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Colonel of "The Queen's" and Governor of Tangier, 1675-1680.

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## EDITORIAL

**O**N behalf of all members of the Regiment we offer to their Majesties The King and Queen most loyal congratulations on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the death of Brigadier-General F. J. Pink, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on 24th November, last year. Many of our readers will remember him and his pride in and affection for the Regiment. Until recently he had been very regular in his attendance at all Regimental gatherings, and the pleasure it gave him to renew old friendships was always most evident. He took a very real interest in the JOURNAL, and was always ready to help in any way he could. His death is a great loss to the Regiment, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

We congratulate both the 2nd Battalion and the Depot on the recent successes gained at their respective Command Bronze Medal Tournaments. It shows that fencing is being maintained at a high standard. We wish the Regimental Team every success in the final of the Inter-Unit Fencing Team Championship, which takes place at the Royal Tournament on 23rd May.

With this number we complete Volume V of the JOURNAL, and nearly ten years of existence. We desire to express our gratitude to the many contributors who have helped to fill the pages, and we assure them that we appreciate to the full their interest and support. At the same time we would like to stress the fact that new material is always required, and we hope that readers who have so far not sent us anything for publication will try and do so.

We should also like to express our thanks to the many firms who have given us their support and advertised in our pages. Many of them have advertised regularly since the first number was published. We hope that our readers will show their appreciation by giving advertisers an opportunity to quote for their requirements.

We draw special attention to the notices which are published elsewhere of various Regimental gatherings. The All Ranks' Dinner takes place on a most appropriate date—1st June; the Officers' Dinner on 17th June; and the All Ranks' Garden Party on Saturday, 29th June. It is essential that those who propose to attend should give ample notice to the respective secretaries.

As was foreshadowed in our last number, the 2nd Battalion is to join with H.M.S. Excellent in producing the pageant at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, this year. Rehearsals have been taking place for some time, and the pageant promises to be very good. It will emphasize the co-operation of the Services through the years; the central incident depicting the embarkation for "The Glorious First of June." In the final scene The Royal Air Force will take part, and thus exemplify the inter-dependence of the three Services.

The next number of the JOURNAL will be published in November next, and we should like to receive all material for publication not later than 15th October. We again appeal to contributors to be punctual in sending in copy; failure in this respect causes unnecessary correspondence, expense and delay.

## 1st BATTALION

(Quetta.)

**W**ITH six years of foreign service spent in the Far East, we have finally said good-bye to China. Few of us will forget the splendid send-off we received on 2nd November, 1934. As we marched to the station at Tientsin we saw an illuminated message across the front of the Gordon Hall, "Bon Voyage to the Queen's," and at the station large crowds of our friends made entrainment extremely difficult. The Kailan Mining Administration, at Tongshan, about half-way to the coast, turned out in the middle of the night, in intense cold, and gave us a much appreciated supper *en route*.

The Battalion gave a Tattoo, at Tientsin, on October 17th, as a farewell party to our friends. About five hundred people attended by invitation.

We held an exceptionally successful Boxing Tournament in November, an account of which appears elsewhere. It is doubtful whether we have ever reached a higher standard of boxing or produced so much fresh talent at one tournament for very many years.

The voyage was uneventful. At Hong Kong we reluctantly parted with seventy-six of our number, due to discharge or transfer to home. These, under Lieut. Fairtlough, have had to await another ship there for three months, and are now on the high seas. The remaining 120 left us at Karachi. Among the latter were R.S.M. G. Osborne, M.M., who has been our Regimental Sergeant-Major for over six years, also C.S.M. Huskinson (one of our oldest members), C.S.M. Morris and Clr./Sergt. Dodds. It is impossible to mention all the many other comrades with whom we had to part.

Shortly after our arrival at Quetta, Capt. E. S. Bingham, M.C., and Capt. F. A. Coward left us on retirement, and Lieut. F. J. Metcalfe left for duty at the Depot. Capt. W. G. R. Beeton had left us in September to join the 2nd Battalion. To replace these officers the following have recently joined us: Capt. D. E. Bathgate, Lieuts. M. V. Fletcher, D. G. Loch, A. J. R. Mott and J. R. Terry. We are now expecting Lieuts. L. C. East and C. D. H. Parsons. We have received a splendid draft of 197 all ranks from home, including C.S.M. Warner and C. S. Mawditt, both old members of the Battalion.

Quetta is nearly six thousand feet above sea-level. We arrived a week before Christmas, and after thirty-six hours in the train, crossing the Sind Desert and climbing the famous Bolan Pass, during the last part of which journey we had to change into thick clothes, we found ourselves among snow-clad mountains. It has taken us some time to become acclimatized to the severe cold and the altitude. Now that spring has come with the fruit blossom, for which Quetta is well known, things look much more cheerful.

After eight years in small stations it is a great change to find ourselves part of a huge garrison comprising every branch of the British and Indian Armies and a large Air Force detachment.

We are well off for sports grounds, with two football and one hockey ground of our own, as well as numerous garrison grounds. We have been very successful in our football matches this season. We have won the Johnston Cup, a local tournament, and the Baluchistan District Championship. In the final of the Western Command Championship we lost to the 2nd Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment after a very exciting match with extra time. We have lost some good players in L./Cpl. Herridge and Beatty and Ptes. Jarvis, Fitzpatrick, Dellar and Rogers. Pte. Callaghan has also left us. He was probably the best and certainly the most consistent cross-country runner we have ever had.

We congratulate Q.M.S. Swanwick and Sergt. Inkpen on receiving Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

With deep regret we have to record the death, at Tientsin, of Pte. Thomas Hare, and, at Quetta, of I./Cpl. Alfred George Freeman and Cpl. James Richard Mason.

## TORCHLIGHT TATTOO BY THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

UNIQUE SPECTACLE ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

(Extract from "The Peking and Tientsin Times.")

On Wednesday evening many guests who were invited by Lieut.-Col. H. C. E. Hull, D.S.O., and officers of the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, were privileged to witness a unique show which was presented by the Regiment on the football field of the Recreation Ground.

The Torchlight Tattoo, under which title the show was presented is, we believe, the first of its kind ever to take place in Tientsin, and the brilliant spectacle will no doubt be remembered for a long time after the departure of The Queen's Royal Regiment, on 24th November, for India. The Tattoo marks one of the final functions in which The Queen's Royal Regiment are participating prior to their departure, and the manner in which it was carried out represented not only a unique and extremely pleasant form of entertainment, but also a model of smartness, precision and discipline, and good music by both the Drums and Band to which the Queen's have taught the Tientsin public to grow accustomed. The novel, musical and most interesting performance proved an all-round success, and credit is due to those actually participating, and the parties behind the scenes.

The field was surrounded with multi-coloured lanterns, while flood-lights enabled the guests to take their places on the grandstands. Shortly before 10 p.m. the field was thrown into pitch darkness, and at a given signal the flood lights were focussed on "D" Company, who were drawn up in front of the Band and Drums facing the grandstands, while the Regimental Emblem, standing many feet high, was lighted in its natural colours in the background. A general salute was presented, and the Band and Drums, under the direction of Bandmaster C. Brooks, A.R.C.M., and Drum-Major H. Wallis, respectively, rendered the National Emblem by Bagley.

A very smart drill display was carried out by "D" Company under C.S.M. Morris, which was followed by the entry of the Band and Drums, who rendered "Grenadier du Caucase" (by Meister), "Prince Albert Victor" (by Hume), and "Semper Fidelis" (by Sousa).

Great interest centred on the next item, a scene taken from a battle incident. In September, 1897, the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment were part of the Malakand Field Force. Whilst in camp at Nawagai, the section of the Perimeter held by the Queen's was suddenly attacked by tribesmen (Mohmands). In spite of the fact that the attack was a complete surprise and well planned, it failed.

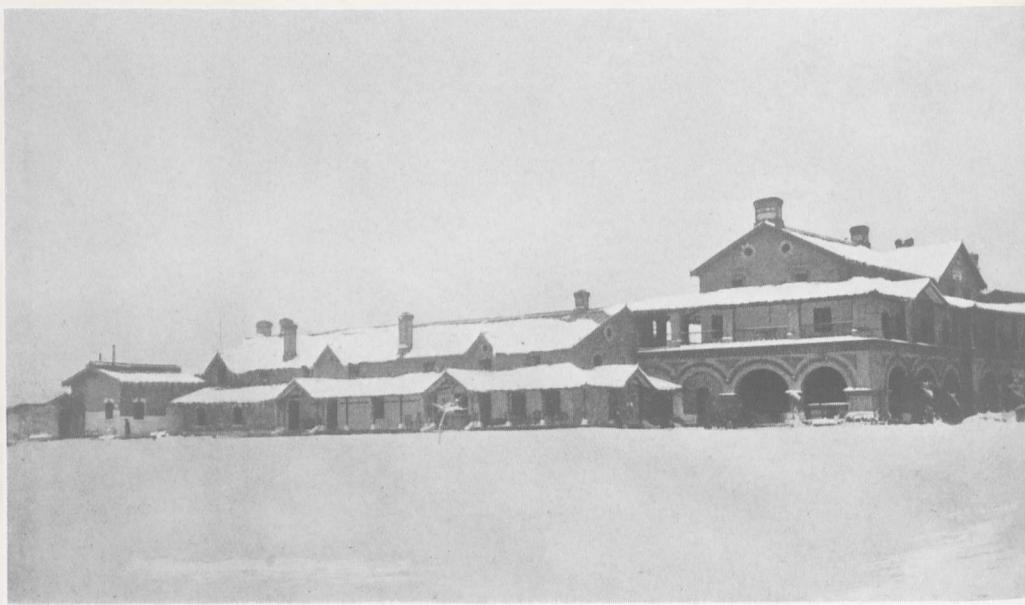
This is the last time on record that a British Perimeter Camp was attacked by a large force of swordsmen. The scene was very ably reproduced.

The Regiment was represented by "S" Company, who wore khaki uniform and topees. Their enemy, the tribesmen, dressed in all kinds of queer costumes with turbans on their heads, and dirt on their faces, were personified by the Signal Section. The latter did their part nobly—even to the tongue.

When the machine-gun and rifle fire had died down, with the tribesmen retreating helter-skelter, the field was once again thrown into darkness, and a very novel entertainment was presented in the form of "Illuminated Drums." Electric illuminations on the drums, drum sticks, Drum-Major's mace and the caps of the musicians created an extraordinarily beautiful spectacle against the absolutely black background, while their rendering of Blankenburg's "Flying Eagle" was very well played and equally well received.

A Military Fantasia by the Band came next, and was truly a remarkable bit of music. Commencing with the Signal Gun, it was followed by movements depicting the Assembly, Assembly March, and Approach of the English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish Brigades. The Fanfare and the Battle brought about the climax to which the Fantasia was gradually rising, and then, with the firing of the battle subsiding,

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the Creation Hymn was played, the Fantasia coming to a close with the soft rendering of the hymn "Land of Hope and Glory." It was a moving combination of music and imagination.

The comic relief of the evening came with the presentation of a phantasy of the Changing of the Guard. A guard of 1834, dressed in their scarlet uniforms and armed with muskets, is depicted being relieved by a guard of to-day. The superfluous avoirdupois of the Old Guard, their orders to "Shoulder Your Musket," and a number of other similar factors (including the gentle roll—or was it a list to starboard?—of the Sergeant of the Old Guard) had the guests in constant laughter.

The scene opens with a sentry of the Old Guard on his beat. The sound of drums is heard in the distance, and the sentry turns out the Guard. The New Guard marches on to the tune of "The Changing of the Guard" and takes up a position to a flank. The customary salutes between the Old and New Guards are paid, and the Old Guard hands over the duties to the New Guard. On being relieved the Old Guard marches off to the tune of "Old Soldiers Never Die."

The new sentry is seen marching up and down his beat. The contrast between the Old and the New was most amusing.

Those participating in this were:—

Old Guard.—Sergt. Flaw, Cpl. Wilkinson, L./Cpl. Ellis, L./Cpl. Brown, Ptes. Shepherd, Battleday and Smith and Dmr. Fuller.

New Guard.—Sergt. Welch, L./Cpl. Griffin, Ptes. Chennery, Whitney, Huggins, Guest and Simmer, and Dmr. Bailey.

"Torchlight Evolutions," carried out by "C" Company under the direction of C.S.M. Hawkins, again produced interesting lighting effects against the dark background, but to fully appreciate them it was necessary to have a bird's-eye view. The evolutions were carried out while "Wee Macgregor," by Amers, was being played. The torch carriers then drew up to form three sides of a square, facing the grandstands with the illuminated Drums and the Band in the centre. While presenting this beautiful picture, the latter played "Our Smiling Prince," the Old Regimental March, the Regimental March, and finishing with the "Last Post." As this was being sounded the torches were put out one by one, throwing the field into darkness simultaneously with the last note.

The entertainment was brought to a close with the March Past, in which all units participating in the show took part, to the tune of "We'll Gang Nae Mair to Yon Toon," which was followed by the playing of "God Save the King." The tribesmen who participated in the battle incident, however, did not march past; they dashed haphazardly, brandishing their knives and making all sorts of queer noises.

R.S.M. G. Osborne, M.M., directed the whole show, while the lighting effects were in the capable hands of C.S.M. Huskinson and Mr. A. Antill of the B.M.C.

### Sergeants' Mess Notes.

In our last notes we discussed our forthcoming move to Quetta. We can now tell of our departure from Tientsin, and shed a little light on our new station.

Prior to our leaving Tientsin, a series of entertainments were held, the first of which was the Tattoo given by the Battalion. We were allotted a portion of the stands in order that our guests might see the performance in comfort, and of a pavilion that they might fraternize afterwards. This fraternizing was very successful. Our guests consisted of the Tientsin British Municipal Emergency Corps, *en bloc*, and many other friends made during our lengthy stay in North China. We were gratified to find that a use was found in the Tattoo for the corpulence of our stoutest member. His old-world moustache must also have influenced the casting director.

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Our next function was a dance, which was well attended by the civilian population and the friends of the Garrison Mess. This was very successful, and the committee, headed by C.S.M. Morris, who was shortly to leave us, is to be congratulated.

Our "swan song" was a farewell dinner, an intimate occasion, to which were invited only our closest friends, each member bringing one guest. This, besides being a farewell to those whom we were leaving in Tientsin, was our good-bye to members of the Mess who were going home and not accompanying us to India. We regret that Sergt. Gilbert was prevented from attending owing to his being in hospital. We wish—as he—that he may be permitted to continue soldiering in England. Others who were not accompanying us were R.S.M. Osborne, C.S.Ms. Morris and Huskinson, Clr.-Sergt. Dodds, Sergts. McCoy, Budd, Godwin, P. Martin and Sharp and L./Sergt. Hearnden. A presentation was made to the Regimental Sergeant-Major. In reply he regretted leaving us, and mentioned what he considered to be the most important attribute of a soldier—that of loyalty. To all those who have left us we wish every success and the best of luck. During the dinner Q.M.S. Foox, of the Tientsin British Municipal Emergency Corps presented the Mess with a shield suitably inscribed, and, in a speech, eulogized the close relationship which had existed between the Corps and the Battalion during our stay in North China.

Then came the "trooper." Rough weather was encountered between Hong Kong and Singapore, and during this unfortunate period a feline species without a sense of humour, did nothing to help, and a lot to make worse, certain people to whom death was preferable to life. During the voyage the Mess entered teams for the tug-of-war and darts events. However, no glory resulted.

Arrived at Quetta, we found the Mess a cold dwelling. This has now been remedied, and our interior decorations have made it a home from home. The plot of land outside the Mess was a barren spot, to which our landscape gardeners are giving attention. This hitherto uncultivated area promises to become an Eden, and in the summer will doubtless compete with serpents from the nearby tennis courts. In the matter of tennis we are fortunate in having two courts, which are being completely renovated. There is a Sergeants' Mess League, and we are anticipating a successful season. To keep us in touch with the football scores we have a wireless set, which also provides us with many "melody moments." We have played the Sergeants of The West Yorkshire Regiment at football, to whom we lost 0—3, and the Officers at hockey, whom we beat 3—2. More of these games are being arranged, which is ample tribute to their popularity. We have played billiards against the Corporals on two occasions—once in their Mess and once in ours. Some of our members are firmly convinced that it really is the custom of the station to turn down the "five fingers" when playing that time-honoured game of euchre.

We introduced ourselves to Quetta with a successful whist drive and dance, which was held in the Mess. There were too many present to make dancing pleasant, but all enjoyed themselves.

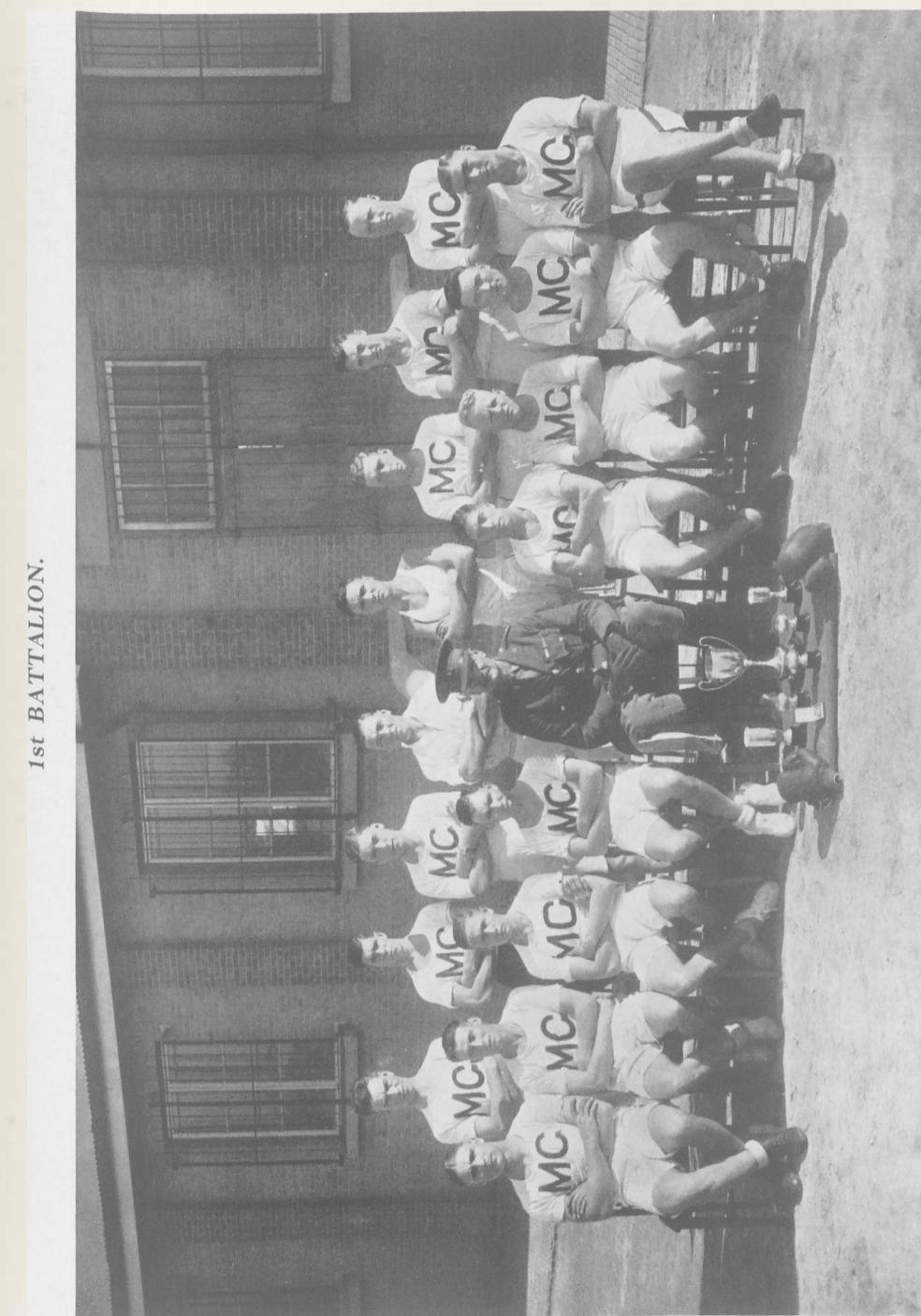
In conclusion we extend a welcome to those who have joined us from England in relief of those who have gone to the Home Establishment.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Swain and Roadnight on their respective marriages, though it seems to make six months' leave a dangerous business.

We congratulate L./Sergts. Southern, Wilson, Jayes and Litton on their joining us.

*Corporals Mess Notes.*

Despite the fact that our barracks are somewhat scattered, with the resultant difficulty in finding any particular person, we discover that our attempts to hide have been unavailing, and we have been dragged forth once more to confess ourselves to



"SUPPORT" COMPANY TEAM, WINNERS INTER-COMPANY BOXING, TIENTSIN, 1934.

Back Row:—Ptes. Turnbull, Condon, Clifton, Ashton, Marler, King, Guest and Dodds.

Front Row:—Ptes. Anthony, Hanson, Constable and Miller; Major B. C. Haigard; Ptes. Waller, Grimes, Piggin and R. Swain.

(Absent:—Ptes. Ewen, Coupland, Lewington and Warrington.)

all. However, those who are expecting to read about scandal will be sadly disappointed, as it is well known that our characters are as white as our bungalow walls, and, even if at times we do gather a little mud, far be it from us to boast about the matter.

Since last going to press we have experienced a move of quarters. Our final days in China were celebrated by functions both at Pekin and Tientsin. In Peking the members right heartily made merry, and in Tientsin we ran a dance in the Gymnasium. Our reputation for good entertainments was here upheld, thanks to the organization of the Entertainment Committee and the delightful selection of tunes which, rendered by the Dance Band, endowed all with the necessary happy feet and the desire to trip the light fantastic toes.

However, all good things come to an end. It was with regret that we bade farewell to our friends, and then proceeded "down to the sea in ships." Our four years' stay in North China has given us many jolly times, and to our successors we wish the same.

Our new Mess is fast becoming the acme of comfort, and the expenditure of a few rupees has done much to brighten it up. Wireless has been installed by the P.R.I., and negotiations are under way for the purchase of our own billiards table. Lack of time prevented our doing anything outstanding at Christmas, but we are not without hope that our name will once more appear in the social limelight. In order to get acquainted, we invited members of surrounding units to a small "smoker" on the evening of 12th February. The falling snow outside did nothing to chill the ardour of those within. Voices raised at intervals, in melody, informed the natives that the white man was again indulging in one of his strange ram-samies.

Several old members have recently left us, some for England and some to languish awhile 'neath the sunny skies of Hong Kong. We wish them every success, and at the same time welcome back those off leave and those from the 2nd Battalion. We congratulate Cpl. Roadnight, Swain, Wilson and Litton on their promotion to higher realms.

It is with great regret that we record the death of L./Cpl. A. G. Freeman and Cpl. J. Mason. Our sincere sympathies go to their relatives and friends.

#### SPORT.

##### *Football.*

The final of the "Sir Frederick Johnston Cup" was played on the District Central Ground before a large attendance on 23rd February, our opponents being the 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment.

The following represented the Battalion:—L./Cpl. Hulse; Sergt. Dennis and Pte. G. Bolton; L./Cpl. Barrier, Pte. V. Brown and Sergt. Hooper; Pte. Collins, Cpl. Newman, Pte. Madill, L./Cpl. Archer and Pte. Fox.

The Battalion kicked off, but The West Yorkshire Regiment, through good play, soon had the ball in our half, where it remained for ten minutes. Our defence held out, however, Sergts. Dennis and Hooper and Pte. Bolton clearing cleverly. End-to-end play followed, neither goalkeeper being unduly troubled until one of the West Yorkshire Regiment's insides sent in a drive which was beautifully saved by L./Cpl. Hulse. The Battalion then forced two corners in succession, but play passed to the far end where L./Cpl. Hulse again effected a fine save. Two minutes from half-time Pte. Collins scored direct from a corner-kick, the ball entering the net just inside the far post.

The second half started with a rush by The West Yorkshire Regiment, who were continually attacking, and, but for the very fine performance of our defence, would have scored on more than one occasion. Now and again good work by L./Cpl. Barrier allowed Pte. Collins to place some useful centres, but there was never any forward to accept them. In this half, L./Cpl. Hulse again saved in fine style, and the match ended 1—0 in our favour.

After the match the cup was presented by Brigadier W. R. Reid, D.S.O., the Acting District Commander.

*Polo.*

Our last polo season in China was notable not so much for any outstanding successes as for the introduction of new blood into the teams that represented the Regiment at different times. The absence, in England, of three of the previous year's team gave fresh players the opportunity of playing for the Regiment, thereby affording them the valuable experience that is gained from playing the game at tournament speed compared with that of the ordinary club chukker.

Our first match, played in June, was in the Open Tournament, and our opponents were the 15th United States Infantry, whose side was identical with that which had met us in the previous autumn. Our team consisted of Lieuts. Freeland, Sykes-Wright, Sydenham-Clarke and Kelly. The 15th Infantry attacked from the start, and, owing to superior combination and some brilliant play, their captain, Lieut. Strickler, scored three goals in the first chukker without reply from us. In the second and third chukkers they again scored three times, chiefly owing to bad marking on our part and a certain amount of mishitting. During the last three chukkers we got going a bit better, and scored twice, the final score being 8-2 in our opponents' favour. A disappointing, but not unexpected defeat, as we had had very little opportunity of playing together, whereas our opponents were a veteran team. The ground was fast, and the unwonted speed of the game had a lot to do with our mishitting and continual loss of position.

On 12th November we played our last match in China, when we met a civilian team in the finals of the Handicap Tournament. Lieuts. Sykes-Wright, Jenyns, Sydenham-Clarke and Terry composed our team. We conceded a half-goal on handicap to our opponents. The match was even throughout, both sides attacking alternately. We missed two easy chances of scoring immediately after the start of the first chukker, and then again at the very end of the game when we badly needed a goal, the score being four-all. As no further score resulted, we lost by the narrow margin of half a goal on handicap.

Since our arrival at Quetta the chief problem has been how best to find young ponies to train for the future, as well as a certain number of trained ponies on which to teach young players the game. We hope, by collecting four or five each year, to amass about sixteen by the time we leave Quetta. The way will then be open for entry in some of the big tournaments, with the Infantry Tournament as our goal.

*Boxing.*

*Inter-Company Competition* held at Tientsin 5th-9th November, 1934. Winners, "S" Company, 79 points; runners-up, "D" Company, 63 points.

"S" Company produced a well-trained team and thoroughly deserved their claim to a year's custody of the Challenge Shield.

An unprecedented number of entries provided sixty-five bouts, the majority of which were hard fought and clean. The finals were of exceptionally high standard, producing a record of five clean knock-outs out of fifteen fights.

Those who fought through to the finals deserve congratulations on their ability to save their punches and not waste them on energetic but indecisive "fly-swatting." This is good boxing, and they undoubtedly gave us a very enjoyable evening.

*Boys' Competition.*—In this competition, James Redpath and Boy Denny boxed very well.

*Novices' Competition.*—Winners and runners-up were as follow:—

*Feather-weight.*—1, Pte. Fuller, "B" Company; 2, Pte. Proctor, "C" Company.

*Light-weight.*—1, Pte. Tichener, "H.Q." Wing; 2, Pte. Turnbull, "S" Company.

*Welter-weight.*—1, (late) Cpl. Mason, "D" Company; 2, Pte. Constable, "S" Company.

*Middle-weight.*—1, L./Cpl. Williams, "C" Company; 2, Pte. Lewington, "S" Company.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—1, Pte. Massey, "C" Company; 2, L./Cpl. Burt, "D" Company.

Of these, L./Cpl. Williams, the late Cpl. Mason and Pte. Tichener are especially worthy of mention. L./Cpl. Williams showed natural judgment and a weight of punch unusual in a boxer of limited experience. He should do well in future.

Cpl. Mason, in winning the coveted welter-weight, had five very hard fights, and, in beating Pte. Constable in the final, proved that after three years of self-training, from winning a good loser's trophy at his first appearance, he had become a boxer of no mean ability.

Pte. Tickener was an agreeable surprise. He had a doughty and hard-hitting opponent in Pte. Turnbull, but out-pointed him, showing that his erstwhile success as a boy boxer was no mere "flash in the pan."

In this competition, good losers' prizes were awarded to Ptes. Thorne, Mason, Markwick, Rutgers and Pigggin.

Of those not mentioned, the following should be successful in the future:—L./Cpl. Pash, Ptes. Sykes, Cassell, Kennett, Redfern and Lythgo.

*Battalion Championships.*—Winners and runners-up were as follow:—

*Fly-weight.*—1, Pte. Saunders, "H.Q." Wing.

*Bantam-weight.*—2, Pte. Whitmore, "C" Company.

*Feather-weight.*—1, L./Cpl. Eyles, "H.Q." Wing; 2, Pte. Miller, "S" Company.

*Light-weight.*—1, L./Cpl. Dawes, "B" Company; 2, Sergt. Hooper, "C" Company.

*Welter-weight.*—1, L./Cpl. Pullen, "C" Company; 2, L./Sergt. Lynwood, "D" Company.

*Middle-weight.*—1, Pte. Fox, "H.Q." Wing; 2, L./Cpl. Noah, "H.Q." Wing.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—1, L./Cpl. Stannard, "B" Company; 2, L./Cpl. Doncaster, "B" Company.

*Catch-weight.*—1, Pte. Coupland, "S" Company; 2, Pte. Farrer, "H.Q." Wing.

Comment on the showing of L./Cpls. Eyles, Dawes and Pullen and Pte. Fox or L./Cpl. Stannard would be superfluous. Out of the runners-up L./Cpl. Noah and Sergt. Hooper should be commended for the manner in which they absorbed innumerable "haymakers" from their redoubtable opponents and still fought back with great spirit.

Pte. Bushnell was awarded a well-deserved good loser's medal.

Of those who did not get through the finals, Ptes. Grimes, Guest, Shand, Swain and Anthony should become first-class boxers with a little more experience.

For Pte. Warrington again to draw L./Cpl. Pullen as his opponent in the first round was indeed a stroke of bad luck; but this bout undoubtedly produced the best boxing seen at the meeting. The judges and referee must have had great difficulty in choosing the winner, the more aggressive tactics of L./Cpl. Pullen possibly being the decisive factor. The timing and judgment of both these boxers was excellent, and Warrington, in particular, showed amazing speed in the delivery of counters and stopping-blows.

*Inter-Unit Boxing Competition.*

Held on board H.M.T. *Dorsetshire* on 10th December, 1934.

## 1ST BATTALION

This Competition was organized on the "Matching" basis, and resulted in a win for "S" Company, with fourteen points; "B" Company and "H.Q." Wing being equal second with eleven points each.

New talent was discovered in L./Cpl. Beckett, Ptes. Tovell, Pearman and Betts, and a decidedly "hard case" in Pte. Cullen, who absorbed countless hard punches from Pte. Anthony without appearing in the least perturbed, and as a reward, carried off the best loser's prize.

In the last bout of the evening, Pte. Roberts, 1st Battalion The South Wales Borderers, for three years welter-weight champion of the Hong Kong area, found great difficulty in landing anything of interest on Pte. Warrington. The latter took charge of matters in the third round, and, had he been able to sum up his opponent earlier on, he would undoubtedly have got the decision, which went to Roberts.

## RIFLE CLUB.

## Army Rifle Association Results, 1934.

*The Queen Victoria Trophy*.—Sixth in fourteen entries.

*The King George Cup*.—Sixth in forty-seven entries.

*The Royal Irish Cup*.—Twelfth in fifty-four entries.

*The Young Soldiers' Cup*.—Ninth in forty-nine entries.

*The First Army Cup*.—7 Platoon, second; 14 Platoon, third; 12 Platoon, fourth, in six entries.

*The Company Shield*.—"B" Company, seventh in twenty-seven entries.

*The Hopton Cup*.—12 Platoon, twenty-fifth in one hundred and thirty-two entries.

*The Machine Gun Cup*.—Tenth in eighty entries.

## BATTALION RIFLE MEETING, 1934.

*Battalion Rifle Championship*.—1, Sergt. C. Sandys; 2, Sergt. G. Hooper; 3, Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke.

*Battalion Revolver Championship*.—1, Lieut. L. H. Fairtlough; 2, Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke.

*The Young Soldiers' Inter-Company Shield*.—1, Signallers; 2, 14 Platoon.

*The Young Soldiers' Championship*.—1, Pte. W. Thorpe; 2, L./Cpl. T. Hulse.

*The Boys' Championship*.—1, Boy R. Pemberton; 2, Boy C. Allen; 3, Boy R. Barrett.

*The Inter-Company Rifle Cup*.—1, "H.Q." Wing; 2, "D" Company.

*The Inter-Company Revolver Cup*.—1, "B" Company; 2, "S" Company.

*The Lewis Gun Match*.—1, Sergt. C. Sandys and Cpl. A. Brent; 2, Cpl. W. Riordan and Pte. A. Andrews.

*The Warren Cup*.—1, Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke; 2, Lieut. J. A. R. Freeland.

*The Pink Column*.—1, The Officers.

*The Rifle Cup (1906)*.—1, The Sergeants.

## 2ND/4TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

We have received a copy of the Journal of 2nd/4th Battalion Old Comrades Association. It is full of information and news and should be in the hands of all members of that Association. The Secretary of the Association is Sergt. H. Mann, 16, Waddon Way, Croydon, from whom all information can be obtained.

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REMOVING BEDDING FROM H.T. "DORSETSHIRE" AT KARACHI.



PROCLAMATION DAY PARADE AT QUETTA.

## A TRIP TO MONGOLIA

WE left Kwei hua Cheng late one September morning and rode out along a wide river bed in the direction of the barrier of hills which lies to the north of it.

Kwei hua Cheng is famed for being the terminus of the Great Northern caravan route across the Gobi Desert, and consequently it is a mass of Chinese dealers and squalid buildings through which an occasional Mongol—aloof and gaily dressed—strides in his big boots.

To us it is chiefly memorable for two things. It was here in a Chinese inn that we enjoyed our only success as hunters during our shooting trip.

We slew a whole family of lice, to the dismay of the hotel keeper, who, however, proclaimed loudly in the face of all evidence that his hotel harboured no vermin. And it was here, also, that we became acquainted with a missionary family, through whom we met Arash.

Arash now led the way on the leading camel, and strung out behind him came John and myself, perched high on our bedding, a gaunt old lama called Gebch, and, finally, a girl belonging to the Arash household. A Chinese camel-man on foot completed our party. The river bed which served as a road for the assorted traffic of camel and carts, donkeys and Chinese pedlars, narrowed and led over a steep pass where we halted about 3.30 p.m. for a meal.

Then on again, crossing streams and winding amongst the green-covered hills, with here and there large plum-red patches of wild prunus. On till the sunset—and we travelled by the light of a full moon—and there seemed nothing in all the world but the motion of the camels and the rhythmical movement of the shadows they cast.

But the vacuous thoughts promoted by unbroken hours of camel-riding were briefly scattered on our approach to a village. The dogs barked. We entered a farm-yard, slid wearily from our camels and brought them to their knees with cries of "Suk, suk," and tugs on their lead ropes. We unloaded them and brought our guns and bedding into a room which was hastily cleared of women and children. Only the farm cat remained, and it found its way into the Gebch lama's meat-sack. Gebch found it in time, however, cuffed it, and threw the remains of the meat into the pot to be boiled with a form of macaroni. This we ate with garlic—a rare delicacy, for all forms of fruit and vegetables are rare in Mongolia. The Mongolians grow no crops.

All their wealth is in their herds of sheep and cattle, and a rich man is valued by the number of horses he possesses. This entire lack of monetary values must account to a great extent for their charm of manner and hospitality.

A greasy coat is also said to be a sign of wealth, for it is not everyone who can afford to eat mutton every day, and who can, furthermore, afford to wipe his fingers on his coat in preference to licking them dry.

After the meal we stretched ourselves out on the kang. There was just room for the six of us to lie side by side; we slept soundly. The next day we left at seven, halting once during the morning for a meal. Soon after this we passed the last Chinese farmstead, and Arash, sliding from his camel, strode on ahead, flaunting the ends of his scarlet coat. He was overjoyed to be past these hateful buildings, and the still more hateful Chinese who lived in them. That evening we came to Arash's yurt and were given the place of honour on the right of the fire.

A yurt is a circular domed-shaped tent, made of felt. It has one low door which invariably faces south. Although they have the appearance of being very small, as many as a dozen men will gather comfortably round the fire in the centre of the floor, squatting in their compact and elegant way, with one foot drawn

under them. We were blinded on entering by the stinging smoke from the open argal (camel-dung) fire. We soon learnt to squat down immediately on entering a yurt, for near the floor the atmosphere is clearer. The floor of the yurt is lined with thick felt, except in the centre where the fire is. At the end, opposite the door, there is usually a small altar holding the family gods and treasures, and round the sides are placed the rolls of bedding.

The next day was a day of rest. We lay sleepily watching the womenfolk as they rose at dawn and lit the fire and proceeded to remove the curds from the milk standing in large open bowls. We spent most of the morning drinking tea, mixing curd and large lumps of hard cheese in with it. Many of Arash's friends dropped in from neighbouring yurts to eat cheese and drink tea, and gossip, leaving their ponies standing at the post outside. Many of them were lamas dressed in red. With the more venerable among them Arash performed the formal greeting of exchanging snuff-bottles. Having lost his own he had to borrow one on each occasion. The Mongol women move freely amongst the men, smoking their pipes and riding their horses. To us, to whom the idea of female emancipation is still something of a novelty, it is surprising to find that amongst Oriental people such a state has existed for hundreds of years.

The following morning we left early, again accompanied by Gebch and another lama. We took a small tent and travelled light, Arash supplying us both with sheep-skin flea-bags—family heirlooms; they were wonderfully warm.

At midday we halted at a yurt, where an old woman cooked our dinner for us. We innocently asked Arash how much we should give the old woman for this kindness, and were told: "We Mongols do not expect money; we are not like Chinese. However, she would like some small present." We gave her some cigarettes, and Gebch volunteered to bless the place. He opened his sacred book which, in a country where grease is a symbol of importance, must have been venerable indeed, and began intoning a prayer. He broke off, however, to enter into fierce argument with the old woman as to the correct amount of salt to put in the pot. When he had satisfied himself that the dinner was being cooked to his liking, he continued his prayer. But he kept one eye on the pot.

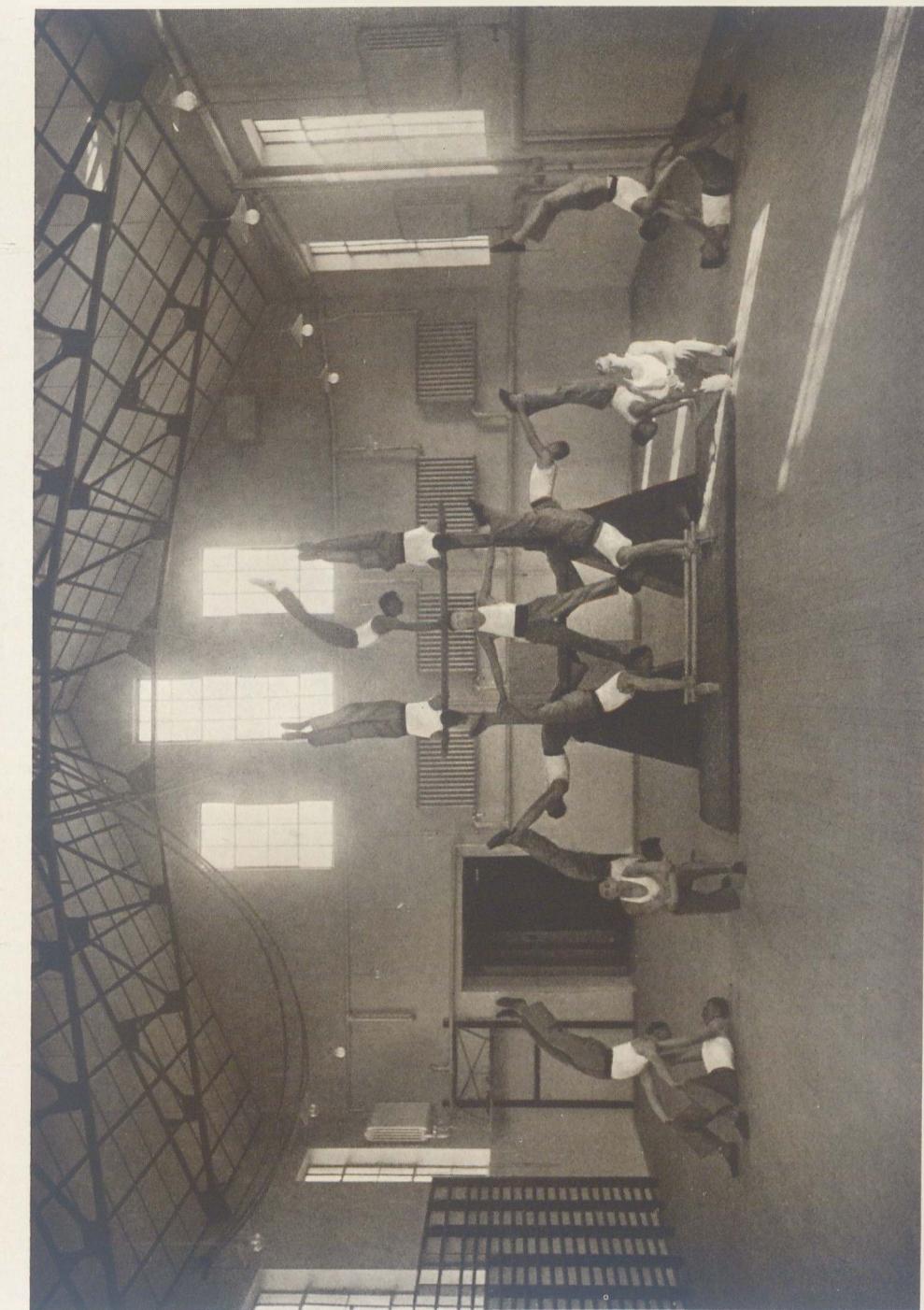
About midday on the following morning we reached Gebch lama's yurt, where we were royally entertained, drinking fermented mares' milk from silver bowls. From here we pushed on alone with Arash towards Paoling Miao, the capital of Inner Mongolia, which we reached a day later. Our way led through quite deserted grass-covered hills. We saw many herds of antelopes.

On the outskirts of Paoling Miao we were stopped by a Mongol guard, a collection of the worst looking ruffians imaginable, who made a thorough scrutiny of our kit and smoked our pipes, and deprived us of our guns and rifles.

The capital of Inner Mongolia is composed entirely of temples and lamas' quarters. To the north of these a group of yurts standing in a litter of old bones denotes the houses of parliament, the government of the princes. The general effect of Paoling Miao is exceedingly ugly for, although there is much fine architecture, the rhythmical roofs of Chinese temples are jostled by square buildings showing Tibetan influence, and walls and courtyards have been built without regard for each other.

We camped on the far side from the Government yurts, under the lee of the Sacred Mountains.

In a convenient stream we enjoyed our first wash for several days, for Genghis Khan laid down that the primary use of water is for drinking and watering cattle. That afternoon and on the following morning we wandered into the temples and through the courtyards, where services were being held by the monks in their bright robes of red or yellow. Then we prepared to depart, for, deprived of our guns, we could not shoot here; and our desire was to shoot argali, a breed of mountain sheep which is to be found in few other parts of the world. As we sat



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eating a hurried meal, a Tibetan soldier entered our tent and sat down to gossip. He belonged to the bodyguard of the Panchan Lama, the spiritual leader of Mongolia and Tibet. Arash told him our sad story and suggested that the Tibetan should shoot an argali for us. John explained that this would not be the same as shooting one ourselves, whereat the Tibetan soldier, who was essentially in the jovial mind, volunteered to take us shooting on the morrow in the Sacred Mountains. We went with him to his barrack-room to meet his pals, and spent an uproarious half-hour with them. They were thrilled to find that we were British officers. Some of them had been trained on the borders of India, and one of them gave us a grand impersonation of a sergeant-major: "Left turn," "About turn," "King George," "Quick march," were amongst the words of command he knew.

That day ended well, for a merchant from Lhasa camped near to us. We spent the evening drinking kumus (fermented mares' milk) with him, and so went to bed full of hope for the morrow.

Late the following morning our Tibetan friend and two pals strolled casually over to us. They brought their Mauser rifles and a minute target. To all intents and purposes they were going into the hills to fire their annual course.

We slipped quietly away with them into the sacred hills, and so set out to shoot the Panchan Lama's sacred sheep, ably assisted by his own bodyguard. It was, as John said, as if three Grenadier guardsmen had volunteered to take us shooting the King's deer in Windsor Park! But alas! For three hours we searched the Sacred Mountains, reputed to be stocked with argali, and saw never a sign of one. The Tibetans, their ardour undamped, began opening rapid fire at partridges.

Late that afternoon we left Paoling Miao, collecting our guns on the way. To our surprise, and to the credit of the ruffianly guard, they had not been tampered with. Heavy clouds threatened, and as night fell it began to drizzle. Arash guided us with uncanny skill through the night. We were beginning to lose faith in his sense of direction, however, when dogs, guardians of a yurt, challenged us. It matters not how late at night you arrive at a yurt, you can always be sure of a welcome. We were soon fed and curled up for sleep. Unfortunately, the fleas also welcomed us. The following day we were prevented from proceeding by the rain. We bought a sheep, which was cut up and cooked for us, and the pieces were put in the sack which he had previously used for collecting camel-dung. In the afternoon we shot duck.

That night the fleas were intolerable; even Arash could not sleep, and lay restively smoking his pipe. At about 3 a.m. we could bear it no longer. We roused the good woman of the yurt from profound sleep and bade her prepare us tea, and soon after 4 a.m., we loaded our camels and left. It was the longest march we did. We travelled without a single halt until four in the afternoon, when we rested at a yurt for an hour. We reached Arash's home that night.

We stayed here two days as the guests of Arash, and spent the time in delousing ourselves and in visiting Arash's friends. We paid two formal visits, one to the local sheriff and one to the Temple. On both occasions we were asked to obtain rifles for them. We were struck by the prevalence of opium smoking.

On the day of our departure we made a paste of flour and tea, which is the staple diet of Turkestan camel-men. I mixed a preponderance of tea, with the result that I covered myself in stickiness. This reduced Arash's wife to hysterics. It had never before entered her mind that there existed a man who was incapable of mixing flour and water.

We returned to Kwei hua Cheng to spend two days' shooting with the missionary in the hills north of the city. John shot a roe buck, and we saw one argali, which was the prize we sought.

We spent one night in Kwei hua Cheng with the missionaries, who were wonderfully kind to us, and there bid good-bye to Arash. It was to his humour and friendship that we owed the whole success of our trip. Then we set out on the twenty-four-hour journey back to Peking, sitting upright on the hard wooden seats of a third-class carriage.

By this time we felt ourselves qualified to eat any food, and so, at each halt, we sampled the numerous and nefarious foodstuffs set out along the platform. It was royal food after three weeks of boiled beef and macaroni.

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## BRITISH FIELD SPORTS SOCIETY

### INTERNATIONAL FLY-CASTING TOURNAMENT.

#### DUKE OF WESTMINSTER TROPHY.

THE British Field Sports Society announces that the first Annual Tournament for the Duke of Westminster Challenge Trophy will be held in the vicinity of London on Saturday, 22nd June, 1935. The competition is open to teams of three representing any club or unit of any Army, Navy and Air Force in the world.

The events will include Salmon and Trout Fly Casting for distance and an accuracy event for trout rods. A permanent memento of the event will be presented to each member of the teams placed first and second respectively.

Entries close on 22nd May, 1935, and should be addressed to the Secretary, British Field Sports Society, 3, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1, from whom full particulars can be obtained and who will be pleased to answer all inquiries.

## THE ARMY OFFICERS ART SOCIETY

is holding its eleventh Annual Exhibition at the R.B.A. Galleries, Suffolk Street, S.W.1, from 30th September to 12th October, 1935, inclusive. Receiving day will be Saturday, 21st September.

The Membership of this Society is open to Officers holding or having held permanent commissions in the Regular Army or Royal Marines.

The Society exists for the purpose of affording Officers interested in Art the opportunity of meeting, and also provides facilities for the exhibition and disposal of their works.

Any Officer interested is invited to communicate with:—

*The Hon. Secretary,*

COLONEL L. N. MALAN,

10, Blenheim Road,

London, N.W.8.

## 2nd BATTALION

(Corunna Barracks, Aldershot.)

SINCE our last notes were written, Major G. K. Olliver, M.C., has rejoined us from command of the Depot, and his place has been taken by Major R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C. Capt. G. Beeton, Capt. A. M. S. Harrington and 2/Lieut. F. A. H. Ling have joined the Battalion, the two former on reposting from the 1st Battalion, and the latter from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. We extend a hearty welcome to these officers.

The following officers have left the Battalion: Capt. F. E. B. Girling to the War Office, Capt. J. Y. Whitfield to the Staff College, Capt. R. M. Burton, whom we congratulate on his promotion to the Depot; Lieuts. East, Parsons and Lock to the 1st Battalion, and Lieut. H. E. Wilson as Adjutant to the Depot. We should like to say how very sorry we are to lose these officers, and we wish them the best of luck in their new surroundings.

The Battalion has been greatly depleted in numbers, both officers and men, by the large drafts that we have had to provide for the 1st Battalion. Seven officers and two hundred and fifty other ranks make a sad hole in a Home Battalion, and it will be some little time before the Battalion is again up to strength, but it is fortunate that the Depot is filling up again with recruits. We are very sorry to lose so many officers and men, and we feel what is our loss is the 1st Battalion's gain. We also extend a welcome to the other ranks and families who have recently joined us from the 1st Battalion.

It is some time since Christmas, but mention must be made of the Christmas Tree Party which was held on 9th January. Major G. K. Olliver, M.C., performed the duties of Father Christmas, which duty he has undertaken ever since his first Christmas in the Battalion—in 1913—when he was lowered down a chimney on a rope by the Band Boys, but unfortunately, his trousers caught on a nail coming down; however, thanks to Father Christmas's flowing robes, all was well. The N.A.A.F.I. provided a good conjurer and an excellent tea, and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves very much. The String Band of the Battalion offered their services, and the music they played was much appreciated.

During the winter the N.A.A.F.I. have provided us with three good Concert Parties, which were largely attended and much enjoyed. In addition, a very good Conjuring Show was given to us just before Christmas by Mr. A. Brignall, a professional conjurer who lives near Aldershot.

A Privates' Dance was held on 7th December, prior to the Battalion proceeding on leave. There was rather a shortage of girls, and it is hoped that next time nobody will be shy in asking their friends to attend.

It is Jubilee Year, and it promises to be a very busy summer. The Battalion is taking part in the Royal Tournament at Olympia, and has been asked to represent a pageant scene depicting co-operation between the three Services. H.M.S. *Excellent* are providing the Naval performers, and R.A.F. are producing a detachment for the final scene. Most of the work has fallen on Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Basset, M.C., and Lieut.-Comdr. Tuck, R.N., who have ably written the scenario.

The first scene depicts the arrival of Catherine of Braganza from Portugal for her marriage with Charles II at Portsmouth, 1662, when she was escorted to England by Admiral Sandwich and nineteen ships of the fleet. The second scene shows the embarking of sailors and detachments of soldiers of The Queen's Royal Regiment on board H.M. ships prior to Lord Howe's victory over the French on the Glorious 1st of June, 1794. The third scene shows the return of The Queen's Royal Regiment and the Naval Brigade from the South African War,

1902. The fourth and final scene, the three Services are represented by detachments in present day kit which form up in front of the Royal Box. In the background are grouped the sailors and soldiers of olden times. "Sunset" is played, and the "Royal Salute" is given. Thus we see, in the first scene, the Navy co-operating by escorting to England the Royal Bride. In the second we see the soldiers assisting the sailors afloat. In the third we see the sailors assisting the soldiers ashore, and in the final scene we see representatives of all the Services ready to co-operate if the necessity should arise.

On the return of the Battalion from Olympia, the annual rifle meeting takes place on 29th and 30th May. Company Training is being carried out in June, and in July there is the Royal Review on 13th July with all the necessary practice beforehand, followed by Company marches.

On 12th August the Battalion goes into camp at Thursley Common for Battalion Training, which is followed by Brigade, Divisional and Army Manoeuvres. The Battalion returns to Aldershot towards the end of September.

We cannot close these notes without a word of congratulation to the Battalion Fencing team which has won the Aldershot Fencing Cup for the fourth year in succession, and the Battalion cross-country team which has won the Guards Brigade Cross-Country Cup for the fourth time.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

One thing is obvious to us before we start any news: The arrivals and departures are likely to be so numerous that they must be taken as issued in the Orders of both Battalions. Perhaps it would not come amiss to mention those members of the Mess who are, or will be, left with us. Yet, by the time the JOURNAL is published it is possible that nothing short of two pages of amendments would suffice to get matters up to date. So let us content ourselves, and, we hope, the members concerned, by offering our congratulations to all those promoted; our very best wishes to those who have left, or will be leaving, the Mess, and a very hearty welcome to those who have joined, or will be joining, the Mess.

The usual Dances and Dinners have been carried on, although so many Dances are held in the Command that it is just possible that they have ceased to become anything of a novelty, except, of course, for the selected few to whom the sweet strains of a Dance Band are as a sleeping out pass.

Reports to hand regarding the Mess at the Isle of Wight lead us to believe that the Mess is a much better structure than our present home, which is of neither use nor ornament. The novelty there, will be to have a Mess Function in the Mess. We understand that the Mess is only a few minutes' walk from the Quarters, in which case it will not be necessary for some members to leave quite so early.

The Christmas Draw was again a great success, due, of course to the early start, the "poky dice" box and the able management of the Committee, to whom we express our appreciation. Towards the end of the draw, when about thirty tickets were still to be drawn, there were about four prizes left, including a fine large turkey. The three smaller prizes went, and only the turkey was left. The remaining ticket holders were all excitement. Who would get it? Eventually the last ticket was drawn, and the turkey still remained. The Committee then explained their little joke. A small member of the audience was asked to draw a ticket from the whole of the numbers issued, and the member present whose number was drawn out got the bird—the real bird. The turkey went to "Church—er" that night.

Representatives of the Mess attended the Annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner of the 22nd and 24th Battalions, in London. Reports of the functions were as anticipated, as by now we all know what the members of these two Messes can

SKI-ING ON MOUNT CHILTON, QUETTA.



1. The "Nursery Slopes," looking South-East.  
2. Quetta Valley from Chiltan. The town is situated slightly left of and above the ski-tips.  
3. A Toss.

do. We are again looking forward to the visit of the 24th Battalion to Aldershot at Easter.

Efforts have been made to "get somewhere" in the Royal Irish and the Command Sergeants' Mess Shooting Matches. Special training has been arranged for picked members, and although Olympia rehearsals have upset it on occasions, we hope that the result of the matches will show that it has been useful.

Olympia rehearsals are now in full swing, and cause quite a diversion around barracks as well as in the Mess. To appreciate this, one should hear an animated conversation between a personal attendant of King Charles, a lieutenant of a Pike Company, and a Staff Officer of Lord Roberts, regarding the time of arms drill for Musketeers of 1794. Would that Fred May visited the Sergeants' Mess.

Congratulations have been conveyed to one Gould on his attaining the dizzy heights of being the proud possessor of a son and heir. For the benefit of new and old readers we would point out that the member referred to has no connection with the light-weight jockey, Nat Gould.

#### *Mess Advertisement.*

The Mess is now in a position to supply, on demand, the latest in after-dinner speakers and band conductors. They supply their own words and batons. Early application is recommended.

#### *Stop Press News.*

Reports just received say that one member had a name too large for one, so he shared it. Our congratulations and warnings.

#### *Corporals' Mess.*

Since writing our last notes we are pleased to say that life has been more lively and interesting.

During the winter quite a number of successful dances took place, and proved to be very popular with our civilian friends, some coming as far away as Camberley and Guildford. Our success has been largely due to the Regimental Dance Band, who must be congratulated on their work under L./Cpl. King. We also tried whist drives, but they did not prove very popular.

We are looking forward to our stay at Olympia, where we hope to meet some of our old friends of the Navy.

We welcome those members who have joined us from the 1st Battalion, and wish them every success with the 2nd Battalion. Also congratulations to L./Cpls. Wade, Hooper, Wittey, Salisbury and Hollaway on promotion to Corporals.

We regret we shall soon be losing Cpls. Barham, Dunn and Ambler, and wish them every success in civilian life.

Our billiards team did not finish up as well as we expected them to, but still, we hope to be more successful during next winter season.

#### **SPORT.**

##### *Football.*

The football season of 1934-1935 is now coming to a close, all League matches have been played, and the only outstanding games are the matches for the Inter-Company Football Shield. We cannot pretend that the results have been satisfactory. This, however, is largely due to losing so many of our old Regimental players who have either been drafted abroad or left the Service. We shall look forward to next season with optimism, as we have undoubtedly got some new talent. Here I would specially mention Ptes. Danby and Barker, who have recently joined us from the Regimental Depot and have already proved their value. The Battalion has taken part in three different Leagues, *viz.*, the Senior League, the Junior League and the Enlisted Boys' League. In the first round of the Army Cup we

met the 1st Divisional Signals, and were defeated by six goals to one, Cpl. Jones scoring our only goal with a very fine shot. Special mention must be given to the following players who have consistently played good football for the Regimental side in the Senior League: L./Cpl. Redford (goal), Pte. Morgan (left back), Pte. Hopps (inside-right), Cpl. Jones (captain and outside-left), Sergt. Hubbard (centre-half, unfortunately crooked and unable to play during the latter part of the season), Pte. Voisey and Pte. Read, the latter, unfortunately for us, having now left the Regiment. One of the outstanding matches during the season was that played against the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, who eventually gained third place in the League, and who had previously defeated us earlier in the season by 13 goals to nil. However, the Battalion, in the return match, defeated its opponents by four goals to two. This shows promise for the future. The following players represented the Battalion during the season in the Senior League: Sergt. Hubbard, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpls. Redford, Upchurch and Newman, and Ptes. Bowman, Hopps, Voisey, Morgan, Lineham and Read.

We have had some good games in the Junior League, although again we have met with little success. Special mention must be made of Cpl. Summerfield (right-half), Bdsn. Smith (left-half), L./Cpl. Brown (centre-forward), and Dmr. Burden (right-back). The following players represented the Battalion in the Junior League: 2/Lieut. Savage, Cpls. Summersfield and Hooper, L./Cpls. Beeson, Brown, Coupland and Horsfield, and Ptes. Mason, Ray and Bdsn. Smith.

The Enlisted Boys' Team shows great promise, and the team is to be congratulated on its efforts during the season. The following matches were played in the Boys' Army Cup, the team being knocked out in the third round by the 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment:—

1st Round.—v. 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment. Won 1—0.

2nd Round.—v. 2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment. Won 6—1.

3rd Round.—v. 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment. Lost 2—0.

In the Boys' League the team gained fifth place. Our thanks are due to Pte. C. Newbold, who has given up much time and taken great trouble in training the team. The members of the team are as follows:—

Boys Stedman, Casey, R. Newbold, Friar, Hudson, Dawes, Manton, Knowes, Randall, Smith, Cousins, Williard, Yates and Prior, the latter two having now joined the 1st Battalion.

At the time of writing, matches are taking place on the knock-out principle for the Inter-Company Football Shield, the results up to date being as follows:—

Band v. "C" (S.) Company. Band won, 3—1.

Drums v. "D" Company. Drums won, 6—1.

Signals v. "A" Company. Signals won, 5—1.

"B" Company v. No. 3 Group. Draw, 1—1.

Band v. Signals. Draw, 2—2.

It is hoped that, when the Battalion gets to the Isle of Wight, the standard of football will improve. Possibly there will be greater facilities for the game. In conclusion, our thanks are due to Sergt. Dennis, who has taken a very active part in the organization and work in connection with the Regimental football.

The following have been awarded their Regimental colours for 1934-1935:—  
Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Redford and Ptes. Morgan, Hopps and Lineham.

#### Hockey.

Once again the Army Cup has eluded our grasp, not that we really expected to secure it this season. Indeed, we were rather fortunate in getting as far as the fourth round, our first two being byes. We have experienced the usual difficulty in getting our full side together, our "towers of strength" coming from various parts of the country: Capt. Davis from Salisbury, Lieut. Grimston from the

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TOMIKO RIVER TOURIST CAMP, FERGUSON HIGHWAY.



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COBALT—SILVER CENTRE HIGHWAY.

R.M.C., and Lieut. Kealy from the Depot (until he crept off to darkest Africa, whence it was too expensive to collect him). The invaluable Sergt. Berry was seldom available for practice games, the Command and Army sides claiming his services.

In the third round we were drawn against the R.A.O.C., whom we beat by five goals to none. We were also successful in the next round when we beat the 1st Divisional Signals by three goals to none. But in the 1st D.L.I. we met a distinctly better side, whereas our own was weakened by the loss of Lieut. Kealy, who was sadly missed from our none too happy forward line. The final score of 3—1 did not unduly flatter the Durhams, who were rather surprisingly put out by the R.E. in the next round. This was not the only surprise in the tournament, for that fine hockey regiment, the K.S.L.I., went down in the first round.

We were glad to see our old friends the Devons register a decisive win in the final, though we had every sympathy with the Green Howards, who had been sorely tried with draws and extra-time matches in the previous rounds. The Devons' team, consisting almost entirely of comparatively veteran but very fit "O.Rs.," did not seem to have a weak spot anywhere; in fact, it was a team, and not merely eleven soldiers with hockey-sticks.

We have had a full fixture list of friendly matches, and wound up the season with the Inter-Company Knock-out (contested, as usual, with more energy than elegance). In the final "C" (S.) Company defeated No. 3 Group by two goals to one, after extra time.

The Battalion team against the Durhams was as follows:—

Goal, Pte. Shepherd; backs, Cpl. Knight and Cpl. Newman; half-backs, Sergt. Collins, Lieut. Grimston and Sergt. Berry; forwards, 2/Lieut. Lennan, Cpl. Wittey, Capt. Davis, Sergt. Dixon and Lieut. Wilson.

Sergt. Elkins, Cpl. Hubbard, L./Cpl. Wilmer, Pte. Hammond and Pte. Coshall have also played regularly for the Battalion.

"C" (S.) Company's winning team was composed of:—

Goal, Pte. Last; backs, L./Sergt. Steward and Cpl. Lockwood; half-backs, Cpl. Salisbury, Sergt. Berry and Cpl. Summerfield; forwards, L./Cpl. Cross, Pte. Coshall, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Newman and L./Cpl. July.

#### *Swimming.*

In spite of the usual winter difficulties, every opportunity to use the Command Baths was taken. The first consideration was to again try to train a team for the Brigade Water-Polo Competition. A number of the previous year's team had left the Battalion, so that it was necessary to start at the beginning again. Those selected to train put in a lot of work, and quite frequently attended the baths as individuals, when it was not possible to get the baths allotted to the Battalion. Eventually, we had promise of a fair team.

The arrival of L./Cpl. Groves and Cpl. Cole greatly improved our style and hopes in the Competition. Several friendly matches were arranged, and we found that the team was the best we had had since the Battalion arrived at Aldershot. Then came the draw for the Competition, and we were not so lucky. We drew against the Coldstream Guards, who were the "Champs." of the London district. However, it did not deter the team from going all out, and the result, 5—0 against us, does not give a good idea of the play at all. It must have been very gratifying to the team and those responsible for them to have given their opponents such a good game.

Our only hope now is that we have the same team at the Isle of Wight, when I am sure we shall be on the winning side. We also hope to have more opportunities to pass men for their swimming certificates.

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Cpl. Cole has been entered for the diving and swimming events in the Command Meeting, and we wish him every success.

Owing to the Battalion taking part in the Royal Tournament at Olympia this year it is not possible for a team to be entered in the Command Water-Polo League.

## Fencing.

There has been considerable uncertainty this season as to who would be available for the team in the Army Inter-Unit Championship. We have been hard hit by the departure of Capt. L. C. East and L./Cpl. Peasley to the 1st Battalion, and the temporary absence of Lieut. D. L. A. Gibbs in Italy. Another big loss is that of Cpl. White, who has been discharged; he will be greatly missed both as Instructor and Fencer. We congratulate him on getting his Army Colours for Epée. A Regimental team has, however, been got together and has done well in most of the matches. The members have fought well, L./Sergt. Spence (Depot) and L./Cpl. Ferrari having greatly improved. Other less experienced fencers are coming on, notably L./Cpl. Tasker, and there should be a bigger number to select from next season. The help and advice of S.I. Moore, A.P.T.S., has again been placed at our disposal, and is much appreciated; we only wish the Battalion could make more use of it.

The Aldershot Command Inter-Unit Championship has been fought and won by the Regiment for the fourth year in succession. The Regiment has now won this cup each year it has been in the Command. We meet the winners of the Southern Command towards the end of April in an attempt to qualify for the final pool at the Royal Tournament.

The following are the results:—

## Semi-finals, Aldershot Command.—v. The Wiltshire Regiment.

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—Foil, 4 wins; hits against, 23. Epée, 3 wins; hits against, 12. Sabre, 6 wins; hits against, 21. Totals, 13 wins; 56 hits against.

*The Wiltshire Regiment.*—Foil, 5 wins; hits against, 21. Epée, 5 wins; hits against, 10. Sabre, 3 wins; hits against, 29. Totals, 13 wins; 60 hits against.

This was a very close and exciting match, chiefly owing to the fact that the Wiltshire team included Major T. H. Wand-Tetley, an International fencer, whose only reverse was a double hit in the Epée, achieved by 2/Lieut. Savage. A count of hits decided the match in our favour, due to our strong superiority in Sabre; whilst there was practically nothing to chose between us in the other weapons.

## Final, Aldershot Command.—v The Queen's Bays.

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—Foil, 7 wins; Epée, 7 wins; Sabre, 3 wins. Total, 17 wins.

*The Queen's Bays.*—Foil, 2 wins; Epée, 1 win; Sabre, 6 wins. Total, 9 wins.

By beating our old rivals, The Queen's Bays, 17 to 9, we scored a decisive success. Although soundly beaten by superior sabreurs, we were so very definitely superior in Foil and Epée that L./Cpl. Ferrari's win in the eighth fight of the Epée series gave us the cup. Individual successes were:—

Foil.—2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, L./Sergt. Spence, each 3 wins; Capt. K. J. Wilson, 1 win.

Epée.—L./Cpl. Ferrari, 3 wins; Capt. L. C. East, 2 wins, 1 double hit; Capt. K. J. Wilson, 2 wins.

Sabre.—L./Sergt. Spence, 2 wins; Capt. L. C. East, 1 win; C.S.M. Spence, no win.



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(See page 30.)

The Regimental team will compete in the Final of the Army Inter-Unit Team Championship at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, on 23rd May.

*Friendly Matches.*

The following have been fought:—

- v. 66th Fencing Course (4 in foil). Lost, 6—10.
- v. 66th Fencing Course (4 in sabre). Lost, 7—9.
- v. Depot. Lost, 8—19.
- v. Depot. Won, 16—11.
- v. Depot (including bayonets). Lost, 16—20.
- v. 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Won, 14—13.
- v. 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Lost, 10—17.
- v. Army School of Physical Training. Lost, 12—15.
- v. R.N.P. and R. Training School. Won, 16—11.
- v. Royal Horse Guards. Won, 23—4.
- v. R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge. Won, 16—11.
- v. Birmingham Fencing Club. Lost, 8—19.
- v. Grosvenor Fencing Club (5 in épée). Lost, 9—16.
- v. Sheffield University. Lost, 13—14.

The following have been awarded Fencing Colours for the season 1934-35:—

*Foil*.—Capt. K. J. Wilson, 2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, L./Sergt. Spence and L./Cpl. Ferrari.

*Epée*.—Capt. K. J. Wilson, Capt. L. C. East, L./Sergt. Spence and L./Cpl. Ferrari.

*Sabre*.—Capt. L. C. East, C.S.M. Spence, L./Sergt. Spence and L./Cpl. Ferrari.

*Bayonet Fencing.*

More activity has been shown this year in Bayonet Fencing. The results obtained have been satisfactory, and our thanks are due to those who have helped to instruct. It has been good to see R.S.M. Watford in action again, and younger fencers who have watched him must have learnt some of the subtleties of Bayonet Fencing. We congratulate "B" Company on their well deserved success in winning the Inter-Company Cup. Individually, they have also done more than their fair share in training the Battalion team and supplying members for it. We were fairly and soundly beaten by the Grenadier Guards, who were definitely the better team, in the Brigade Eliminating Competition. This was the first match our young soldiers fought in, and as a direct result did not do themselves justice, nor was luck on our side, several of the losses being decided by the last hit. Against the Coldstream Guards, the next day, our team fought very much better and scored a well deserved success against a bigger and stronger team who were in their second year's training. It is hoped that this year's work will prove a foundation for future years.

*Guards Brigade Eliminating Competition.*

The Grenadier Guards won this by beating both The Coldstream Guards and ourselves very easily. We had a close match with the Coldstream, but managed to beat them 10 to 8, thus gaining second place in the Brigade.

*Inter-Company Competition.*

*Semi-finals*. "A" Company, 7 wins; "C" (S.) Company, 2 wins. "B" Company, 7 wins; "H.Q." Wing, 2 wins.

Final.—"A" Company, 3 wins; "B" Company, 6 wins.

Winners.—"B" Company.

#### Battalion Championship.

Final Pool.—1, L./Cpl. Pitt, 1 defeat; 2, L./Sergt. Gould, 1 defeat (after fight-off); 3, Sergt. Jones, 2 defeats; 4, L./Sergt. Forrest, 2 defeats (after fight-off); 5, L./Cpl. Hand, 4 defeats.

#### Young Soldiers' Competition.

The following gained the first four places. The first three tied for first place, and fought-off:—

1, Pte. Holloway, 2 defeats; 2, Pte. Leach, 2 defeats; 3, L./Cpl. Hand, 2 defeats; 4, Pte. Vandepeer, 3 defeats.

#### Bronze Medal Tournament.

The following have been selected to train for the Individual events of the above-mentioned Tournament:—

Lieut. A. J. A. Watson, 2/Lieut. F. A. H. Ling, Sergt. Jones, L./Sergt. Gould, L./Sergt. Forrest, L./Cpl. Pitt, L./Cpl. Hand, Pte. Holloway, Pte. Leach and Pte. McDermott.

In the Aldershot Command Bronze Medal Tournament 2/Lieut. Savage won the Officers' Foil Medal, and L./Cpl. Ferrari the Other Ranks' Foil and Epee Medals. Our heartiest congratulations to them. They will both compete at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, Foil on 13th May, and Epee on 15th May, at 9.30 a.m.

#### Cross-Country Running.

The season's fixture list has been full, and every advantage has been taken of the amount of competition afforded in the Command. Owing to the numerical weakness of the Battalion and the loss of a number of the best runners by reason of expiry of service or in drafts for abroad, we have been unable to produce a regular team or to train seriously. We now face the necessity for, and seek the opportunity of starting the whole business of running from the beginning.

To ensure the best was made of the material available, a monthly Inter-Company Run for all under thirty years of age was instituted in October. Though it was not found practicable to continue them throughout the season, these, together with the more frequent Young Soldiers' Runs, have yielded replacements for the casualties in the teams.

In an exciting "Group Run," in which the Battalion competed against the other units of the Brigade on 29th November, over a course of four miles, we were the winners for the fourth year, this time by 75 points. The team was awarded their colours.

Teams captained by 2/Lieut. Thresher and Clr./Sergt. Stafford, respectively, represented the Battalion in the Command Young Soldiers' Championship over a course of four and a quarter miles on 15th February, and in the Command Championship over a seven-mile course on 28th February, our first three home in these being Ptes. Tree, Evans and Cummings, and Ptes. Grooms, Hall and Richardson.

Six representatives, namely Dmr. Cooley, and Ptes. Gaston, Grooms, Hall, Pearce and Richardson, as compared with three last season, have run for the Aldershot Command Harriers this season, one or more being selected for teams running against the following: R.M.C., Ranelagh, Woodford Green, Thames Hares and Hounds, Wycombe Phoenix, London Polytechnic, Oxford University, London University, Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Pte. Pearce had been selected as a possible representative of the Command Harriers in a London to Brighton road race, but had to scratch owing to an injury received earlier in the season.

#### SMALL ARMS CLUB AND WEAPON TRAINING.

##### Annual Course, 1934.

As already forecast, the efforts of all concerned were well rewarded by the wonderful improvement in the results. The following figures show the all-round improvement. In revolver only three failed to qualify whereas nineteen failed in 1933.

		1933.	1934.
Figure of Merit	...	70.74	83.44
Table A, Pt. 6 (Recruits)	...	63.99	67.66
Table A, Pt. 6 (Boys)	...	69.30	70.30
Table B, Pt. 3 (L.G.)	...	80.97	87.76
Table B, Pt. 4 (L.G. A.A.)	...	84.66	96.89
Revolver	...	27.68	37.41

##### A.R.A. Non-Central Matches, 1934.

The following are the results of Non-Central Matches fired in October:—  
King George Cup, 388; Royal Irish Cup, 380.

These scores gave us the following points in the Queen Victoria Trophy:—  
King George Cup, 388; Royal Irish Cup, 380; Young Soldiers', 541.54; Company Shield, 347.88; M.G. Cup, 331.38; Duke of Connaught Cup, 516. Total, 2,504.80. 1933 Total, 2,391.62.

We figured in the 1934 prize lists of the following competitions:—  
Queen Victoria Trophy, 15th; Duke of Connaught Cup, 3rd; Revolver Cup, Capt. E. F. Bolton, 14th.

Capt. E. F. Bolton qualified for the Revolver Thirty.

##### Shooting Generally.

Owing to the tremendous improvement in last year's Open Range shooting, it was decided to continue with the system of miniature range shooting and competitions during the winter months. The keenness shown and the competitive spirit introduced are considered two of the main factors which have led to the improvement on the open range. Pecuniary necessity, however, has caused us to curtail our open range competition shooting, and this year we are concentrating mainly on the Command Small Arms Meeting and A.R.A. Non-Central Matches. We hope, however, that some of our individuals will do well at the Surrey Rifle Meeting. The period of Preliminary Weapon Training immediately preceding firing on the open range has also been retained.

##### Miniature Range.

The monthly Small-Bore Competition has been fired by every member of the Battalion; the Revolver Competition fired in December and February reaches every junior rank who fires the annual revolver course. These are backed up by weekly pool shoots with both weapons. The rifle competitions were fired in October, November, January, February and March. There was the usual Christmas Shoot in December on the same lines as last year, with the exception that the draft which left us in December to join the 1st Battalion had a special shoot of their own. The Christmas Shoots were very well supported. In February and March there were additional competitions for Young Soldiers and others. Throughout the winter all types of practices have been included, slow at small and large targets, snapshooting, rapid and gas, usually with an inscribed circle and occasionally an S.M.R.C. target.

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The results have been very satisfactory, great keenness and interest being shown. A steady improvement throughout the winter has taken place, and it is hoped that this will be reflected on the open range.

*Results of Monthly Company Competitions.*

The following counted as Companies: "A," "B," "C" (S.) and "D" Companies, Signal Section, Band, Drums, Transport and No. 3 Group.

*October.*—1, Signals (14.4); 2, No. 3 Group (11.5); 3, "A" Company (10.7).

*November.*—1, "B" Company (14.6); 2, Band (13.7); 3, Signals (13.5).

*January.*—1, Signals (15.48); 2, Band (14.31); 3, "A" Company (14.1).

*February.*—1, "A" Company (17.5); 2, Band (17.3); 3, "D" Company (17.14).

*Winners of Monthly Spoons.*

A handicap of 3 was awarded in each case.

*October.*—Marksmen, L./Cpl. Newman (39); 1st Class Shots, Pte. Fowler (39); Other Shots, Pte. Stubberfield (35); Boys, Boy Casey (25).

*November.*—Marksmen, Major G. K. Olliver (39); 1st Class Shots, Pte. Tutt (38); Other Shots, Pte. Johnson (38); Boys, Boy Casey (21).

*January.*—Marksmen, Capt. E. F. Bolton (40); 1st Class Shots, Bdsn. Martin (38); Other Shots, Pte. Clark (37); Boys, Boy Willard (32).

*February.*—Marksmen, D. M. Palmer (40); 1st Class Shots, L./Cpl. Grigg (40); Other Shots, 2/Lieut. M. Thresher (40); Boys, Boy Smith (36).

*.22 Revolver.*

*December, 1934.*—"C" (S.) Company, 467; "A" Company, 445; "B" Company, 422; "H.Q." Wing, 408; "D" Company, 360.

*February, 1935.*—"A" Company, 512; "H.Q." Wing, 440; "C" (S.) Company, 439; "D" Company, 428; "B" Company, 316.

*Annual Courses, 1935.*

Firing on the open range started on 25th March. A first party of selected Table B shots, with the addition of the majority of the Signal Section who were punching up for Signal Classification, have fired. The conditions were very good, and excellent results were gained. The following are the results of this party in Table B, Part 2:—

Total number of firers, 60; Marksmen, 44; 1st Class Shots, 15; 2nd Class Shots, 1. Average, 101.6; Figure of Merit, 92.9.

A second party has also completed Table B, Part 2, and gained the good results given below:—

Number of firers, 73; Marksmen, 43; 1st Class Shots, 26; 2nd Class Shots, 4. Average, 96.75; Figure of Merit, 88.36.

The number who have fired is too small to be a reliable guide to the final results, but we have great hopes of being able to improve on last year's. The Young Officers and Boys who have recently come on men's service have fired Table A, Parts 2 and 3, on the open range and here again the results are most promising.

Owing to the present weak strength of the Battalion it has been impossible to relieve all the Garrison Employed, etc., there is therefore an unusually large number of casualties who will have to fire after manoeuvres. The majority of the good effects of the winter's small-bore shooting will have faded away by this time. Every effort will therefore have to be made to put this party of casualties through an effective period of Preliminary Training in the very short time available for this and actual firing; they will have a big effect on the Figure of Merit.

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*Annual Machine Gun Course, Part II.*

In 1934 the course was fired at Ash during February under most unfavourable weather conditions. There was a strong wind blowing on each day and some practices had to be fired during light snow and sleet. In spite of this, however, results were good, particularly the first year gunners.

This year (1935) the Company fired on Cæsar's Camp Range during March under ideal weather conditions. The good weather, combined with special care being taken to zero the guns, and keep them zeroed between practices, has had a great deal to do with results that are even better than last year. The results are particularly creditable as preliminary weapon training had to be curtailed to seven days' only. There are six second year gunners still to fire as casuals.

*1933 Results.*—Company Average.—1st year gunners, 22.6 (1st Class). 2nd year gunners, 54.6 (Marksmen).

*1934 Results.*—1st Year Gunners: 1st Class, 34; 2nd Class, 1; Unqualified, 1. Company average, 25.6 (1st Class). 2nd Year Gunners: Marksmen, 34; 1st Class, 6; Qualified, 2; Unqualified, 0. Company average, 51.8 (Marksmen).

*1935 Results.*—1st Year Gunners: 1st Class, 37; 2nd Class, 0; Unqualified, 0. Company average, 28.1 (1st Class). 2nd Year Gunners: Marksmen, 26; 1st Class, 1; Qualified, 0; Unqualified, 0. Company average, 57.7 (Marksmen).

*Friendly Shoots.*

On 31st January we visited H.M.S. *Excellent* at Whale Island. We were soundly beaten by both their rifle and revolver teams, but we had a very enjoyable time and are looking forward to the return match. H.M.S. *Excellent* presented us with two spoons for the best rifle scores and one for the revolver.

*Winners of Rifle Spoons.*—R.Q.M.S. Jackson (85); D.M. Palmer (74).

*Winner of Revolver Spoon.*—Cpl. Summerfield (46).

*Team Points.*—Rifle, H.M.S. *Excellent*, 789; 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, 666.

On 23rd March we visited Englefield Green Club, of which Col. G. J. Giffard is President, and a small-bore match was combined with "Darts." A very enjoyable evening was spent, but our opponents were too strong for us. "Darts," however, resulted in a close finish. L./Cpl. Brown won the spoon presented by Englefield Green. We are looking forward to the return match here on 3rd April.

**NOTICE**  
**THE REGIMENTAL DINNER**  
(OFFICERS)

WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1935, AT

THE KING EDWARD VII ROOMS

HOTEL VICTORIA, NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE

at 8 o'clock p.m.

Notice of Dining to be sent to COLONEL R. G. CLARKE, C.M.G., D.S.O., Barham House, Canterbury.

The Management of the Hotel Victoria takes this opportunity of informing Officers that they will be glad to accommodate any Officers and their wives attending the Regimental Dinner, and wishing to stay the night, at a special rate of 12s. 6d. each person for Apartments, Baths and Table d'Hôte Breakfast.

## THEY ALWAYS GET THEIR MAN

THE Royal Canadian Mounted Police have maintained, since their first organization years ago in the Canadian West, the tradition of always getting their man. Despite many changes in recent years in the Service they still manage to do so. The story of how Sergeant Brown helped break up an important drug ring and nailed his quarry is a fine piece of detective work.

It was on a day in early August that Sergeant Brown of the Mounted Police was having lunch with the Spanish Consul at the Ritz in Montreal. The Consul proved an interesting conversationalist and told the Sergeant many things he had never heard of before, over the good food and wine. But the Consul did not know that the Sergeant was masquerading as a wealthy American crook called Robino, who was on the lookout for an assistant in importing drugs.

The rôle was difficult, for it is no easy matter on a police-sergeant's pay to maintain the appearance of wealth. The absence of a big car, well-cut clothing, and all the other appurtenances of a well-stocked pocket-book is hard to explain, and the illusion of wealth had to be kept up.

It was easy, the Consul explained, for an insignificant sum. He would supply Robino with letters of introduction to friends in Barcelona. They would see to it that the cognac (that was what they always called it) was packed in containers of fifty grams or one hundred grams, hidden in kegs of olive oil. Robino would pay the friends, who would send the Consul his commission. That was the outline of the scheme.

But the little difficulty of getting the stuff past the customs occurred to Robino.

The Consul quickly settled all qualms. That was a simple matter. Nothing could be easier. He promised on the following day to introduce Robino to a Mr. Tey de Torrents, who was well acquainted with the customs, paying them four dollars a gallon for allowing spirits to enter. A number of the custom's examiners were quite agreeable—a false invoice or bill of lading was all that was necessary and the whole matter was arranged.

Suppose fifty cases were coming in, and they wish to examine a few. The examiner had been seen. He knows, therefore, which cases it is safe to examine. For two days they are removed, and then they are transported with the remainder to a friend's warehouse. So long as the fee is available, what matter what the cases contain.

Robino heartily concurred with this admirable sentiment.

In his own bare bedroom Sergeant Brown shook off the mantle of the wealthy Robino.

He was on the trail of the real thing this time if he only played his cards right. These people were big fellows, not little dope pedlars whose arrest, if effected, left the source untouched. It was, however, a difficult matter to keep up the deception, play a waiting game and watch his step carefully.

A certain Special Agent was chosen to play the part of Robino's Montreal agent.

Brown's waiting spun out into days and weeks. It developed that Mr. Tey de Torrents was out of town, and when Brown at last saw him he realized that de Torrents would be a much harder man to trick than the Spanish Consul. This part of Brown's work was conducted with first-rate finesse and aplomb. He exuded restrained influence from every pore, leaving the impression with de Torrents that the scheme under contemplation was but a small affair in the ramifications of the huge machine he controlled. He evinced a calculated carelessness in many matters before de Torrents that lulled the latter's suspicions and led up to the next point—a trip to Spain with letters of introduction from Montreal.

The case was much more far-reaching than had at first been supposed. Brown's C.O., visiting him secretly, discussed ways and means. He quickly saw that if an European source of drugs could be discovered, a Canadian importing ring unearthened, and perfidy in the Customs be broken up, the cost would be negligible.

The affair would entail a large expenditure of money. The various Dominion departments affected had to be consulted, and there were but few facts and almost no real evidence to go on. Then someone had to assume responsibility for the steps to be taken. Should the scheme fail, that someone would have an uncomfortable time of it. Assistant-Commissioner Worsley of the Force made up his mind, and Brown was given his orders.

Brown at once spoke of his need of a satisfactory partner.

Asked whom he wanted, he specified that the man must understand the entire case up to date, must be a convincing, well-educated conversationalist, presenting a good appearance. He must also possess a thorough working knowledge of Canadian law and of Mounted Police methods and work. He should also know what is admissible evidence and what is not. A convincing witness, the new man must be known and trusted in the courts of Montreal. He must be absolutely reliable and have a great interest in the conclusion of the case.

Staff-Sergeant Salt was the man chosen. Thirteen thousand five hundred dollars was the sum asked for to carry out the details necessary. Brown and Salt, sailing by different boats, reached Spain.

In Felix Martorell, Robino found a foxy individual, abbreviated in stature, in his mid-forties, and with grey-green eyes. He read Robino's letter of introduction, sputtering doubtfully as he did so. He refused to have anything to do with the matter. Robino mentioned alcohol. Fifty cases. The amount was a fleabite.

That would prove whether the Customs barrier could be passed, responded Robino. Then—

Martorell accepted the bait.

Back in Montreal, Brown went around to de Torrents who, surprisedly, was stand-offish. Martorell had cabled him to inquire about Robino, who had been seen speaking to another English-speaking man in Barcelona. Robino explained this away—an old acquaintance of his wife's.

Then Brown's superior suggested securing a guarantee for the money to be paid for bribing the customs. Obviously this was impossible. The deal was on the way. Robino was supposed to be a wealthy operator, who had been advised of certain facts, since followed up and found to be true. The well-beaten trail in this sort of intrigue had to be followed. Were Brown to ask for a guarantee the gang would become suspicious on the instant. Only the fact that they were keenly desirous of future dealings with him made them agree to such a small preliminary order.

More weeks of weary waiting followed. The expected consignment of olive oil failed to show up. There was no actual return for all the large sums of money Brown had been forced to expend. The long delay was at last explained.

As the boat he had expected to ship the order by had been burned just prior to loading, Martorell had not been able to ship the cargo when expected. As \$800,000 worth of drugs had been seized from the next ship on her last trip to New York it was considered unlucky to ship by her. The next was unfortunately held up in Marseilles. But the fourth ship brought the goods, only sad to relate it was discovered that the invoices had been incorrectly falsified and would have to be sent back for more plausible misstatements. The difficulty was got around by forging invoices locally with a rubber stamp from a non-existent shipper.

Just about the time when the greatest set of difficulties presented itself to the trio—Brown, Salt and the special agent—Brown was in Vancouver giving testimony, while he persuaded de Torrents and the Spanish Consul that he was really in the United States attending to his own farflung investments.

Salt was going through the necessary routine work, seeing that all was in order and every exhibit in the case properly checked.

The handing of the bribe money to the custom's representative presented a very ticklish situation. Brown was to leave his cheque for \$3,500 in an envelope in a certain bank. The agent was to conduct de Torrents to the bank, where he would ask for the manager and the letter. De Torrents was then suddenly to be faced with the cheque, which the agent would then suggest cashing immediately. If this idea was accepted, thirty-five marked hundred-dollar bills would be handed to de Torrents. From the shelter of the bank's waiting-room a constable would be following the transaction. He would then keep de Torrents under observation in the expectation that he would meet a custom's officer. If a meeting was to occur the constable would carry on, hoping to observe a deposit made. Then he would have a talk with the manager of the bank and verify the number of the bills.

Robino would then return to Montreal, where he would pay a call upon de Torrents and the Consul, introducing another Mounted Policeman as another partner. The evidence corroborated and the papers collected they would raid de Torrents office. It was assured that the warehouse which was arranged to receive the consignment was cognizant of the illegal practices.

That was the plan. It was a perfect plan, but unfortunately it hung fire and refused to begin to work. No trace could be found of the shipment. The Consul wrote to Martorell in Spain that he was in a dilemma and suspected de Torrents. The latter was also in a royal stew, but arranged to make a search for the missing goods. The cases were finally discovered in Pittsburg. The quota was three short, and curiously, for the conspirators, the United States Customs reported to the Canadian Customs in Montreal that some of them exuded a liquid peculiarly thin for a fluid like olive oil. The Montreal officials seemed, however, to be quite ready to overlook small irregularities like this.

The show-down finally came. Constables in a car watched every detail of the proceedings unfold. All but one case was delivered. The order for its delivery was signed when a trustworthy official found that it leaked. They telephoned for de Torrents who, upon arrival, was greatly concerned that goods booked as olive oil should become alcohol. Questioned, he said that all he knew of Robino was that he was a buyer without an address, who came to his office to do business. He affirmed that he would never again do a favour for a customer like this.

The climax rapidly approached. Salt and two others of the Police called upon the Consul at his apartment, arrested him and prevailed upon him to go with them to the barracks. With a view to his exalted position, the Consul asked the privilege of being allowed to go without escort. Salt sent the others on, but meeting a countryman, the Consul stopped him and commenced talking rapidly to him. Salt remonstrated and the Consul waved him away. The policeman took his arm but the Consul jerked free, lifted his cane and swung him towards his friend. Salt gave him a push and the Consul lost his balance and fell over a doorstep.

No international discords were created, despite the use of the cable. Salt's evidence was too well and truly prepared. He had an air-tight case. At the trial, it was found that one, Robino, a man possessing neither a business, a telephone, nor an address, was able to go to Spain, ship fifty cases of whatever he wished, and get back forty-five of them without examination. From a Custom's point of view the evidence proved ample to close down the warehouse, to prevent the entry of any goods brought in by dilinquent brokers, to ban Martorell from sending goods into Canada, to get the Consul a sentence, to convict de Torrents of smuggling, giving false invoices, forgery and perjury, and to implicate the custom's officers concerned.



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ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.  
Colonel Jourdier, the Brigadier, presenting the Rotary Club Cup to L/Cpl. Horne.

## 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*: Captain J. W. M. Denton.

HARD on the announcement (in the C.O.'s report for 1934-35), that the strength of the Battalion was 18 officers and 351 other ranks, came the promise indicated in the Estimates that service in the Territorial Army was to be encouraged by some financial advantages. This, even if nothing further is heard of it, will have achieved something as it has provided an endless topic for those fireside discussions that are a necessary complement to Winter Training. It may be as well to mention here that the other inevitable topic has been Gas Training. We in Croydon are fortunate in having a civilian training centre, which, though in its initial stages, will soon provide enough facilities for those members of the Territorial Army who are interested, to discover for themselves the mysteries of gas.

The Battalion sent a number of officers and other ranks to compete in the Surrey County Rifle Meeting at Bisley, with good results, as shown in the following list:—

*Peck Challenge Cup (open sight prizes)*.—Bdsn. R. A. Gould and Sergt. G. A. West.

*Surrey Brewers' Cup*.—Prizes to Capt. Denton, Sergt. J. Prizeman, Sergt. W. H. Hawkins and R.S.M. G. Jude.

*Kingston Cup*.—Prizes to Pte. G. A. West, Bdsn. R. A. Gould, Lieut. G. Stokoe and R.S.M. G. Jude.

*Recruits*.—Prize to Pte. J. Blunt. *Lord Lieutenant's Cup*: 1, 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Pte. W. H. Parr won the Brigade Welter-weight Boxing, and was finalist in the *Divisional Championship*.

In the Brigade Inter-Battalion events the Battalion won the Military Events Cup, and tied for first place in the Aggregate Cup for Brigade events. "A" (S.) Company, representing the Battalion, won the Brigade Machine Gun Shield.

We welcome to the Battalion 2/Lieut. Gliddon, who has been posted to "C" Company.

To celebrate the Jubilee, the Battalion is holding a Ceremonial Parade on 6th May, and the inspection will be carried out by His Worship the Mayor of Croydon, Alderman J. Trumble, J.P.

## SPORT.

## Football.

The Battalion team entered the Excelsior League and finished third, a fairly satisfactory result. The actual figures were:—

Played, 13; won, 7; lost, 4; drawn, 2; goals for, 39; goals against, 20; total points, 16.

In the Surrey Junior Cup the Battalion was knocked out in the second round. In the first stage of the Territorial Army Cup the Battalion drew the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment. The match was played at Horsham, and resulted in a tie. In the replay, at Croydon, we lost 5-1. Owing to injuries we were unable to field

our best team, and consequently were outclassed by a superior team, although our players went all out to win.

Taking the season as a whole, results were fairly satisfactory; our team played well together, and we have hopes of a more successful season next year.

#### COMPANY NEWS.

##### *"D" Company.*

It is difficult to record faithfully the achievements and doings of "D" Company during the last six months without appearing vain glorious. To have won over half of the Battalion trophies with the scanty numbers at our disposal is an achievement which will require a great deal of living down and up to. We are sufficiently sensitive and retiring not to disclose our actual strength, but important moves in a certain direction tend to indicate that our deficiency in men will not persist much longer. Meanwhile, the pocket Company continues to flourish. Parades have been held—well up to strength each week—at Queen's House during the winter, and a great deal of good work has been put in. A Company Dance was held, and was a great success—if a little "exclusive." The Company Dinner, which was attended by the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant, brought the Company at nearly full strength. During the summer the Company will parade at the barracks.

Future activities include a week-end march, spending the night away from home and returning, after a Church Parade, the next morning.

Capt. Stiby and Lieut. Walters are both getting married within a few days of each other, and the Company extends to both of them the best of good wishes.

##### *"H.Q." Wing.*

Since writing the notes for the last issue of the JOURNAL, very little of interest seems to have happened in "H.Q." Wing. Attendance at parades has a regrettable habit of falling off during the winter months, and this year is proving itself to be no exception to the general rule.

The Signal Section employ themselves with polishing up their Morse Code by buzzer reading, and there is every hope, may it not be a vain one, of a larger percentage of classifications this year.

The only method of keeping the Transport Section employed while the evenings are dark is by means of lectures. These, however, seem to pall after a few weeks, no matter how interesting they may be made. Once the lighter evenings are here, riding instruction can be started again with the hope of seeing better attendances.

Both the Band and the Drums are putting in a good deal of hard work, the results of which will, no doubt, be evident at the next Battalion parade.

May this opportunity be taken of congratulating ex-C.S.M. Fenner on his promotion to Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant; and of saying "goodbye and good luck" to his predecessor, R.Q.M.S. Gunn. A hearty welcome is also extended to Lieut. Wightman on his joining the Wing, from "B" Company, to take over the duties of Transport Officer.

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#### WHO ARE THEY?

1. Lieut.-Col. Sturmy-Cave, D.S.O., T.D.	4. C.S.M. E. Elsley, T.D.
2. Major G. K. Olliver, M.C.	5. Capt. J. Ritchie Dickson, M.C.
3. Capt. and Adjt. J. B. Phillips.	6. C.S.M. W. G. Reeves, D.C.M



OFFICERS OF THE BATTALION AT MARINE VIEW, GAZA, 1917.

## WITH THE 2nd/4th BATTALION IN PALESTINE

(Continued from page 33, Vol. V, No. 3.)

### PART IV.

#### MAY TO OCTOBER, 1917—AN INTERVAL: DIGGING, TRAINING AND REORGANIZING.

THE conditions of trench warfare in Palestine were notably different from those in France. In the former country the distance between ours and the enemy's trenches and fortified posts varied from 500 yards to one mile, and even more, and averaged from 700 to 800 yards in the coast sector. There were no such sections of trench as we had experienced near Givenchy in 1915, where, in certain localities, we were separated from the enemy only by the width of a mine crater, and where at any moment a Boche might appear on the lip of the crater and hurl a hand-grenade into our trenches.

The shelling, too, was of a much milder description, and though at times, as after a raid, the Turks might put down a 5.9 barrage on a section of our trenches, as a rule their shell fire was desultory and the hours of shelling fairly regular.

But though the trench work was less strenuous than on the Western Front, the sandy ridges which constituted the major part of the coast sector presented difficulties and trials of another nature.

The midday heat was intense and the plague of flies almost insupportable. If a man wanted to sleep he had to put a mosquito veil over his face and arms to keep off these pests. Shirt-sleeves and shorts were the order of the day, and the men's arms, faces and legs were burnt black by the sun. Patrol work at night and incessant digging and building up of sandbag parapets, firesteps and dugouts, afforded the chief relaxation from monotony. The plague of body lice had constantly to be fought against, but when units went back into reserve and sea-bathing was practicable these pests could be exterminated.

After a few weeks we marched to the area Mesrefe, El Mendur, Tel-el-Jemmi.

The enemy's air activity in May became accentuated. We became troglodytes or cavedwellers, and burrowed into holes or erected dugouts in the steep banks of dry watercourses or wadis.

In any narrative of operations in S. Palestine the word "wadi" is sure to occur more frequently than any other. These watercourses, which are dry except after very heavy rain, intersect the whole country. The two greatest wadis are the Wadi el Arish, or River of Egypt (the natural boundary between Egypt and Palestine), and the Wadi el Ghuzzee, or River of Gaza. These large wadis, which vary in width from 100 yards to half a mile, have numerous affluents, even the smaller among them having often steep banks 30 ft. to 60 ft. high.

In the area in which our army operated, bordering the sea was a belt of sand-dunes 3,000 to 4,000 yards wide, rising to 160 ft. in height. East of this belt lay a valley running north and south, which in spring was both grassy and cultivated, chiefly with barley, but in summer was a desert. East again of this valley lay a tangled, rugged mass of hills some seven miles in width, intersected with innumerable ravines and watercourses, their crest averaging from 200 ft. to 300 ft. above sea-level.

The 2nd/4th Queen's, in May, gravitated towards the eastern sector of our trench system, which at this time extended from the coast north of Sheik Ajlin to Heart Hill and Blazed Hill, thence south-east along the rocky Mansurah and

Sheikh Abbas Ridges, and southwards in the form of defended localities, along the eastern spurs of the hill system, to El Mendur, a deserted village situate at the junction of the wadis El Sheria, Sihan and Munkeileh.

For six weeks the 160th Brigade was engaged in converting the rocky ground around Mendur and as far north as Dumbell Hill into a strongly entrenched zone. Around Mendur the defended area took the form of a circle of redoubts, to which were given the familiar names of Guildford, Farnham, Dorking, etc. Each redoubt was surrounded by barbed wire, and in addition a continuous line of wire was erected along the whole front from the Mendur Area to the Dumbell Area, linking up with the continuous line of wire extending for miles southwards to Tel el Fara.

Battle posts for Brigade and Battalion Headquarters were selected and fortified, and a cable, buried to a depth of five feet, was laid between Brigade and Battalion Headquarters, the latter being also connected by buried cable with the various redoubts and posts.

A veritable fortress had arisen on this arid spot which was close to Um Jerrar, a Biblical site famous as the one-time abode of Abraham.

The heat was intense and the labour incessant, but officers and men entered into the work with goodwill, and we handed the works to our successors in an almost completed condition.

There was not much excitement in those days though an occasional air combat provided a spectacle. The enemy's air superiority at this time was on the wane.

Occasionally there were night alarms owing to Turkish mounted patrols being reported as prowling around, and more than once our mounted troops galloped in and gave the alarm. The garrisons then stood to, but nothing happened.

Enemy harvesting parties used to come out daily on the plateau east of Mendur and our guns would salute them with a few shells.

Beyond these minor incidents nothing occurred except heavy pick and spade work and wiring, and early in July we trekked away south one night to bivouac on a grassy plain west of Hiseia.

It was now July, 1917. General Allenby had taken over command. G.H.Q. at once evacuated its palatial War Office in Cairo, and the announcement followed that the Commander-in-Chief had moved G.H.Q. to a spot ten miles in rear of the trenches. A new spirit breathed into the Army, and each officer and man felt that he was within measurable distance of stirring events.

For the first time this year we now had an opportunity of continuous training. Capt. Duncan, the Adjutant; the Quartermaster, Lieut. Keen; and Capt. Beach, all of whom had been severely wounded at the First Battle of Gaza in March, rejoined the unit in July.

The Corps system, as in France, had shortly before this been established. The Army now consisted of a Mounted Corps (General Chauvel) and two Infantry Corps, the XX and XXI, commanded by Generals Chetwode and Bulfin respectively. The 2nd/4th Queen's formed part of the former Corps.

It became possible to thoroughly organize the Battalion for war until, by the time the Jerusalem campaign commenced, there was a trained understudy for everybody, Battalion Headquarters were organized as a large self-contained unit, all subaltern officers and 200 N.C.O.s. and men were trained as Lewis Gunners, and over 200 bombers were trained.

At the end of July we marched west to the coastal trench area between Sheikh Ajlin and the Cairo—Gaza road, and took over the sector nearest to the sea. The 2nd/4th Queen's moved into Brigade Reserve at Marine View, about 2,000 yards in rear of our front trenches.

We had bivouac tents, and excavated dugouts beneath them. The soil was deep sand. As we were well within medium artillery range of the Turks, pre-

cautions had to be taken accordingly. Narrow shell slits were dug close to the lines of bivouac tents which were extended over as wide an area as possible. During one month in this bivouac we used 60,000 sandbags.

The bivouac was a pleasant one. We were 50 feet about the sea and about 200 yards from it. There was always a breeze off the sea, and the bathing was an unfailing joy to all ranks, though the sea on this coast is always rough, and an occasional whizbang reminded one that a war was on. The Turks were evidently saving up their shells for more serious times. Occasionally they shelled the track which ran through our bivouac from the Wadi Ghuzzee one and a quarter miles south of us.

The difference between trench warfare here and in France is illustrated by the fact that units here were content to remain a month in the trenches. Here we were not troubled with hand-grenades or trench mortars, though the night patrols afforded exciting moments. On the other hand, units in Palestine had to be efficient in open warfare, which, unlike trench warfare, could not be learnt in a few weeks.

Under the new régime, leave in Egypt for officers, N.C.O.s. and men was encouraged. It was a very valuable privilege, and there are few pleasanter places than Cairo and Alexandria for a week's holiday.

Towards the end of August we moved away with some regret from our bivouac at "Marine View" and proceeded by easy stages at night to Sandhills, near Railhead at Deir-el-Belah, where we received a contingent of four officers from the 1st/5th Queen's in India, and sent them four in exchange. One of the new arrivals, Major Roper, proved to be senior to Major Few, who had been Second-in-Command for over two years. Of the other officers from India, one (Capt. Potter) was killed about the first time he went into action, and another (Lieut. Fearon) had his arm shattered very early in the day.

We now resumed training. Co-operation with contact aeroplanes was practised and we were supplied with the anti-gas box respirator, an effective instrument which, however, added another three pounds to the weight to be carried by the already over-burdened infantryman.<sup>16</sup>

Like our forerunners in this part of the world, the Israelites, some of us had the opportunity of testing quail as a diet. Thousands were caught in nets stretched along the coast.

## KING EDWARD VII CONVALESCENT HOME FOR OFFICERS AT OSBORNE

OSBORNE HOUSE, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, formerly the island home of Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria, was given to the Nation by H.M. King Edward VII as a Convalescent Home for Officers.

The House, which is situated on the Solent in an exceptionally beautiful park of 450 acres, was duly converted into a most delightful and comfortable Convalescent Home for the reception of Convalescent Officers, both serving and retired, of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Indian Navy and Indian Army; Cadets of the aforementioned Services, and, under certain conditions, both serving and retired Civil Servants who, owing to the nature of their duties, have to serve abroad.

A staff of fully qualified nursing sisters, masseurs, etc., is employed, and special facilities are available for dietary, massage and electrical and light treatment. Medical attendance is free, but in case of special nursing or other special measures or special drugs a charge is made to cover the cost.

<sup>16</sup> As a matter of fact the Turks never used gas.

Massage, diathermy, ionization, radiant heat, ultra-violet rays and all electro-therapeutical treatments are provided at a charge normally of 2s. 6d. per week.

The organization of the Home, however, is such as to eliminate as far as practicable, the atmosphere of service discipline, and it combines all the advantages of a first-class Convalescent Home with those of a country club for those patients who, in the later stages of convalescence, are able to take full advantage of the recreational facilities provided.

Osborne has its own private golf links within the grounds, about three minutes' walk of the house, and the club, which is second to none in the island, has its own resident professional. There are also hard and grass tennis courts, a croquet lawn, bowling green, badminton court, miniature rifle range and also a private bathing beach on the estate. During the season the 4½-ton sloop, *Osborne*, is available daily for yachtsmen, and, during the winter months, the Isle of Wight Foxhounds meet four days a week and the foot beagles on two days. Officers may hunt with the latter pack free of charge.

Frequent entertainments, theatricals and dances, are held throughout the year in the Recreation Room, which is provided with a piano, radio-gramophone and cinema. A Silence Room is provided for those who desire quietude.

Osborne also has its own motor-car, which conveys patients free of charge to and from the railway station. The car is available for long and short runs at a small charge. Garage accommodation is available for patients bringing their own cars.

The charges payable are very reasonable and are as follows:—

- (a) Cadets and certain subordinate Officers and Officers on Half Pay: 4s. 6d. per day.
- (b) All other Officers: 6s. per day.
- (c) Civil Servants: 10s. per day.

For further particulars and booklet apply to the House Governor, Osborne House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight.

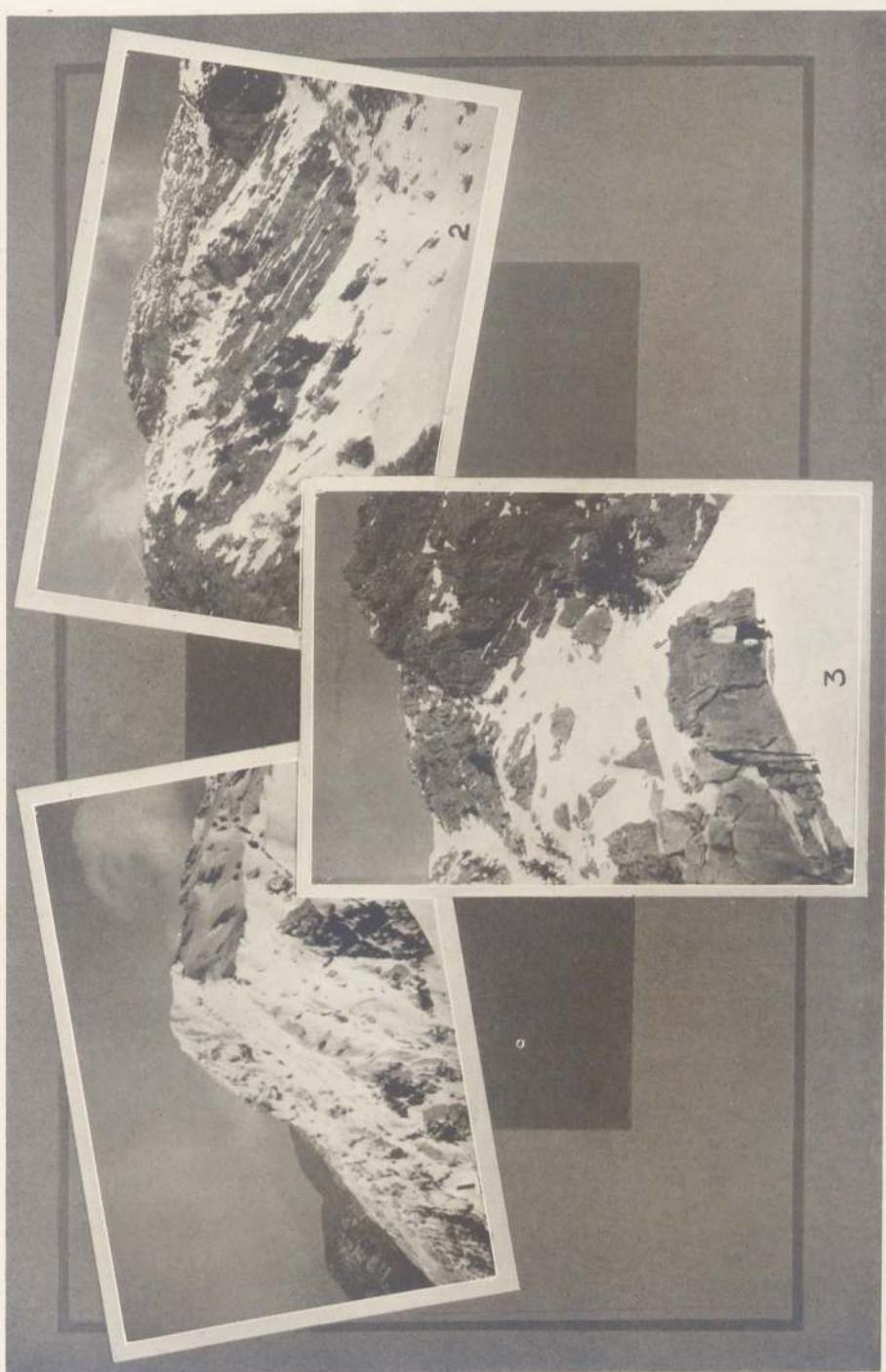
Telegraphic Address: "Convalescent, Cowes." Telephone No.: Cowes 251.

## A DAY'S SKI-ING ON MT. CHILTAN, QUETTA.

"FINE day, Huzoor," were the words which roused me at 5.30 a.m., in spite of the dust-storm which had been blowing furiously as I fell asleep the previous evening. One glance from my veranda at the still, starry sky assured me that such was indeed the case, and while I struggled into ski-ing trousers and boots, my Pathan bearer withdrew to arouse the inevitably somnolent cook, whose apathetic acceptance of the previous evening of my order for breakfast at 6 a.m., clearly showed that he would not support this madness on a Sunday morning without further encouragement.

As the first streaks of dawn began to light up the sky, I set off for the Club on a bicycle, with skis and sticks over my shoulder, and a rucksac on my back, the Taxi-wallah having not unexpectedly failed to turn up. Soon after 7 a.m., "F" picked "K" and myself up in his car, and we set out on the fifteen-mile

SKI-ING ON MOUNT CHILTAN, QUETTA.



1. Mount Chiltan, 10,853 ft. 2. The chief ski-ing fields and summit of Mount Chiltan. 3. A half-way halt with the gully leading to the summit in top left corner.

car drive to the base of the mountain, where we arrived in company with four of the R.A.F., also bound for the summit.

For the first half-hour we followed the course of a rocky nullah, until striking the snow-line at the 7,000 feet mark, when we took to a rocky ridge which appeared to offer the easiest route to the top. On our right fell away the snow-covered slopes facing N.E., which constitute the nursery—slopes of our ski-ing ground; and to the left, the bare, rocky south slopes of the "Reserved Forest," cut up by numerous nullahs and normally frequented only by Chukor or by the parties organized by the agent to the Governor-General of Baluchistan for their undoing.

After an hour's steady climb in the rapidly warming sunshine, we paused to fit skins to our skis as a relief to our shoulders. However, the snow proved to be still frozen so hard that we made very slow progress up the steep traverse of a shoulder running below the ridge, and very soon we once more shouldered our skis and resumed our original course up the rocky ridge. By ten o'clock we had reached what appeared to be a sheer rock wall; but the R.A.F. party ahead of us led round to the left up a steep snow gully, and we followed in their wake, the only alternative route being up a very steep slope facing south, which had already avalanched some time previously at the top end, and looked none too safe. Having reached the head of the gully we found an almost sheer rocky wall for about fifty feet, up which we carefully picked our way, handing up our skis from one to the other, and expecting at any moment to see one of them slip from their precarious resting-places and hurtle into the valley, 1,000 feet below. The last hour's climb was by way of a steep and narrow ravine, still in shadow, and frozen so hard that we had to kick steps in the snow. By noon we stood on the top, 10,800 feet, in a howling gale from the north-west, which blew continual blasts of driven powder in our faces. To the east lay Quetta, almost invisible, so well did the mud houses and barracks blend with the soil of Baluchistan. "The best view of Quetta I have ever seen," as one of the party sardonically remarked! To the north-east the high barrier of mountains separating us from Afghanistan spread like a wall across the horizon. West of our peak and separated from us by a mile of rocky valley and sheer precipice, lay the true summit of Chiltan, just under 11,000 feet high; while to the south lay the Range over which the Bolan Pass leads to the plains of the Sind Desert.

Removing our skins we started to run down the extensive basin in the direction of Quetta, but found that the wind had spoilt what must, a month earlier, have been glorious powder, converting it into board-hard alternating with breakable crust, and in the sheltered valleys, remnants of powder snow.

After 1,500 feet of atrocious running, and many falls, we decided to retrace our steps to the top and run down the north-east face of the ridge up which we had climbed, and where, by now, the sun should have made fair running possible. Our course down the narrow ravine at the top and the avalanche slope below was slow and difficult as there was no run out at the bottom and the slope was so steep that the only form of downhill turn possible was a jump turn. However, the slope was obviously firm enough, as one or two first-class purlers did not dislodge it, and with easier minds in consequence, we took the alternative route to that which we had chosen up the rock face. The last 1,500 feet of snow was the best we found all day, and we reached the nursery slopes at tea-time, having accomplished our object. We had been rewarded by a magnificent view, but the disappointing state of the snow in the basin failed to compensate for the labour of carrying heavy rose-wood skis for four hours up one of the steepest mountains in Baluchistan.

## 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. P. Phillips.

**S**INCE the last issue of the JOURNAL we have to record the transfer to the Reserve of Major G. Baker and Lieut. Grimshaw. Major Baker joined the Battalion in 1922, and Lieut. Grimshaw in 1925. We are very sorry to lose the active services of these two officers in the Battalion.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Graham Neale, who has joined the Battalion on first appointment, and has been posted to "A" Company, at Reigate.

Our congratulations are offered to Lieut. H. Merriman on the occasion of his marriage on 16th February at St. John the Baptist Church, Woking. A number of officers of the Battalion were present at the church and the reception afterwards.

We also congratulate Major Palmer and Capt. Pakenham on their promotion. Capt. Pakenham has taken over command of "C" (S.) Company from Major Baker, and is now enthusiastically studying the intricacies of the Machine Gun at the Small Arms School, Netheravon.

We were sorry to lose R.S.M. Hankin at very short notice. He has taken up the appointment of R.Q.M.S. at the Depot. He will be missed, not only as an R.S.M., but also for his numerous activities with "C" (S.) Company at Guildford. C.S.M. Torkington has come from the 2nd Battalion as R.S.M. Hankin's relief, and we wish him a successful and happy tour of duty.

Winter training has been carried out on the usual lines. Two dinners for officers of the Battalion have been held at Headquarters. The first one was followed by a discussion on the difficult question of recruiting for the Territorial Army, and the second was followed by an interesting lecture by Brigadier R. V. Pollok, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Guards Brigade, on his experiences in the war. These dinners and lectures afford the opportunity for officers of the Battalion to meet together during the winter, which they do not normally do owing to the decentralized nature of the Battalion.

We were fortunate enough to have a small amount remaining of the Training Grant, which enabled Companies to carry out some useful exercises. A T.E.W.T. for all N.C.O.s. of "B" Company was held in the vicinity of Hartford Bridge Flats on 2nd March. "C" (S.) Company carried out two exercises on 10th and 17th March in the vicinity of Puttenham.

A Brigade Exercise was held during the week-end, 23rd-24th February, at Tunbridge Wells, at which three of our officers attended. Capt. Dickson and Lieut. Fetherstonhaugh proceeded on the 44th Divisional Battlefield Tour on 8th March to study the operations of the Aisne, 1914.

### Boxing.

We have had a most successful boxing season, which culminated in producing a competitor in the Army and Territorial Army finals at the Albert Hall on 8th March. This is the first time the Battalion has had a representative in the Territorial Army finals.

A very successful Battalion Meeting was held at Camberley on 12th January, an account of which is given elsewhere. "B" Company again won the Company Shield.

The Battalion was again second in the Brigade Competition held at Kingston on 26th January, being four points behind the winners, the 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.

In the Divisional Championships the Battalion did extremely well in carrying off the Divisional Cup by one point, and beating the 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.

We congratulate "B" Company on producing 2/Lieut. Mansel, Cpl. Wright and Pte. Mann to represent the Battalion in the Territorial Army preliminary finals. Cpl. Wright eventually reached the final of the light heavy-weights at the Albert Hall. These results are most encouraging for next year.

### Football.

The Inter-Company Competition for the Adjutant's Shield produced some very keen games, and the standard of football showed a great improvement on last year. "B" Company won the final on the Depot ground, at Guildford, on 7th April, for the second year in succession, beating "D" Company after extra time in the replay by five goals to three. This was an exciting and excellent game, watched by a crowd of enthusiastic supporters. After the match the shield and medals were presented to the "B" Company team by the Commanding Officer.

### Shooting.

The usual Inter-Detachment Miniature Range Shoot was held, and the results were as follow:—

		1st	2nd	3rd	Series.	Total
Farnham	...	691	626	630		1947
Camberley	...	629	652	667		1932
Woking	...	603	646	551		1800
Haslemere	...	554	598	615		1767
Guildford	...	552	592	570		1714
Farncombe	...	575	490	468		1333
Dorking	...	472	353	547		1372
Reigate	...	569	636	—		—

Our congratulations are offered to the Farnham Detachment who won the Competition, having been sixth in last year's placing.

### Boxing.

The Battalion Inter-Company Competition was held at Camberley Drill Hall on 12th January.

Capt. D. S. Lister, M.C., The Buffs, and Capt. L. H. Churcher, Army Sports Control Board, very kindly acted as referees, and the following officers acted as judges: Lieut.-Col. Guy Lee, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and Lieut. James, Army School of Physical Training.

There were twenty-four entries in the various weights, but four of these failed to turn up owing to sickness.

An interesting demonstration of the correct and incorrect points in boxing was given by Lieut. Sheldon, Sergt.-Instr. Moore and Sergt. Spence, of the Depot.

Two contests were held, the first between L./Cpl. Kennedy, Royal Corps of Signals and Pte. Labrum, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and the second between Boy Mann, of "B" Company and Boy Soames of the Frimley Cadet Corps.

The following official guests were present:—The Brigade Commander (Col. H. H. M. Harris, T.D., D.L.), Major R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C., Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C., Major Halse, Col. Van der Byl, and Dr. Tunbridge, who acted as Medical Officer.

The following are the Battalion results:—

*Fly-weight.*—Pte. Ashwood, "B" Company.

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Cattermole, "B" Company.

*Feather-weight.*—Winner: Pte. Mann, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Rolfe, "A" Company.

*Light-weight.*—Winner: Pte. Swinden, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Standing "D" Company.

*Welter-weight.*—Winner: Cpl. Stocker, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Constantine, "B" Company.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner: Pte. Jackson, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Butler, "D" Company.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Winner: Cpl. Wright, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Keeping, "D" Company.

*Best Loser of the Evening.*—Pte. Rolfe, "A" Company.

*Inter-Company Shield.*—"B" Company, 22 points; "D" Company, 6 points; "A" Company, 1 point.

The prizes were presented by Col. Harris.

It was a very successful evening, in spite of the fact that the programme had to be altered considerably owing to four men being unable to turn up.

The ring was kindly lent by the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

The following were winners in their weights at the Brigade Boxing held at Kingston-on-Thames on 26th January:—

*Officers.*—Middle-weight: 2/Lieut. J. W. M. Mansel.

*Other Ranks.*—Light-weight: Pte. Mann, "B" Company. Light Heavy-weight: Cpl. Wright, "B" Company.

At the Divisional Finals held at Chelsea Barracks on 16th February, the above-named won their fights respectively, and gained the Divisional Cup for the Battalion with a total of six points.

Cpl. Wright and Pte. Mann represented the 44th Division in the T.A. Boxing Finals at the London Scottish Headquarters, Buckingham Gate, on 6th and 7th March. Pte. Mann was beaten on points in a very good fight. Cpl. Wright won his two fights, thereby qualifying to compete in the finals at the Albert Hall.

Cpl. Wright fought in the final of the light heavy-weight (T.A.) at the Albert Hall on 8th March, and was beaten on points.

#### COMPANY NEWS.

"B" Company (Camberley and Farnham).

##### Shooting.

On 28th October the Annual Company Prize Shoot was held on the R.M.C. Range. The Grand Aggregate was won by Sergt. Farrell (Farnham), and Sergt. Bridger and Cpl. Goodchild (Camberley) tied for second place.

The Recruits' Prize was won by Pte. Wells (Farnham), and second place was taken by Pte. Jones (Camberley).

The following were the winners of the side-shows:—

*Housemaid at the Window.*—Sergt. Bridger.

*Running Deer.*—Pte. H. J. Gaines.

*Falling Plates.*—Officers.

*Figure III Competition.*—Officers.

It should perhaps be mentioned that, in the last two competitions, the Company officers' team was completed by Capt. Burton-Brown (H.Q. Wing) and C.S.M. Reeves.

##### Miniature Range.

The Annual Christmas Shoot was held at Camberley in December, and the following N.C.Os. tied for first place with possible scores:—

Cpl. Goodchild, Cpl. Stocker, L./Cpl. Liford and C.Q.M.S. Hogsflesh. Cpl. Goodchild won the shoot-off.

The Recruits' Prize was won by Pte. Ferris.

*Monthly Spoon Shoot Winners.*—October, 1934: Sergt. Bridger (19). November, 1934: Pte. Gaffney (20). January, 1935: Sergt. Bannister (20). February, 1935: Pte. J. Gaines (20).

*Inter-Detachment Shoot (Battalion).*—1st, Farnham Detachment; 2nd, Camberley Detachment.

##### Armistice Day.

The usual Armistice Church Parades were held both at Farnham and Camberley.

##### Annual Prize Distribution and Concert.

The Farnham Detachment held theirs on 21st December, when the prizes were presented by the Adjutant.

The Camberley Detachment held theirs on 22nd December, the prizes being presented by Col. H. H. M. Harris, T.D., D.L.

After the prize-givings, both Detachments held very cheery smoking concerts.

##### Children's Christmas Tree.

This year, for the first time, we held a Christmas Party for the children. Over seventy of these were present with their parents. After tea, toys from the Christmas tree were given by Santa Claus, very ably represented by 2/Lieut. Mansel.

##### Training.

The usual N.C.Os.' Winter Classes were held, and we were again fortunate in securing the services of Sergt. Matthews and Sergt. Delaney, of the 2nd Battalion, at Camberley and Farnham respectively.

On 6th January, Lieut. Grimston, of the 2nd Battalion, gave the Officers and N.C.Os. a most instructive lecture on map reading and the use of the prismatic compass.

An N.C.Os.' T.E.W.T. was held near Hartford Bridge Flats on Sunday, 3rd March. Its success was principally due to the help Capt. Whitfield, 2nd Battalion, gave the Company Commander in setting the scheme.

The Company Commander takes this opportunity to thank these two officers for their valuable assistance.

##### Boxing.

We are rather proud of our boxers this year. First of all we won the Battalion Shield for the fifth year in succession, and actually won every weight.

The Company team was chosen to represent the Battalion at the Brigade Boxing at Kingston. Here we were not so successful, owing to some of our team being over trained, and we had to be content with second place to the 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.

However, Pte. Mann won the light-weight, Cpl. Wright the light heavy-weight, and 2/Lieut. Mansel had a walk-over in the officers' middle-weight. These three represented the Brigade in the Divisional Boxing at Chelsea, and, by winning their respective fights, gained the Divisional Cup for the first time on record.

In the T.A. Championships, 2/Lieut. Mansel, being a novice, was advised, much against his will, not to go further this year. Cpl. Wright and Pte. Mann represented the Division in their weights. After a very close fight Mann was beaten on points by the eventual winner. Cpl. Wright fought his way through to the final after some very fine performances, but facing the enormous crowd at the Albert Hall seemed to upset him, and he was narrowly beaten on points.

##### Football.

We again won the Adjutant's Football Shield.

## 5TH BATTALION

The Company Commander would like to thank all officers, N.C.Os. and men who helped to win the following during the past year:—

Bisley (Allen Cup), Divisional Boxing Cup, Miniature Range Shield, Battalion Boxing Shield and Battalion Football Shield.

*St. Patrick's Dance.*

The Ninth Annual Ball was held at the Camberley Drill Hall on Monday, 18th March, when nearly 280 attended. Without doubt, this was the most successful reunion of the series. The Band of the 2nd Battalion played for dancing, and Sergts. Standley and Chapman were M.Cs.

Among those present were Lieut.-Col. W. Sturmy Cave, D.S.O., Capt. J. H. R. Dickson, M.C., Lieut. R. E. Clarke, Lieut. N. B. Riches, 2/Lieut. Mansel, Lieut. A. J. E. Pakenham, Lieut. H. H. Merriman, Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C., Capt. D. C. G. Dickinson and Lieut. A. J. A. Watson.

The hall was effectively decorated with evergreens and floral effects. A number of old-time dances were included in the programme, and there were "spot" and other competitions.

*"C" (S.) Company (Guildford and Haslemere).*

Since the last edition of the JOURNAL, the normal training carried out calls for no special remarks.

We regret the loss of R.S.M. Hankin, who has been posted to the Regimental Depot in the appointment of R.Q.M.S.

We extend a very hearty welcome to C.S.M. Torkington, who has been posted from the 2nd Battalion in his place.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate Capt. A. J. E. Pakenham, our Company Commander, on his promotion.

Every good wish is extended to Lieut. H. H. Merriman on the occasion of his marriage. Several N.C.Os. from the Company attended the wedding at St. John's Church, Woking, and formed a Guard of Honour outside the church after the ceremony.

Tactical Exercises were carried out on 10th February on Whitmore Common, and on 10th and 17th March in the Compton area. These were well carried out, and enjoyed by those who attended.

Shooting on the miniature range has been very popular during the winter on Sunday mornings.

The Company Prize Shoot was again well supported. In all, fifty prizes were awarded. L./Sergt. Jarrett and Pte. Simmonds came up smiling at the top of the list. The Christmas Shoot was run in conjunction with this. Credit is due to C.S.M. Kerr for the hard work he put in to arrange prizes. Pte. Simmonds topped this list well, with C.S.M. Kerr second.

The shooting cups were won by:—

*Grand Aggregate.*—Sergt. F. Pullan.

*Application (Trained Men).*—Pte. C. Lamdin.

*Rapid Fire (Trained Men).*—Sergt. F. Pullan.

*Snapshooting (Trained Men).*—Sergt. F. Pullan.

*Application (Recruits).*—Pte. H. Hathaway.

*Rapid Fire (Recruits).*—Pte. A. May.

*Snapshooting (Recruits).*—Pte. J. Ager.

*Machine Gun Cup.*—Pte. F. Cox.

*Efficiency Cup (Guildford).*—Cpl. C. Willans.

*Efficiency Cup (Haslemere).*—Pte. F. Hill.

The winners are to be congratulated on some extremely good shooting, particularly Sergt. Pullan.

## 5TH BATTALION

C.S.M. Kerr has just returned from Netheravon after attending a Machine Gun Course. He passed successfully, and has brought back with him the very latest that is to be known about that weapon.

Capt. Pakenham and 2/Lieut. Jobson are at present attending a course at Netheravon on the same weapon.

A farewell concert to R.S.M. Hankin was held in the Club Room on 13th February. A most enjoyable programme was arranged by the Bandmaster, and R.S.M. Hankin was presented with a very handsome clock from past and serving members of the Guildford Detachment by Capt. Pakenham. On this occasion we were honoured by the presence of our Commanding Officer.

The arrangements for the Detachment Ball and Prize-Giving are in hand as these notes leave us. The demand for tickets makes us feel confident that it will be a success.

*"D" Company (Woking and Farncombe).*

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL, may events of material interest to the Company have occurred. We are pleased to say that the Company is still doing well, and that we have managed to improve on last year in many ways.

Recruiting is still on the up-grade, and our present strength is an increase of fifteen on the corresponding date last year.

During the winter we had the great misfortune to lose two very popular N.C.Os.—Sergt. H. W. Kite, who was killed at Knaphill in October, and L./Sergt. J. F. Wells, who was killed at Hayes, in March, both as the result of road accidents. It was a great blow to the Company; our loss has been felt by all ranks. They were both very keen N.C.Os., extremely good shots in the Company team, and had a great deal to do with everything of interest in the Company.

We have again had a good shooting year, and our teams have done extremely well. We won the Surrey Brigade Shield for the sixth year in succession, and the Hartmann Shield again remains in our keeping, largely due to a fine shoot by the Young Soldiers' team. We also retain the Surrey Small-Bore Cup for this year. We congratulate Sergt. Keen on a fine individual effort, being awarded the T.A.R.A. Silver Medal for the highest individual score in the Company Team Shoot.

The Company Prize Shoot saw some keen competition. The shooting was of an exceedingly high standard, and in four of the five competitions a shoot-off was necessary. The results were as follow:—

*Company Championship.*—Sergt. E. C. Keen.

*Class "B."*—Pte. J. Harding.

*Recruits' Championship.*—Pte. P. Shaughnessy.

*Rapid Fire Competition.*—C.S.M. A. Lawrence.

*Lewis Gun Cup.*—Sergt. E. C. Keen.

During the winter we have managed to run a football team. This is in addition to our normal activities, as we have never made any attempt to run a team throughout the season before. We entered the Junior League and several local competitions. For a considerable part of the season we met with very little success, and we have to thank the persistent efforts of a few hard workers that we did eventually build a good team. Now that we have survived the first season, we can safely say that we shall, without doubt, meet with more success next year. Pte. Horner has been the Sports Secretary during the season, and has proved himself very keen and capable, doing a great deal of work in the interest of sport generally, and it is largely due to his hard work and untiring energy that we have seen the season through.

In the Inter-Company Football Competition this year, we saw some extremely good football. In the final against "B" Company, two strong teams were

produced, and the competition provoked a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from all spectators. The replay for the final, held on the Depot ground, at Guildford, on 7th April, resulted in a win for "B" Company after extra time.

As far as social work is concerned in the Company, we have had another successful period. Our Company Concert was a great success, the programme arranged by the Bandmaster (Mr. Tregelgas) being enjoyed by all who were present. Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C., D.L., attended, and very kindly presented the prizes won during the year.

The Social Evening held at Woking, on New Year's Eve, for members and their relatives and friends, was again voted a success. Over 200 attended, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## FOILING THE FOREST FIRE DEMON IN ONTARIO

A GREAT many industries are dependent upon the forest for their continuance. If we take stock only of the common things about the home we are struck by the fact that a large percentage of the articles used are made of wood. Consequently the need of conserving this bounteous gift of Nature for the people of Ontario can hardly be over-emphasized. It is encouraging to note that those responsible for keeping the forests safe are succeeding increasingly in their gigantic undertaking. Fires, insects and tree diseases are all being kept down more and more every year, until Ontario may look forward to a day when destruction of its forest wealth from these causes will be reduced to an easily controllable minimum.

In the control of the fire menace all the craft of skilled airmen has been employed and the results obtained are already marked. Serious forest disasters such as have marred the story of the forests of the province for over half a century are now the exception.

The records of early fires in Ontario show that wide areas west of Lake Superior were burned over in 1845. A decade later, in what is now the Temagami Forest Reserve at Lady Evelyn Lake, hundreds of square miles of magnificent pine forest were devastated. From that time on forest fires were frequent and virulent. In 1851, 1868 and 1876 fires which laid waste huge areas of valuable timber on the Ottawa River occurred. In 1864 and 1871 fires which destroyed enormous timber wealth raged along the north shore of the Georgian Bay and Lake Superior, the latter sweeping over 2,000 square miles. So great was the loss that public interest was aroused and laws were passed in 1878 and 1885 which tended towards a diminution of the awful destruction.

But still the holocaust went on. In 1891 and 1896 fires of great size wiped out forest areas along the Canadian Pacific Railway from Pogamasing to Woman River. Then in 1911, in the Porcupine—Cochrane area, occurred a conflagration which combined property destruction with loss of human life in so startling a degree that the people of the province became increasingly aware of the menace.

In that year, when 70 square miles of timber area were devastated, 70 persons met their end. Five years later 250 deaths and the destruction of 1,200 square miles of timber in the Clay Belt emphasized the necessity for reform of forest fire regulation. In 1922, 45 persons died and \$7,000,000 worth of property was burned in the disaster which swept the town of Haileybury.

Since then there have been no great forest fire losses in the province, due in part, at least, to the ever-watchful vigilance of the fire prevention and fighting services.

In the location and suppression of forest fires aircraft have proved superior to any other known method. The smoke of even the lone camp fire can be located to within a few hundred yards. It is visible for several miles from a height of five or six thousand feet. The north country being cut up by innumerable rivers and lakes, like a patchwork quilt, the flying boats used are especially well adapted for patrol and reconnaissance.

Commencing early in 1921, when the first aerial operations were started in conjunction with the Canadian Air Board, by 1927 the operations of the Provincial Air Service were an assured success. Using Moth seaplanes, the first light aeroplanes on floats, the Service has vindicated the experiment, as they maintained that with some slight changes the original land plane could be converted into a seaplane.

Aerial survey, mapping, sketching, photographing and estimating are other jobs undertaken by the Service, which in this way surveys the forest and at the same time has in hand the control of the fire demon.

Attention should be drawn to the composition of the forest wealth of the province, for in this way an idea may be obtained of the sources from whence come the multitude of products manufactured from the fruit of these forest fastnesses.

The Southern Hardwoods district, the St. Lawrence Hardwoods district, the Laurentian Forest and the Northern Forest—these are the four great forest areas of Ontario.

The Southern Hardwoods district, south of a line from the base of Lake Huron to the vicinity of the city of Hamilton, contains elm, beech, maple, oak, hickory, ash and walnut in profusion. Besides some cedar and balsam a few other species, such as mulberry, sassafras, coffee tree and magnolia, are found.

In the St. Lawrence Hardwoods area—a district including the territory from the boundary of the Southern Hardwoods district to another line connecting the southern end of the Georgian Bay to the city of Ottawa—are found fewer varieties of hardwoods, owing to the somewhat more rigorous climatic and soil conditions. Maple, elm, birch, beech and basswood woodlots, interspersed with cedar swamps in low-lying tracts, are characteristic of this region.

Between this region and the height of land lies the great Laurentian Forest, which has been the backbone of the lumber industry of the province for years. The pulp and paper industry has also drawn from this great forest treasurehouse freely. Characteristic of the district stood an immense area of red and white pine, which for half a century has contributed the greater portion of Ontario's lumber and timber. Hemlock has also produced prolifically towards the annual output. Farther north, jack pine, tamarack, spruce and balsam are found, the latter two yielding the greater portion of the pulpwood of the province.

Yellow birch, maple, white birch, poplar, and some of the varieties found among the St. Lawrence Hardwoods, are the principal hardwoods, but to the north these gradually disappear until finally paper birch and poplar are the only hardwood representatives.

The fourth Ontario forest region—the Northern Forest—is the portion north of the height of land, and the closer to James Bay one travels through the area, the fewer pine, hemlock and hardwoods are found, until black and white spruce, balsam and some cedar and tamarack only remain, with the hardwoods, aspen, paper birch and balsam poplar.

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

*Headquarters:* 2, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.6.

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

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

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

THE Annual Armistice Church Parade was held, in conjunction with our Old Comrades and Royal Defence Force, on the Battalion Parade Ground, the service being held at the Old Bermondsey Church. Wreaths were laid on our own Memorial by Col. C. F. Greenwood, on behalf of the Old Comrades, by Lieut.-Col. B. H. Hughes-Reckitt, and by the representatives of other bodies, including the 24th. The strength on parade was very good, the O.C.A. turning up particularly well, and there was not a vacant seat in the church. 2/Lieuts. Lockwood and Pocock carried the Colours. Canon Sinker took the service, including those parts which our own padre usually takes. The Rev. Williams-Ashman was seriously ill in bed at the time, with pneumonia. We are very glad he is now better. Our Colours, the St. John's, the flags of the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Brownies, etc., were laid on the altar or placed around the chancel. We also sent contingents to Westminster and the Cenotaph, but the Colours, of course, accompanied the Battalion. They go to the Royal Exchange when Sunday does not happen to be Armistice Day as well.

Our own little private ceremony, at our own Memorial, was carried out as well. An officer laid a wreath, a bugler sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille," and two riflemen paid tribute on behalf of the 22nd, as did hundreds of relatives. These flowers remain on the Memorial for many, many days. All Companies of the 22nd were represented in "The Field of Remembrance," near Westminster Abbey.

At our Drill Hall, in contrast with many others, we never close. Whether this is a right course to adopt or a wrong one is a matter for discussion, but not now! As we have it, any man may come along and "pick up a drill" . . . he may have been idle in the past . . . he may have been unable to come . . . he may not even have worried to come, and possibly been "shaken" by the Armistice Parade—anything may have happened to him to prevent him; round about us, *anything*—but by coming he shows that he realizes his fault, self-confesses it—and we admit him. Anyway, during the months of late September, the whole of October, November and December, there exists a very stolid machinery for the man who *wants* to learn. The Recruits' hours hardly stop at all. One evening each week is given up to getting all ranks, irrespective of companies, machine-gun minded. Cadre Courses for Senior N.C.O.s. and Junior N.C.O.s. are held, and the latter include promising privates.

They are taught *how* to teach as opposed to *what* to teach, so that they can be, and are, available for their various company commanders, and can, and do, take away a standard lesson, learn, and teach it, next week. These courses were very well attended, and very well run; the adjutant and permanent staff need a "piece of cake" for them. The courses were also run with the particular object of giving an individual (who is not, perhaps, in civil life a leader) an opportunity of managing a section or squad. This was what they really wanted, so they informed us. We are contemplating other similar courses at an early date, and the Easter Party at Guildford will be based on previous ones.

By super sauce and stealth, we have managed to borrow thirty quite up-to-date Pieces Face Mks. iv and v, for Gas Training. With these we functioned on the

cadre, and the officers, and later during Company Training. A complete success, from the word, "Gas." We sincerely hope that we shall be allowed to keep them, since, situated as we are, it will take some time to get through the Battalion. We are indebted to the lenders, and we know that it will not be their fault if they have to be withdrawn. We think we can confidently say that about a third of the Battalion is semi-gas-minded, and most of these know enough to instruct others at a moment's notice. We expected an uproar from the local council, with fiery headings in their local and free newspaper, but none as yet. Perhaps they appreciate this "passive assistance!"

An Officers' Tuesday lecture evening has been running throughout the winter; the subjects being chosen as much as possible "out of the rut."

We were lucky enough to have the services of Major Slade-Baker, an old friend of The Queen's, and now D.A.D.O.S., London District. He came down on three occasions, twice to talk to the Officers and senior N.C.O.s. on Ordnance Services in Peace and War, and once to talk to all and sundry on Chemical Warfare, a subject he is fully competent to talk upon, as he has been at Porton. We should like to thank him for these visits, and for enlarging upon the adjutant's previous and trivial lectures on the subject; but more so for answering those questions which, at previous lectures had been conveniently postponed, or avoided, because of time or something; you know!

The Annual Prize-giving and Ball was more of a success than ever! We fully realize that each year this is constantly said, but we really believe it this time. Anyway, the officers were all on time! (ish). We base the success, not upon the smaller amount which we were subjected to disgorge at the final reckoning, no, but upon the greater number of "past" members and "relatives" who came around to see us. This was the Commanding Officer's wish, as it has always been in the past, and by a specially arranged distribution of tickets, thoroughly "shepperded" and most efficiently "handscombed," the results were superlative.

The prizes were given away by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Director General of the Territorial Army. Major-General C. G. Liddell, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., our new Divisional Commander, and Col. M. B. Beckwith-Smith, D.S.O., M.C., our new Brigade Commander, were also present. We managed to get a "close-up" of General Bonham-Carter handing the 47th Transport Trophy—a silver harnessed horse—to Capt. Bevington, and to get this into the Daily Press afterwards. The report of the competition and the photograph of the trophy appeared in the last issue.

Several items especially struck us, as "Us" at the Prize-giving, and we crave to record them:—

1. The intensely good turn-out of all members in uniform, and the saluting.
2. The number of men who turn up each year to receive their Territorial Efficiency Medals (twelve years)—and then some! They are the perfect example to others younger, with their soldiering before them. They surely prove that there is something really stolid in our Regiment.
3. That it must not happen again (Company Commanders of Rifle Companies will see to it) that the Lewis Gun Cup goes to any Company other than a Company armed with the "blinking" weapon. "Congratulations, 'D' (S.) Company."
4. That, although Capt. F. E. B. Girling, M.C., accompanying the D.G.T.A., and belonging, of course, to The Queen's, was pestered all the night about "future changes," and knew about them, not an iota emerged. We bear him no grudge, and know he enjoyed himself.
5. That it was extremely pleasant to see so many regimental people there, headed by Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Basset, M.C.

After Prize-giving was over, the hall was "miraculously" cleared for dancing. We say "miraculously" only because we consider it to be such. To clear away

some 200 to 300 chairs, arranged like a miniature Queen's Hall; to hide half of the chairs (Lord knows where), and to produce, in something like ten minutes, as excellent a reproduction of a London ballroom as one could wish for, is "miraculous." The more so, when one remembers that these "operators" are being bombarded with questions; are having to deal with the kindly souls who are in the hall; and having, which is worse, to deal with those *unkindly* souls, who are *not* in the hall yet, but cannot — well see why they should not be; are getting the dance band into position with one hand, and securing the unaccepted prizes (just in case) with the other hand; and lastly, but by far the most diplomatic job, that of disencouraging the "pretty-pretty" from completely absorbing all the sanctum, whence one desires "the powers that be," to watch.

This has never, to our knowledge, been recorded before. Perchance, it never should have been now! But behind the scenes, happenings are quite interesting sometimes, and we think that we have discovered a miracle.

About this period, end of January, commences that categorization system of training. Originally, when it was enforced upon us we laughed—but soon did not. It worked. It tries to ensure that every man gets the maximum of variety combined with the minimum of repetition (our own definition, and apt). The various Company Commanders are, therefore, now, and until Easter, sorting out their men and teaching them under this system, and using the "cadre trained" N.C.Os. of the winter courses. Numbers at this time of the year are not large, but there is always the band of stalwarts who come, and who are eager to learn and easy to teach.

As an experiment, we have unofficially absorbed "C" Company into "D" (S.) Company for training purposes. They are to retain their entity, but will be trained as machine gunners. It is very experimental and more will be written later. To "do away with" "C" Company would be terrible, everyone realizes that, but to have an extra machine gun unit would be beneficial. They are, therefore, styled "C" Supplementary Machine Gun Platoon. We shall see! The actual change coincides with the transfer of Major Halse to "H.Q." Wing after a very long and influential period with the machine gunners, and so Capt. Whittington returns to his old Company "D" (S.), taking with him 2/Lieut. Rutherford, from "C." Capt. Roberts commands "C," and Lieut. Pontifex is about to rewin the transport trophy. Good luck to them all in their new spheres.

And now for the Children's Party on 26th January. Miss Halse, and those that always gather round to assist, again organized an excellent tea, with an entertainment afterwards; gifts, balloons, etc. Everything went splendidly, and about one hundred and ninety little children poured out into the street happy, "huge and hadden" (Chaucer, full). The workers went upstairs to a congenial corner and were re-energized. These workers work, really work and need refreshing; they must indeed be tired, too, but we are sure, very happy at their success.

Tremendous appreciation must again be awarded to Miss Halse for a wonderful show; and please to "us" personally because, carless through "careless," we had to walk the unsavoury Houndsditch areas with Miss Halse, looking for stuff.

And so to sterner stuff—Boxing.

We are capable of writing reams on this subject, but will not. We will merely outline the vital parts of an activity which, as Shepperd knows, scarcely ever ceases during the winter. Fourteen to eighteen people can always be seen on a Friday evening or a Sunday morning practising away under the able guidance of our voluntary self-appointed ex-champion instructor. (Mr. Collett, here's thanks to you.) We won the Brigade Cup again and had extremely hard luck in the divisional championships. Our successes, however, in the runners-up of the divisional championships, actively helped the 47th Division to win the Scarborough Cup—a cup given for the division producing the highest number of points. Our



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LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR CHARLES BONHAM-CARTER, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE TERRITORIAL ARMY, PRESENTING THE DIVISIONAL TRANSPORT TROPHY TO CAPT. BEVINGTON AT THE ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

very real commiserations go to those who trained so hard, tried so hard, and fought so hard, only to receive the runner-up prizes, but they did fight well. To Sergt. C. Welch, in particular, who fought the most magnificent losing fight it has ever been our displeasure to witness anywhere. Naturally enough, he came away with the best loser's prize throughout the whole competition.

We congratulate all those who helped to make our side of the show "go."

And now comes the Annual Divisional Dinner at "The Junior." We brought the "lamb" presented to our mess some years ago by Broadbent, and the Divisional Transport Horse, for decoration. Apart from the normal "entente" of the dinner, we were there for other reasons. "Sleuthing," for information. With no avail, alas! Our prying with twisted ears, our extra hand-washing with the intention of overhearing some mighty man drop a tit-bit of information; our "honest" talks trying to pump lesser things; all of no use. No-one could draw the hidden word. All this unrest, as we have said before, does *mean* a lot to the recipient of news of changes. What *are* we to become, and where? Is amalgamation definitely "taboo", Are we to be put on to polishing some gigantic searchlight, or merely a tremendous gun? And what about the officers, who have given many years of their lives? Are their services to be "accepted with thanks"? All very difficult, we know, but how very disturbing at the same time!

We are afraid that we have digressed, through our own thoughts. Our original objects, of course, in attending the dinner were to welcome our new Divisional Commander, and to pay a last and very reverent homage to General Oldman. About himself we realize we cannot say too much; are not allowed to do so, in fact. But we should like to wish him the best of everything in the future.

A short series of *congratulations*.

1. An old soldier, one of the oldest of the 22nd has left us. We refer to C.S.M. Walford, of "C" Company, and we know that we are expressing the feelings of all ranks when we say how much he will be missed. C.S.M. Walford has done, in all, some twenty-seven years, but because of "broken service," leaves without a T.E. Medal. We congratulate him on his splendid record, and cannot but commiserate with him upon what, we think, are pretty hard regulations. We sincerely hope he will not completely sever his connection here.

2. Capt. Bevington and "his section," not on this year's work only, but upon many years of stolid grinding. Neither would this be an inappropriate place to welcome Lieut. Pontifex into the T.Os.' "shoes"! Everyone knows the loss that Capt. Bevington will be, but the world changes, and so, having thanked him for his five years' good work as T.O., we—one and all ("the section" in particular)—wish both these officers what they may wish themselves. What *we* wish, of course, is the trophy again!

3. We are very very pleased to hear that our "padre" has now recovered from an extremely dangerous illness.

4. One of our M.Os.—Capt. Denny-Brown—upon the swiftest promotion it has ever been our privilege to witness.

5. A small body of men, directed by Capt. Roberts and 2/Lieut. Pocock, who assemble most wet Saturday afternoons during the winter and go to Blackheath, to practise for the annual run, for which a cup is given. No mean effort, and year by year they do get better results. Our first six home were Scott-Murdock, Dimsdale, 2/Lieut Pocock, Spoor, Grainger (A.), and Apps. We congratulate them all for literally "plodding" round.

6. Major Halse on his excellent years as O.C., "D" (S.) Company. His retirement (*sic*) to "H.Q." Wing gives opportunities for others to push out what

he has taught them. Again, the world must change, and good luck to his successor, Capt. Whittington.

*Sergeants' Mess News.*

Having come through the winter so far, we look back on the dark evenings with a good deal of pride and pleasure.

Besides the many excellent boxing shows (at which we were nearly detailed for duty by the R.S.M.), the outstanding event was the Mess Annual Dinner, which was held at Headquarters on 2nd February. About eighty sat down, and a most excellent evening was spent by all. The evening terminated in an "impromptu" dance, which lost none of its gaiety by being such! The speeches were short; the wine was good; and so, one more dinner has gone, with happy memories, and with a yearning for the next.

(We may be permitted "poetic licence" here? The speeches of R.S.M. Handscomb and C.S.M. Halpin, both almost unrehearsed, were of a type that will never be forgotten—perfect!)

To the following we wish good luck on leaving us: R.Q.M.S. Dunster, C.S.M. Walford and Sergt. Berry; and bid welcome to: Sergt. Fleming and L./Sergt. Dimsdale.

We also congratulate R.Q.M.S. Hillier, C.S.M. Hammond, C.S.M. Halpin, Sergts. Wake, Fagg and Aston on getting one step nearer the elusive "baton." We would like to send our own personal congratulations to Sergt. C. Welch on his fine performance in being awarded the "best loser's prize," in the Divisional Boxing Championships. A splendid performance!

And so, once again, we forward our small, but comprehensive contribution, with Easter Training at Goring and Guildford to look forward to.

*Stop Press.*

1. We do not think that we are to be "changed."
2. We are looking forward to "lining the streets" on Jubilee Day, from Temple Pier to Cleopatra's Needle (142nd Brigade).
3. We are also looking forward to seeing the 2nd Battalion at Olympia, and wish to congratulate them on the honour.
4. Major Halse, several other officers perhaps, C.S.M. Marshall, and about twenty stalwarts, are taking part in a Pageant at Tower Hill, during the celebrations. The Band are also playing on one of the evenings.
5. This is Lieut.-Col. B. H. Hughes-Reckitt's last year of command, and we hope to see people supporting him through its entirety. We also pass a prayer that he may, at long last, "rise a place" from continual runner-up in the shooting cup, which he has always coveted, but each time lost.

L. S. B.

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HAVE YOUR JOURNALS BOUND.

Many subscribers have asked for a suitable publishers' cover to bind up the four issues of Volume V, JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT. Messrs. Gale and Polden, Ltd., Wellington Works, Aldershot, have therefore prepared binding cases in whole royal blue cloth, lettered title on back and crest on side in real gold. Price 3s. 6d., postage extra.

They will also undertake to bind the four numbers of Volume V, their charge for binding being 3s. 6d., postage extra, this amount being in addition to the cost of the publishers' cases.

## MEASURING ONTARIO'S FOREST WEALTH

FOR commercial, statistical and reforestation purposes it is necessary to ascertain accurately the exact extent of the forest resources of the province, the species of trees, their size and all other details that may prove useful. This stocktaking must be carried out methodically, since it is obviously unsafe to rely upon reports from irresponsible sources, as these are frequently exaggerated.

In the past, estimates of the value and extent of forest areas have been made almost solely by the lumber interests, whose interest was naturally that of securing rights to cut in these districts. Cruisers were employed, whose work, while efficient up to a point, cannot be compared with the methods in use to-day. These men simply cruised certain areas for their employers, so that a picture of the entire forest wealth of the province has not been obtained.

As this work is so vast, some time will elapse before it can be completed. Proper classification of species and ages and the calculation of the amount of timber standing on stated areas are other problems involved in this great task, besides the securing of certain related data such as the rate of growth of different types of trees, ownership of forested areas, the range of varieties of trees and physical characteristics of the district and soil conditions. In fact, all factors are considered which have any bearing upon forests, forestry reforestation, agriculture and kindred subjects.

Over two thousand square miles of forest area was surveyed under the direction of the Conservation Commission of Canada as far back as 1912. This Trent Watershed Survey was the first organized survey. Eight years later the province set on foot an extensive system of surveys, which included the portion of Ontario lying alongside and including the Eastern Forest Reserve. By the close of 1921 that portion of the province within the fire district south of the French River except settled parts of Parry Sound and Muskoka Districts were surveyed and mapped. As much of this area was settled it did not require the more thorough survey the more northerly districts needed. No estimates, therefore, were made as to forest content. Location of forest areas, cleared or cultivated land and water areas were shown. Forest areas were subdivided into types, as to varieties of trees, whether conifers, hardwoods or mixtures of the two. Classifications as to age, density, amount of timber already cut, second growth or young growth were also made.

During this portion of the survey the work was done chiefly on foot, communication frequently being maintained by motor-car. Several hundred acres a day could be mapped thus by two men provided with an outline map of the township to be surveyed. Tree types, roads, railways, trails, telephone lines, sites for towers, and elevations were marked on these maps. In the less settled country to the north, canoe and aeroplane replaced travel on the beaten track by automobile and on foot. Areas were encountered where wooded districts were almost entirely virgin. In these districts every detail necessary to a complete survey was utilized.

In the James Bay Forest Survey of 1922 the provincial forestry department utilized aeroplanes for making air photographs and sketches, while from the ground the quantity of timber in the area was accurately measured. The air photographs and sketch maps were used by the men on the ground. For operations in an untravelled country, inaccessible by ordinary means of communication, aircraft are invaluable for marking down waste areas, muskegs and barrens, and for areas covered with timber of commercial value.

On this particular survey six technical foresters went by canoe to Moose Factory, five miles north of which they commenced operations, working south

up the Moose River and its tributaries. Where areas were inaccessible to canoes two foresters were taken by aeroplane and left, with three weeks' supplies, to make estimates of the timber in these more or less isolated regions.

In ordinary timber sales, a township or half that area is considered. With the larger pulpwood areas estimates are given for each district as a whole. This estimate is arrived at by a series of steps which includes segregation of tree types according to composition and age, and the procuring of enough samples to yield an average figure per acre under consideration. Uniformity of the stand and the size of the area determine the number of samples. To secure the samples a compass and chain line is run through the area. On a designated width on either side of this line all living trees above commercial size are calipered, and physical features and forest conditions are mapped.

Up to last year, since the present system of survey began, a total of 52,496,000 acres, or 82,025 square miles of forest have been surveyed.

The James Bay Survey demonstrated the fact that, except in the river valleys, growth of commercial trees ceases about a hundred miles south of James Bay and Hudson Bay. On the other hand, the survey showed that 49 per cent. of the forest region is covered with mature trees. Of a total timbered area of 120,000,000 acres only from two to five per cent. is muskeg or barrens, while 34 per cent. of the forest is composed of young trees, from seedlings to slender saplings. These will be the merchantable timber of the future.

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## REMEMBER THIS DATE

THE Annual Dinner takes place at Harrod's Georgian Restaurant, London, S.W.1, on Saturday, 1st June, 1935, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

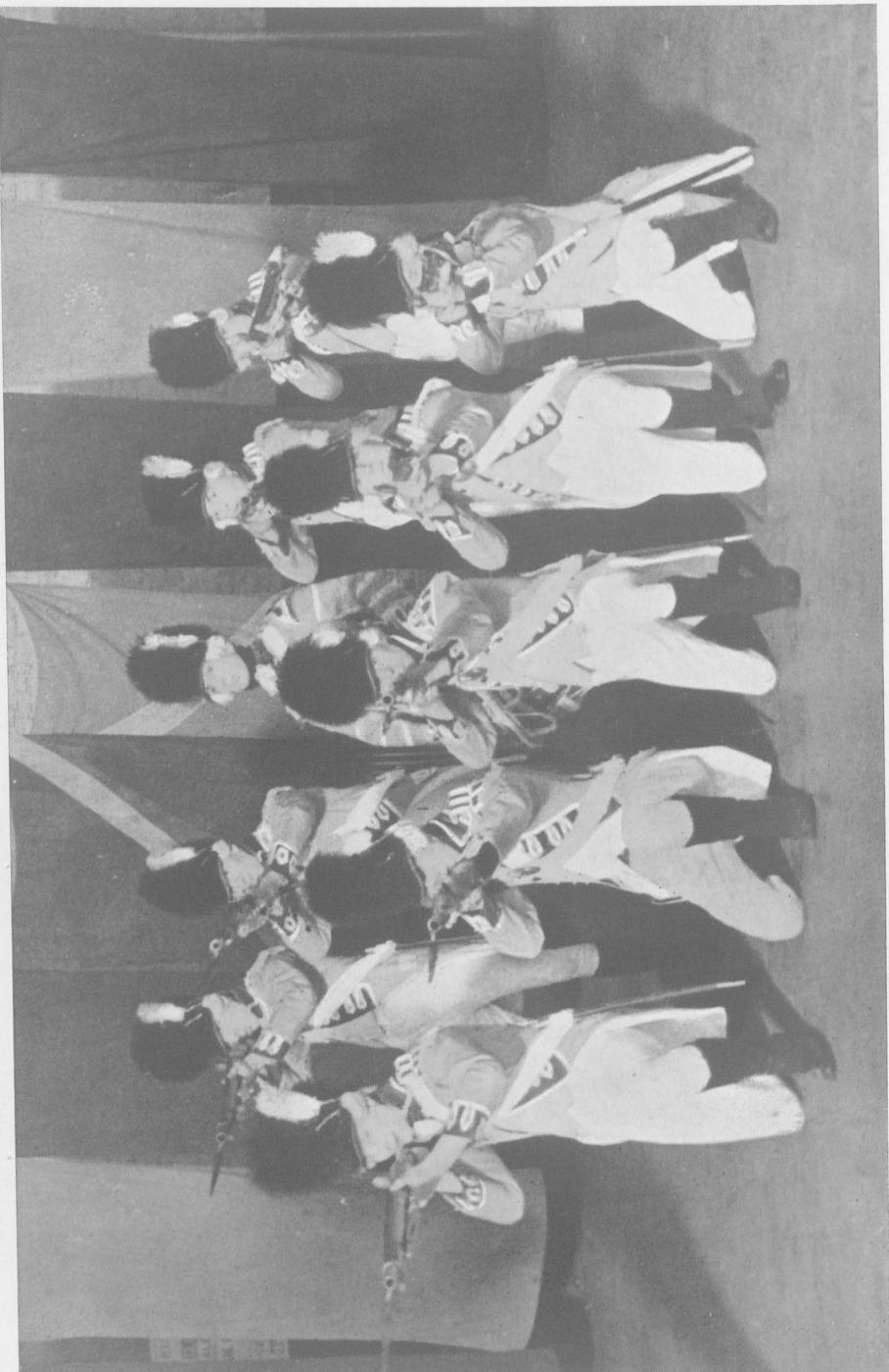
Members intending to dine are asked to inform the Secretary as early as possible, at the same time remitting Annual Subscriptions, when the necessary "Card to Admit" will be sent.

## AND THIS

The Old Comrades Association Garden Party takes place at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, on Saturday, 29th June, 1935, 3.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Refreshments at moderate prices will be obtainable. Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion will be in attendance. The Regimental Museum will be open and the opportunity afforded of inspecting the Institutes, Gymnasium, Dining Hall and Keep, from which wonderful views of the county for many miles around can be obtained. The final game in the Regimental Cricket Week will be in progress.

All old members of the Regiment (and their families) are cordially invited to attend.



OLD-TIME DRILL SQUAD, COMMANDED BY LIEUT. STILLWELL, AT THE BATTALION ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

## 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.*

LOOKING at corresponding numbers of the JOURNAL in previous years it appears that former Sub-editors have had some difficulty in obtaining sufficient copy to make the winter number as full of news interest as the summer. However, on reviewing a chronicle of events that have taken place during the past four or five months, we cannot complain of any lack of activity in the doings of the 24th.

We mentioned in our last contribution that we were unfortunate in losing both our Divisional and Brigade Commanders within a very short space of time. Major-General Oldman has been succeeded by Major-General C. G. Liddell, and we wish him every success during his term of command. Col. Beckwith-Smith very kindly did us the honour of coming down to Headquarters and giving away the prizes at the prize distribution on 5th February, in his capacity of Brigade Commander. A large number of guests were entertained by the officers, and amongst those we were very pleased to welcome were Mrs. Beckwith-Smith, the Mayor and Mayoress of Southwark, Col. Pryce-Jones, and many serving officers of The Queen's. Major-General Liddell was, unfortunately, prevented from coming at the last moment owing to a breakdown in transport arrangements.

The prize-giving was followed by a Regimental Ball, which was well attended by all ranks of the Battalion, and was a highly successful affair. In connection with the prize-giving we would like to mention that a new cup has been presented to the Regiment by the late Mayor of Southwark, Alderman Savage, for an Inter-Company squad drill competition. Alderman Savage presented the trophy himself to the winners of this year's Competition, "C" Company.

A very conspicuous success was scored in December by Lieut. E. W. Stillwell who organized a Christmas Shoot on the miniature range, and enticed entrants by offering a prize to every competitor. In view of the fact that the prizes, which were of an astonishing variety, included a pair of kippers, a bag of nuts, regimental ties, bunches of bananas, mouth organs, and a cake iced with the lamb, etc.—space forbids me to quote more. This competition was a huge success, and we hope, will be repeated.

In order to try and stimulate recruiting, several new ideas have been tried out during the past few months, but so far it cannot be said that our efforts have met with much result. Lieut. H. E. T. Ross was detailed to organize an Assault-at-Arms in the Drill Hall, and deserves a full measure of praise for producing a good show to a large and appreciative audience of local inhabitants. There were many difficulties to cope with, not the least of which was lack of room, as it was obviously necessary to sacrifice as much floor space as possible to spectators. Also, there was no precedent to work on, as this was the first show of its kind that we had given.

Each Company did a "turn," which included demonstrations of Arms Drill by "B" Company, the Changing of the Guard by "A" Company, and the fire power of L.G. and rifle sections by "C" Company. The Signallers rigged up a field telephone, and challenged its effectiveness by offering to transmit a message written by a member of the audience at one end of the hall to a friend at the other. We should like to add that this was successfully carried out, despite an unkind commentator who suggested that it was always quicker to send a letter!

An old-world atmosphere was lent to the proceedings by Lieut. E. W. Stillwell, who commanded an old-time squad, and gave a demonstration of drill as performed by local volunteers of the early nineteenth century. An illustration of these picturesque warriors appears on another page.

The Drums have also lent their hand to recruiting by beating "Retreat" in Doddington Grove, opposite Headquarters, during the evening on two occasions lately. Large crowds gathered to watch them march and counter-march, and we hope that the result of these efforts will go to prove that "it pays to advertise." While on the subject of the Drums, they are to be congratulated on being asked to appear at Olympia on 23rd April during the run of the Royal Tournament, to beat "Retreat" on that evening.

In the matter of sport, it is perhaps unfortunate that we are unable to record any successes in the bayonet fencing, boxing or football competitions, although we have scored several individual successes. Pte. T. H. Beale, of "A" Company, is to be heartily congratulated on winning his weight in the 47th Divisional and Territorial Army Feather-weight Boxing Championship. Bayonet Fencing has sadly lapsed in the Battalion, and we were unable to find teams for any of the competitions this year. However, Capt. K. C. Hooper and Lieut. E. W. Stillwell reached the final pool of the Officers' Competition at the London Territorial School of Arms, the former officer taking third place and a bronze medal. Capt. Hooper has also won the Brigade Officers' Competition this year.

Football has taken on a new lapse of life in the Battalion this winter, under the leadership of Lieut. P. G. T. Kinglsey, who has given up a great deal of time in coaching and producing a team. It was perhaps unfortunate for us that in the first round of the Divisional Competition we came up against such redoubtable opponents as the Artists Rifles, but although our team lost, it covered itself with glory in playing the first game to a draw, and then losing the replay by one goal, after extra time had been played. We hope next year that, with added experience, they will go far.

We have welcomed to Headquarters lately the Oval House Club of Unemployed, who are usually housed at the Oval, but have had to move from there during the cricket season just started. Capt. A. P. Block has taken on the Secretaryship and running of the Club, and Headquarters are placed at their disposal during the week when it does not interfere with the activities of the Battalion.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL we have been unfortunate in losing Major E. Teesdale, who has resigned, and whom we shall all miss very much. We take this opportunity of congratulating Major R. H. Senior and Capt. J. R. Priestley on their promotions.

We in the Territorials feel at the present time as though we were rather living on the edge of a volcano, as we do not know these days whether we shall wake up one morning and find that either we have ceased to exist, or have been turned into a Searchlight Detachment or Anti-aircraft Brigade. All this has been promised to us in turn by a sensational Press, and we live on rumour. Perhaps it might not be indiscreet to say here that we think it a mistaken policy on the part of the War Office to announce to the world that they are going to change the London Territorials inside out, and then leave the units concerned for months in suspense, not knowing when or where the sword of Damocles is to descend.

Obviously, it does not do recruiting any good, as a potential recruit probably thinks twice before signing on in a battalion which he is told may cease to exist entirely within a short space of time of his joining it. However, all this is somewhat by the way, and it might be as well to add that the latest reliable information we have about ourselves is that the 47th Division is to be scrapped and amalgamated with the 56th, but it is probable that the 24th will continue to function as an infantry battalion under its present name.

As we write, Easter Training is upon us, and by the time this appears in print we shall have returned from Aldershot, where we are going, once more to enjoy the hospitality of the 2nd Battalion.

Summer camp has been fixed this year at Falmer, near Brighton, where we went two years ago, and takes place from the 28th July to the 11th August.

## PORTRAIT OF CATHERINE OF BRAGANZA

QUEEN OF CHARLES II, SEATED, WEARING BLUE DRESS, CRIMSON CLOAK LINED WITH ERMINES AND PEARLS, AND HOLDING AN ORB, A CROWN ON A TABLE AT HER SIDE, LANDSCAPE AND DRAPERY BACKGROUND.

By JACOB HUYSMANS.

**I**N January, 1934, Miss Peggs, whose father had recently died, was staying with me. In discussing the sad fact of the break-up of a home and disposal of treasures she mentioned the fact that a supposed portrait of Catherine of Braganza was among the many things being sold. Upon being pressed for fuller detail she described how it was purchased by an uncle, James Peggs, in about 1877, this uncle being a fairly eminent architect and amateur artist, who at one time ran an art shop in St. James's as an unsuccessful sideline.

The picture, when purchased, was of a windmill, but during one hurculean Victorian spring-cleaning, revealed a hand which turned out to be Catherine's. The auctioneer, Puttick & Simpson, from whom I bought the picture, were sufficiently certain that it was by Jacob Huysmans, to catalogue it as such, though Edward Croft Murray, Esq., of the Department of Prints and Drawings, British Museum, says:—

"Your portrait is undoubtedly a portrait of Catherine of Braganza and bears a certain relationship to the engraved portrait of her in our possession. This portrait was engraved by Peter Williamson, but unfortunately the name of the original painter of the portrait is not given. The Queen is represented as wearing a dress identical with the one in your portrait, and her hair is dressed in the same fashion. The chief differences are that the engraved portrait is only half-length, and enclosed in an ornamental oval, which excludes the crown and the ermine trimmed mantle, while the arrangement of the curtain and pillar behind is different.

"Again, the actual figure of the Queen in the engraved portrait appears to be facing half-left and not right as in your portrait, the wide puffed sleeve appearing on the left, etc., i.e., the whole arrangement of the figure is reversed, and this may well be accounted for by the actual process of engraving, where the engraved plate might print in reverse. I am afraid I am not competent to say who the painter of your portrait is, but I should say that it was definitely by one of the Anglo-Flemish School which flourished at the end of the XVII century in England. Jacob Huysmans certainly did paint a portrait of Catherine of Braganza, but in the guise of St. Catherine, and this bears no resemblance whatever to your picture.

"I am taking the liberty of asking you if we might keep the photograph you sent us, as it would be a useful addition to our collection of royal portraits."

However, whoever the artist, there seems little doubt that the subject is Catherine of Braganza, and with that knowledge the officers of the 22nd and 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) and 4th and 5th Battalions The Queen's Royal Regiment at once volunteered to present it to the officers of the Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment as a token of their good wishes and common ancestry.

G. V. P.



CATHERINE OF BRAGANZA.

(Photograph of the picture recently presented to the Depot by the Officers of 4th and 5th Bns. and 22nd and 24th Bns. London Regt. (The Queen's).)



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

*Headquarters:* Fort York Armoury, Toronto.

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. John Hyde Bennett, V.D.

THE Annual Dinner to commemorate the victory at Brandywine during the Revolutionary War was held a little later than usual last autumn. The Annual Dinner itself, owing to the number of other functions of 1934, did not take place at all, so everyone looked forward with more than ordinary interest to the Brandywine affair. Held again at the Royal York Hotel, on the evening of 22nd September, it was, perhaps, the most successful since we began these dinners. We seemed to have more guests than usual, and the practice of leaving out all speeches except the address of Col. C. J. Ingles, D.S.O., V.D., Commanding the 14th Infantry Brigade, for some strange reason, is still popular.

Col. Ingles had, in the previous twelve months, been successful in finding some new material about the battle, which bridged some gaps in the detailed story of the operations of the Regiment therein.

The next afternoon, Sunday, the Regiment, with ex-members of the 20th and 35th Battalions, C.E.F., marched to St. George's Church, where the Chaplain, Capt. the Rev. P. J. Dykes, conducted the service. After the unit returned to St. Paul's Hall, we held a reception in the Mess.

Training during the autumn months was conducted in a different manner from that of previous years. Up until two weeks before the Annual Inspection we discontinued the practice of holding battalion parades. Instead, each company turned out on a night set aside for it. At the same time all Platoon Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s. of the rank of corporal and above paraded one extra evening a week in the Drill Hall to undergo a course of special training. They wore fatigue dress with arms, and web equipment. These classes were under the charge of qualified instructors, and the information the members received on these evenings they, in turn, passed on to the men of their platoons on company parade nights. Each company was responsible on its parade night, of course, for its own messing arrangements.

In preparation for the Battalion Tactical Exercise for the Annual Canadian Infantry Association competition set for Sunday, 4th November, the officers and N.C.O.s. went over the ground and fought the battle on the two preceding Saturday afternoons. The scene of the operation was one mile east of North Yonge Street, and about a mile and a half north of the Lansing Road.

It was decided this year to put on a company scheme, with one platoon from each company, the whole under the command of Major R. C. Merrick, M.C., E.D. On the first Saturday afternoon the officers only went over the ground. The officers taking part were informed that the company was the advance guard of a battalion, which was itself part of a force defending the city from the advance of a



THE QUEEN'S RANGERS, 1st AMERICAN REGIMENT.

[Photo: Pringle & Booth Ltd., Toronto.]

FORT YORK ARMOURY, TORONTO.

force numerically similar. Neither force had planes. A report was received from the mounted troops in front that they had been held up by a strong force of the enemy. The Company Commander had, therefore, decided to defend the ground immediately to his front.

With his four platoon commanders he went forward to make a reconnaissance. The platoon commanders each chose his position on the ground. The Machine Gun Officer selected his positions, and the Signalling and Medical Officers prepared for making their dispositions.

The following week both officers and N.C.O.s. made a second tour of the ground, until everyone knew the task he had to perform. On the day of the scheme itself, the wisdom of the preparations was evident. All ranks took up their allotted positions without confusion. Platoon sergeants and section commanders, when questioned by the Permanent Force officers, seemed to know what they were there for and what was required of them.

Two Sundays later the officers of the Regiment, with those of the other three units of the Brigade, took part in a scheme without troops, which purported to be a recapitulation of the battle of Le Cateau, 1914. The ground chosen was not far from the scene of the previous Regimental scheme. For the purposes of the scheme, we were part of a division of a force retiring northwards, after having successfully broken contact with an enemy of greater strength. Enemy aircraft were active. The point of the scheme was to march so as to arrive in a new defensive position in time to take the necessary dispositions for defence. The object aimed at chiefly was to teach co-ordination of time and space problems. As usual, we used cars and had lunch in the open, returning to the Armoury in the evening.

A detachment of the Regiment, sixty strong, under Capt. C. M. Howarth, with Lieut. M. L. Harris, with both bands, paraded to Christ Church on Armistice Sunday. After the service they marched back to the Armoury for lunch, and then proceeded down to the Cenotaph at City Hall Square to take part in the Garrison Remembrance Day Service.

The Regimental team which took part in the special Vickers Machine-Gun Competition, 1934, of Military District No. 2, obtained third place.

Capt. Dinsmore and Lieut. Medhurst tied for first place in the Annual Regimental Rifle Match. Sergt. Beveridge, of "D," came second, followed by Sergt. Bickford, "C," third. Sergt. C. S. Watson, Drums, and Sergt. O'Connor, "A," tied for fourth place. C.S.M. Peaks, "C," came fifth.

The 1934 inspection of The Queen's Rangers will, without doubt, prove an occasion of interest for us to look back upon for many years to come.

It was the first inspection of the Regiment in the new Armoury of the 14th Infantry Brigade. All autumn the unit held parades in the old building which had housed it for a number of years—St. Paul's Hall, the town hall of the former municipality of Yorkville, and on the sand of Jesse Ketchum Park.

The Regiment was, however, late in the season, advised by Headquarters, Military District No. 2, that the inspection would be carried out in the new building on Fleet Street, at 8.30 p.m. on the night of 23rd November. It was felt that the time was too short to arm, feed and prepare the men properly, and an extension of the hour was requested. Fifteen minutes longer was granted.

On the evening previous a rehearsal was held on the drill floor of the new Armoury. The Battalion practised ceremonial drill, and there was time for some company movements. The unit returned to St. Paul's Hall by street car, as it had come.

The Regiment appeared on the drill floor on the night of the inspection in plenty of time, awaiting the arrival of Brigadier T. V. Anderson, District Officer Commanding.

As inspections went, it was much like any other, with the exception that the

unit was examined in a brightly-lighted place, instead of on a drill ground lit by arc lights. And the men were neither cold nor wet. The inspection was thorough. A good deal of time was spent, after company and platoon drill, in inspection of specialist work—machine gunners, Lewis gunners, bands, signallers and stretcher bearers. Rifles were inspected with care. It would be difficult to think of any phase of infantry work that was untouched.

After the return of the men by street car again to St. Paul's Hall, the officers entertained the Brigadier and his staff in the Mess, in addition to a number of the friends of the unit.

The Annual Inspection and Classification of the Regimental Signallers was held on the evening of 20th November.

Two weeks before Christmas we had completed moving into our new quarters—the Armoury of the 14th Infantry Brigade and the 2nd Divisional Engineers—since officially named the Fort York Armoury. When we found ourselves on the point of abandoning St. Paul's Hall, the dingy old place with its steeped clock-tower, its company rooms barred like the cells some of them were in days gone by, its floors like the waves of the ocean, and its cellar like a morgue, we decided that it had not been such a bad old place after all. We had had many good times in the Mess, and the associations were dear to many of us.

The new building, and particularly the new Mess, made up, however, for any regret. The Mess Committee deserves credit for the job they did. What new furnishings they got do not look painfully new, but blend with the dark woodwork. A new baby grand piano in place of the old grand, a console table, a Mess table and benches, and two dozen chairs upholstered in green leather, was about the extent of the innovations. We have been the subject of so many complimentary remarks about the appearance of the ante-room and mess room that it would be fulsome to say anything more about them. We have added a few pictures. Col. Ingles, for example, has had reproductions, in colour, of two more past Commanding Officers—Col. Smith, 1796-98, from the original at Government House, Toronto, in green, and Major-General Aeneas Shaw.

Week by week saw something more accomplished in the new quarters. Company Commanders' offices were built in each company room. Lectures were started in one of the lecture rooms (a thing about which we only knew the name before), to begin a six weeks' provincial school, and companies were allotted the use of the rifle range and Lewis gun range in the basement.

On New Year's Eve we held a dance in the Mess. In fact, every unit in the building did the same. On New Year's Day Officers and Sergeants were "at home" in their respective Messes. We enjoyed visits from officers of the other units in the Armoury—the 2nd Divisional Engineers, The Toronto Regiment, The Toronto Scottish Regiment and The Irish Regiment. Officers came from the other units of the Garrison, from the Permanent Force units at Stanley Barracks just over the way, and from several units outside the city, all eager to see the new Armoury.

On Saturday afternoon, 26th January, the Armoury was officially opened and redesignated by the Hon. the Minister of National Defence. The Queen's Rangers, and each of the other four units in the building, furnished a detachment of one officer, two N.C.O.s. and twenty men, with our Band, to make up a composite Guard of Honour. The whole was commanded by Capt. C. M. Howarth, The Queen's Rangers.

When the Minister arrived at 4 p.m., accompanied by the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Military Secretary, Col. James, they were met by Col. C. J. Ingles, D.S.O., V.D., commanding the 14th Infantry Brigade, his staff and the five Officers Commanding those units now housed in the Armoury. The Minister then received the General Salute and inspected the Guard. Major the Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reid, D.S.O., senior

chaplain of the Brigade, conducted a brief service of dedication, and the Minister and his party began a complete tour of inspection of the building. The Guard marched off, but the four bands remained on the floor, playing in succession. Some five hundred guests assembled in the galleries then began tea, which was served in the three main lecture rooms, thrown into one for the occasion.

On completing his inspection, the Minister had tea, and then visited each of the five Officers' Messes in turn. We entertained in the Mess after his visit.

Just about one month later our men were able to boast a canteen, in common with the men of other units. The canteen is equipped with a grand piano belonging to one unit, tables, benches along the walls, and chairs specially made.

Besides the Regimental School previously mentioned, which included lectures and practical work on Monday and Friday evenings, under Major R. C. Merrick, M.C., E.D., a Refresher Course, under Lieut. D. M. Findlay, was held for platoon officers and N.C.O.s. on Monday evenings. The Recruit Class also recommenced on the evening of 20th February, and the Spring Training season began on Wednesday evening, 6th March. Wednesday was the evening we drew when training nights were allotted in the new Armoury. We have had Thursday evenings for years. The Battalion, instead of parading outside on cold evenings, as in former years, now falls in with the Band and Drums on the drill floor, which is large enough for company drill, and which, indeed, sufficed for our battalion ceremonial at the Inspection.

Drill nights have been divided into periods. After the Battalion Parade, the companies are turned over for training to their commanders, and when the third period begins, the Battalion reassembles for Physical Training under the senior officer of the Sports Committee.

On Saturday afternoon, 23rd March, we entertained the Toronto branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association, the ancestors of some of whom served in the Regiment during the Revolutionary War and the Rebellion of 1837.

One of the most pleasing features of our new Mess is the plaque bearing the coat of arms of the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), which came to us recently as a gift from the 1st Battalion. The plaque occupies the place of honour in the Mess. It is hung above the fireplace, and is thus an object which catches the eye of every visitor. Many are the questions we are called upon to answer as to the various emblems which appear upon it. We are all very proud to have such a tangible token of our link with "The Queen's."

Lieut. D. M. Findlay, who has both "A" and "B" Wing qualifications from the Canadian Small Arms School, is now Assistant Adjutant of the Regiment. Lieut. W. H. S. Pote, our Machine Gun Officer, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, and Lieut. A. W. Bryce, Brevet Captain.

Major W. D. Sprinks, M.C., V.D., for many years Weapon Training Officer of the Regiment, has gone to the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion. Major Sprinks, an original officer of the 4th Battalion, C.E.F., was a member of the Canadian Bisley Team some years ago. In all things having to do with shooting, his judgment is infallible, his experience dating back to the beginning of the century, when he belonged to the Royal Grenadiers. Later, as an officer of The York Rangers, he was one of the coterie of great shots produced by that fine unit.

Lieut. Findlay has been awarded the "B" Wing Certificate of the Canadian Small Arms School, Lieut. G. H. Mowat the "A" Wing Certificate (partial), and Lieut. W. H. Armstrong the Certificate of Captain of Infantry.

Capt. W. McNeill has been promoted to the rank of Major (Quartermaster).

Lieut. A. W. Leslie has been transferred to the Essex Scottish.

In November we welcomed Lieut. J. A. Kennedy, The Canadian Fusiliers, who was attached to the Regiment.

Lieut. E. B. Dodgson has been transferred from "B" to "C" Company.

## COMPANY NEWS.

## "A" Company.

The Company was able to offer congratulations to C.Q.M.S. H. Briden on his promotion last autumn.

C.S.M. W. James has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal.

One of the senior Warrant Officers of the Regiment, C.S.M. James's distinction is well deserved.

## "B" Company.

L./Cpl. J. C. McFarland, one of the younger veterans of the Company, has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal.

Cpl. W. R. Stainsbury has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Cpl. W. J. R. Cocking becomes Acting-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. J. Nugent and Ptes. D. Snowden and C. Pidgeon are now Corporals.

A./Sergt. W. J. R. Cocking has been awarded the Certificate of Sergeant.

## "C" Company.

Sergt. A. F. Bickford has been appointed Acting Company Sergeant-Major.

L./Cpl. C. H. Austin, H. H. Godfrey and H. M. McGinnis have become Corporals, as have Ptes. C. Brown, G. Lane, and E. Turner. Ptes. H. Ilott, H. Tyler and F. A. Thompson have been promoted Lance-Corporals.

## "D" Company.

C.S.M. Jones, who has been with the Regiment since before the time of any N.C.O. or man in the Company, has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal.

Sergt. S. P. Rye has been appointed C.Q.M.S., and L./Cpl. A. R. Moorhead has been promoted Corporal. Pte. H. J. Towne has become a Lance-Corporal.

## "H.Q." Wing.

*Signals*.—Sergt. O. Lavorie has qualified for the Advanced V.T. Certificate, and Pte. F. A. Allinson for the V.T. Specialist Certificate.

Sgmn. H. L. Bell, W. Ogilvie and W. H. O'Brien have been promoted Corporals.

*Band*.—Cpl. W. Thompson has been promoted Acting Band-Sergeant.

*Drums*.—C. S. Watson is now Acting Drum-Major.

Dmrs. C. Dority and P. C. Watson are Acting Sergeants, and F. Douglas and W. Jordan have become Corporals, these appointments having been made in connection with the reorganization of the Drums.

*Stretcher Bearers*.—A./S./Sergt. J. H. Pickwell has been appointed Acting Company Sergeant-Major.

The following were successful in examinations for the St. John Ambulance Association Certificate:—L./Cpl. A. F. Denver, and Ptes. S. Wylie, J. McKeown, T. Kelly and D. Miller.

## FORT YORK ARMOURY.

FORT York Armoury, Toronto, seen by most of us for years only nebulously, like a mirage, is now an accomplished fact. Since just before the first of the year it has been the home of the 14th Infantry Brigade, consisting of The Toronto Regiment, The Queen's Rangers, 1st American Regiment, The Toronto Scottish Regiment and The Irish Regiment of Canada, with the 2nd Divisional Engineers.

As may be seen from the photographs which appear elsewhere, the new Armoury, while it possesses an appearance of beauty of design, looks business-



[Photo: Pringle &amp; Booth, Ltd., Toronto.

The Orderly Rooms and Company Offices of the various units lead off the Drill floor. Officers' and Sergeants' Messes are situated on first floor leading off gallery.

## FORT YORK ARMOURY

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like. Old buildings used for the same purpose in this country at least have the air of attempting to be mediæval castles, with turrets, battlements and narrow loopholes.

Situated between the Prince's Gate at the eastern entrance of the Canadian National Exhibition and old Fort York, the building faces Lake Ontario. It occupies a space 450 feet long by 340 feet wide. The structure is marked off by three horizontal bands of Queenston limestone. The base course caps the concrete walls of the basement storey, and upon it rests the windows and truncated brick walls of the first floor. The second storey walls are of panels of brick, in which the windows are set. Again comes a band course and above it a plain brick parapet wall with a coping of limestone.

The central feature of the south side of the building is the main entrance, piers of rusticated stonework flanking the square doorway. The keystone, bearing a scalloped design, is surmounted by the Dominion Coat of Arms, carved in bold relief, the whole crowned by a stone pediment.

On the south side, also, the mess-rooms of the officers of the four units of the Brigade are marked exteriorly by stone architraves, wrought-iron balconies, and the crest of each unit.

The basement floor of the building consists of training rooms, locker rooms (locker, shower-bath and wash-room accommodation is the same for officers, N.C.Os. and men), vehicle storage rooms, a rifle range, a Lewis gun range, caretakers' permanent family quarters, general stores, Quartermasters' stores of all units and mechanical equipment.

On the ground floor, orderly rooms, company rooms, and Brigade canteen surround the drill hall, the roof of which runs up through two storeys. Of the "Lamella" type, this roof is one of the largest of its kind built to date. Its use has meant economy of space, as there are no tie-rods, columns, trusses or any sort of obstruction to either drill or play. The unobstructed span of the drill hall is 123 ft. 8 in. Large areas of glass in the end wall ensure plenty of light.

Around the four sides of the second storey level runs a gallery, off which are Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and lecture rooms. Each Officers' Mess has an ante-room with a fireplace and a mess-room and kitchen adjoining. These rooms have wood-block floors.

Parts of the east and north sides of the Armoury are occupied by a third storey, where there are band rooms, band practice rooms and quarters for the Drums of the units. Flat roof areas for open-air practice also appear at this level.

H. M. J.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

The latest official returns show that during the month of February, 1935, 2,934 recruits were finally approved for the Territorial Army. This is an increase of 1,245 recruits compared with the number approved in January last, and 326 recruits more than in February, 1934.

The number of recruits obtained in each Command during February was as follows: Eastern Command, 427; London District, 295; Northern Command, 425; Scottish Command, 654; Southern Command, 468, and Western Command, 665.

The total strength of the Territorial Army (other ranks) on 1st March, 1935, was 122,750; this is 376 more than on 1st February, 1935, but a decrease of 2,315 compared with the strength on 1st March, 1934.

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

*Honorary Colonels:* Brigadier-General H. A. Goddard, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.  
Brigadier-General Iven G. Mackay, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.  
*Commanding Officer:* Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. Galleghan.

ONCE again, we of the Antipodes, take the opportunity of saying "Hullo" to our comrades of the brotherhood of The Queen's—wherever they might be. Separated as we are by such distances, we really feel an integral part of the great family, and it is mainly by means of the JOURNAL that we keep the links bright.

However, with chaps like Scott and Black, and their equally brilliant co-adventurers, tearing down here in a few hours from England, it looks as if the time is not far distant when we will be able to drop in at Guildford or Toronto for the week-end.

The last six months have been busy ones for us in Newcastle. The visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester was, without doubt, the most outstanding event of last year. Advice was received early that the Battalion was to provide the Guard of Honour on the occasion of the Royal visit to Newcastle. What a time of training and activity in all Companies there was then. Capt. W. B. Nehl commanded the guard, with Lieuts. W. Kelly and C. E. Dalton. The final selection of the troops to take part was very difficult, as every man was keen to be in it. However, those who did not gain a place took it in good cheer.

The important day was 29th November, a public holiday for the district, and we had the big job of the day to perform. The Royal escort was provided by the 16th Light Horse Regiment (Hunter River Lancers).

The Guard, with the Regimental Band, was mounted at Newcastle Aerodrome, where the Duke landed, having flown from Lismore, North Coast. They were given a very keen inspection then, and at Newcastle railway station, prior to the Duke's departure, his inspection was even more thorough. Without doubt, the Guard was excellent, and earned the many congratulatory remarks passed. The Duke heartily congratulated Capt. Nehl on the turn-out and performance, and his Chief of Staff (Major-General Vyse) emphatically stated that it was the finest Guard he had seen in the Commonwealth. (This was almost the end of the Royal tour.)

Whilst the Guard was so ably holding its end up, the remainder of the Battalion and all other Newcastle units took part in a march through the city, and then lined the streets for the Royal procession from the Town Hall to the railway station. The Band of the Grenadier Guards was also in Newcastle that day, and as our own band was with the Guard of Honour, the Grenadiers kindly agreed to lead the Battalion in the march to its position in the city. Their generous offer was greatly appreciated, and the red coats were quite an innovation to the Newcastle public, and it is easy to imagine how the "Diggers" stepped out to such stirring music.

Camp, this training year, was a period of hard work, yet most interesting. With the remainder of the Brigade, we moved into camp at Rutherford on 25th September. We were fortunate in getting excellent weather. As we only had six days in which to complete an arduous and comprehensive syllabus, it is easy to believe how everyone had to work. Inspecting officers gave very complimentary criticisms of most of the work performed, and we marched out feeling we had done a good job. An innovation to the Brigade was the field firing exercises, the initiative being given by our Battalion, as we found the area of ground for the training and laid the groundwork; then it became a Brigade matter, and the other Battalions joined in.



MEASURING ONTARIO'S FOREST WEALTH.

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THE NORTHERN ONTARIO POWER COMPANY'S PLANT ON MATABITCHEVUN RIVER,  
40 MILES FROM MONTREAL RIVER,  
Beaver Mountain in the background.

A Battalion bivouac was held at Redhead—an ideal site—in March. The training was on defence, and the area lent itself admirably to the work. The bivouac was immediately above a magnificent surfing beach, and all ranks took the opportunity of at least a couple of surfs during the week-end, which were very welcome on account of the hot weather. The Saturday night was free of work, and a rousing camp-fire concert was held, with community singing led by Lieut. J. W. Beckett. Quite a few choice stories—one or two might have been true—were told. The Band assisted admirably with some excellent pieces.

The lecture given by our ex-C.O. (Lieut.-Col. Rodd), on his return from England, was keenly attended. Col. Rodd spoke most feelingly of the overwhelming hospitality shown him and his wife whilst they were home, and particularly by The Queen's. He was most eloquent in describing the military tournaments he witnessed, and particularly, the Trooping of the Colour. The miniature drum, emblazoned with the crest and battle honours of The Queen's has been placed in the Regimental Museum, and is one of the first items of interest shown to visitors to the Battalion.

Enlistments these days are more brisk, but we are still below establishment. It is anticipated, however, that with Anzac Day approaching, and the new training year already in the offing, that recruiting will show a decided increase.

We have been seeing quite a deal of the other units lately. A number of the officers visited the 13th Heavy Battery, A.G.A. during their recent camp at Fort Scratchley, Newcastle, and witnessed some of their "big gun" shooting. It was pleasing to see the militiamen perform marvellously well in company with the permanent troops, who also did the camp. We were visited during the week-end bivouac at Redhead by a party of officers and N.C.O.s. from the 1st Field Company, Australian Engineers, who took the opportunity of having a ride out to see us. These shows are quite good practice in equitation for our mounted personnel, as many of them do not get much opportunity for riding practice.

We are again anxiously awaiting the Anzac Day Parade, and are very keen to bring the cup back to the Battalion from the 1st Field Brigade, A.F.A., who won it last year. Our preparations are most thorough, and we are hoping for the best. We appreciate the great difficulties which we are up against, and know that the artillery, engineers and other units in their blue and scarlet, make a very pretty show in contrast to our drab khaki. However, we have it in mind that we won two years ago, and it might be our turn again this year.

We were very sorry to lose the Battalion second-in-command, Major W. D. Jeater, in January last. Major Jeater has now gone on the Reserve of Officers, his civil practice preventing him from continuing active soldiering. He saw four years' war service with the A.I.F., and was considered to be an outstanding machine-gunner in every capacity. Major Jeater was second-in-command of the 35th Battalion, prior to the amalgamation, and qualified for the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel some years ago. We trust that it will not be long before he is back again in the game. Major J. G. D. McNeill has been posted to second-in-command in place of Major Jeater.

#### COMPANY NEWS.

##### "H.Q." Wing.

The recent re-allotment of officers affected the Wing to some extent. Capt. Shaw has gone to "B" Company, and Capt. Carpenter has come to us and been posted to Transport. Our friend "Casey"—like the poor—is always with us. The Signal Section intend to again annex the brigade competition in May.

##### "A" Company.

Our new Company Commander, Capt. Field, is no stranger to any of us, and in fact, he was originally a member of "A" Company before any other present

member. He comes to us in place of Major McNeill, who has gone to second-in-command of the Battalion. We also have on strength Lieut. Campbell, from Support Company.

*"B" Company.*

We are one of the "outposts of the Empire," as our O.C. jocularly describes us, being nearly twenty miles from the city, and lead almost a detached existence as far as the remainder of the Battalion is concerned. The Regimental Band is drawn almost entirely from our district—Wallsend and West Wallsend, and we provide quite a large number towards the Battalion strength.

*"D" (Support) Company.*

One of our own officers, Capt. Nehl, is now our O.C., with three newly-transferred officers. Lieuts. Norris and Toohill are the only members of the old Guard left. We assisted at the Newcastle Aero Club's Air Pageant last December, and although the aerial attack, and our defence show, were not all that was anticipated, the lads had an afternoon out and provided some entertainment for the great crowd present.

The Officers' Mess has not entertained a great deal lately, mainly because we have been too busy with training. However, the annual dinner, held in March, was a fine show, and a large assembly of guests were entertained. Those present included the Brigade Commander, the Mayor of Newcastle, representatives of the other units, and of the 35th Battalion A.I.F Association. A number of small bridge evenings have also been held, and arrangements are in hand for a mess dance.

The Sergeants entertain themselves and their friends quite a lot, but do not say much about their doings. We can only go by the news that drifts out occasionally, and by the noises one hears every now and again emanating from their Mess. They have the best pianist, but the worst singers, in the Battalion.

The entertainment of the troops has not been exploited lately, but the personnel of "D" Company are taking the initiative again and have arranged a series of dances for all ranks.

### GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The accounts for the year 1934 are given below. In February, 1935, a sum of £5 5s. was granted from the Fund to go towards the cost of renovating and repairing the oil painting of Catherine of Braganza by Huysmans, which was presented to the Depot by our Territorial Battalions.

#### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR, 1934.

##### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on 1/1/34 ...	...	12	18 2½
Officers' Subscriptions ...	...	17	2 6
	£	30	0 8½

##### EXPENDITURE.

Adjutant, Depot, Postage Poundage, Telegrams, etc. ...	1	17	10½
Wreaths, British Legion, Havre ...	6	10	0
Biddles, Ltd., Printing ...	1	16	0
Purchase and Framing of Picture for Presentation to R.M.C. Museum ...	5	3	6
King Albert Army Memorial ...	1	1	0
Balance on 1/1/35 ...	13	12	4½
	£	30	0 8½

2/35th BATTALION ("THE NEWCASTLE REGIMENT").



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OFFICERS' ANNUAL DINNER, 1935.

Seated (Left to Right).—Major Thompson, Col. E. T. Harnett, V.D. Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. Galleghan. Major J. G. D. McNeill. His Worship the Mayor of Newcastle. Major Langwill. Major Ogle. Major Kelly. Major Logan.

## FRIMLEY AND CAMBERLEY CADET CORPS

### *Annual Inspection.*

The Corps were privileged to have as their inspecting officer last October the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Bassett, M.C., and realizing the very high standard of The Queen's, our inspection report was indeed one to be proud of, and reflects great credit on all members of the Corps.

### *Armistice Day.*

The Cadets attended the usual Armistice Day Parade Service, and the attendance and turn-out were most satisfactory.

### *Prize-Giving.*

On 21st November Major-General B. D. Fisher, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the new Commandant of the Royal Military College, and Mrs. Fisher were kind enough to spare the time to attend our Annual Prize-Giving, and the General was good enough to express his high approval of all that he saw. Our faithful friend and supporter, Mrs. Mackenzie, of Collingwood Grange, was good enough to undertake the onerous duty of distributing the prizes.

### *Annual Bazaar.*

The Annual Bazaar for raising funds for the Drill Hall proved even a greater success than ever.

### *Camp Funds, 1935.*

On 7th December, Miss Mortimer, who is famed for her School of Dancing, most generously gave a delightful and most accomplished dancing display, executed by her pupils, which resulted in a sum of £50 being handed over to the Corps for the above-mentioned most worthy cause. We owe her and her pupils a very great debt of gratitude.

### *Social.*

Our whole-hearted supporter, Mr. A. White, has kept up his efforts on our behalf, by running a series of Whist Drives. He certainly possesses a marvellous "flair" for making them most attractive to his many supporters.

Our cadets continue their praiseworthy work in organizing the monthly Dances at the Cadet Hall, which not only bring "grist to the mill," but give a tremendous amount of pleasure to all their guests.

### *Social Supper.*

On 16th January the Annual Re-Union Social Supper went with a great swing, as usual, and with Sergt. Sergison in the chair, and a number of cheery speeches, the whole evening, with dancing kept up till a later hour, was voted a real success.

### *Visit to 10th London Cadet Battalion.*

On 16th March our Senior Cadets went over by invitation to spend a day with the 10th London Cadet Battalion, and had a wonderful day, including a football match, in which we proved victorious.

### *Cross-Country Running.*

We again entered for the Prince of Wales's Cup for Cross-Country Running, open to all Cadet Units of the Home Counties, and finished third. In the Empire Shoot the Corps was 15th in the Order of Merit in Great Britain, and 46th in the Empire.

## THE DEPOT

HERE have been several changes in the personnel of the Depot since the last issue of the JOURNAL. Capt. A. J. Sullivan has just retired after seventeen years' service in the Regiment; we wish him the best of luck. Capt. D. E. Bathgate has gone to the 1st Battalion, and Lieut. J. B. H. Kealy has gone to the King's African Rifles, Capt. R. M. Burton has taken over the Training Company, Lieut. H. E. Wilson has become Adjutant, and Lieut. J. F. Metcalfe is now Training Company Subaltern. We congratulate Capt. G. M. Elias Morgan on his promotion. R.S.M. Tedder, D.C.M., has gone to the 1st Battalion, after twelve years at the Depot; and R.S.M. G. F. Osborne, M.M., has arrived as his relief. Mr. C. W. Ellis, one of the "pillars" of the Depot, who has been here as Mobilization Storeman for the last sixteen years, has left on reaching the age limit. His loss will be greatly felt—he was a typical "Queen's" man, and one of the most loyal supporters of the Regiment. We only hope that he will not leave Guildford, so that we can keep in touch with him.

R.Q.M.S. C. D. Wakeford, on completing twenty-three years' service in the Regiment, has taken over the post of Mobilization Storeman in his place. Another landmark of the Depot in the person of Sergt. McTravers has left us after being Cook-Sergeant here for the last fourteen years.

The Depot has been presented by the 4th and 5th Battalions The Queen's Royal Regiment, and 22nd and 24th London Regiments (The Queen's), with a magnificent oil painting of Catherine of Braganza, by Huysmans. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking our Territorial Battalions for this extremely handsome gift. The painting is hung in the ante-room in the Officers' Mess.

### Statistics.

Number of men enlisted for Regiment since last publication	...	136
Number of men posted to 2nd Battalion	...	67
Number of Recruits Discharged	...	15
Number of Recruits Deserted	...	2
Number of Recruits rejoined from Desertion	...	1

POSTED TO 2ND BATTALION.—Corunna Platoon, 24 men, 16/11/34; Tangier Platoon, 24 men, 23/2/35; Ladysmith Platoon, 19 men, 22/3/35.

DISCHARGED.—6076363 R.Q.M.S. C. Wakeford, 28/2/35, under Para. 370, xxi, King's Regulations. 6076173 Sergt. A. McTravers, 16/2/35, under Para. 370, xxi, King's Regulations. 6076791 Cpl. C. Maxted, 22/2/35, under Para. 370, xxviii, King's Regulations.

### Results of Recruit Competitions.

November, 1934—Corunna Platoon.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6085979 Pte. G. Leach. Shooting: 6084937 Pte. R. West; 6085531 Pte. J. Styles; 6085962 Pte. G. Seaward. Physical Training: 6085979 Pte. G. Leach. Drill: 6085932 Pte. C. Chappell. Athletics: 6085965 Pte. S. Tye.

February, 1935—Tangier Platoon.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6086210 Pte. W. Joyce. Drill: 6086210 Pte. W. Joyce. Shooting: 6085991 Pte. S. Lecarte; 6085999 Pte. G. Francis; 6085992 Pte. F. Dodd. Athletics: 6085991 Pte. S. Le Carte. Physical Training: 6086216 Pte. W. Joyce.

March, 1935—Ladysmith Platoon.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane: 6086222 Pte. F. Edwards. Drill: 6086227 Pte. R. Hall.

Shooting: 8819984 Pte. A. Philpot; 6084973 Pte. M. Sawyers; 6086220 Pte. J. Armond; 6086222 Pte. F. Edwards; 6086231 Pte. R. Dowse. Physical Training: 6757975 Pte. L. Beaumont.

### Sergeants' Mess Notes.

The fall of the leaf is always a sign that it is time to take down our tennis nets, forsake the Lido, and settle down to indoor amusements. Some of our "euchre fiends" think it is winter all the year round.

We have had our usual crop of whist drives in the Mess and, in spite of the small numbers, they have been very successful. In addition, we have had our usual dances in the Gymnasium, the chief of these being the Gheluvelt Dance. A large number of our friends came along to enjoy this very successful evening.

In January we paid a visit to the British Legion Club in Woking to play them at various games, including a small-bore match. They have a very large number of members, and in consequence, were a little too strong for us. We gave a good account of ourselves, and enjoyed a splendid evening. Incidentally, ex-Sergt. Cane is the "publican" there.

We said "farewell" to several very old members of the Mess in March, and decided to hold a dinner in their honour. Thanks to Sergt. Ridgeway, it was an excellent show, worthy of the occasion. We feasted merrily, and then called upon our departing friends to say a few words, after which we settled down to a "smoker." Our guests of the evening were: R.S.M. Tedder, who has gone to join the 1st Battalion; R.Q.M.S. Wakeford, who has left us for civilian life, but who is still with us as a civil subordinate; our old Sergt.-Master Cook, Sergt. McTravers, who had nearly thirty years' service to his credit; and "Gus" Ellis, who has retired on age limit from his post of Mobilization Storeman.

We wish our friends who have gone to civilian life all the best of good luck, and we hope that they will not forget us entirely.

In conclusion, we extend a very hearty welcome to R.S.M. Osborne, R.Q.M.S. Hankin, Sergts. Ridgeway, Budd and Sharp, who have been posted to the Depot to fill the various vacancies, and who, we hope, will enjoy their sojourn at the Depot.

### Corporals' Mess Notes.

There have been few changes since the last JOURNAL notes. Cpl. Maxted has left us to join the staff of Sir Kingsley Wood, to take over the strenuous duties of postman at Surbiton. We wish him the best of luck on his return to civilian life. L./Cpl. Holdaway has also left us to join the Battalion, and we congratulate him on his promotion to Corporal.

We welcome Cpl. Snelling and L./Cpl. Hodgson, who are now settling down to Depot routine.

We have acquired a good wireless set, and it is a great asset to the Mess. The shove-halfpenny wizards still continue their good work. We have several champions in the Mess, and judging by the amount of games played, it is a wonder the board is not worn out!

We are looking forward to the better days for cricket, when we shall arrange some matches with dutymen and recruits, and, of course, we hope we shall show them "how to play."

## SPORT.

### Football.

Although a late start was made, we have had quite an enjoyable season. During the last few matches the services of Pte. Danby have been greatly missed, as he was one of the outstanding players in the Depot side, but we wish him the best of luck in the 2nd Battalion. Sergt. Sharp has been welcomed into the side as pivot, on his posting from the 1st Battalion.

The following played regularly in the team: L./Sergt. Spence, L.Cpl. Noke, Ptes. Taylor, Attrell, Fagg and Danby. Others who played during the season were: 2/Lieut. E. C. Weir, Supplementary Reserve, L./Cpl. Wright, Pte. Barnes, Jenner, Wall, and Dmr. Oliver.

Amongst recruits who represented the Depot were Ptes. Danby, Hammond, Carter, Scott and Diffin.

Matches played, 14; won, 10; lost, 4; goals for, 69; against, 32.

#### Hockey.

Played, 15; won, 7; lost, 6; drawn, 2.

We have not had a strong Depot side this season; however, there has been some enjoyable hockey. The proper ground has been out of action most of the season owing to drainage. Recruits' hockey has been played throughout the season, and a few recruits have shown promise, Dalton, Cheeseman and Sawyers in particular. Towards the end of the season Pte. Hicks enlisted; he has played hockey before and shows great promise, and should be a help to the Regimental side next season. L./Cpl. Gray has played well in goal throughout the season, and was unlucky to break his wrist in the last match.

#### Boxing.

The preliminary rounds of the Eastern Command Recruits' Boxing took place at Hounslow on 8th January. In the first round the Depot fought the Depot The Royal Fusiliers, and won by 8 points to 7. In the second round, which was fought on the same evening, we fought the Depot The Royal Sussex Regiment. This was a most exciting affair, and the last fight of the evening was the deciding fight. In this, Hall, the team's reserve, took the place of Holmes, who was not allowed to fight owing to an injury received earlier in the evening. Hall fought very hard and won his fight on points, thus making us the winners by 8 points to 7. All the team fought splendidly, and special mention must be made of Wood's very good effort against a much stronger opponent.

The semi-finals took place at Woolwich on 22nd February, and we were drawn against the Depot Brigade, R.A. All our team boxed extremely well, but the superior weight and height of the gunners were too much for them. Four out of five of our team were giving away a lot of weight, and the result, 10 points to 5, against us, was no disgrace.

The team was: Pte. Pannell, Namur Platoon; Pte. Woods, Ladysmith Platoon; Pte. Sawyers, Ladysmith Platoon; Pte. Buckland, Corunna Platoon; Pte. Holmes, Corunna Platoon; Pte. Hall, Ladysmith Platoon.

On 23rd October, 1934, Corunna Platoon fought off their Inter-Section Boxing Competition. No. 2 Section were the winners with 12 points, and No. 3 Section second with 11 points.

The individual results of the finals were: Pte. Cheeseman (No. 2 Sec.), beat Pte. Adams (No. 3 Sec.), on points. Pte. Kyne (No. 3 Sec.), beat Pte. Shuttlewood (No. 1 Sec.), on points. Pte. Dare (No. 2 Sec.), beat Pte. Maynard (No. 3 Sec.), on points. Pte. Tye (No. 4 Sec.), beat Pte. Hussey (No. 2 Sec.), on points.

On 5th February, 1935, Tangier Platoon fought off their Inter-Section Competition; this provided us with some really splendid boxing. Of the preliminaries held in the afternoon, mention must be made of the bout between Pte. Joyce (No. 2 Sec.), and Pte. Labrum (No. 1 Sec.). Both recruits were well matched and of a very high standard. The fight was stopped in the last round owing to a severe cut on Joyce's head.

In the evening four dutymen volunteered to fight four recruits who would represent the Depot in the Command Recruits' Boxing Competition. The results were:—

Pte. Pannell (recruit) beat Dmr. Mobley (dutyman). Pte. Barnes (dutyman) beat Pte. Woods (recruit). Pte. Jenner (dutyman) beat Pte. Buckland (recruit). Pte. Protheroe (dutyman) beat Pte. Holmes (recruit). Pte. Askins (recruit) lost to Pte. Sawyers (recruit). These two fought for a place in the team.

In the finals of the Tangier Platoon Competition:—

Pte. Wood (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Francis (No. 4 Sec.). Pte. Inskip (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Hearn (No. 4 Sec.). Pte. Baker (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Dale (No. 3 Sec.). Pte. Labrum (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Thornton (No. 3 Sec.).

No. 1 Sec. therefore won the Competition with a maximum of 16 points (a record).

On Tuesday, 5th March, 1935, Ladysmith Platoon fought off their Inter-Section Boxing Competition. In the finals:—

Pte. Edwards (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Boyton (No. 4 Sec.). Pte. Sawyers (No. 1 Sec.), beat Pte. Rapley (No. 3 Sec.). Pte. Hall (No. 3 Sec.), beat Pte. Armond (No. 1 Sec.). Pte. Woods (No. 4 Sec.), beat Pte. Bennett (No. 1 Sec.).

The result was, therefore, No. 1 Section winners, 14 points; and Nos. 3 and 4 a tie, 9 points each.

Ptes. Labrum, Joyce and Woods are the best boxers out of the recruits who have left the Depot since last October. Of these we hope that Woods may one day be an Army Champion.

#### Fencing.

We have had a very successful season, having won nine of our fixtures and only losing three. L./Cpl. B. Noke, who has only started this year, has done quite well as a Depot Sabreur. L./Sergt. J. Spence, with Foil and Sabre, and Pte. D. E. Wright, with the Epée, have both fenced very well. Sergt. S. Sharp, who has only lately arrived from the 1st Battalion, has settled down to sports in general, and will be our representative at Bayonet at Shorncliffe. Three newcomers to our fencing team this season are Lieut. L. S. Sheldon, Sergt. E. Philpot and Cpl. J. Farrell, who have regularly represented the Depot in the Bayonet fixtures.

The light weapon team has consisted fairly regularly of Sergt.-Instr. G. J. C. Moore, Foil and Sabre; Sergt. J. Spence, Foil and Sabre; L./Cpl. B. Noke, Epée and Sabre; Pte. D. E. Wright, Foil and Epée; and Pte. R. Culley, Epée and Sabre.

The fixture card and results were:—

27/10/34.—v. Epsom College, at Epsom; Foil and Sabre, Depot. Lost, 8—10.  
 3/11/34.—v. Blades F.C., at Guildford; Foil, Epée and Sabre.—Won, 19—8.  
 7/11/34.—v. R.M.C., at Guildford; Foil, Epée, Sabre and Bayonet. Won, 23—13.  
 22/11/34.—v. Royal Horse Guards, at Windsor; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 16—11.  
 27/11/34.—v. Life Guards, at London; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 14—13.  
 10/ 1/35.—v. 2nd Battalion, at Aldershot; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 18—8.  
 29/ 1/35.—v. Life Guards, at Guildford; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 17—9.  
 2/ 2/35.—v. Blades F.C., at Aldershot; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Lost, 21—6.  
 13/ 2/35.—v. 4th Battalion, at Croydon; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 20—7.  
 7/ 3/35.—v. 2nd Battalion, at Guildford; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Won, 20—16.  
 9/ 3/35.—v. R.M.C., at Camberley; Foil, Epée, Sabre and Bayonet. Won, 19—17.  
 21/ 3/35.—v. Masks, at Guildford; Foil, Epée and Sabre. Lost, 19—17.

Result: Won, 9; lost, 3.

We congratulate Sergt.-Instr. G. J. Moore, A.P.T.S., on representing the Army in all their matches this year. He was awarded his colours for Foil and

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Sabre, having gained his Epée colours last year. He has qualified to represent the Eastern Command P.T. Staff in the competition for the Inspector of Physical Training Weapons in Foil, Epée, Sabre and Bayonet.

We heartily congratulate L./Sergt. Spence and Pte. Wright on their successes at the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament. L./Sergt. Spence won both Foil and Sabre medals, and Pte. Wright the Epée medal. They will therefore be the Command representatives in these weapons at the Royal Tournament.

## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM.

Additions to the Museum since the last issue of the JOURNAL are as follow:—

Python's Skin: Presented by B. H. Burton, Esq.

Extract from British Military Journal, 1798. Tailor's print of uniform, 1799:

Presented by Major-General A. E. McNamara, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Drawing of Regimental Drummer's Fringe, abolished 1866: Presented by Capt. M. McLure, late Royal Scots.

Warrant of Pay for Regiment for year 1789: Purchased.

2nd Battalion Standing Orders, 1876: Presented by Lieut. G. M. Elias Morgan.

Boer War photographs of 2nd Battalion: Presented by Mrs. M. Pink.

Medals:—

M.M.: Long loan from War Office.

Ghuznee with clasp. Pekin, two clasps: Presented by C. R. Hurley, Esq.

Burma, two bars: Presented by C. Fawcett, Esq.

If any reader has any spare copies of any photographs, groups, etc., of the 1st or 2nd Battalion taken during the last ten years, it would be greatly appreciated if they would forward them to the Officer Commanding, the Depot. An attempt is being made to get a more complete record in the Museum photograph albums.

## MUSEUM ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance on 1/1/34	... 27 1 11	Fixtures, Fittings, Frames, Lettering of Tablets and Repairs	... 11 7 9
By Officers' Subscriptions, 1934	... 33 0 0	Purchase of Medals	... 26 15 0
		Other Purchases	... 15 6 8
		Postage and Cheque Book	... 0 9 11
		Balance Cash in Hand, 1/1/35	... 6 2 7
	£60 1 11		£60 1 11

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting was held at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, on Wednesday, 13th March, 1935, at 11.30 a.m.

The following were present:—

Major-General Sir W. D. Bird, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Chairman); Colonel G. N. Dyer, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonels J. Rainsford-Hannay, D.S.O., R. A. M. Basset, M.C.; Majors G. K. Olliver, M.C., R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C.; Captain R. M. Burton; R.S.Ms. G. F. Osborne, M.M., W. Watford; R.Q.M.S. W. G. Hankin, M.M.; Major C. J. M. Elliott, D.C.M. (Secretary).

1. Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed, and Statement of Accounts for 1934 adopted.

2. Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Basset, and seconded by Col. Dyer, that a further grant of £200 be made to the Regular Forces Employment Association towards expenses of the Surrey Branch and cost of employing Job-Finders throughout the country, and that a letter be sent to the National Association urging them to increase the number of Secretary Job-Finders wherever possible.

3. It was decided to renew the Annual Subscriptions to the following organizations working in the interest of our members:—

	£ s. d.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society (Surrey branch) ...	10 10 0
Ditto ...	1 1 0
Royal Surrey County Hospital ...	10 10 0
Ditto Samaritan Fund Ladies' Association ...	1 1 0
Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows ...	10 10 0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters Home ...	8 8 0
Corps of Commissionaires ...	7 7 0
Netley Charitable Fund ...	4 4 0
Army Gymnastic and P.T. Staff Benevolent Fund ...	2 2 0
Surrey Convalescent Home for Men ...	1 1 0
British Ex-Service Legion of Australia ...	2 2 0
British Legion (Affiliation Fee) ...	1 1 0
Royal Victoria Patriotic School ...	2 2 0
Total ...	£61 19 0

4. It was agreed to hold the Annual Dinner (All Ranks) at Harrods on Saturday, 1st June, 1935, and the Garden Party on Saturday, 29th June, 1935.

5. The question of financial position of Dinner Club, held over from the Annual General Meeting in 1934, was considered satisfactory, and it was decided to run the Dinner for 1935 on the same lines as in previous years.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 12.40 p.m.

## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1934.

The General Committee have the honour to present their Fourteenth Annual Report and Abstract of Accounts, duly audited for the year 1934.

Membership.—Membership continues to be satisfactory.

*Life Membership.*—The figures now stand at 146 serving and 609 non-serving, against 135 and 560, respectively, at the close of 1933.

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 are not members, in order that particulars may be sent them.

Posters setting forth the objects of The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association are available and may be had on application to the Secretary by anyone for publicity purposes.

The Link connecting the Individual to 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 Ex-Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen continues to show 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 1934—35.

The total number of applications dealt with by the Surrey Branch during 1934 were:—

	Queen's.	Other Units.
Number of men on Register, 1st January	9	283
Number of new Registrations ... ...	46	680
Registrations other than first time ... ...	3	96
	—	—
	58	1059
	—	—
Number placed in employment ... ...	35	523
Number who secured own employment	8	199
Number assumed to have obtained own employment (not notified) ... ...	8	132
Number remaining on Register, 31st December, 1934 ... ... ...	7	205
	—	—
	58	1059
	—	—

In addition to above, 95 Queen's men were placed in employment by other Branches of the National Association for employment throughout the country.

Quite a number of situations for indoor menservants and married couples could not be filled on account of no suitable candidates being available.

The Committee appeal to all those interested in the Regiment for any information regarding employment. It may not have occurred to members how they can probably be of assistance in placing some of their less-fortunate Comrades who are workless. They should therefore send information to the Secretary should they hear of any vacancies likely to occur in any Firm, Business or Company, where good men are required.

It may not be out of place to quote an example:—

A Serving Officer informed the Secretary that his father was one of the Directors of a Company which was opening up a new factory and might require extra staff. A letter to the Works Manager resulted in four Queen's men being

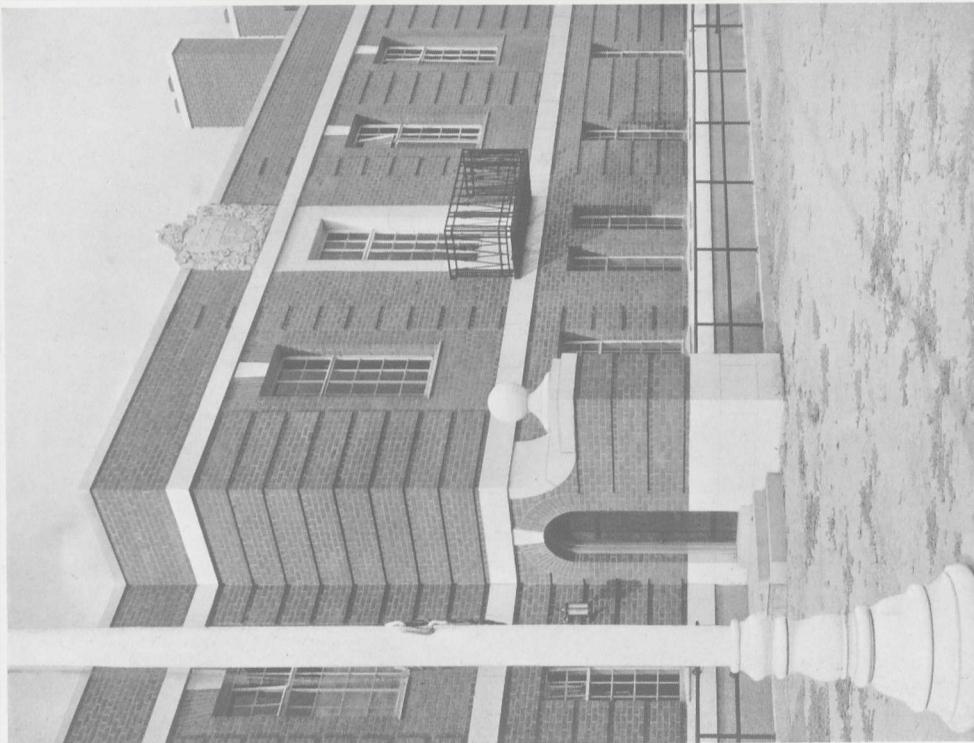


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ENTRANCE FOR OFFICERS OF TWO UNITS OF THE BRIGADE, INCLUDING THE QUEEN'S RANGERS, WHOSE GRET APPEARS ABOVE THE WINDOW WITH BALCONY.



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JUMPING CARIBOU LAKE, FERGUSON HIGHWAY.

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taken on. These are still at work and giving every satisfaction. A promise has also been given to take on more Queen's men if further staff are required.

As there are still a good many men waiting for jobs, all such help will be welcomed.

*Assistance Given.*—During the year the Association dealt with the following applications:—

- (a) Cash Grants, 200. Total amount distributed, £252 7s. 9d.
- (b) Loans, 12. Total amount loaned, £162 12s. od.
- (c) £261 19s. od. was subscribed to other organizations working in the interest of our members.
- (d) Thanks to the donors of a number of consignments, the Committee have been able to dispatch 10 useful parcels of clothing where this was the outstanding need.

The Committee appeal for cast-off clothing and boots. They may be dispatched to the Association.

It is possible the above appeal, which has always appeared in the Report, has been overlooked by a large number of members, or those interested in the Regiment, in which case the Committee confidently hope that by drawing attention to this need, a greater supply will be forthcoming during the present year.

*Accounts.*—Abstract of Accounts will be found on pages 76 and 77.

*Appeal for Legacies.*—Incalculable good can be afforded to the Association by benefactors remembering it in their Wills. The Committee think it possible that it has never occurred to the many interested in the old Regiment that they can help the Association, and those for whom it was instituted, by means of this form of assistance, which also perpetuates the donor's association with the Regiment and his or her help to its old soldiers.

*Annual Dinner (All Ranks).*—The 26th Annual Dinner was held at Harrods, London, on Saturday, 9th June, 1934, and was as popular as ever. The meal, service, and accommodation were all that could be desired. 562 were present.

The 27th Annual Dinner will be held at Harrods, London, on Saturday, 1st June, 1935. Will members intending to be present please inform the Secretary as early as possible?

*The Garden Party.*—The Eighth Annual All Ranks' Garden Party was held on Saturday, 30th June, 1934. Over 500 past and present members of the Regiment took advantage of the glorious weather, and spent a most enjoyable time. The various games were great fun and well patronized. Special mention must be made of the shooting, where no less than five ladies made possibles. This speaks well for the instruction imparted.

The Barracks, as in the last two years, were open to the public, and over 5,000 people took advantage of this. They saw the living conditions of the Army of to-day, and were permitted to go everywhere in Barracks.

As usual, the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion gave their very excellent display, and this was the most popular item of the day. The Band played until dark on the lawn, and the public greatly appreciated the programme.

The 9th Annual Garden Party will be held at the Depot on Saturday, 9th June.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Committee desire on behalf of all ranks, past and present, to express their gratitude to those who have shown a kindly interest in the Regiment by becoming Honorary Members, thus supporting the Association by their subscriptions. Especially do they wish to place on record their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Warren, O.B.E., for the handsome donation of £100 to the funds.

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.

The Committee trust that during 1935 the employment problems will show a general marked improvement, and that a further increase in membership will take place.

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. It is also requested that those who, whilst on the Register, secure employment through other sources, should notify the fact to 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.

R. K. ROSS, 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.

### Obituary.

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

No.	Rank and Name.	Battalions.	Service.	Date of Death.
	Brig.-Gen. F. J. Pink, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. ...	—	—	24-11-34
796257	Pte. Coleman, A. F. ...	2nd Bn.	1932	21-11-34
3591	Pte. Williams, J. ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1891-1902	5-12-34
3347	Pte. Baldwin, J. ...	2nd Bn.	1890-1902	18-8-34
6079026	Pte. Ware, F. W. ...	1st Bn.	1921	19-12-34
6076181	C.S.M. Phillips, J. ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1905-26	21-12-34
5880435	L./Cpl. Freeman, A. ...	1st Bn.	1927	8-1-35
6084412	Cpl. Mason, J. R. ...	1st Bn.	1929	13-2-35
	C.S.M. Domoney, A. ...	1st & 2nd Bns.	1903-27	15-4-35

## THE LATE BRIGADIER-GENERAL FRANCIS JOHN PINK, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL PINK was born on 19th November, 1857, and joined the Regiment from the Royal Wiltshire Militia in 1878, being posted to the 2nd Battalion. He was promoted Lieutenant in March, 1881. He first saw service in the Afghan War, 1879-1880, being employed as officiating Sub-Assistant Commissary-General, Khyber line, and received the medal for this campaign.

He accompanied the 2nd Battalion on the Burmese Expedition, 1886-89, and was appointed Orderly Officer and Intelligence Officer to the Brigadier-General, and later D.A.A. and Q.M.G. to the 3rd Brigade. He was also Staff Officer to the Karen Field Force. For these operations he was mentioned in Despatches (L.G., 2nd September, 1887, and 15th November, 1889), and received the D.S.O., as well as the India General Service Medal with two clasps.

He was employed with the Egyptian Army from 10th May, 1895, until 29th April, 1899, being promoted Major on 30th December, 1896. During his service in Egypt he took part in the Expedition to Dongola in 1896, and the Nile Expeditions of 1897 and 1898. In the Dongola Expedition he took part in the operations of 7th June and 19th September, being mentioned in Despatches (L.G. 3rd November, 1896), and received the Egyptian medal with two clasps. In the 1897 Nile Expedition he was again mentioned in Despatches (L.G. 25th January, 1898), and received a clasp to Egyptian Medal. In the Nile Expedition of 1898 he commanded a Battalion of Egyptian Infantry at the Battles of Atbara and Khartoum, and was mentioned in Despatches twice (L.G., 24th May and 30th September, 1898), and received the Medal as well as two clasps to Egyptian Medal, and was promoted Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

He proceeded to South Africa with the 2nd Battalion, and served with it throughout the war, being in command from 30th November, 1900, to 31st May, 1902. He was mentioned in Despatches (L.G. 16th April, 1901), and received the Queen's Medal, with five clasps, and the King's Medal and two clasps. He was also made a C.M.G. On 16th November, 1904, he was promoted Brevet-Colonel.

On 2nd March, 1905, he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed to command the 1st Battalion then stationed at Sialkote. Very shortly after he had assumed command, the Battalion was awarded the Lord Kitchener Trophy for the most efficient Infantry Battalion in India. His period of command ended in March, 1909, and he was then promoted Colonel and appointed a C.B. Thus ended over thirty-one years' service in the Regiment—years full of incident and achievement. Those who served with him will never forget his pride in the Regiment and his insistence that there must be no lowering of ideals or standards. As a commanding officer he was just and impartial, and intensely loyal to his officers; he took the keenest interest in all that concerned the welfare of the men, and was always highly elated at any success that came to the Battalion in any form of sport. On the lighter side many will remember his inexhaustible fund of stories of his many experiences, as well as his happy knack of lightning caricature, which was a source of entertainment on many occasions.

After a period of half-pay he was again employed with the Egyptian Army from 28th September, 1909, until 20th May, 1910, and on 11th November, 1911, he was appointed to command No. 10 District at Hounslow and Officer i/c Records, and held the appointment until 13th May, 1914. On the outbreak of war he was appointed Brigadier-General, and served at home in various appointments until he finally retired in September, 1916.

The following letter is from General Sir John Asser, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.:—

*To the Editor, "The Journal of The Queen's Royal Regiment."*

HURST MILL,  
PETERSFIELD,  
HANTS.

27th November, 1934.

DEAR SIR,

I am distressed to see the announcement of the death of my old friend and comrade, Brig.-General F. J. Pink, a member of your distinguished Regiment, and it occurred to me that it will be of interest to your readers to know something of his career while in the Egyptian Army. I was fortunate enough to be a Bimbashi in the 2nd Battalion, which he commanded during the years 1897-99. General Sir Peter Strickland was another of his Bimbashis, and also General Sir Felix Ready, now Quartermaster-General.

General Pink prided himself on our advancement and took some credit—with good reason—on himself for our achievement of high rank. He was the most fervid Regimental Officer I have ever met, the 2nd, or Queen's, being in his opinion the one and only Regiment that amounted to anything. Excuse my saying so, but from what we learned from him, and from what I have seen of Officers of the Queen's, the tone and standard of your Regiment have ever since stood almost as high in my estimation as they did in his, and that is saying a great deal.

Pink Bey was a character. His standard of discipline was terrific. He always spoke of Egyptians and Soudanese as "the dogs," adopting their own expressions of addressing each other as "sons of dogs," an expression which a father will even use when addressing his own sons! And he was a firm believer in the whip for these thick-skinned "dogs," and "flog the dogs" was an expression which he frequently used, and acted up to. The "dogs" showed no resentment, they knew the Bey to be a just and kind man, and in spite of his iron discipline one would often see them laughing with him and enjoying his jokes. He used to say that the first thing to achieve with Egyptians was to stop them talking. On falling out after parade not a word must be spoken until the enclosure of our mud fort was reached. One word and the fall-in would be sounded and out he would go for another half hour in that terrific heat.

We lived in grass huts and I have known him while shaving in the early hours of the morning stick his head through the grass wall, on hearing a fatigue party passing, and call to them to halt, his face covered with soap. The fatigue party was out of step. The Corporal in charge would be summarily reduced to the ranks a few hours later.

But in spite of this discipline the men had a real affection for him, as I was to learn a few months later when we were towing large boats up the 4th Cataract—a two-months' job. I was in charge of the leading boats. One day, as we neared Abu Hamed, there was an extraordinary scene. Before we started, the Bey had addressed the Battalion on parade and told them of the job before us. He had his little joke. He was not a fluent Arabic scholar but one word besides "dogs" which he frequently used when addressing his men was "nismas"—monkey—and he told them that he had heard there were monkeys on the route so they would soon be meeting their brothers and sisters. This amused the Egyptians immensely. On the occasion to which I refer there was suddenly a great commotion. At the time we were passing through very difficult water, the channel was full of rocks and on the banks there were overhanging trees



THE LATE BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. J. PINK, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

covered with thorns. Men had to swim round each tree with the tow-ropes. On our left was a ridge of sand with tall dom palms dotted over it. There was a sudden rush towards these palms, tow-ropes were dropped and the job in hand seemed to be forgotten. I called out to ascertain what all the commotion was about. "Nismas," was the reply, and I saw men climbing the tall palms to dislodge the big monkeys that could now be seen on the tops. As I watched, the monkeys were shaken down and dropped in the sand, to be at once followed by a host of soldiers. They made for the trees overhanging the water and from there were dislodged to fall in the water to be at once collared by the naked men, who were terribly bitten by these big monkeys. Finally, some four or five were captured and tied up with ropes and brought to me. I asked what they were going to do with them, and they all shouted, "For the Bey." Later on, when the Bey arrived, there was a solemn procession to his boat and the monkeys were placed on board. There was then great rejoicing and clapping of hands. The Bey was greatly touched, but as the dogs fussed and the monkeys began to pine he was much concerned as to what to do with them, and it was the one topic of conversation in the Battalion. Finally, on reaching Abu Hamed, as one or two of them had died, the Bey on parade one day told the men how much he appreciated their kind thought, but he thought that under the circumstances it would be best to let them go. There was a chorus of approval and the monkeys were released.

It was here that we met the Sirdar, Lord Kitchener. He had come down from Berber to see how things were getting on. That night at dinner Pink told "K." that our Battalion was in a terrible state. We had no boots left and hardly any garments. A half-yearly issue of clothing had been stopped in order to provide money for buying more rails for the railway. Lord K., as he afterwards became, replied with his grim sense of humour, "All right, Pink, we can get over that difficulty. I'll turn your Battalion into Marines and distribute them among the gun boats—they won't want any boots there!" Needless to say the subject was then dropped. Next day we were told to commence making a railway bank towards Berber and this we proceeded to do for a hundred miles, but our Bey never allowed such work to interfere with parades, and drill and discipline continued as before, every available moment being seized on for a parade of some sort or another.

He was to have his reward. His Battalion showed great steadiness at the Battle of the Atbara, largely due to the fact that the Bey was behind the line using the flat of his sword whenever he saw any signs of unsteadiness. A few months later, at the Battle of Omdurman, when the second Battalion was brigaded with Sudanese Battalions, in Hector Macdonald's Brigade, the unit that most distinguished itself for steadiness when the Brigade had to change front to meet a fresh attack was the 2nd Battalion.

It was a happy day for Pink. All his work had not been in vain and he gained great kudos. With all his stern discipline, and what to a casual listener would appear his fire-eating talk and somewhat brutal methods, he was at heart a most kind and just man, loved by all who knew him and loyal to his subordinates to whom it was a pleasure to serve under such a man.

When I recently saw him, in spite of his infirmities, the spirit of the old fire-eater was still going strong. He welcomed me as "my dear old Bimb the dog" and proceeded to talk of the Queen's and of the old Sudan days, and of how his methods proved to be correct for knocking blacks and Egyptian "dogs" into shape.

(Signed) J. J. ASSER.

# O.C.A. ACCOUNTS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1934.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Salaries and National Insurance	352 18 10	By Members' Subscriptions	596 18 5
,, Relief Wages—Unemployed Member	4 11 0	,, Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	28 0 0
,, Printing, Stationery, Postages & Telephone	83 12 8	,, Interest on Bank Deposit Account	7 3 2
,, Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses	30 14 7	,, Interest on Loans— Gross £22 10 0 Net 7 19 6	30 9 6
,, Loans written off	167 6 6	,, Sale of Clothing	1 12 6
,, Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1934, carried to Balance Sheet	25 6 0	,, Badges	0 6 0
	639 3 7		664 9 7
	<b>£664 9 7</b>		<b>£664 9 7</b>

## DINNER CLUB. ALL RANKS.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Dinner	217 7 8	By Members' Subscriptions	224 12 7
,, Salary (proportion)	20 0 0	,, Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	8 0 0
,, Printing, Postages and other Expenses	4 14 1	,, Interest on Bank Deposit Account	5 5 5
	242 1 9	,, Balance being Excess Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st December, 1934, carried to Balance Sheet	4 3 9
	<b>£242 1 9</b>		<b>£242 1 9</b>

## CHARITABLE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Grants in Aid	252 7 9	By Dividends on Investments	391 15 0
,, Subscriptions to Charity Organizations	261 19 0	,, Donations	179 11 2
,, Cheque Books	2 0 0	,, Interest on Bank Deposit Account	5 8 6
	516 6 9	,, Refunds of past Grants	1 8 9
,, Balance being Excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1934. Carried to Balance Sheet	61 16 8		578 3 5
	<b>£578 3 5</b>		<b>£578 3 5</b>

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MADE UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Life Members, Association as per last Balance Sheet	275 0 0	By Lloyds Bank, Limited	660 2 3
,, Add Subscriptions received during year 1934	3 0 0	General Account	495 14 10
	<b>278 0 0</b>	Charitable Fund Accounts	323 5 7
		Dinner Club Accounts	3 1 1
		Cash in hand of Secretary	1482 3 9
		Investments at cost as at 1st January, 1934 (Market Value £11,378 at 31st Dec., 1934.)	8919 19 3
		Advances:	
		Balance as at 1st January, 1934	1470 11 6
		Add Adjustment of Capital and Interest per contra	231 16 7
			1702 8 1
		Advances made during year	182 12 0
			1885 0 1
		Less Amounts repaid £352 15 9	
		Bad Debts written off 167 6 6	
			520 2 3
			<b>1364 17 10</b>

(Signed) R. K. ROSS, 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.

(Signed) W. KELLER SNOW, F.S.A.A.,  
Incorporated Accountant.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1935.  
GUILDFORD.



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