so on through the entire period of apprenticeship. In only the most exceptional cases can the employer afford to study the particular things which should be taught, or have any organized plan for teaching them.

This is very different from the definite training given in a Vocational Training Centre, with its progressive course of instruction.

Some say that a Vocational Centre cannot create work conditions similar to those in industry. This is a mistaken idea—the Centre can, and does. The students spend most of their time training under conditions similar to those in which they will work in civil life.

Whilst it is not suggested that we consider Vocational Training to be perfect, we are convinced that given normal brains, physical ability and common sense, a vocationally-trained student compares very favourably with the apprentice.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO RE-ENTER CIVIL LIFE?

THE OPPORTUNITY.

Do you want a better job in civil life than you had before you enlisted? The Army Vocational Training Centre offers you a chance to get it.

The vocationally-trained soldier stands the same chance in civilian life as a civilian apprenticed tradesman.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A COURSE.

Every efficient soldier is eligible for a course, except those who have received tradesmen's rate or trade training.

Apply on A.F. B.2517 at least nine months before you are due for discharge. This form can be obtained from your Orderly Room.

THE TRAINING.

Vocational students are trained by expert civilian instructors, who act as foremen. The students check on and off to the sound of the hooter as they would do in a civilian works. Each student has his own set of tools, and each workshop is equipped with modern machines.

THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The question of securing employment for each student on leaving receives special attention. Applications are made to firms for suitable vacancies and students are sent direct with an introduction. Students are also instructed how to apply themselves.

Enquiries regarding any training for civil life will be answered if you write to "Enquiries," Army Vocational Training Centre, Thornhill, Aldershot.

TRADES FOR WHICH YOU CAN BE TRAINED.

BUILDERS' CLERK OR SURVEYOR.

DRAUGHTSMAN.

CARPENTER AND JOINER.

WOOD MACHINIST.

CABINET MAKER. FRENCH POLISHER.

PLASTERER AND TILER. CONCRETE CASTER.

FIBROUS PLASTERER.

BRICKLAYER AND SLATER.

PAINTER AND DECORATOR. SIGNWRITER.

ELECTRICIAN.

ELECTRIC WELDER. PANEL BEATER.

OXY-ACETYLENE WELDER.

MOTOR FITTER.

SHEET METAL WORKER.

PLUMBER AND GAS FITTER.

HEATING AND DOMESTIC ENGINEER.

SHOE-MAKER AND REPAIRER.

UPHOLSTERER.

22nd LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S)

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

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

So very much has happened, since last we were in print, that we are anxious to omit some frightfully important item. We should, no doubt, be quickly told about the fact by some person or other, but that hardly remedies the omission, does it?

Therefore, we have deemed it advisable to go, chronologically as it were, through the past six months, and to set down those "occasions" which stand out in our memory; occasions which we consider well worth recording.

After the Weapon Training Return had been returned for the last time, we sat down and thought normally. Incidentally, the shooting results of last year were very good, and what is better, we were told that they were.

Enter November. What a curious month to choose for the commencement of any Territorial Year. Bleak and cold; the drill hall looks, and is, a dreadfully uninviting abode; no encouragement for anyone to begin afresh.

This month contains that day of days, when we all feel really united, however.

The Armistice Church Parade was held on 12th November, and was exceptionally well attended by Old Comrades and serving members.

The falling-in on the square, all of us, past and present; the laying of wreaths on the memorial; the march to the old Bermondsey Church; the laying-up of the Colours during the service; the attendance of contingents from the British Legion, St. John Ambulance, British Red Cross, Scouts, Guides, and even the little Brownies and Cubs; the impressive service; and after, the march back through Bermondsey, this time the serving members leading; all these happenings, year after year, leave a distinct memory with us, whether we were war soldiers or not.

On the first of this month our last R.S.M. left us, his place being taken by R.S.M. Handscomb. In our minds we have always called R.S.M. Smith "P.G.," and now we can do so with impunity. We know that he knows what we felt at his departure, and we have no intention of setting it down in print, it would be too difficult. We are really glad that he has become Quartermaster of the 5th, and wish him all success, at the same time congratulating the 5th.

R.S.M. Handscomb is quickly finding his feet, and his efficiency and cheer will carry him miles. Good luck to him, too!

Somewhere round about this time came an urgent call: "Could we produce some twenty odd souls to appear in an amateur production of 'The Devil's Disciple,' which was being staged at Sadler's Wells and the Old Vic. They were required to do some old-time drill." Could we? How were we to know? Under twenty-four hours, however we were certain. We could! The response was colossal.

By the combined efforts of Mr. Godfrey, Major Halse, C.S.M. Marshall and the men themselves, a performance of this old drill was given which shook us all; an outstanding performance. We know. We paid 7s. 6d. for the privilege of knowing! The change in the attitude of the audience was very curious to see. At first they were amused, then they were interested, then impressed, and at the end they were awe-struck, and clapped the roof off; almost before the "exit" took place. These men, or some of them, will be seen at our Headquarters on 11th May, on our stage.

Also round about this period started once more the "foundation period" of this season's categorization training—the cadre training period. During this month we teach the N.C.O. not so much what to teach, but how to teach, so that, later on, he may pass on lessons to others. They learned well; they are now imparting well; the system is functioning well, for yet another spring season. We are sorry now, and we half said as much in the last issue, that we were inclined to scoff at categorization at the start. It is good, and gets results.

Boxing, throughout the winter, has been flourishing. Mr. Shepperd, assisted by our trainer, Mr. Johnson, and that able organizer, Pte. Wainwright, has seen to that. It is nothing to see, on a Friday evening or a Sunday morning, some twenty to thirty pugilists punching themselves sick on our new punch-ball. We said "new punch-ball"; it was new about eight months ago, but now we want another.

We again won the Brigade show. We fought a combined team from the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 24th, and won by a narrow margin. This must occur again, it was really good fighting. A photograph appears on one of these pages.

In addition to running several shows at headquarters, and to spending most of his evenings refereeing all over London, Mr. Shepperd organized a boxing tournament at the local swimming baths, in aid of the Mayor's Fund for the aged and infirm of the district. It raised about £25. Anyone knowing the district will appreciate the good that effort has done for us. Congratulations.

At the beginning of November it was ordained that the officers of our Brigade should go to Winchester on a tactical exercise. They did.

Fifth of November came into the period, very conveniently on the Saturday evening! A levy of half a crown a head was collected—for fireworks—and very nice they were, too, seen from a distance, fizzing and popping in and out of the evergreens and never-again-greens of our hotel garden. We gather that ten shillings to the gardener's mate settled the difficult matter of collecting and dispatching the endless ends of worn-out squibs and other empties that were scattered around that carefully-preserved lawn. But that was not all! There is in the market square, we think they call it, at Winchester, a statue to that noble, if somewhat careless, monarch, Alfred.

Said someone: "Oh yes, the chap that burned the cakes . . . he should be honoured; he should receive our homage; why shouldn't we burn a pretty cake?" And so it was! Suitably attired for this homage business, dressing gowns, towels, turbans, etc., the officers collected in the hall of the hotel, about twenty strong. No names will be mentioned, but there was a high priest of truly magnificent carriage, a priest who would carry weight anywhere; there was an official bearer for the offering; there was a rival to Nijinsky; and there was one who played "The Volga Boatmen" on the hotel gong—to mention but a few! Off went the party from the hotel we were honouring, towards the statue, which (according to our custom), we wished to honour; and at a slow and very impressive gait. Here and now we confess we were "smug" that evening, and have regretted it ever since, but we did follow. We have never seen such a show.

Never has there been such precision, such impressive homage, such controlled hilarity, or such devoted attention paid to one who played with fire. It was stupendous. Nor, incidentally, have we ever seen the forbearance from any body of County Police.

This last remark may be libel. There was no need for any police escort, either one way or the other; the march was orderliness itself, and completely under control. From the hotel to the statue is about a mile, and not a man out of step! Having arrived in front of the recipient, the offering was deposited and the homage-makers reverently bent their knees, at the same time forming into a semi-circle round the offering, which was ignited. One twentieth part of the parade turned a complete somersault through the fire itself, on his little head. This, we were told,

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PRIZE-GIVING AND REGIMENTAL BALL ON 1st FEBRUARY, 1934.



MAJOR-GENERAL R. D. F. OLDMAN, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. 47th (2nd LONDON) DIVISION, presenting the Prizes.



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was super-homage. We carried the tray back, after we had picked it up three times. To be genuine, we have seldom, if ever, seen a better show.

T—hese E—ver W—onderful T—houghts.

And so to Christmas and beyond.

January saw the commencement of the "pushing-out" of cadre-learned methods, and the gradual and varied instruction of the men.

It was in this month, we regret to have to report, that the late S./Sergt. Lowes died in the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. We wish again to express our sympathy with Mrs. Lowes.

January also saw the departure to "civil life" of Clr./Sergt. Hamilton. We cannot express our reluctance at conniving to help him to retire, and we know that if it had been humanly possible for him to remain, he would have done so. Another departure during this month was Drum-Major Biggs, who was quite an expert with the mace and at the "stuff" which a Drum-Major must needs do. His relief is an old member of the Battalion, and lately responsible for the British Legion Drums across the road. He has brought with him several drummers who have joined, and we wish them all every success.

Company dinners are re-occurring! We are glad.

"D" (S.) Company generally have one, and now Capt. Whittington's ("C" Company) have had their first under his command. These dinners are good, do good, and breed good, and Mr. Morse is to be congratulated on his part of their success.

Prizegiving and the Regimental Ball were later than usual this year, and took place on 1st February.

General Oldman distributed the prizes, and there are two particularly good photographs of the event in this issue.

It is General Oldman's last year as our Divisional Commander, and we are very sorry that this is the case. One no sooner gets to know someone on the staff, or becomes known to them, than a "move" takes place. This applies particularly to the Territorial Army, and much as we appreciate the fact that these "moves" are a necessity, we wish they were not so frequent.

Capt. Dobbs, our recent Staff Captain, has already gone; and Lieut.-Colonel Smallwood, our G.I., is just about to leave to take over command of the home Battalion of his Regiment. We wish them all the best of luck in the future, and express our regret at their going.

This year we were lucky in securing the attendance of our Mayor at the Prizegiving. It was his first visit to our headquarters, and he spoke in his turn.

A couple of days after the Ball, that other yearly event, the Children's Party, took place. It was a great success, from every point of view, and we heartily congratulate Miss Halse, who was the organizer-in-chief. By her efforts, and by those of the other ladies of the Regiment, about one hundred and fifty little children between the ages of seven and fourteen, sat down, and blew themselves out completely. Others, too, had, in the morning, blown themselves nearly silly preparing balloons for the children, so that some cheerful idiot could go round bursting them at the first opportunity! It's an ill wind!

After an entertainment and games, and after they had received their presents, the kiddies departed very happily, and so did the helpers, but a few of them were not destined to remain quite so happy for long. Unfortunately, a taxi bearing some of them, Miss Gardner, Miss Vynall, Major Halse, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Lockwood, overturned in King's Road, Chelsea. There was not a tremendous casualty list, but all were pretty well shaken, and Mr. Rutherford is, to this day, suffering from the results of concussion. A rotten ending to an excellent show.

And so to Easter, which we spent with our 2nd Battalion, in conjunction with the 24th, at Aldershot.

Everything was so perfectly arranged for us that we had merely to detrain at

about 10.30 p.m., and march straight into our already-made beds in Corunna. As regards training, we adopted the same policy which was enforced upon us last year by economy, and brought with us specialists only. "D" (S.) Company, Signallers, Transport, Drums, and a few specially selected N.C.O.s. and Privates.

As a Battalion we are weak in numbers, but what we have is good material. We are, therefore, training a cadre upon which a Battalion could be formed, and we consider that this specialist training at Easter is half the battle.

We had a most interesting "war" lecture from Major R. K. Ross, and another one from Mr. Waspe, on "India." Our transport were dealt with by a field brigade nearby, and did team driving, etc. We beat "Retreat," and we were beaten at football by the 24th. All these diversions, *plus* our normal training, combined to give us a really happy and smooth running Easter.

On Monday afternoon both Detachments marched past Lieut.-Colonel Adams, to a march composed by our Adjutant (rather a thrill for him, anyway). It is called "Just fling it away," and the title we consider good, but inappropriate. Apropos, the original copy was only given to our new Drum-Major on the Wednesday evening before Easter, and the Drums played it at "Retreat" on the Sunday evening. That is very good going.

Capt. Whittington ("C" Company) was allowed, at his own request, to break away from the remainder at Easter, and to take his Company to his home at Goring Heath, so that he could get re-acquainted with his former Company. He worked on similar lines to those upon which other Companies' worked and returned more than satisfied with the results obtained. In his own report, he admits that his newly-found Company has made its name in Goring for keenness, cleanliness, *esprit de corps* and *joie de vivre*. Good!

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Always bearing in mind one of our mottoes, which we are given to understand, translated, means: "Be mindful of former glories," the departure of R.S.M. P. G. Smith to the "House of Lords" (to use the brains of one of our members), was our loss. He still belongs to The Queen's, however, and in his new sphere we wish him every success.

We are fortunate in having as his successor, R.S.M. Handscomb, who, although he has been with us a very short time, we realize, is carrying on the good work. Another real loss to our Mess is the departure of Clr./Sergt. Hamilton. We do not know exactly how long he has been a member, but we do know that he will be very greatly missed.

S./Sergt. Akers joined us in January, in the place of the late S./Sergt. Lowes, and as an old Territorial he needs no showing how to get on. To him we extend our good wishes for a most pleasant tour.

On 24th February we held our Annual Dinner in the Drill Hall, and about seventy sat down, amongst whom was the Mayor of Bermondsey, an honour we appreciated, and we hope his successors will make a note of this for many years to come. Another guest was Capt. Paterson, who, although unable to be present at the actual dinner, came in shortly afterwards and made one of his customary speeches, embodying a "snappy" tale from his fund, a fund which seems to contain an endless supply.

We have just returned from Easter Training, and after spending four days with the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, the air (and liquid refreshment) and surroundings do not seem in any way the same. We offer them our thanks for the very pleasant time spent with them, during which nothing was left undone to make us feel one of themselves.

Things are now settling down to the usual routine at headquarters, and the

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MEN OF THE REGIMENT ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN "THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE" AT SADLERS WELLS THEATRE.



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THE TEAMS IN THE BOXING MATCH, 22nd LONDON REGIMENT (THE QUEEN'S) versus REMAINDER OF UNITS OF THE CORPS OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

one distant, but very bright spot, to which we are all looking forward, is Annual Training, which is being held at Swanage, near Bournemouth, in the latter half of July.

FINALITY AND STOP PRESS.

We congratulate:—

The Commanding Officer, on being recently presented with a son.

Mr. P. G. Smith on his new appointment.

Capt. Whittington on his recent promotion.

Capt. Roberts and the running team for training hard all the winter and putting up the best show possible.

Someone for selecting Swanage for our camp. It should be good.

The following N.C.Os. on gaining Territorial Efficiency Medals: Sergt. Lock, Cpl. Aston and Bdsn. Davies.

STOP PRESS.

Mr. Lockwood, assisted by Major Halse, is undertaking *The Daily Telegraph* Team this year. As an experiment, those N.C.Os. selected as leaders are collecting their own teams.

We hope to be joined by two new subalterns at an early date: Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Pocock.

We are running a non-stop variety on 11th May for our funds.

Camp is at Swanage, and about two miles from Corfe Castle. The dates are earlier this year—15th July, onwards.

A PLEA FOR UNIFORMITY

IT is with some diffidence that the writer ventures on this subject, partly because it touches matters upon which even our historian, Col. Davis, is indefinite, and partly because only ten years have elapsed since a Regimental Committee investigated and reported fully upon the same subject. Be it understood, therefore, that this is written with the sole object of drawing attention to certain anomalies in nomenclature, Regimental procedure and dress, which, if permitted to continue, would, in a few years, be labelled as customs, and become ineradicable. It is suggested that there are many so-called customs, both in the Regiment and the Army, which have originated in this manner, and many of us have experienced difficulty in trying to explain these to our friends, particularly in the Royal Navy, and also to Americans, who are always keenly interested in customs and traditions.

To begin with the title of the Regiment. One would think that here, at least, there could be no uncertainty, but in fact there is. Without delving too far back into our history, the Regiment has been styled successively as The Queen's (Second) Royal Regiment of Foot, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, and The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). By custom it has been styled, unofficially, as The Queen's, from its very early days.

At the present time there is a growing tendency to refer to it in conversation, and particularly in speeches, as The Queen's Regiment. It must be admitted that Col. Davis himself uses this last title on several occasions, but as he actually uses two variations of the full name on the title pages of his history, he must apparently not be taken as an infallible guide. It is suggested that the addition of the word Regiment in conversation may owe its origin to our short title in the Army List and *London Gazette* of The Queen's R.

Lastly, when on parade, the 1st Battalion uses the style Queen's Royals, whilst the 2nd Battalion uses that of Queen's. With regard to this, much of the Regimental plate acquired by the Officers' Messes, prior to the Cardwell Reforms, is inscribed The Queen's Royals. To regularize this, it is suggested, for consideration, that on parade all Battalions of the Regiment, and also the Depot, use the style Queen's Royals (*i.e.*, "men of The Queen's Royal Regiment"), and that the short title of The Queen's be adopted as our Army List and *Gazette* abbreviation, and adhered to in conversation and speeches according to our original custom. These suggestions in no way alter the decision of the Regimental Committee with regard to our unofficial title, but merely amplify it.

To turn next to the subject of the Regimental Marches. Here again there are apparently considerable differences in usage which the writer, being handicapped by having spent all his service in one Battalion, can only give as he has noticed them casually in other Battalions (Regular and Territorial). To take first the old Regimental March of "God Save the Queen." This march has not been played on parade with troops since the death of Queen Victoria. It is still played, however, by the 1st Battalion only immediately before "Braganza," and at the conclusion of Band Programmes and at "Massed Retreat." It is believed that no other Battalion plays this march at all. Is this because it was considered the peculiar property of the 1st Battalion? Possibly this was the original reason since the old march of the 2nd Battalion, "We'll gang nae mair to yon toon" (it is believed that this spelling is correct, and not as given in Regimental Standing Orders) was introduced by Col. Bruce when he raised the 2nd Battalion, nothing so Sassenach as the National Anthem being good enough for this Scotsman.

The 2nd Battalion plays this march on returning to barracks or camp, and also on the conclusion of Band Programmes immediately before "Braganza."

The 1st Battalion plays it at the conclusion of "Massed Retreat" as the Band and Drums march off parade, the two other marches having already been played. It is also played according to Regimental Standing Orders when marching past in close column. Thus, there are many variations in the usage of our two older marches.

It ought not to be impossible to lay down the correct occasions on which they should be played by all Battalions.

In passing, two minor points may be noticed with regard to Officers' Messes. When the Sovereign's health is toasted in the 1st Battalion, all Officers remain seated until the Vice-President gives the toast, whereas, in the 2nd Battalion, all Officers rise when the President addresses the Vice-President. Secondly, in all Messes, when the Band plays "God Save the King" at the conclusion of its programme, all Officers remain seated. It is commonly given as a reason for this that we never rise when the National Anthem is played indoors. One wonders whether there is any sound reason for this curious custom, and whether it is not in fact one of those irregularities which, with failure to rectify, has become a custom.

Difficulty is experienced when guests ask the origin of it, and this alone would appear to be sufficient reason for abolishing it.

Lastly comes the vexed question of dress. The recent pamphlet, "Instructions for Officers' Dress" has fulfilled a long-felt want, and has tidied up some loose ends inevitably overlooked by the Regimental Committee. There are, however, a number of differences in the dress of other ranks in the Regular Battalions. These differences include the dress of Warrant Officers, the wearing of lanyards and Regimental dress cords in the Corps of Drums, specialists badges and the patches worn under them, blue patrol dress, the carrying of parade sticks by non-commissioned officers and the armlets of the Regimental Police. Uniformity here would also lead to economy for those concerned when exchanging Battalions, and only the exigencies of foreign service should make necessary any differences whatsoever.

A FINE RECORD.



EX-REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR F. GOSTLING.

There are certain minor differences in the drill of the several Battalions, and notably in the procedure on Battalion Parades, but these could be adjusted by Battalions and the Depot themselves. For the rest, it is suggested that the anomalies to which attention has been drawn should be discussed by those concerned and proposals eventually submitted to a Regimental Committee.

The object of this article is, admittedly, to provoke discussion, and perhaps it may lead to the revival of some lost customs of which retired Officers of the Regiment may have knowledge, in addition to that uniformity which, in a Regiment like our own, is so much to be desired.

A FINE RECORD

THIS is an account of the service of ex-Regimental Sergt.-Major F. Gostling, written by himself. It will be seen that he has completed a total of 53 years' continuous service with The Queen's Royal Regiment. This must certainly constitute a record which no other regiment in the Army could beat.

"Once a Queen's man always a Queen's man" must have been his motto, just as it should be that of every member of the Regiment, whatever his service. He says that he wishes he could have all his service over again, and his pride in the Regiment and in his own record is both understandable and justifiable.

Of particular interest to recruits is the fact that he could hardly read or write when he was recommended for his lance-corporal's stripe, but that hard work brought him to the rank of Colour-Sergeant in the exceptionally short space of nine years. Ex-Sergeant-Major Gostling attended camp with the 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment this year. By his appearance it is hard to believe that he is old enough to have such a wonderful record.

The following letter written to him by the late General Sir Charles Monro is so expressive of what the Regiment means to us all as we grow older that it needs no comment:—

16th September, 1926.

MY DEAR GOSTLING,

It was a real genuine pleasure to me to see you again. It is a far cry back to the old days when we were young lads together on the Barrack Square.

The older I get the more I cling to the friends of my youth, the old friends who have been through much together and whose love for the old Regiment is such a strong connecting link. . . .

Good-bye to you my dear Gostling,

From your old friend,

(Sd.) C. C. MONRO.

Here is ex-Sergt.-Major Gostling's own description of his service:—

"I was attested for the 48th Brigade of Infantry at Colchester, Essex, on 14th June, 1880, and posted to 1st/2nd Regiment of Infantry (which is now known as the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment), and allotted the Regimental Number 48 Brigade 1514. My Company was known as Letter H, Capt. B. A. Beales', Company. The late General C. C. Monro was one of the officers in the Company at that time.

"I was transferred to the 2nd Battalion then stationed at Peshawar on 6th October, 1881, and posted to "E" Company, which was then commanded by Lieut. A. Elias, and served with the 2nd Battalion in Burma from 5th October, 1886 to 7th March, 1888.

"I returned to England with the 2nd Battalion on 23rd February, 1894, and was stationed at Dover. On 28th March, 1894, I was posted to the Depot at Guildford for duty and remained there until 17th January, 1897, when I was posted to the Permanent Staff of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion (now 5th Battalion) as Colour-Sergeant Instructor, at Reigate. On 18th May, 1889, I was appointed Sergeant-Major of the Battalion and transferred to H.Q. at Guildford, which post I held until 30th November, 1909, when I was discharged at my own request. From that date until I re-enlisted on 19th September, 1914, I was employed by the 5th Battalion as steward of their club, and storekeeper. I re-enlisted in 1914 as soon as men of my age were accepted, *i.e.*, 19th September, and was posted to a new Battalion being formed at Guildford, the 2nd/5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, was promoted R.S.M. on that day, and remained with that Battalion until it was disbanded in April, 1919.

"I was twice mentioned in despatches (W.O. letter 13th August, 1918; *London Gazette* 3rd June, 1919) and awarded the M.S.M. without annuity, which annuity I have been awarded since.

"I feel I owe much to General Monro for success in the Service. When waiting to fall in with the draft for India he called me and said: 'You will be servant to Capt. Richards on the ship.' I said, 'I beg your pardon, sir, I have never done anything like that.' 'Do your best,' he said—and I did. With nine years' service I was Capt. Richards's Colour-Sergeant; this was good, seeing that I could not write my name when I enlisted. I was asked by the C.O. when recommended for the lance-corporal's stripe if I was anxious to get on; I said 'Yes, sir, but I cannot read and write very well.' 'Go to school and learn,' he said—and I did, obtaining the necessary certificates in time to take my turn in promotion. I mention this to show what a man can do by trying.

"My promotions were: Lance-Corporal, 23rd April, 1882; Corporal, 23rd July, 1883; Sergeant, 15th December, 1885; and Colour-Sergeant, 13th September, 1889. This I held until I was discharged on 30th November, 1909.

"Since being discharged in 1919 I have been employed as caretaker and storeman with 5th Battalion, which brings me up to 53 years with The Queen's.

"I am in possession of the Burma Medal with two clasps, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with annuity."

A CONNECTING LINK

FROM time to time people write to the Sunday newspapers telling of links with the past. For instance, there are still living those who can remember seeing the Duke of Wellington, whilst others through long-lived parents, grandparents and great-grandparents (and probably a liberal stretching of the imagination), claim a connecting link possibly even with the times of Charles II and Catherine of Braganza.

Personally, I am not going to attempt anything like that, knowing that if I did nobody would believe me. However, it has suggested to me a link with the history of the Regiment, which is perhaps worth setting down.

As a small boy, I can clearly remember an old man with white hair and a squint, with whom my father used to pass the time of the day when taking me for a walk past his cottage. His name was Poulton, and he was an old soldier of The Queen's who had served under the famous Colonel Bruce, who raised the Second Battalion in 1857, and commanded it until 1864. In later years my

father told me a story which Poulton was fond of telling him, and which I will set down as near as I can remember in the words he used:—

"When the 2nd Battalion was stationed at Shorncliffe me and my pal, Pte. Hamlet, set out one day to walk to Dover and back. Well, sir, we got there all right, but on the way back, I'm extremely sorry to say, sir, that we got very drunk, and when we arrived we were put in the Guard Room.

"Now, as you know, the soil down there is white and chalky, and so our red uniforms, mine especially, were all covered in white from falling down.

"When we were sober we were paraded outside the Orderly Room in the same clothes, and mine were still all over white. Seeing our names on the Guard Report for the same offence, Colonel Bruce turned to his Adjutant and said 'Are you acquainted with the works of Shakespeare, Mr. — ?' The Adjutant replied, 'Moderately, Sir.' 'Well then,' said Colonel Bruce, 'In the play of Hamlet, who comes on the stage first, Hamlet or the Ghost?' The Adjutant said he thought that Hamlet did. 'Very well,' said the Colonel. 'March in Pte. Hamlet.' And having told off poor old Hamlet he said 'Now march in the Ghost,' meaning me, sir, being all over white."

A TRIP IN THE WESTERN HILLS, PEKING

A CROSS the Han River, in the farthermost Western Hills, are two of the oldest and most beautiful monasteries in the vicinity of Peking—Ch'ieh T'ai Ssu and T'an Cheh Ssu. The usual means of getting to them is by train to Ment'oukou, and from there by donkey, about a two-hour climb to either monastery; but a more interesting way is to make the whole trip on a pony. Starting from Paomachang one rides along the Marco Polo Road, so named because it was the one by which the great traveller entered Peking; it is also the start of the caravan route across Thibet to India. This is a well-built highway paved with great blocks of stone and ending in a splendid "pailou" (archway). Beyond is the Lu Ko Ch'iao, a walled garrison town, built by Ch'ung Cheng, the last of the Ming emperors, to defend the bridge in an effort to check the advance of the rebellious troops which brought about the downfall of the dynasty in 1644. The bridge at Lu Ko Ch'iao is better known as the Marco Polo Bridge and was described by him in his travels as the finest in the world. Built in 1189, it took five years to complete and spans the Han River in a series of low arches, its parapets surmounted by numerous small stone lions. It was due to a mutiny at this bridge that Ghengis Khan swept into Peking in 1215.

Having crossed the river, the road lies across a plain, and after two hours of easy going commences to ascend, and one climbs up a winding path for another hour before reaching the haven of Ch'ieh T'ai Ssu. Here a series of brilliantly tiled halls and temples straggle up the mountain side, the courtyards shaded with century-old pines and cypresses. On the main terrace a colossal white pine stretches its arms in the sunlight; records in the monastery show it to be over a thousand years old. The monastery itself dates from A.D. 700. Other smaller pines lean over the parapet, but these a monk apologetically explains are only four hundred years old. One may wander through the various halls and temples hearing the legends that the monks relate or listening to the chanting of the Buddhist services. The sunrise over the vast plain that stretches eastward, bordered with mountains north and west, is a miracle of colour, and with good visibility the spires and gate towers of distant Peking can be easily indentified.

A further ride of two hours, through hills, terraced and cultivated as only the Chinese know how, brings one to T'an Cheh Ssu. Again a series of halls, pagodas, temples, and terraces climb the slope of a beautifully-wooded cleft in the mountainside. A mountain stream surrounds the monastery like a moat, and one enters the gates over a stone bridge. Older and more important than Ch'ieh T'ai Ssu, the golden-tiled roofs bear evidence of imperial patronage. The monastery has been kept up by imperial grants, and the donations of wealthy devotees for centuries, dating from A.D. 400 by authenticated records, and far older according to legend. Three giant maidenhair trees grow in one of the courtyards, and the charm and peace of this ancient sanctuary are beyond description.

The return trip is made over a sharp ridge behind T'an Cheh Ssu, an hour's steep climb being rewarded by a superb view of the country through which one has journeyed, and from this height one may count seven ranges of mountains stretching into the west. Another hour for the descent to Ment'ouku, and from there an easy journey back to Peking along one's original road.

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. D. G. Adams.

Adjutant: Capt. A. P. Block.

ONCE again Easter falls early this year, which gives the sub-Editor more scope for this number and less for the next.

Our first winter activity of any note was the usual Armistice Sunday Parade. This year the service was conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Newington Butts, who afterwards lunched with the Officers, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Kingston.

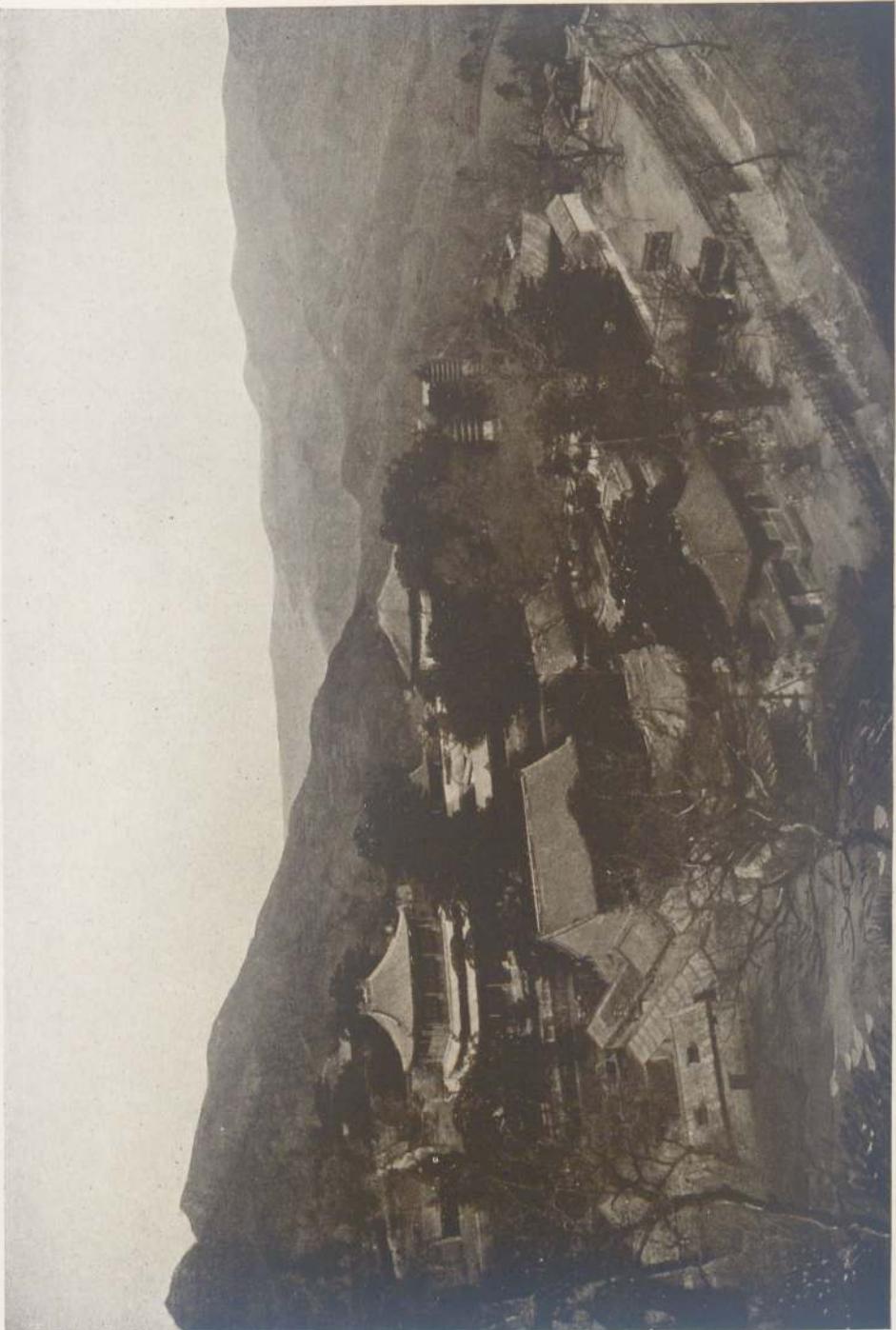
Over two hundred serving members attended the Parade, which was further strengthened by a fine muster of Old Comrades. The Band and Drums made full use of their opportunities on this occasion.

Prize-giving followed in January. This year General Bonham-Carter, who had recently been appointed D.G.T.A., presented the prizes, and there were many distinguished guests, including our Divisional and Brigade Commanders and their wives. The evening was very successful, and there was much rejoicing at the news then announced, for the first time, that in the preceding years "D" (S.) Company had obtained the highest figure of merit for annual Weapon Training tests in the Division.

Training for the winter months has closely followed the categorization scheme laid down, but with the certainty of some ceremonial functions in the summer there is bound to be some departure from this rigid line in the near future.

There have been four T.E.W.Ts. for Officers, two under Brigade arrangements at Winchester and Corfe Castle, and two Battalion ones at Streatley. The only one which makes real copy (as we editors say) was the first. Somehow or other, the day being 5th November and the statue of the great King Alfred standing in the High Street, caused a versatile officer in the 22nd to devise a night pageant, which took the form of a phantasia on the burning of the cakes, introducing the theme of the Gunpowder Plot. This was aided by a massive male chorus giving an impassioned rendering of the song of "The Volga Boatmen," with hotel gong accompaniment, and must have been one of the most impressive

A TRIP IN THE WESTERN HILLS, PEKING.



A PANORAMA OF CH'IEH T'AI SSU.

things seen in Winchester since the dark ages. Picked officers from all Battalions in the Brigade took part, and there were no casualties.

The Brigade Boxing this year took place at our Headquarters, and proved to be a very evenly-contested affair. We congratulate the 22nd on winning, but, at the same time, the 23rd and ourselves ran them very close, and as we hope to have found some new talent we can promise them a keen contest again next year.

Just before Christmas Capt. R. H. Holmes announced his intention to retire from the Army. We wish him every happiness in his retirement. He is succeeded as Adjutant by Capt. A. P. Block, whom we welcome most heartily. We wish him all the success that we confidently expect him to achieve.

Sergt. Parsons, too, has ceased to be a Staff-Sergeant on time expiry, but has enlisted in the Territorial Army, and will, we hope, long continue in that capacity with the skill and aptitude which we have come to expect of him.

Easter was a great occasion from many points of view. The 2nd Battalion, with wonderful hospitality, offered us accommodation as well as the 22nd, so we had the privilege, for the first time since the war, of sharing quarters with our Sister Battalion. No opportunity was lost of making the most of this. The 22nd, who had brought down their Drums, played our rear party up from the station, and both Detachments left barracks together at the end.

And while on the subject, may we congratulate the Drums of the 22nd on their performance—particularly "Retreat" on the Sunday, not forgetting the modest composer of a new march called "Fling it Away." A few more tunes like this and the old-established Army music is in danger.

While in barracks two scratch teams from the 22nd and 24th took each other on at football. The 24th (aided, we must confess, by Cpl. Jones of the 2nd Battalion) won by 5 goals to 3. It was a good match, much enjoyed by several spectators, in spite of the cold.

We are most grateful to Col. Bassett for allowing this visit to take place, and to Capt. Pickering and Lieut. and Qmstr. Waspe for the excellent arrangements made for us. Our gratitude, moreover, is due to Major Foster and Sergt. Dixon, who did so much for the comfort of the Officers, and to those Officers and N.C.Os. who helped us with our training.

We have known what it is to visit a strange and unsympathetic unit for Easter Training, and we realize, therefore, how doubly lucky we are that our regular Battalions are so hospitable and so helpful.

THE VISIT OF THE BAND AND DRUMS OF THE 2nd BATTALION TO LE HAVRE FOR ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS

WE arrived at Le Havre at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, 11th November, having had a good crossing and a comfortable night's rest, thanks to the admirable arrangements of Mr. Dodd, the Secretary of the British Legion Branch at Le Havre.

A speech of welcome was made on the boat by Monsieur Hauville, who represented the Mayor. Then the British Consul, Mr. O. Meara, and numerous other officials were presented to us. We then disembarked, and after a somewhat amusing inspection by Monsieur Hauville, or, as he called it, a "review," we were decorated with poppies, and departed to Le Parc de La Heve, where the Band and Drums stayed throughout the visit.

After breakfast the Band and Drums were driven to the Front, from whence they marched to the War Memorial, where a ceremony was held by the 129me Regiment, mounted gendarmerie and various political and diplomatic representatives.

Wreaths were then laid by each party in turn, and the ceremony finished with the playing of the French and British National Anthems. A large procession of people of all descriptions marched behind the Band to the Notre Dame, waving many flags and banners.

In the afternoon there was a short service at the British section of the War Graves Cemetery. Wreaths were placed on the Memorial by all the various representatives, and then the Anthems were again played. The Band then repaired to the Bourse, where our first concert was given. This was attended by 3,000 people. A speech of welcome was made by Monsieur Leon Meyer, the Mayor of Havre, who had come from Paris expressly to greet us; toasts were exchanged amid many words of ceremonious admiration.

After the concert there was a reception given to the N.C.Os. at the Grand Taverne by the Société d'Anciens sous-officiers, and each was decorated with the badge of the society and made an honorary member. It will be hard to forget the look of amused embarrassment on their faces as they received the kiss on both cheeks, which accompanied the decoration. Speeches were again exchanged, and more toasts were made in the wine of the country.

In the evening we were taken to the theatre, and witnessed a performance of the "Count of Luxembourg," which ended in true French style with paper streamers thrown by semi-nude ladies.

On Sunday morning there was a service at the Notre Dame, followed by a service at the English Church, and then a short ceremony at the Belgian War Memorial.

In the afternoon a concert was given at the Palais des Expositions in conjunction with the Town Band. This was also attended by a large crowd.

In the evening there was a banquet given by the Fédération des Sociétés d'Anciens Militaires, Marins, et Aviateurs, in the Salle des Fêtes. We all enjoyed ourselves extremely. Many speeches were made, and Monsieur Lang, the President, presented a Scroll of the Society as a gift to the Colonel and Officers of the Regiment, and much to the amusement of everyone, it then became my turn to receive the accolade.

On the Monday morning there was a reception with Vin d'honneur at the Town Hall, where Monsieur Lang represented the Mayor. Speeches were again exchanged, in which both countries were gilded with honour and our two Flags eternally bound together.

In the afternoon a reception was given at the Caserne Kleber by the Commandant d'Armes and the Colonel and Officers of the 129me Regiment. Again there were speeches, and champagne soon overcame the difficulties of the language.

In the evening the Band gave another concert at the Salle des Fêtes.

On Tuesday morning we were driven to the Etretat, where an open-air service was held in the British War Graves Cemetery. A short ceremony took place also at the French and Belgian Memorials. A reception was then given in the Casino by M. de la Banchetais.

In the afternoon we were taken over the Ile de France, which was extraordinarily interesting. A final banquet was given in the evening by the British Legion, which everyone enjoyed extremely, and at 11 p.m. we boarded the boat and, amidst many farewells and shouts of "Vive l'Angleterre," we sailed away, some of us wiser and all of us more experienced than when we arrived.

Our thanks are due to all those who put in so much hard work in connection with our visit, and particularly Mr. O'Meara, the British Consul, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Dodd, the Chairman and Secretary of the British Legion, who looked after us everywhere we went.

THE QUEEN'S RANGERS, 1st AMERICAN REGIMENT



LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN HYDE BENNETT, V.D.,
who has been recently appointed to command The Queen's Rangers,
1st American Regiment.

THE QUEEN'S RANGERS, 1st AMERICAN
REGIMENT

*Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. John Hyde Bennett, V.D.
Headquarters: 860, Yonge Street, Toronto.*

SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL we have had a change in Commanding Officers. Major Bennett has been promoted and appointed to command the Regiment, and our former Commanding Officer, Col. Rogers, has gone to command the 2nd Reserve Battalion. With Col. Ingles in command of the Brigade we now have a satisfactory galaxy of senior officers still actively employed.

Before speaking of the services in the past of our new O.C., it is a happy duty to speak of the effort of Col. Rogers during the months in which he was in charge of the Regiment. To all ranks he was the ideal man for the job. If there be such a thing as the perfect Commanding Officer he came as close to the mark as is humanly possible. He devoted much of his spare time to the work of the unit, and also gave unstintingly in many other ways. The Regiment made such progress under his command that we will not be able to estimate it until sufficient time has passed to make comparison possible. He is still with us, and we are glad that we shall have the advantage of his help and experience.

Col. Bennett has had a varied and interesting military career. While very young he served with the 3rd Battalion Royal Jersey Light Infantry. Coming to Canada in 1909 he joined the Queen's Own Rifles as a rifleman during the same year. After four years and four days with the Queen's Own he received a commission in the old 12th York Rangers, in 1913. On the declaration of war in 1914 he joined the 4th Battalion, C.E.F., serving with them in France and Flanders. At the second Battle of Ypres he was severely wounded. Returning to Canada he served in this country in various capacities, until he went to Siberia with the 259th Battalion (Siberia), C.E.F., reverting from the rank of Major to that of Captain to go with them. After the war he rejoined the York Rangers, and on the reorganization of the Regiment he became Second-in-Command, serving in that capacity under two Officers Commanding.

Training last autumn started on the evening of Thursday, 14th September, after the conclusion of the two weeks of the Canadian National Exhibition. As many of the N.C.O.s. and other ranks of the unit take part in the pageant every year during the Exhibition, this event has a bearing on the beginning of our training season.

The second Regimental team in the Canadian Infantry Association Lewis Gun Competition fired at the Long Branch Rifle Ranges, on Saturday, 26th August, under the command of Lieut. M. L. Harris, of "C" Company.

On the same date, the remainder of the unit carried out Lewis Gun practice on the ranges, leaving the Armouries by bus.

The Annual Brandywine Dinner of the officers was held at the Royal York Hotel on the evening of Saturday, 26th August. Col. Ingles, who, since the dinner a year before, had unearthed additional information of interest bearing on the activities of the Queen's Rangers of the Revolutionary War period, gave a lecture on the 1777 Battle. He illustrated his talk by means of blackboard sketches and maps.

On the following day a church parade was held to the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, the church of our Assistant Chaplain, Capt. the Rev. H. C. Cox, M.C. The Regiment, with ex-members of the 20th and 35th Battalions, C.E.F., entrained at the Armouries at 1.45 p.m., and went by street-car to High Park,

where the parade formed up and marched to the church. After the service the unit marched to the eastern entrance of High Park, where it entrained again for the Armouries, where all ranks had supper.

The recruit class recommenced on the evening of 11th September. This class is a departure initiated by Col. Rogers. A recruit, after training, must pass a test in squad drill and rifle exercises before he may be sworn into the Regiment. The move has made for increased efficiency, the companies having found that they are saved a great deal of time and effort by the work of this class. It is held two evenings a week during each training season.

Lieut. Black sailed for England in August, shortly after the camp. Capt. A. J. McLatchy, our former Quartermaster, has retired from the Reserve Battalion.

The Annual Platoon Marching and Firing Competition was held on Saturday, 23rd September, on the usual ground north of the Rifle Ranges, Long Branch. On this year's competition we had fewer teams than in any previous year. It rained during the morning, and clouds blanketed the sun in the afternoon. All teams which did enter got away from the starting-point, a culvert near the Burnham—Thorpe cross-roads a mile north of the Dundas highway, on time. Register keepers were in position, and the route judges got into action. Two teams mistook the starting-point and had to be corrected. They lost valuable marks, but they and the others made the remainder of the route satisfactorily.

It was remarked that the firing portion of the competition was conducted in a much more efficient manner than in any year in the history of this event from the standpoint of discipline and actual firing.

A feature of the competition again this year was the sketch made by each man who covered the route of the march, of the route itself and outstanding features along the way.

The competition was won by No. 2 Platoon (Lieut. H. W. McManus). The M.G. Platoon, under Lieut. Pote, came second; No. 9 Platoon (Lieut. Harris), third; and No. 5 Platoon (Lieut. Dodgson), fourth.

Where most teams won marks was for physical condition of the men at the end of the march, discipline before and after firing, range discipline, and for the rate of marching. The majority lost for map drawing and the movement from the rendezvous, strength at range, sketches of the route, and rifle inspection.

In addition to the syllabus of training during the autumn, which included squad, platoon and company drill; section battle formations, field signals, march discipline, rifle exercises and Lewis-gun training; lectures were given by the company officers on such subjects as use of ground, care and mechanism of the rifle and small-arms fire.

Capt. C. M. Howarth was posted from "D" to "B" Company during the Autumn training to take command of the Company. "B" is Capt. Howarth's old Company and great things are expected from it. Lieut. J. R. Jacobsen, formerly Signalling Officer, has been transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

On Saturday, 14th October, all men who had not previously classified in the rifle during the year were given an opportunity of firing their course at the Ranges.

Under Major Keslick half a dozen officers were detailed to attend an out-door tactical exercise during the week-end of 28th-29th October, over the same ground on which this unit holds its Annual Marching and Firing Competition. Officers from the four units of the Brigade, and also from the Artillery, the Cavalry, the Signallers and the Engineers were present. They were divided into syndicates in Staff Course style, each group having an Artillery, Cavalry, Engineer and Signals Officer attached. All of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning were spent on the ground, and on Saturday evening all syndicates met for dinner and a talk afterwards at the Canadian Military Institute.

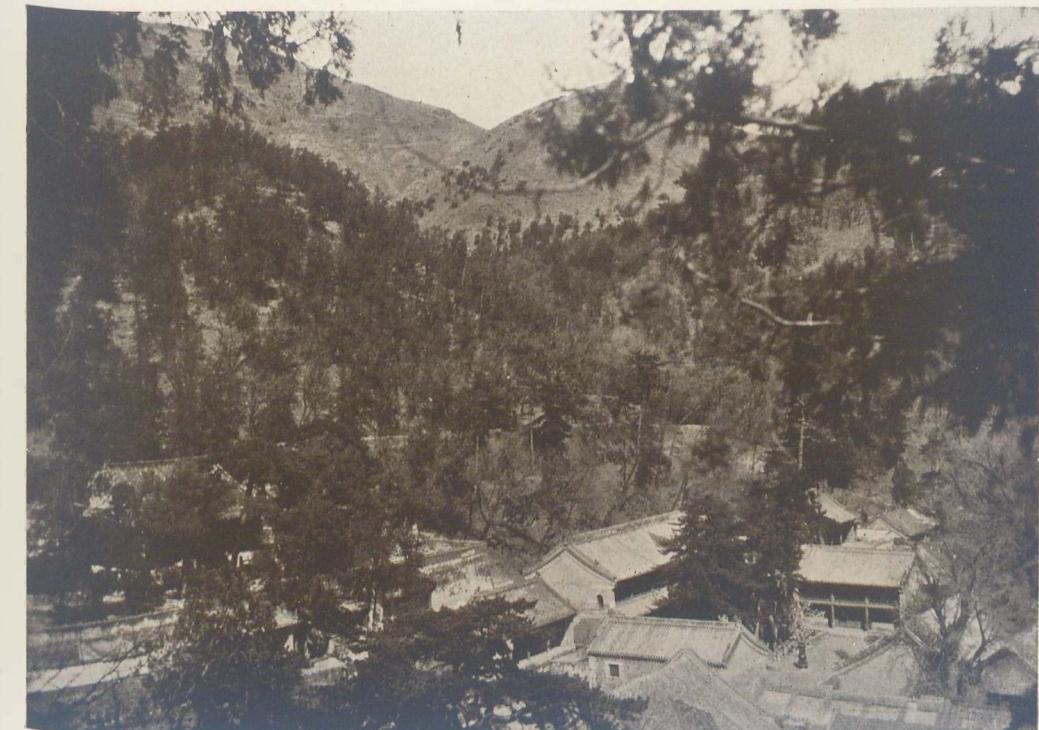
The Annual Inspection of the Regiment was held on Thursday evening,

A TRIP IN THE WESTERN HILLS, PEKING.



THE MAIN HALL AT CH'IEH T'AI SSU.

Showing the bed presented by the late Empress Dowager. The bed, which the Empress used herself, has been turned into an altar.



T'AN CHEH SSU MONASTERY.

9th November, after a supper for Other Ranks in the Armouries. As is very often the case at our inspections, which have always been held in the open, the night was very cold for November. Snow covered the ground. After the ceremonial drill had been finished, two companies marched into the basement of Jesse Ketchum School for the muster and for rifle exercises, while the others were inspected outside in Company and Platoon Drill and in extended-order work.

Under Capt. R. H. L. Dinsmore, M.C., M.M., the unit furnished a Guard of Honour of fifty Other Ranks for the service at the Cenotaph, on Remembrance Day 11th November. Lieuts. Pote and Harris were also with the Guard. The drums were in attendance. The weather was blustery and there was a heavy snowfall all day. On their return the Guard had lunch at the Armouries.

On Thursday evening, 16th November, the Annual Platoon Competition for the Eaton trophy was carried out on the parade ground. Platoons, with a minimum strength of twelve Other Ranks, were judged on strength, organization, dress and appearance, close order drill, and rifle exercises.

2/Lieuts. W. H. Armstrong, J. N. Medhurst and G. D. Black have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieut. D. M. Findlay has been awarded the certificate of Captain.

The final Battalion Parade of the season was held on the evening of 23rd November, after a route march. The close of the season's training was marked by a smoker in the Drill Hall, the band and drums in attendance.

The corner-stone of the new 14th Infantry Brigade Armouries was laid on Tuesday, 28th November. This building gives promise of improved accommodation for the Regiment. The ceremony was conducted by Mayor W. J. Stewart, of Toronto, which city this year is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. Officers of headquarters, Military District No. 2, Brigade Headquarters, and of the units to enter the new building, representatives of Dominion and Provincial Governments, and other citizens witnessed the brief ceremony. They appeared, after it took place, at a reception at the Canadian Military Institute. The order of service used in the ceremony was similar to that used when the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the War Memorial in Birmingham, England. The Armouries is located between the historic sites of Old Fort York, Stanley Barracks and Fort Rouille. The Mayor's formal laying of the stone, with an engraved silver trowel presented to him by the 14th Infantry Brigade Armouries Association, builders of the structure, followed prayers and invocation by Major the Rev. Canon W. L. Baynes-Reed, senior chaplain of the brigade. His Worship was introduced by Col. C. J. Ingles, Officer Commanding the 14th Brigade, and President of the Armouries Association. Singing of hymns was accompanied by a band representative of the bands of the units composing the Brigade: the Irish Regiment, Toronto Scottish Regiment, Toronto Regiment, Queen's Rangers, and the Second Divisional Engineers. Immediately prior to the placing of the stone the Mayor deposited beneath it a duralumin box containing specimen cap badges of all brigade units, the history of the Brigade and the armouries project, and histories and records of the affiliated units.

We were gratified to learn that the Vickers M.G. team of the Regiment, under Lieut. Pote, obtained first place in the Special Vickers M.G. Competition, 1933, of the M.D. No. 2 Infantry Association. This included a cash prize of \$20. Seventeen teams took part in the event, the Regimental team obtaining 132.8 marks. Those of the next highest team, the Toronto Regiment, were 110.5.

The Regimental Lewis Gun Team took fifth place in the Special Light Automatic Competition of the M.D. No. 2 Infantry Association. Nineteen teams competed, our team obtaining 128.6 marks, compared with 148.3 obtained by the winner, the team of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

Following are the results of the Annual Regimental Shoot, held during the week of 11th December (possible, 35): Sergt. Beveridge, 34; Pte. Macdonald,

32; Lieut. Findlay, 32; Major Sprinks, 32; Cpl. O'Connor, 31; Pte. Watson, 30; Sergt. Allan, 30; Sergt. Barfield, 30; Sergt. Howarth, 30; and Capt. Dinsmore, 29. The Platoon Event was won by No. 14 Platoon with 139 points; No. 2 Platoon came second with 135, and No. 13 Platoon third with 131.

Despite short notice, the Regiment turned out in fair strength on Sunday, 3rd December, for the service at the Arena Gardens in memory of the late Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, at one time Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

The Band of the Regiment held a combined concert with the Arion Male Choir in Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute on the night of 23rd January.

Lieut. J. M. Sharp has been transferred to the 1st Battalion; he will serve with "B" Company. Lieut. J. N. Medhurst has been awarded the "B" Wing Certificate of the Canadian Small Arms School.

A special Small Arms School, in place of the usual Infantry School, was held on Monday and Tuesday evenings for a period of eight weeks commencing 15th January. Vacancies were restricted to four N.C.O.s. from each Company. Major Sprinks was in charge of the school and also of a Regimental Small Arms School, conducted concurrently. Lieuts. Mowat, Moore, Findlay and Medhurst were in charge of instruction at the latter school.

Instructional films in rifle and Lewis gun training were shown to all ranks on the evenings of 8th February and 1st March.

The annual meeting of the Officers of the Regiment was held in the Mess on the evening of 18th January.

On the appointment of Col. Bennett to command the Regiment, Major W. H. Keslick, M.C., V.D., was appointed to be Second-in-Command. Capt. and Brevet-Major W. D. Sprinks, M.C., V.D., becomes Major, and Lieut. and Brevet-Capt. A. F. Spencer, Captain. Major D. L. Keith, M.C., V.D., has been transferred to the Reserve Battalion.

The Officers' Golf Tournament was won in 1933 by Major D. L. Keith with an average net score of 77.18. Col. Ingles came second with 78.78, and Capt. McLatchy third with 79.29. Eleven games were played during the season, commencing 15th June and ending 25th October. To qualify it was necessary to play six games, the qualifying number being over fifty per cent. of those played. In all twelve officers took part, of whom six played six games or more. Games were played at five different clubs.

A special detachment of the Regiment are to take part in a Military Tournament of the Toronto Garrison in May. The detachment, which is busily at work at present, is composed of Capt. R. H. L. Dinsmore, Lieuts. Findlay, McManus, Sharp, Pote, Harris and Mowat, with Lieuts. Dodgson and Armstrong with the Colour Party and eighty men. Half the detachment is using ancient drill, and the others modern drill. They are training on Monday evenings and also on Thursday evenings immediately following the Battalion Parade.

The Regiment, with the 20th Battalion and 35th Battalion Ex-Servicemen's Association, attended divine service at St. Alban's Cathedral, on Sunday, 8th April, to commemorate Vimy Day.

A Sand-table Exercise for officers of the Toronto Regiment and our own officers was held at our Armouries on the evening of Wednesday, 4th April.

It was with the greatest pleasure that the officers of the Regiment welcomed an officer of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Royal Regiment, Lieut. L. N. Fairtlough, on his return to duty with his unit. It is so seldom that we have the opportunity of entertaining an officer of the Queen's that, although it was not a Mess night, the word went out in some mysterious way and some sixteen of our number went down to the Armouries. The visit of Mr. Fairtlough was enjoyed by everyone, and the bugle band, who were at practice, thoroughly enjoyed the speech he made them. The officers accompanied him to the station to see him off on his long journey to Tientsin.

Within the past few days we have been notified that we are to furnish a Guard of Honour on the occasion of the re-opening of Fort York, on 24th May. Training of the Guard is being carried out in conjunction with that of the special detachment for the tournament. Major Merrick, Lieut. Pote and Lieut. Harris have been detailed for duty with the Guard. It is fitting that we should be asked to put on a Guard of Honour on this occasion, as it was this Regiment which built the Fort in 1793, under Simcoe. Details of the connection of the Regiment with the Fort is to be seen in the last issue of the JOURNAL.

HEADQUARTERS' WING.

DRUMS.—Dmrs. W. E. Lawrence and T. W. Rogers have been promoted Acting Corporals.

SIGNALS.—Lieut. W. H. Armstrong has been awarded the V.T. Class I Special Certificate, and Pte. W. Ogilvie the V.T. Class I Certificate.

MACHINE GUNNERS.—Pte. J. Fowler has been made a Lance-Corporal. L./Cpl. J. A. Fowler and Pte. D. C. MacDonald have been awarded certificates in M.G. work, Subject "K."

STRETCHER BEARERS.—Pte. J. Gomez received his first stripe during the autumn season, and in February he was promoted Corporal.

"D" COMPANY.—Ptes. G. Higgins and W. Murray became Lance-Corporals in the early part of the autumn training season. Cpl. E. R. Barfield was made Lance-Sergeant. Cpl. H. Longly has been awarded the Certificate of Corporal of Infantry. Sergt. (A./C.S.M.) C. R. Jones, M.M., has been promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, Class II, and appointed Company Sergeant-Major.

SERGEANTS' MESS.—On 8th December the Sergeants held their Annual Ladies' Night in the Armouries, with an attendance of three hundred. There were card games and there was dancing, with special prizes. Col. Bennett was asked to present the latter, but handed over the task to a friend of the Mess, Mr. Scott, who is said to be the oldest soldier in the Dominion.

At the regular monthly meeting on 11th December arrangements were made for our annual New Year's gathering, which has been a custom for many years. Two members of the Mess of every Regiment in the Toronto Garrison, which includes seventeen units, were invited to be present. Arrangements were also made for the Annual Dinner, which took place at the Carls-Rite Hotel on 6th January.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2nd/35th BATTALION ("The Newcastle Regiment")

Honorary Colonels: Brigadier-General H. A. Goddard, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., and Brigadier-General Iven G. Mackay, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Galleghan.

TOWARDS the end of last year, when advice was first received that the old 2nd Battalion and its fellow Newcastle Battalion, the 35th, were to be disbanded at the end of the year, and both units amalgamated as the 2nd/35th Battalion, great consternation was felt throughout the two Battalions.

Both Battalions had been very keen rivals for many years, and the most sanguine could not foresee how the change could possibly be productive of great good. However, the new organization was accepted by all ranks in a remarkable manner, and the whole of the new Battalion has now settled down, although only a few months have elapsed since the change. Not the slightest friction has been felt, although both Battalions sincerely regret losing their single identities, and all portions of the 2nd/35th have now combined to make a fine Battalion, which should prove to be one of the finest in the Commonwealth.

The 2nd/35th is commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Galleghan, the last C.O. of the 2nd Battalion, with Major W. D. Jeater, late of the 35th Battalion, as Second-in-Command. Companies are situated and commanded as follows: "A" Company (Newcastle), Major J. G. D. McNeill; "B" Company (Wallsend and West Wallsend), Capt. H. H. Shaw; "D" (M.G.) Company, Capt. F. J. D. Field; and "E" (M.G.) Company, Major E. P. Logan. The establishment of 405 all ranks is the second largest of all units in the State.

A most happy occasion during the past few months was the celebration in March by the new Battalion of the Golden Jubilee of the 4th Infantry Regiment, the parent unit of both the old 2nd and 35th Battalions. The celebrations took the form of Trooping of the Colour of the 35th Battalion, a grand Ball, and the Jubilee Dinner.

Great interest was aroused throughout the district by the Jubilee, as the old 4th Regiment, in years gone by, was the pride of the city, and many of the old officers and other ranks who saw service in the 4th, are still residing in the district. Many of the latter were present at the Jubilee Dinner, including two of its past C.O.s. (Major-General John Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., and Col. G. J. Burnage, C.B., V.D., who was appointed to the rank of First Lieutenant the day the 4th was formed); Lieut.-Colonel Scobie, who had not worn his old scarlet Mess dress for twenty-six years; Major Langwill; and Lieuts. J. Dunbar (whose son, Lieut.-Colonel J. J. Dunbar, V.D., lately commanded the 2nd Battalion); and J. J. Wells.

Amongst the many distinguished guests at the dinner was Brigadier-General H. A. Goddard, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., one of the Honorary Colonels of the 2nd/35th Battalion, who commanded the 35th Battalion, and later, the 9th Infantry Brigade, A.I.F., during the Great War.

The Trooping of the Colour Parade was a brilliant success. The Colour was carried by Lieut. W. A. Norris, who served with the 35th Battalion, A.I.F. All units of the Newcastle area were on parade, and at the conclusion of the Trooping, joined in a march past, when the salute was taken by the Division Commander (Brigadier-General O. F. Phillips, C.M.G., D.S.O.), who afterwards addressed the troops. As many of the troops had to come from outlying centres for the parade, lunch was supplied to all ranks at the Regimental Drill Hall, and after the

parade, all were treated to liquid refreshments, which, on account of the very trying heat, were much appreciated.

In October last, both the 2nd and 35th Battalions took part in the 1st Brigade Camp at Rutherford for six days, it being their last camp as separate units. Officers and N.C.O.s. spent considerable time at Rutherford on the two previous week-ends to the camp, preparing the tactical work, and also received very instructive sand-table lectures. The work performed by all ranks was of a very high standard, and the training for the week gradually developed from Section and Platoon Training to Battalion attacks. The weather, for the first few days, was very trying, but, fortunately, the hardest day, Friday, when the largest exercise and the Brigade Review took place, was much cooler. The Brigade Commander (Col. J. M. C. Corlette, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.) inspected and addressed the Brigade on the Friday afternoon, and expressed his appreciation of the keenness shown by all ranks, and the excellent work performed during the six days.

It is sincerely regretted that the Brigade Major (Major R. G. Legge, D.S.O., M.C., Staff Corps) had to be evacuated from camp seriously ill, and has not yet resumed duty.

Amongst the visiting and inspecting officers during the camp was the Division Commander (Brigadier-General Phillips).

Particular attention was given to the entertainment of the troops, and a concert was held each night in the canteen marquee, where musical items, harmonious and otherwise, were well received by the large attendances. The officers and sergeants entertained in their respective Messes, and succeeded in displaying their usual hospitality.

The last ceremonial parade held by the 2nd Battalion was the Annual Church Parade to Newcastle Cathedral, on 12th November, the attendance at which was very pleasing. Up to now, the 2nd has been the only unit in Newcastle which has made this an annual parade.

Ere this issue of the JOURNAL is printed, the 2nd/35th will again compete with the other units of the Newcastle area, on Anzac Day, 25th April, in a keen effort to retain the coveted Anzac Cup, which was won last year by the 2nd Battalion. All ranks of the amalgamated Battalion are being impressed with the necessity of carrying off the cup for the second year in succession, as this would create a record. The competition, which is judged on attendance, turnout, marching, etc., is always particularly keen, and every unit will be on its mettle to take the trophy.

It will be interesting to the members of the Queen's in all parts to know that the 35th Battalion, which is now half of the 2nd/35th, is affiliated with the Northumberland Fusiliers (The Fighting Fifth), which is appropriately from our similarly named city in the homeland, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

"H.Q." WING.

This important portion of the unit is, perhaps, the most scattered, with H.Q. and Sigs. at Newcastle, Transport at Adamstown and Band at Wallsend. The Sigs. are at present very busy (?) installing a telephone system and switchboard in the Regimental Drill Hall, and have made themselves very useful on all the recent Company bivouacs. The Transport Section, which is, undoubtedly, the hardest working in the unit, turns out well whenever required, and parades weekly under Lieut. D. R. Solomon. The Cadets, which are administered by the Wing, are now under Lieut. J. W. Beckett.

The unit was unfortunate in losing Lieuts. B. A. J. Litchfield and A. J. Hamilton, and the R.Q.M.S. (W.O. Black, A.I.C.), at the end of last year.

"A" COMPANY.

"A" Company is now commanded by Major J. G. D. McNeill, the last O.C. (Capt. J. D. Hull) now being on the Reserve of Officers, and conducted a most successful bivouac at Redhead, quite close to an excellent surfing beach, in February. On the Saturday night, a night march by compass was carried out, under Lieut. C. E. Dalton. The Company Second-in-Command, Capt. C. E. Morgan, M.M., has been transferred to Sydney, his place being taken by Capt. C. H. G. Spencer.

"B" COMPANY.

Being composed entirely of personnel from the old 35th Battalion, the members of "B" Company take this opportunity of making their initial introduction to the members of the Queen's. Just prior to the Trooping of the Colour, we held a week-end bivouac at West Wallsend, when, in addition to field work, intense training was undergone in slow marching, etc. This Company had the honour of being selected to supply the Escort to the Colour, the duties of First Lieutenant being carried out by Lieut. W. Kelly.

"D" (M.G.) COMPANY.

Once again the members of "D" Company send greetings to the Queen's. Since the amalgamation we have been fortunate in retaining our same organization, so have not noticed the change in any way. Early in December we held a week-end bivouac at Merewether Ridge, and carried out three exercises. No. 13 Platoon, under Lieut. Toohill, did an occupation of a position by night, followed by firing to sea, using a proportion of tracer. No. 14 Platoon, under Lieut. J. C. Campbell, did a splendid forward gun movement, also culminating in firing of ball ammunition. The Company competitions, prior to Christmas, were keenly contested, and to the surprise of all ranks, the C.Q.M.S. (Col./Sergt. Smith) walked away with the lock-stripping test, in opposition to all the cracks. A small Christmas "Smoko" for all ranks was a very popular event. A combined bivouac with "E" (M.G.) Company will take place in April, at Fort Wallace, North Stockton.

"E" (M.G.) COMPANY.

Like "B" Company, all the members of "Emma" Company are new to the brotherhood of the Queen's, and extend hearty greetings to all, particularly the Machine Gunners in every Battalion. We are looking forward to the combined bivouac with "D" Company in April, when we anticipate having the co-operation of the 39th Fortress Company Engineers, who will do a night manning parade, and assist our guns with their searchlights.

OFFICERS' MESS.

During the past six months we have had a particularly busy time, and during the Jubilee Celebrations a considerable amount of entertaining was involved. Two excellent dances were held last season, one in aid of Regimental funds, and the other in conjunction with the Officers' Mess of the 13th Heavy Battery, A.G.A. The usual Christmas "Smoko" was all that could be expected. During camp we had the pleasure of entertaining many guests, including the Division Commander. The ladies had dinner with us on the Friday evening, after which the majority

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motored to Maitland, where the 13th Battalion officers held a very pleasant dance. We have been fortunate in being presented with the sword of the late Lieut.-Colonel C. F. Stokes, the second Commanding Officer of our parent unit, the 4th Regiment, by his daughter, Mrs. Ebbsworth. The sword is in a splendid state of preservation, and occupies an honoured position.

We are delighted to be able to advise that an ex-Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion (Lieut.-Colonel B. B. Rodd, V.D.) will be leaving Australia in April, and will visit the Queen's. Col. Rodd is taking home a splendid collection of aboriginal weapons, etc., which have been collected from amongst the aborigines over the past eighteen months. We are proud to be the first Australian Regiment to be granted the privilege of wearing the buttons of an affiliated British Regiment. The receipt of the buttons, which are much superior to the usual Australian issue, has created great comment amongst the various Australian units, and many of them are taking steps to obtain similar permission. We extend to the present serving officers of the Queen's our most sincere thanks and appreciation of the very kind gift, which will further cement the close brotherly ties between us.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Sergeants of the unit were very active in connection with the Ball conducted by the combined Mess of the district, which was held in October last. Our Regimental orchestra was selected to provide the music, and the Ball attracted over 1,000 dancers.

The newly-formed 2nd/35th Sergeants' Mess, which is the largest in the Commonwealth, has a very energetic committee, headed by the R.S.M. (W.O. McPherson, A.I.C.). In January, a send-off was tendered to our departing R.Q.M.S. (W.O. "Bob" Black), who has been transferred to Armidale, Northern N.S.W.

CORPORALS' MESS.

The newly-formed Corporals' Mess was officially opened by the C.O., many of the officers and their wives, and a large attendance of N.C.O.s., their wives and lady friends being present. The Corporals make excellent use of their Mess, and very neat furnishings, appropriate pictures, etc., now grace the room.

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FOR the first time in the life of the Corps, the Annual Inspection was carried out by a Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Sturley Cave having kindly consented to officiate, and expressed himself in the highest terms on the efficiency, turn-out and *esprit de corps* of the Cadets.

Prize-Giving.—The value of our Annual Prize-giving on 29th November was much enhanced this year by the welcome presence of Lieut.-Col. R. Basset, M.C. (Commanding 2nd Battalion) and Mrs. Basset, who showed themselves keenly interested and surprised at the many varied activities of the Corps, and Col. Basset was good enough to give us a most whole-hearted and cheering assurance that he would help us in every way that he possibly could do so, and Mrs. Basset most kindly distributed the many prizes with a cheerful word and smile for every recipient.

Reunion Dinner.—The third of our Annual Reunion Dinners took place on 1st December, with L./Cpl. P. Alexander in the chair, and a most cheery evening concluded with a social and dance.

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Annual Bazaar—12th and 13th December.—Our many friends and supporters again rallied to our help, with results that exceeded all expectations, the total of £137 being £10 in excess of the previous year.

Our staunch friend and supporter, Mr. A. White, has kindly devoted many hours of his busy life in organizing whist drives to help swell the Cadet Funds, and these have invariably proved most popular and successful.

Dances.—The Cadets themselves have again organized, entirely on their own initiative, a series of highly successful dances, which have invariably proved most popular, and have been admirably staged and conducted, aided to a very great extent by the inspiring strains of Mr. Gillman's band.

Boxing—Prince of Wales's Shield.—The Corps were successful on 5th February in defeating a Cadet Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment, but on the 28th of the same month, in the semi-final bout of the same competition, the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps found themselves opposed to a very fine team of boxers from London, The Jewish Lads' Brigade, and lost every match except one, but were by no means disgraced, as their opponents put in a most formidable team of miniature "Len Harveys" at every weight.

The Corps, who won the competition for Cadets' Cross-country Running last year, at Chingford, secured second place this year—another creditable performance, for the second year in succession.

The Annual Garden Fete, for raising funds for camp will again be held at Collingwood Grange, by kind permission of Mrs. Mackenzie, on 2nd June. As H.H. Princess Marie Louise has graciously consented to be present, and Lieut.-Col. Basset has most kindly promised us his famous band, we hope for a really successful afternoon.

THE DEPOT

There is little of a general nature to relate that has not been given particular reference elsewhere in the news.

Recruiting is not as good as we would wish. This is no doubt partly due to the decrease in unemployment. We have only three squads training and one forming.

Two changes among the Officers have taken place. Capt. Coward has returned to China, and we hope he has a good trip. Capt. Sullivan is his relief. Lieut. Burton has returned to the "Home" Battalion, where we hope he will enjoy Manœuvres. Lieut. Sheldon is relieving him.

STATISTICS.

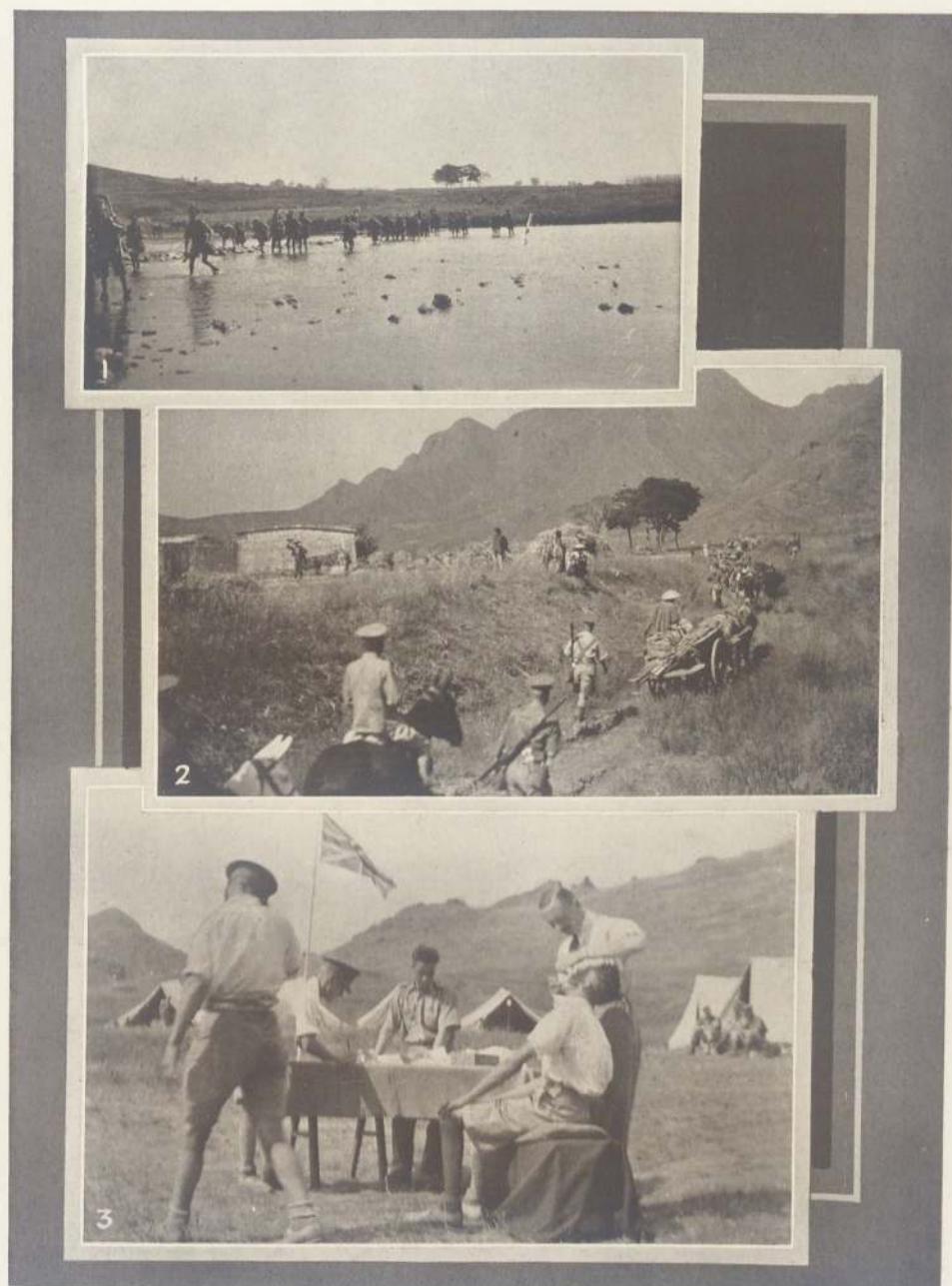
Number of men enlisted for Regiment since last publication	...	94
Number of men posted to 2nd Battalion (Recruits)	...	65
Number of Recruits Discharged	...	18
Number of Recruits Deserted	...	1
Number of Recruits rejoined from Desertion	...	2

POSTED TO 2ND BATTALION.—Corunna Platoon, 19 men, 1/12/33; Tangier Platoon, 22 men, 17/2/34; Ladysmith Platoon, 24 men, 7/4/34.

DISCHARGED.—6076169 Pte. A. Harvey. Discharged, 3/11/33, under Para. 370, xxi.

TRANSFERRED TO THE ARMY RESERVE.—6082950 Pte. C. Campbell: To Section "B" Army Reserve, 22/3/34; 6082849 L./Cpl. J. Coe; To Section "B" Army Reserve, 5/1/34; 6082853 L./Cpl. R. Nightingale: To Section "B" Army Reserve, 14/10/33.

1st BATTALION.



1. The P.B.I.!

2. "To the Hills and Far Away."

3. Annual Dental Inspection in the extreme Eastern British Camp. "B" Company at Ehrling Temple Camp.

POSTED TO 5TH BN. THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT, T.A.—1856275 Sergt. L. B. Chapman, 1/12/33.

POSTED FROM 2ND BATTALION FOR A TOUR OF DUTY.—6085198 Pte. E. Hufford, 6085238 Pte. V. Grace, 2567259 Pte. A. Stainsby, 6084532 Pte. W. Kemp, 6780346 Pte. R. Culley, 67077603 Pte. P. Taylor, 6081242 Cpl. J. Climpson, 6079431 Cpl. E. Heather, 6081724 Cpl. G. Tester, 6085295 Pte. L. Barratt, 6082642 Pte. C. Cooling, 6084544 Pte. H. French, 6085706 Pte. H. Burnett, 6080338 L./Sergt. A. Bond, 6085636 Pte. D. Fisher, 6079895 Sergt. W. Webb, 6084394 Dmr. H. Hawkes, 6085234 Pte. G. Burcher, 6076791 Cpl. C. Maxted, 6081070 L./Cpl. L. Wright, 6083640 L./Cpl. B. Noke, 6136874 Pte. A. Head, 6084105 Pte. C. Reeves.

POSTED TO 2ND BATTALION ON COMPLETION OF TOUR OF DUTY.—6084048 Cpl. J. Johnson, 5824220 Pte. W. Dennis, 6082972 Pte. J. Williams, 6080401 Sergt. F. Fower, 6078290 Cpl. J. Nye, 6079586 Pte. J. Peters, 6082996 Pte. H. Martin, 6082997 Pte. J. Downey, 6084849 Pte. G. Griffin, 7873302 Sergt. A. Manners, 6393492 Dmr. C. Wakeford, 6084593 Pte. G. Brooker, 6078744 L./Sergt. L. Loveland, 6084312 L./Cpl. S. Tranter, 6084240 Cpl. D. White, 6084019 Pte. E. Martin.

POSTED TO 1ST BATTALION ON COMPLETION OF TOUR OF DUTY.—6079418 Sergt. A. Martin.

POSTED FROM 1ST BATTALION FOR A TOUR OF DUTY.—6077508 Sergt. W. Smith, 6081137 Sergt. W. Lee.

RESULTS OF RECRUIT COMPETITIONS.

October, 1933—*Peninsular Platoon*.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6085695 Pte. T. E. G. Hand and 6757797 Pte. A. Nash (tie for first place). Shooting: 60085711 Pte. F. Fielder, 6085685 Pte. F. Morgan. Physical Training: 6085692 Pte. A. Pawson. Drill: 6085695 Pte. T. Hand. Athletics: 6085692 Pte. Pawson and 6085688 Pte. W. Thompson (tie for first place).

November, 1933—*Corunna Platoon*.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6085734 Pte. H. Barrett. Shooting: 6085748 Pte. D. Smith. Drill: 6085734 Pte. H. Barrett. Physical Training: 6085731 Pte. F. Major. Athletics: 6085731 Pte. F. Major.

February, 1934—*Tangier Platoon*.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 5495995 Pte. A. Domoney. Shooting: 6085755 Pte. S. Myall. Physical Training: 6085752 Pte. G. Gregory. Drill: 6085749 Pte. W. Calvy. Athletics: 5495995 Pte. A. Domoney.

March, 1934—*Ladysmith Platoon*.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6085773 Pte. H. Bail. Shooting: 6085773 Pte. H. Bail. Drill: 6085790 Pte. L. Phillips. Athletics: 5085725 Pte. G. Pithers. Physical Training: 6085791 Pte. J. Bush.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since the publication of our last notes there has not been very much going on. During December we held a Christmas Whist Drive, which was very enjoyable, and was celebrated in real festive style.

The Depot Christmas Shoot was held in December, and most members won their Christmas fare as a result.

Christmas itself passed off quietly, as most members were on leave, but New Year's Eve found a goodly gathering in the Mess, and the New Year was heralded in our customary cheerful spirit.

During January and February nothing much has been going on. We had one Whist Drive, and have attended several entertainments at other Messes.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL a few misguided members have taken unto themselves a wife, and a few, who have remained single, have returned to the Battalion. We wish the former the best of luck, as they will need it, and to the latter we give a little advice—"Keep your boots well dubbined for route marches."

The Corporals trounced the Dutymen at hockey, and would have done the same at football, only the ground was unfit for play. Perhaps they will have their revenge at cricket.

We welcome Cpl. Tester, Climpson, Heather and Maxted to the Mess, also L./Cpls. Wright, Walker and Noke.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. D. White on his promotion to Corporal.

We are very sorry to lose Cpls. White, Johnson, Nye and L./Cpl. Tranter. We wish them the best of luck with the Battalion.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Since our last issue we have had one change in our staff. L./Cpl. Tranter has gone to the 2nd Battalion, where we wish him the best of luck with his new Lewis Gun Section. L./Cpl. Noke has taken his place, and is settling down very well.

We had quite a slack time just before Christmas, but recruiting has improved since then. During January the Physical Training Staff were hard worked trying to raise a boxing team to represent the Depot in the Eastern Command Recruits' Team Boxing Championships. We managed to get up quite a good team:—

Feather-weight.—Pte. Tutt (Ladysmith).

1st Light-weight.—Pte. Waterhouse (Namur).

2nd Light-weight.—Pte. Baker (Namur). Pte. Phillips was to have been, but had to go on special leave.

Intermediate-weight.—Pte. Davis (Namur).

Welter-weight.—Pte. Cruise (Namur).

In the first round we were drawn against The Royal Sussex Depot, but they scratched, so in the next round we met the 7th Hussars and we had very bad luck to lose to them by the odd fight. The recruits fought really well, and are to be congratulated on the show they put up.

Pte. Tutt fought a very clever bout, and is to be congratulated on it. He lost, though, in fairness, it must be admitted that there was quite a lot of disagreement. Pte. Davis fought a clever, hard-hitting fight, and won on a clear margin of points.

Sergt.-Instr. Moore and the P.T. Staff are to be heartily congratulated on producing this team, which certainly surprised everyone. I hope that next year we shall win, and that we shall have more recruits and time in which to train them.

WEAPON TRAINING.

Since the beginning of the Weapon Training year there has been little to report, owing to the scarcity of recruits. However, numbers are now increasing, so we shall be getting busy again soon.

The Christmas Shoot was as great a success as last year, and practically everyone took part in it. The prizes took the form of turkeys, geese, ducks, plum puddings and various joints from two sheep.

The Dutymen have fired their Annual Course, and the results were quite up to standard.

The following were the winners of silver spoons for obtaining a score of 100 or over in Part III:—Pte. Knell, 103; Cpl. Houchin, 100; L./Sergt. Howard, 102; Sergt. Webb, 101.

Among the recruits to win spoons were:—Pte. Barratt, 91; Pte. Bail, 98; Pte. Major, 91; Pte. Smith, 94; Pte. Russon, 90; Pte. Myall, 91; Pte. Stewart, 92; Pte. Tutt, 93.

Competition Shoots still continue to be a success both with .22 and .303. Recruits and Dutymen take part in these, and much practice is gained.

FENCING.

On 8th November we had our first fencing match against the Blades Fencing Club, at Aldershot. This would give us some idea as to what sort of team the Depot would have. We won 15 wins to 12 wins, and this started us off on a very successful season. Lieut. Morgan, who made his debut, did very well to win two out of three fights.

We fought the Masks Fencing Club, and this proved to be very exciting. We lost the Foil 4—5, won the Epée 5—4 and started on the Sabre all square, the last fight of which decided the issue. L./Cpl. Tranter rose to the occasion and won the fight and match.

The last match of the season was against the 2nd Battalion, the idea being to pick a team for the Army Team Championships. After the match the problem proved even harder. The Sabre, again, was the deciding weapon, and with the last fight to go we stood all square, and again we just managed to get home with the last hit, thanks to some good fencing by Sergt. Spence.

The results were as follows:—

Blades F.C. (home). Won, 15—12.

Masks F.C. (home). Won, 14—13.

Charterhouse (home). Won, 18—9.

Royal Military College (home). Won, 21—15 (bayonet).

4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (away). Won, 19—8.

Epsom College (away). Lost, 6—12 (foil and sabre only).

Life Guards (home). Won, 18—9.

Blades F.C. (away). Won, 15—13.

Royal Military College (away). Won, 22—16.

Masks F.C. (away). Lost, 10—17.

2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (home). Won, 14—13.

Matches played, 11; won, 9; lost, 2.

In the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, Cpl. Spence won the Other Ranks' Bronze Medal for Foil and L./Cpl. Dunn that for Epée.

HOCKEY.

We had quite a successful and very enjoyable hockey season. We started off badly, and on the whole did not do so well as last year, but as soon as we settled down we improved considerably.

We missed several of last year's players, and next year we shall have lost half the side. We must try to get hold of young blood.

Table of results were as follows:—

Played, 29, won, 9; drawn, 7; lost, 13. Six matches were cancelled.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1933.

THE Committee have the honour to present their Thirteenth Annual Report and Abstract of Accounts for the year 1933.
 Membership.—Membership continues to increase. Figures for 1932 and 1933 are as follows:—

	Officers and Hon. Members.	Other Ranks Serving.	Other Ranks Non-Serving.
1932	342	1,730	3,660
1933	344	1,720	3,990

Life Membership.—The figures now stand at 135 serving and 560 non-serving against 142 and 519 respectively at the close of 1932.

Those who have served in any Battalion of the Regiment and have not yet joined the Association are earnestly invited to do so. Members are requested to forward to the Secretary the names of any comrades who have served in the Regiment and have not joined the Association, in order that particulars may be sent them.

Remember the connecting link between the Individual and his old Regiment is the Old Comrades Association; therefore "Keep in touch."

Employment.—The work of the Surrey Branch of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, notwithstanding the continued trade depression show, it is considered, satisfactory results.

Capt. Thomas, Secretary Job-Finder, has continued to work in close touch with our Association.

Your Committee voted £200 towards the expenses of this Branch and the cost of employing Job Finders throughout the country for the year 1933-34.

The total number of applications dealt with by the Surrey Branch during 1933 is:—

	Queen's.	Other Units
Number of men on Register, 1st January	23	443
Number of new Registrations ...	31	461
Registrations other than first time ...	4	80
	—	—
	58	984
	—	—
Number of men placed in employment ...	32	400
Number who notified they had secured own employment ...	8	301
Number assumed to have secured own employment (not notified) ...	9	301
Number of men remaining on Register ...	9	283
	—	—
	58	984
	—	—

In addition to the above 74 Queen's men were placed in employment by other Branches of the National Association for Employment throughout the country.

The Committee appeal to all Members and those interested in the Regiment for any information they can send the Secretary regarding employment, e.g., any vacancies occurring or likely to occur in Firms, etc., or where new works are starting, so that he can get in touch with those concerned with a view to placing men who are on the Register.

Assistance Given.—During the year the Association has dealt with the following applications:—



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in succession, 1932 and 1933.



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HANDING OVER THE ADJUTANCY, JANUARY,
1934.
Capt. N. A. Willis (late Adjutant), Capt. & Qmr. H. W. Bolton, D.S.O.
Capt. J. W. M. Denton (new Adjutant).

- (a) Cash Grants. Number granted, 188. Total of grants made, £195 4s. 10d.
- (b) Loans. Number allowed, 16. Total amount granted, £258.
- (c) £273 12s. od. was given to other organizations working in the interests of our Members.
- (d) Thanks to donors of a number of serviceable and very useful consignments, the Committee have been able to make up and despatch 7 useful parcels of clothing in cases where clothing was the outstanding need.

The Committee appeal for cast-off clothing, boots, etc. These may be despatched to the Association.

Appeal for Legacies.—Incalculable good can be afforded to the Association by benefactors remembering it in their Wills and the Committee feel that it has never occurred to the many interested in the old Regiment to help the Association and those for whom it was instituted, by means of this form of assistance, which perpetuates the donor's association with the Regiment and his or her help to its old soldiers.

Annual Dinner (All Ranks).—The 25th Annual Dinner was held at Harrod's, London, on 27th May, and proved once again to be very popular. Over 500 dined. The meal, service and accommodation provided were excellent.

The 26th will take place at Harrod's, London, on Saturday, 9th June, 1934.

Garden Party.—The 7th Annual Garden Party was held on the Lawns at Stoughton Barracks on Saturday, 24th June. The weather was most unkind—only about 200 ventured out—but brightened up later in the afternoon when Miniature Golf, Shooting and other amusements were well patronized. The Regimental Museum was crowded the whole time available.

The Barracks were opened to the General Public after 6 p.m. and a very large number took advantage of seeing the conditions under which the "Soldier of to-day" is cared for—they visited a Barrack Room, Dining Hall, Cookhouse, Gymnasium and Institutes. Many mounted the Keep to obtain the wonderful view of the surrounding country.

The Band and Drums, 2nd Battalion, gave a delightful programme. "Retreat" by combined Band and Drums, being a special feature, was much appreciated by all.

The 8th Annual Garden Party will take place at Stoughton Barracks on Saturday, 30th June, 1934.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee on behalf of all ranks, past and present, express their gratitude to those who have shown a kindly interest in the Regiment by supporting the Association by Subscriptions and thus becoming Honorary Members.

The help given by various Branches of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society and the British Legion, etc., in investigating and reporting upon cases referred to them has again proved very valuable.

It trusts, during 1934, the employment problems will show a general marked improvement and a further increase in Membership will be attained.

It is hoped that all unemployed men of the Regiment who have not yet made use of the Association will send along their names for registration, and the Committee urgently appeal to those, who whilst on the Register, secure employment through other sources, to notify the Secretary so that he can remove them from the Register—by neglecting to do this another man is possibly prevented from getting a job.

W. D. BIRD, Major-General, Chairman of Committee.

G. K. OLLIVER, Major, Hon. Treasurer.

C. J. M. ELLIOTT, Major, Secretary.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, The Queen's Royal Regiment, O.C.A., Stoughton Barracks, Guildford.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

O.C.A. ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1933.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries and National Insurance	372 12 3	By Members' Subscriptions	604 6 4
.. Printing, Stationery and Postages	41 14 5	.. Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	30 0 0
.. Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses	29 19 10	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	3 13 8
" Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1933, carried to Balance Sheet	444 6 6	.. Miscellaneous	1 14 9
	195 8 3		639 14 9
	£639 14 9		

DINNER CLUB. ALL RANKS.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Dinner	197 7 6	By Members' Subscriptions	176 12 8
.. Salary (proportion)	20 0 0	.. Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	8 10 0
.. Printing, Postages and other Expenses	4 9 10	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	5 17 6
	221 17 4		191 0 2
	£221 17 4		

CHARITABLE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grants in Aid	167 4 10	By Dividends on Investments	389 5 2
.. Subscriptions to Charity Organizations	273 18 0	.. Donations	79 8 8
.. Miscellaneous Expenses	2 19 3	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	5 0 8
	441 2 1	.. Income Tax Recovered	39 4 2
" Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1933, Carried to Balance Sheet	68 16 7		512 18 8
	£512 18 8		

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MADE UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1933.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Outstanding Account	3 10 0	By Lloyds Bank, Limited	£ s. d.
.. Life Members, Association as per last Balance Sheet	302 0 0	General Account	326 16 9
.. Add Subscriptions received during year 1933	3 0 0	Charitable Fund Accounts	432 14 6
	305 0 0	Dinner Club Account	334 17 11
" Less Proportion transferred to 1933 Revenue Account	30 0 0	.. Cash in hand of Secretary	3 15 5
	275 0 0		1098 4 7
" Life Members, Dinner Club, as per last Balance Sheet	84 0 0	.. Investments at cost as at 1st January, 1933 (Market Value £10,664 at 31st Dec., 1933.)	8919 19 3
.. Add Subscriptions received during year 1933	4 10 0	.. Advances:	
	88 10 0	Balance as at 1st January, 1933	1493 3 3
" Less Proportion transferred to 1933 Revenue Account	8 10 0	Advances made during year	258 0 0
	80 0 0		1751 3 3
" General Income and Expenditure:— Balance as at 1st January, 1933	2345 17 5	Less Amounts repaid	280 11 9
Less Transfer to Charitable Fund	1000 15 0		1470 11 6
	1345 2 5		
" Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1933	195 8 3		
	1540 10 8		
" Charitable Fund Income and Expenditure Account:— Balance as at 1st January, 1933	8133 10 9		
Add Transfer from General Account	1000 15 0		
Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1933	68 16 7		
	9203 2 4		
" Dinner Club Income and Expenditure Account:— Balance as at 1st January, 1933	266 8 2		
Less Net Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year 1933	30 17 2		
	235 11 0		
Investments Reserve as at 1st January, 1933	151 1 4		
	£11,488 15 4		
	£11,488 15 4		

(Signed) G. K. OLLIVER, Major,
Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

The foregoing Statements of Accounts relating to the Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association have been examined by me together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto and, subject to the fact that no provision has been made for loss on any advances that may prove irrecoverable, I certify them to be correct and in due order.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1934.
GUILDFORD.

(Signed) W. KELLER SNOW, F.S.A.A.,
Incorporated Accountant.

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) [2]

Home Counties Area.

Cypher of Queen Catherine, within the Garter. In each of the four corners the Paschal Lamb with motto "Pristina virtutis memor." "Vel exulta triumphat." A Naval Crown, superscribed "1st June, 1794." The Sphinx, superscribed "Egypt."

"Tangler, 1802-03," "Namur, 1805," "Vimiers," "Gerunna," "Salamanca," "Vitoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Ghuznee, 1839," "Kholat," "Afghanistan, 1839," "South Africa, 1851-2-3," "Taku Forts," "Pekin, 1860," "Burma, 1855-57," "Tirah," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1899-1902," "Afghanistan, 1819."

The Great War—25 Battalions.—"Mons," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "Ypres, 1914, '17, '18," Lange-marck, 1914," "Gheluvelt," "Aubers," "Festubert, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Guillemont," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Scarpe, 1917," "Bellecourt," "Monsalines, 1917," "Pilkem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume, 1918," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Hazebruck," "Baileul," "Kemmel," "Soissons-Ourcq, "Amiens," "Hindenburg Line," "Epohy," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1915-18," "Piau," "Vittorio Veneto," "Italy, 1917-18," "Suvla," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jerusalem," "Jericho," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Khan Baghadi," "Mesopotamia, 1915-18," "R.W. Frontier, India, 1916-17."

Agents—Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cox & King's Branch.

Regimental Journal—"The Journal of the Queen's Royal Regiment," Corner House, Worplesdon, Surrey.

Regimental Association—"Old Comrades' Association, The Depot, Guildford, Surrey.

Regular and Militia Battalions.

	Uniform—Scarlet.	Facing—Blue.		
1st Bn. (2nd Foot)	... Tienian (for Quetta).	... Aldershot.	3rd Bn. and R. Surrey Milt.	Guildford.
2nd Bn. (2nd Foot)	... ...	... Aldershot.	Record and Pay Office	Hounslow
Depot	... ...	... Guildford.		

Territorial Army Battalions.	4th Bn.	5th Bn.	The Barracks Mitcham Road, Croydon.	Drill Hall, Sandford Terrace, Guildford.

Allied Regiment of Canadian Militia.	The Queen's Rangers 1st American Regiment	Toronto, Ont.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.	and Battalion	Newcastle.

Colonel	Bird, Maj.-Gen. Sir Wilkinson D., K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., ret. pay, p.s.c.	7/12/29

Officer Commanding Depot	Oliver, Maj. G. K., M.C., The Queen's Regt.	16/10/31

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions—contd.	1st and 2nd Battalions—contd.	4th Battalion (Terr.)—contd.	

Lt.-Colonels (2).	Captains—contd.	2nd-Lieutenants.	Majors.	

Basset, R. A. M., M.C., p.s.c. (2)	Sullivan, A. J. (1)	1/12/31	Loch, D. G. (2)	27/8/31
23/7/33	Dickinson, G. C. (2)	20/3/34	Watson, A. J. A. (2)	27/8/31

Hull, H. C. E., D.S.O. (s.c.) (1)	Davis, F. J. s.	22/3/34	Freeland, J. A. R. (1)	28/1/32
3/12/33	Combe, H. P., c.o.	22/3/34	Mangles, R. P. (1)	28/1/32

Denton, J. W. M. t.	Mott, A. R. C. (2)	2/2/33	Terry, J. R. (2)	2/2/33
	Ponsford, J. F. K. (1)	22/3/34		

Majors (8)	Subalterns (34).	Adjutants (2).	Quarter-Masters (3).	

Prendergast, G. R. (1)	Wilson, K. J., o. o.d. (2)	21/2/20	Stiby, A. R. C.	9/6/31
26/1/28	Harrington, A. M. S. (1) (Detn. Bks.)	20/12/20	Philimore, L. J. D.	18/7/31

Jebens, F. J., M.C. (L.] (1)	Chitty, W. H. d.	21/3/23	Ault, J. A.	25/7/32
18/9/31	Whitfield, J. Y. (2)	20/12/20	Walters, R. T.	28/2/32

Welman, L. L., M.C. (1)	Burton, R. M. (2) d.	20/12/20	Pearson, J. C.	21/12/32
15/5/32	East, L. C. (2)	14/7/23	Timpson, J. S.	14/11/33

Foster, R. C. G., M.C. (2)	Elias Morgan, G. M. (1) d.	23/12/23	2nd-Lieutenants.	
23/7/33	Parsons, C. D. H. (2)	1/2/25		

Coates, J. B., M.C., p.s.c. (1)	Fairtlough, L. H. (1)	27/8/20	Newham, P. E.	24/8/32
1/11/33	Hackett Pain, A. U. H., s.f.	27/8/26	Courtney, P.	5/6/33

Pilleau, G. A., M.C. (2)	Shelton, T. H. c.o.	2/2/26	Litson, H. W.	13/1/34
3/12/33	Dyke, T. H. c.o.	30/8/26	Sherlock, N. P.	3/3/34

Captains (14)	Grimston, G. S. (2)	29/1/27	Adjutant.	
	Wood, H. c.o.	3/9/27		

Baggate, D. E. (2) d.	Burton, B. E. L. (1)	3/9/27	Captain.	
	Newell, H. W. c.o.	3/9/27		

Bolton, E. F. (2)	Kelly, H. S. (1)	3/9/27	Adjutant.	
14/3/23	Sheldon, L. S. (2)	4/2/29		

Oxley-Boyle, R. F. C., M.C. (1)	Gibbs, D. L. A. (2)	4/2/29	Adjutant.	
19/3/24	Foord, E. J. (1) Adj.	30/8/29		

Veasey, H. G. (2)	Piggott, F. J. C. (2)	29/1/34	Adjutant.	
15/5/24	Duncombe, H. G. (1)	30/8/29		

Willis, N. A. (1)	Pates, S. (2)	28/8/33	Adjutant.	
15/4/24	Kealy, J. B. H. (d.) Adj.	26/4/32		

Coward, F. A. (1)	Metcalf, J. F. (1)	29/1/30	Adjutant.	
21/1/28	Sydenham-Clarke, M. F. S. (1)	30/8/31		

Hughes, I. T. P., M.C., p.s.c. (2)	Sykes-Wright, J. (1)	31/1/32	Adjutant.	
26/1/28	Dawson, R. A. (2)	29/1/32		

Girling, F. E. B., M.C., p.s.c. (2)	Terry, P. R. (1)	30/1/33	Adjutant.	
22/3/28	Fletcher, M. V. (2)	30/1/33		

Pickering, R. E. (2) Adj.	Pates, S. (2)	28/8/33	Adjutant.	
21/1/29	Barrow, D. de S. (1)	29/1/34		

ARMY LIST (APRIL),

Obituary.

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

NO.	RANK AND NAME.	BATTALIONS.	SERVICE.	DATE.
	Lieut. G. D. G. Bottomley	1st and 2nd Bns.		24/12/33
6081282	Pte. E. J. Smith ...	1st Bn. ...	1923-1932	25/3/33
6660	Cpl. H. J. Stafford	1st & 2nd Bns.	1901-1909	2/12/33
5033	C.S.M. E. Sweeney	1st & 2nd Bns.	1896-1919	4/12/33
6077785	Sergt. L. M. Lowes	1st & 2nd Bns.	1922- —	9/1/34
2054	R.S.M. H. S. Sellicks	1st & 2nd Bns.	1887-1910	10/1/34
			1914-1919	
			Captain in R.A.F.	
204	Pte. W. Heath ...	2nd Bn. ...	1881-1889	10/1/34
2645	Pte. Swanborough	2nd Bn. ...	1889-1902	
			1914-1919	28/1/34
7707	Pte. A. Abel ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1903-1910	
			1914-1919	21/2/34
849	Pte. W. Harris ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1884-1896	26/2/34
7930	Pte. D. Lyons ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1903-1910	
			1914-1918	1/3/34
5013	Sergt. W. Chappell	1st & 2nd Bns.	1896-1903	
			1915-1919	7/3/34
2436	Pte. E. H. Ford ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1888-1901	19/3/34
745	Sergt. W. Welling ...			
	Civilian Tailor and Embodied Service			
	at Regimental Depot...	... ...	1894-1928	
	Served in Royal Sussex as Sergt.-Tailor	1870-1892	4/11/33	
6076865	L./Sergt. W. Hughes ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1915-1933	2/4/34
6079740	Pte. J. L. Grogan ...	2nd Bn. ...	1922-1929	4/4/34

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The Museum is gradually acquiring items of interest. We have purchased a large number of medals since the last issue, and Lieut.-Col. C. R. K. Bacon, O.B.E., has very kindly presented a large number of good heads to the Museum.

Since the last issue the following items have been purchased or presented:—
 Military Medal (C.S.M. Trebb), India General Service Medal (Pte. Pobgee),
 Military Medal, General Service Medal and Victory Medal (Pte. Penfold),
 Ghuznee Medal (John Williams), Regimental Six Years' Meritorious Service Medal, South Africa Medal (James Cox), Military Medal (Pte. Taylor), Military Medal (Pte. McDermott), Tirah Medal (Pte. Clarke), Regimental Six Years' Meritorious Service Medal, Burma Medal (Pte. Bechingham), King's and Queen's South Africa Medal (Pte. Virtue), South Africa Medal, 1853 (J. Thompson), South Africa Medal, 1853 (W. Wainwright), China Medal, 1860 (M. Burke), Regimental Ten Years Medal (Samuel Moss).

Mandarin Coat, from Summer Palace, Peking; and Col. Rocke's Sash: Presented by Miss Rocke. Drum, captured by Major Bacon from the Garjak Nuer: Presented by Lieut.-Col. Bacon, O.B.E. Afzidi Belt, Powder Flask and Boer Snuff Box: Presented by Mrs. H. R. Bottomley. Book, History 2nd Royal Surrey Militia: Presented by Q.M.S. Swanson. Mess Jacket: Presented by Lady Patterson. Afghan Flags: Presented by Mrs. Collins. Two Volumes War Cuttings: Presented by Mrs. Elias Morgan.