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## EDITORIAL

BY the time these lines appear in print the Coronation, which at present is in everybody's mind, will have taken place. By this solemn rite, His Majesty King George VI will have been dedicated to the service of Great Britain and the Empire. To him, and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, on behalf of all members of the Regiment, we offer our loyal duty and respectful homage, coupled with our wishes for a happy and glorious reign.

Change seems to be in the air, and we have to record three changes of command in connection with the Regiment: that of the 2nd and 4th Battalions, and of our allied Regiment of the Australian Military Forces. In the 2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C., has relieved Col. R. A. M. Bassett, M.C., to whom we offer our congratulations on his promotion and appointment as A.A. and Q.M.G., 5th Division. In the 4th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Papworth has completed his tenure of command and has been succeeded by Lieut.-Col. I. T. P. Hughes, M.C., who is well known to most of us as a former regular officer of the Regiment. We are glad that Lieut.-Col. Hughes is again a serving member of the Regiment, and we wish him every success in his command. In the 2nd/35th Bn. Australian Military Forces (Newcastle Regiment), Lieut.-Col. F. G. Galleghan, E.D., has been succeeded by Major E. D. Jeater. We publish elsewhere a note regarding Lieut.-Col. Galleghan, and an extract of the letter written by him to the Colonel of the Regiment.

We congratulate the 1st Battalion on the excellent report received from those under whose command they served. It is gratifying to know that the name of the Regiment stands as high as ever in India. The Battalion appears to be enjoying life at its new Station. The only drawback appears to be the inevitable splitting-up, which must take place during the hot weather. It is also pleasant to hear that the Band and Drums of the Battalion are maintaining their usual high standard. There are many who despise the value of a good Band and of a good Corps of Drums in a Battalion, but we are sure that they make not only for smartness but also for efficiency and discipline in a unit.

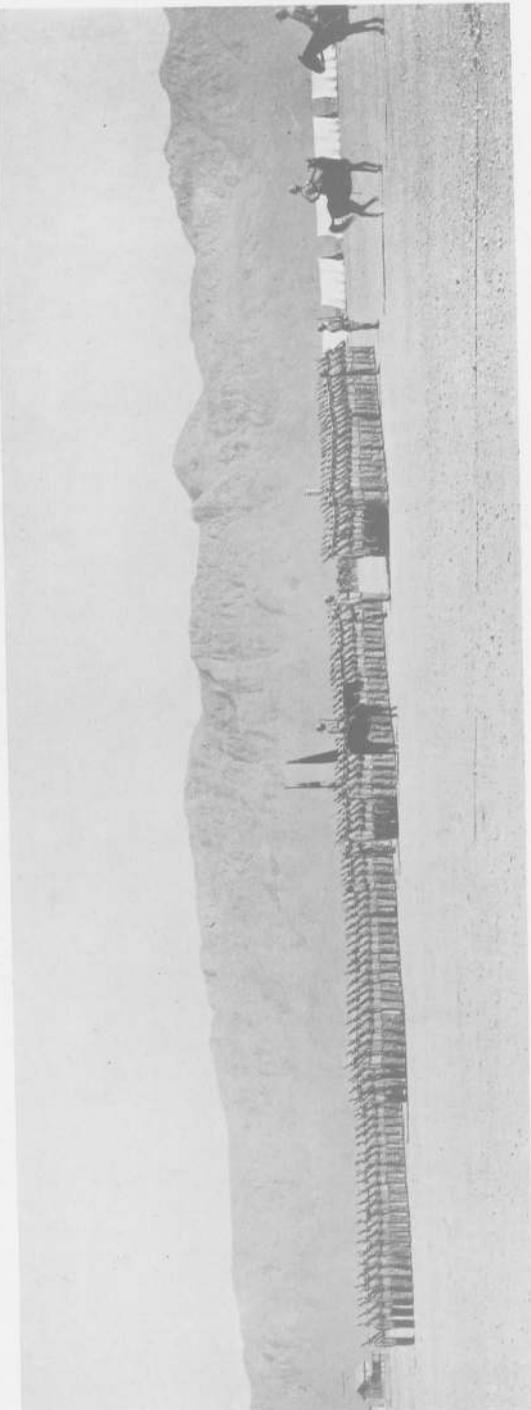
We publish elsewhere a short account of the Colours of the 1st Battalion, which have been in use for very nearly ninety years. Those of us who have carried them on parade in a wind, or on the line of march, well remember that they are indeed the old six-feet ones. One of our recollections goes back to a very hot march from Rawalpindi to the Murree Hills, and our aching shoulders were sufficient testimony to their worth and weight.

The attention of our readers is drawn especially to notices which appear in our columns regarding the Regimental Dinner (Officers), the All Ranks' Dinner, The Regimental Reunion, and the Old Comrades' Gathering, Church Parade and Garden Party at the Depot. We would like to impress on all those who wish to attend these various functions the necessity of giving timely warning of their intention to the various secretaries. We hope that in this Coronation Year there will be a record attendance at every gathering.

We desire once again to impress on our readers the necessity of communicating to us any change of address. Regular officers are often offenders in this respect, and we receive complaints of the non-delivery of Journals which have been forwarded to the last known address. It is not always possible for us to discover the movements of officers, or to obtain their new addresses, and we would ask them, therefore, to let us know any new posting or appointment as soon as they conveniently can.

Our next number is due for publication on 25th November. Articles, news, etc., intended for publication should reach us not later than Saturday, 16th October.

## 1st BATTALION.



PARADING FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S INSPECTION. "REPORTS."

## 1st BATTALION

(Allahabad.)

WE arrived at Allahabad in the last week of October, 1936. The journey epitomized the great change of surroundings involved in this move from Quetta. Northern India is a land of contrasts. The long train journey from Karachi across the Sind Desert to the stony wastes of Baluchistan was all that the great majority of us had seen so far of this country. After the first night in the train we had reached the plains. The endless vistas of wheat, cotton fields, trees and tropical vegetation made a welcome change.

As the 2nd Battalion were here in 1923-26, there are so many Queen's men who must remember Allahabad that a long description of it seems hardly necessary. Those who remember their India will not be surprised to hear that it has not changed by so much as a brick. The barracks, bungalows, messes, gardens and, of course, the Fort, remain, we are told, exactly as they were ten years ago.

There has, however, been a change in the British civil population. The Government of the United Provinces has moved to Lucknow, and the club list is now a very much smaller one. The Law Courts remain.

Those new to the place were agreeably surprised with the general layout. Probably the most attractive items were the general air of tidy civilization after the racket of Quetta and, much more important, a grand supply of fine grass playing-fields. The Battalion quickly settled down to the most enjoyable side of life in the plains—the cold weather.

In October a letter was received from Major-General H. J. Huddleston, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Commanding at Quetta, expressing his appreciation of the conduct of all ranks of the Battalion while stationed there, and especially their high spirit of devotion to duty displayed both in the period immediately after the earthquake and also during the months that followed.

Complimentary letters were also received from the Officer Commanding the 2nd Bn. The Prince of Wales's Volunteers who took over from us, and from the Officer Commanding the British Military Hospital. A very large number of N.C.Os. and men are employed in India as nursing orderlies in the hospitals, and the following extract from the above-mentioned letter may be quoted in full:—

"The work of your N.C.Os. and men has been beyond all praise, and they have most willingly carried out all duties allotted to them. I am very grateful indeed to every N.C.O. and man and was always impressed by their smartness and high state of discipline."

In November twenty-six families arrived from England to rejoin their husbands. These had been evacuated after the earthquake in the spring of 1935. This number has been gradually augmented throughout the winter until we now have the normal quota of forty-two families.

Major-General C. A. Milward, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commanding Lucknow District, paid us a visit at the end of November. After inspecting the Battalion he said: "I have always been brought up to regard The Queen's as a regiment *par excellence*. When I was with my regiment we always sent our N.C.Os. to be trained in drill by you. From what I have seen this morning I should again send my N.C.Os. to learn their drill from you."

On 14th December a proclamation was made by the civil authorities of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George VI. The Battalion provided a Guard of Honour under Capt. D. E. Bathgate.

Just before Christmas we received a draft of 158 all ranks from the 2nd Battalion. A letter from the Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion received at

the same time is of interest in connection with present recruiting difficulties at home:—

"This Battalion is weaker than I have ever known it. There are no private soldiers in 'C' and 'D' Companies—not one. In the whole Battalion there are twenty-two privates not employed."

In January Sir Harry Haig, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., Governor of the United Provinces, came for his annual three weeks' stay at Government House. Lieut.-General Sir Douglas Baird, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., Commanding Eastern Command, visited us at the same time. The latter watched the Battalion at Field Training, and was extremely complimentary.

The visit of the Governor woke up Allahabad. Officers were busy attending a long series of dances and parties at Government House and the Club. The Battalion provided a Sergeants' Guard at Government House.

The Army Commander and the Governor dined with the Officers, and after mess the Band and Drums gave an illuminated display.

The Governor took the salute at a march past of the Garrison on Proclamation Day, 1st January, and sent us a very flattering letter after the parade. He expressed himself as particularly delighted with the Band and Drums display. No doubt all old 1st Battalion men will be glad to hear that these are as smart as ever.

Other units of this Garrison are the 12th Field Battery, R.A., one squadron of Indian Cavalry and the 1st Bn. 18th Royal Garhwal Rifles. The latter regiment, the old 39th Garhwal Rifles, were next to this Battalion in the perimeter camp at Nawagai, Malakand Field Force, in September, 1897. This is said to have been the last occasion that a perimeter camp was attacked in force by tribesmen at night. Many will be familiar with the picture of this action in the Officers' Mess.

The official strength of the Battalion in December was 25 Officers, 9 Warrant Officers, 42 Sergeants, 37 Corporals, 825 Privates and 16 Boys, a total of 929. It must not be supposed that all these were actually present on any one day, but the figures are of interest when compared with the low strengths at home, and give an impressive idea of the strength of British battalions in India. This is no doubt a great factor in making soldiering out here so interesting.

During January each rifle company went to camp for ten days, five miles out of Mahdeori. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves in pleasant surroundings under a grove of mango trees on the banks of the Ganges.

Allahabad is a busy air port, and we have already entertained two flights of the Royal Air Force passing through to and from the Far East. We find it considerably easier to meet aeroplanes at the aerodrome than seaplanes. These have to land on the far side of the city, on the Jumna, at a very inaccessible place and are extremely erratic in their times of arrival and departure.

Many of us have taken opportunities for sight-seeing in the plains, and have visited Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, Benares, Jhanpur and other places of interest. A successful exchange of visits of parties comprising both football and hockey first elevens was made with the 1st Bn. The Devonshire Regiment at Lucknow. Results of the matches are given elsewhere.

Much attention is now being paid to the problem of making life more agreeable for British soldiers stationed in India, and there have lately been some important reforms in this respect. All ranks are given every encouragement to take leave in India, and excellent holiday camps and excursions are arranged.

The much-coveted increment of pay has been brought more nearly within the reach of most of us, and a long-standing grievance has been abolished insomuch that this is not forfeited through aberrations in marksmanship; this disaster for the individual soldier now only affecting his proficiency pay.

Permanent passes have been virtually abolished, and the few who are rash enough to wish to remain out of barracks until 1 a.m. can do so without restriction.

The great majority of private soldiers are now allowed to wear plain clothes when off duty. This privilege is not of the same importance in this country as at home.

Most important of all these reforms is the recent abolition of the highly unpopular "extra year abroad." This will prove of great value to those who do not wish to extend their service with the Colours by giving them a shorter tour in India and much better facilities for settling in civil life.

It will also improve promotion generally. We had expected that some 75 in all would be going home at the end of this year, but this figure has now jumped to 224.

Mention must be made of the old Allahabad Fort. This mediæval fortress is five miles from barracks and is situated on the fork between the junction of the Ganges and Jumna. Unfortunately the accommodation for troops is also mediæval, but Companies like to go on detachment and seem quite happy during their three months' tour there. "C" Company (Capt. N. A. Willis) went first and were replaced by "B" Company (Capt. D. E. Bathgate). "D" Company (Major E. F. Bolton) will shortly take over.

The first hills detachments are due to start for Chaubattia, near Ranikhet and Naini Tal, on 10th April. Two-thirds of the Battalion will find their way to the hills during the hot weather. All families are obliged to go, and separations, in some cases amounting to seven months, are one of the chief drawbacks to being stationed in the plains. However, everything possible is done to reduce separations to a minimum, and there is many a wangle to ensure that father is on duty at the same place as the family.

One hundred and forty-two all ranks have left for home this year. The names of Warrant Officers, Sergeants and Corporals are recorded in the notes from their messes.

The following Officers have joined us this winter from home:—

Majors R. C. G. Foster, M.C., and E. F. Bolton, Lieut. J. F. Metcalfe, and 2/Lieuts. R. A. D. Spiers, W. G. Lewis and H. W. Litson.

Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke has left to take up the Adjutancy of the Depot, Lieut. P. R. Terry to join the 2nd Battalion, and 2/Lieut. A. C. MacE. Savage to take up the appointment of aide-de-camp to the Governor of Bihar.

The following officers of the Indian Army Unattached List have joined the Battalion for attachment:—

2/Lieuts. B. C. Robertson, S. H. Payne, A. T. Stephenson, K. W. MacCutchan, Mohindra Singh Virdi and Rajendra Singh.

The short cold weather, November to March, is a busy time here for the Battalion's sporting as well as its more serious activities.

"D" Company won the South China Cup in the Inter-Company Football. Headquarter Wing carried off the Company Hockey Shield and the Company Cricket Shield. No. 13 Platoon won the Platoon Hockey Shield. Major E. F. Bolton arrived from home just in time to play for his platoon.

The Signallers have been particularly successful, winning the Jones and Campbell Cups in the Inter-Platoon Football, and also the Platoon Cricket Cup. They were also runners-up in the Light Automatic Competition, a weapon with which they are not quite so familiar as the buzzer or the rifle. They have also won a special prize for consistently having the best-kept barrack rooms.

We are sending a photograph, just taken, of the Colours. Although these have figured several times in the JOURNAL, this is of particular interest as they actually reach their ninetieth birthday on 17th July of this year. This must surely be a record. They are still in perfectly serviceable condition, thanks to many hours of work devoted to them by past and present ladies of the Regiment.

Before concluding these notes we would like to send our thanks to Major

C. J. M. Elliott, D.C.M., Secretary of the Old Comrades Association, for the wonderful work he is putting in, with the co-operation of the National Association, in finding jobs in civil life for all and sundry who go home. He never ceases to try to keep us up to the mark in having things cut and dried before his future clients leave us. Many must be all too well aware of shortcomings in this respect. We are most of us optimists, but however careless of the future we may be while still with the Colours, he never fails those who eventually appeal to him for advice and assistance.

*Sergeants' Mess Notes.*

We are now well settled in Allahabad, and find it a great change after our period of roughing it in Quetta. Our Mess is a large barn-like building, which has not been altered nor received much repair since occupation by the 2nd Battalion some ten years ago. Our committee quickly had the place redecorated and refurnished. Two concrete tennis courts were made in readiness for that all-important event—the arrival of the families.

Much anxiety was caused by all the families not arriving at one time. In fact three senior members went to the station a day too early. After waiting for about three hours during which they telephoned to Bombay and most of the intermediate stations, they came to earth, and discovered that they were exactly twenty-four hours too soon. Numerous functions have been held in the Mess, a children's Christmas party, a Christmas dinner to which all the ladies were invited, and frequent dances, in spite of the floor in places resembling an obstacle course.

During the past six months our members have performed very creditably in shooting and in the field of sport. Congratulations are due to Sergt. Hooper who won the Battalion Rifle Championship with a score of 100, R.Q.M.S. Jackson being the runner-up. Sergt. Jayes obtained second place at Meerut in the All-India Aperture Sight Competition, Sergt. Berry won the Battalion Athletic Championship, and L./Sergt. Riordan tied for second place in the Battalion Revolver Championship.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting our team was successful against the Officers and also the Corporals. R.Q.M.S. Jackson, Sergts. Hooper, Wells, Eastmond, Elkins, Court and Jacques and L./Sergt. Riordan represented the Mess.

The following members have been awarded their cricket colours: R.S.M. Hartridge, Sergts. Wells, Hooper and Litton and L./Sergt. Underdown.

Tennis is now in full swing in almost idyllic surroundings, and even if one does not wish to play it is a pleasure to sit in the park-like precincts and watch the more energetic members.

We had a very pleasant "At Home" with the Corporals, and some thirty of us, including ladies, sat down to a very nice alfresco tea. The tennis was made more enjoyable by the absence of any competitive spirit, in that everyone mixed in and, to use a much hackneyed expression, "a good time was had by all."

There are some very keen tennis players in the Mess and, moreover, the ladies, who practise in the morning, come down in the evening and take the members by surprise.

The ladies' Rifle Club has been revived and is proving very popular. There has been some extremely good shooting, of which the competitors are very proud. It is rumoured that pictures have been taken down in some of the quarters and used targets, displaying the householders' skill, substituted. It has been very clearly demonstrated that the staff at Hythe and Pachmarhi could pick up a few tips, as we find that it is absolutely essential to lie in a perfect curve behind the rifle to get good results, and silence on the part of waiting competitors near the firing point is not only ridiculous but, in our club, unobtainable.

Our best wishes go to the members who have left us for home, namely: R.Q.M.S. Collins, C.S.Ms. Scott and Wallis, Clr./Sergt. Inkpen, and Sergts. Hardwick and

1st BATTALION.



"D" COMPANY DINING-HALL, CHRISTMAS, 1936.



ARMISTICE DAY PARADE, ALLAHABAD, 1936.

1ST BATTALION

Barrier. We welcome from England R.Q.M.S. Jackson, C.S.Ms. Spence and Lee, Clr./Sergt. Philpot, and Sergts. S. Gould, F. Gould and Budd. Congratulations to our Bandmaster who has received his reward for eighteen years' service in the "straight and narrow."

In a few weeks' time we shall be faced with that old Indian problem the hill moves, when members are scattered to various hill stations and we on the plains close up like oysters and endeavour to stave off the effects of the Old Country.

*Corporals' Mess Notes.*

The period under review dates practically from the departure of the Battalion from Quetta.

Since the arrival of the Battalion in Allahabad the members of the Mess have gathered together on various occasions to the benefit of all, and some good things are expected in the future, in spite of the threatened separation of members during the coming hot weather.

A great number of our members have been pleased to leave this country for home during the past six months, and we wish them all the very best of luck in their future enterprises.

The following went to the Home Establishment this year: Cpls. Edwards, Chitty and Clark, and L./Cpls. Wray, Fuff, Gill, Barker, Jackson, Childs and Farnsworth. The last named, of football fame, has just left this Battalion after fifteen years. We have to thank him for many services rendered on various fields of sport, and hope that he will be able to carry on the good work in the 2nd Battalion. We are sure it is with great sorrow that we had to say farewell to him in the Mess.

The undermentioned Corporals have left for the Army Reserve, and the best of luck follows these members to England: Cpls. Noah, Archer, Hyde, Wade, Miles and Dean. Cpls. Ellis and Spooner left whilst on leave in England, and L./Cpls. Whitehouse, Fone, Eyles, Mahoney, Thompson, Blanks, Harris, Alsop and Collier also went to the Army Reserve.

We feel greatly for L./Cpl. R. Barratt who was sent home as an invalid during the past month. He has been very popular in the Mess since his advent, and his long absence in hospital prior to embarkation for Netley was very much noticed. To L./Cpl. J. Barrett we extend our best wishes on his return to civilian life. In him we have lost a prominent figure in our cricket team, but hope he will be able to show his prowess in his future sphere of life.

Among the arrivals from the 2nd Battalion was Cpl. Oliver, who left the Mess in China. We greet the following from the 2nd Battalion, and hope that they will enjoy life with the Battalion here in India: L./Cpls. Waple, Greenhalgh, Tye, Rogers, Baldwin, Benson, Jenner, Sawyers, Bradley, Howard, Harris, Irving, Jones, Biggs and Murphy.

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion to the Sergeants' Mess: Cpls. Clinch, Whittle, Peasley and Stubberfield, and L./Cpl. Pugsley. The following were promoted to Corporal, and we hope they will go further: L./Cpls. Redpath, Dakin, Bradfield, Bullock, Baker, Newport, Adams, Whitewood, Blackburn, Waite, Arbour, Burns, Beckett, Dimsdale and Born.

Twice just recently we have met our old opponents, the Sergeants' Mess, on the field of sport.

On 14th January they found two wickets with which to beat us at cricket. Our defeat is attributable to the rather depleted team we had to field owing to one company being away in camp and one company at the Fort. L./Cpl. Edwards's bowling (5 wickets for 23) was outstanding in the game, and our best batting was done by the left-hander, L./Cpl. Pettifer, who sent balls, to score 22, all over the field.

On 21st February we almost had our own back, however, at hockey. A very

closely contested game was played, and both teams did their very utmost to get above the other. The match resulted in a no-goal draw, and compliments were passed over a glass of beer and cigarettes.

Our new neighbours, the 12th Field Battery, R.A., just arrived from Jhansi, gave us a game of football on 14th February. We won 5-1, and later learned that our opponents had a very small choice, which probably accounted for this result. It was more of an attempt to get acquainted than anything else, and this was done later.

On 4th March we held a whist drive and social, inviting the members of the Junior N.C.O.s' Mess of the 12th Field Battery and married families of both our units.

Whist drive prizes were evenly distributed amongst members of the two messes and families, and it is possible that not too many aces were trumped, although the M.C. found at one point of the game four ladies preparing to play at one table.

The dance and social that followed was a great success, and several members gave turns. We owe many thanks to the Dance Band, who played practically throughout the evening.

In Battalion Boxing Championships this year, at least one member of the Mess distinguished himself. L./Cpl. Greenhalgh won his weight in the Novices' Competition, and followed it up by winning the Welter-weight Championship in the Open Competition. L./Cpls. Sawyers and Prevett were runners-up in their respective weights in the Open Competition.

To those who have left us we wish the very best of luck, and to newcomers a hearty welcome.

#### SPORTS.

##### *Football.*

On our arrival here we were lucky to find in the 25th Field Battery, R.A., a first-rate side who were able to give us some excellent matches, in which we gradually accustomed ourselves to the new conditions. Before they left the station we had had nine matches, each winning three, with three draws.

In December the team went to Lucknow to play The Buffs in the third round of the Murree Cup. The match was a most exciting one, the scoring being one-all up to within a minute of time, when The Buffs brought off the winning goal.

In January The Devonshire Regiment sent their team from Lucknow, and gave us a first-rate game. No goals were scored. We returned their visit in February, and they won by 2-1. We are looking forward to some matches with The South Staffordshire Regiment next season as they are in our district at Cawnpore, and The Gloucestershire Regiment, who are relieving The East Surrey Regiment at Fyzabad.

Matches played, 13; won, 4; lost, 5; drawn, 4; goals for, 16; goals against, 15.

The 1st XI is now as follows:—

Sergt. G. Hooper; L./Cpl. L. Brown and Pte. G. Bolton; Pte. E. Danby, Pte. T. Cruise and L./Cpl. T. Hulse; L./Cpl. G. Clarke, L./Cpl. M. Waller, L./Cpl. A. Pawson, Pte. G. Weston and Pte. J. Bennett.

The following have been awarded their football colours:—

Sergt. G. Hooper, L./Cpl. L. Brown, L./Cpl. T. Hulse, L./Cpl. G. Clarke, L./Cpl. M. Waller, Pte. G. Bolton, Pte. E. Danby, and Pte. T. Cruise.

##### *Small Arms Club.*

The rifles issued to us on arrival in India have given much trouble as the bolts were not properly adjusted for rapid fire, though they were accurate enough.

We are only just emerging from this difficulty at present. Nevertheless, the standard has been keen and satisfactory.

In the local A.F.I. Battalion Meeting Lieut. M. V. Fletcher won the Allcomers' Match, and "H.Q." Wing were second in the team event.

At our own meeting the Signallers did well to be second with the Light Automatic (Vickers Berthier), and the machine gunners of "S" Company are to be congratulated on carrying off the Inter-Company Rifle Cup.

Sergt. Hooper is our new Battalion Rifle Champion with a very good score considering adverse conditions on the first day of the meeting.

*Rifle Championship.*—1, Sergt. Hooper, 100; 2, R.Q.M.S. Jackson, 83; 3, Capt. B. E. L. Burton, 81; 4, Capt. H. S. Kelly, 80; 5, Pte. Leek, 79; 6, Pte. Bruce, 79; 7, Sergt. Wells, 78; 8, Cpl. Kettle, 78.

*Revolver Championship.*—1, Capt. B. E. L. Burton, 41; 2 (tie), Lieut. W. Watford and L./Sergt. Riordan, 38; 4 (tie), Capt. L. C. East and Pte. White, 35.

*Inter-Platoon Young Soldiers' Shield.*—Winners, The Drums; Runners-up, No. 2 (M.G.) Platoon.

*Inter-Platoon L.M.G. Match.*—Winners, No. 12 Platoon; Runners-up, Signallers.

*Machine-gun Match.*—Winners, No. 1 (M.G.) Platoon.

*Inter-Company Rifle Cup.*—Winners, "S" Company; Runners-up, "H.Q." Wing.

*Inter-Company Revolver Cup.*—Winners, "H.Q." Wing; Runners-up, "S" Company.

*Young Soldiers' Rifle Championship.*—Winner, L./Cpl. Bradley.

*Boys' Rifle Championship.*—Winner, Boy S. Bays.

*Officers' Match.*—Winner, Capt. B. E. L. Burton.

*Officers v. Sergeants.*—Winners, the Sergeants.

*Sergeants v. Corporals.*—Winners, the Sergeants.

*Indian Platoon Match.*—Winner, Sepoy Changdi Ram.

##### *Ladies' Rifle Club.*

This has been a very flourishing affair throughout the cold weather, and competition has been very keen. Mrs. Berry is to be congratulated on carrying off three of the weekly prizes as well as the Championship Cup. Other winners of the weekly prizes were Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Wiggs.

There were twenty-seven competitors for the Championship, and results were as follows:—

1, Mrs. Berry; 2 (runner-up cup), Mrs. Hawkins; 3, Mrs. Wiggs; 4, Mrs. Swain; 5, Mrs. Wills; 6, Mrs. Bradley; 7, Mrs. Eastmond; 8, Mrs. Roadnight.

##### *Cricket.*

Regimental Cricket this year has, on the whole, been disappointing. The concrete pitch, taken over from the previous regiment, was situated between two hockey grounds, and when cricket was being played there could be no hockey, and vice versa. Consequently, and quite rightly, games had to be curtailed, and there were very few company matches. Next season we hope to have a much better site and a matting wicket on grass.

We took part in the Allahabad Cricket League, all the games being played on Sundays. With the exception of the Indian Army Ordnance Corps all our opponents were Indian, who took the game very seriously—too seriously for us who rather enjoyed bowling a man off his "dhotie"!

## 1ST BATTALION

The results of the League games are as follows:—

- 15/11/36.—v. University, lost by 6 wickets.
- 22/11/36.—v. Postal Recreation, won by 7 runs.
- 29/11/36.—v. European Institute, won by 16 runs.
- 6/12/36.—v. United Club, lost by 100 runs.
- 13/12/36.—v. Allahabad Gymkhana, lost by 1 wicket.
- 20/12/36.—v. Press "A," lost by 7 wickets.
- 10/ 1/37.—v. Indian Institute, won by 43 runs.
- 17/ 1/37.—v. High Court C.C., won by 25 runs.
- 24/ 1/37.—v. Press "B," won by 5 wickets.
- 31/ 1/37.—v. Indian Army Ordnance Corps, lost by 18 runs.
- 28/ 2/37.—v. Indian Gymkhana, lost by 40 runs.
- 7/ 3/37.—v. Mohd. Sporting, lost by 3 wickets.

The Inter-Company Cricket Shield was on the knock-out system this year for the reasons stated above. There was no Inter-Platoon Competition. "H.Q." Wing beat "D" Company in the final and won the shield for the second year in succession.

The following were awarded their cricket caps: Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, M.C., Capt. B. E. L. Burton, Lieut. M. V. Fletcher, 2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, R.S.M. E. Hartridge, Sergt. J. Wells, Sergt. G. Hooper, Sergt. C. Litton, L./Sergt. C. Underdown, Cpl. W. Doncaster and Pte. A. Harding.

Sergt. R. Sims, "D" Company, and L./Cpl. F. Farnsworth, "H.Q." Wing, were the official umpires, and L./Cpl. G. Munns, "C" Company, and Pte. G. Bolton, "H.Q." Wing, the scorers.

L./Cpl. F. Farnsworth was a great loss to the cricket, as he organized all the games. He is now probably doing it in the 2nd Battalion. He has been a central figure in our sports club for many years, and will be missed in practically every game that is played.

## Hockey.

We have met several good Indian sides at Allahabad. Those who were here with the 2nd Battalion will remember how nippy the Indian players can be, and how they never seem to lose an opportunity of shooting. The game out here is, of course, a very much faster one than at home.

The 2nd XI have done particularly well with eight wins, one match drawn, and one lost.

The Inter-Company Shield was won by "H.Q." Wing for the third year in succession. They beat "C" Company by 2 goals to nil.

The Inter-Platoon Competition for the Platoon Hockey Shield was won by No. 13 Platoon, who beat the Signallers by 2 goals to 1 after extra time.

The 1st XI visited Lucknow in order to play The Devonshire Regiment, but lost 2—5. However, on their visiting us, we won 4—2.

The following is the 1st XI at the end of the season:—

Capt. B. E. L. Burton, Lieut. P. H. Richardson, Sergts. J. Berry, G. Hooper and J. Elkins, L./Cpls. F. Major and T. Bennett, and Ptes. E. Valentine, T. Nye, L. Yates and F. Brown.

The following have been awarded their colours:—

Capt. B. E. L. Burton, Lieut. P. H. Richardson, Sergts. J. Berry, G. Hooper and J. Elkins, L./Cpls. F. Major and T. Bennett, and Pte. E. Valentine.

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AT THE FIRING-POINT—HUSBANDS COACHING.



LADIES' RIFLE CLUB—WAITING TO SHOOT.

*Athletics.*

One of the first things the Battalion did at Allahabad was to remake the old running track used by the 2nd Battalion ten years ago. Beneath the grass were found some of the original cinders. We now have a good grass track. Although the going is hard there were some good performances this season.

*Individual Sports.*

The altitude of Quetta was not favourable to running. We find it much easier here, and the standards have improved considerably. Pte. Robinson ran 100 yards in ten seconds. Although he had a slight slope and favourable wind, it was a useful performance. He won three events with ease. With more events up his sleeve he might have won the Individual Cup.

As it happened, this developed into a struggle between Sergt. Berry and Pte. Massey. The latter was in the lead at the end of the second day, but Berry was busy for the entire third day gradually gaining points. In between attempts at the pole vault he ran in the final of the hurdles. He then gained third place at the long jump. He now had to run in the final event, the 440 Yards. He must be first or second to beat Massey. There was great enthusiasm as he brought off a fine win in 56 seconds and secured the cup. Next year he will be qualified to include the Old Soldiers' Race in his programme.

Pte. Massey is improving rapidly. He is to be congratulated on running Sergt. Berry so close, for while this year's winner scored 47 points, the cup last year went to an athlete with Massey's score of 41.

## Results of Individual Athletic Meeting:—

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, A./L./Cpl. Simmons; 3, Pte. Massey. Time, 10 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, Pte. Massey; 3, Sergt. Berry. Time, 24 sec.

440 Yards.—1, Sergt. Berry; 2, Pte. Edge; 3, L./Cpl. Nicholls. Time, 56 sec.

880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Porter; 2, Lieut. Terry; 3, L./Cpl. Hawkes. Time, 2 min. 8 4-5 sec.

One Mile.—1, L./Cpl. Porter; 2, L./Cpl. Kemp; 3, L./Cpl. Hawkes. Time, 4 min. 54 sec.

Three Miles.—1, L./Cpl. Kemp; 2, Lieut. Mott; 3, Pte. Gardner. Time, 16 min. 37 1-5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Pte. Massey; 2, Sergt. Berry; 3, L./Cpl. Phillips. Time, 17 sec.

Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Iles; 2, L./Cpl. Hills; 3, Cpl. Doncaster. Height, 8 ft. 3 in.

High Jump.—1, Pte. Massey; 2, 2/Lieut. Spiers; 3, Sergt. Berry. Height, 5 ft. 5 in.

Long Jump.—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, Pte. Massey; 3, Sergt. Berry. Distance, 20 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Pte. Willis; 2, L./Cpl. Biggs; 3, Pte. Clay. Distance, 80 ft. 7 in.

Throwing the Discus.—1, L./Cpl. Biggs; 2, L./Cpl. Nicholls; 3, Pte. Willis. Distance, 97 ft. 11 in.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, Pte. Smith; 2, Pte. Powell; 3, Pte. Stanton. Distance, 137 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Putting the Weight.—1, L./Cpl. Jacocks; 2, Cpl. Doncaster; 3, Pte. Willis. Distance, 34 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Old Soldiers' Race.—1, Lieut. Watford; 2, Major Bolton; 3, Clr./Sergt. Tasker. Time, 11 4-5 sec.

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*Boys' 100 Yards.*—1, Boy Mitchell; 2, Boy Bays; 3, Boy Inwards. Time, 11 1-5 sec.

*Boys' 220 Yards.*—1, Boy Bays; 2, Boy Mitchell; 3, Boy Inwards. Time, 26 4-5 sec.

*Boys' High Jump.*—1, Boy Mew; 2 (tie), Boy Bays and Boy Inwards. Height, 4 ft. 5 in.

*Boys' Long Jump.*—1, Boy Mitchell; 2, Boy Mew; 3, Boy Taylor. Distance, 15 ft. 3½ in.

*Indian Platoon 100 Yards.*—1, Sepoy Harphul; 2, Sepoy Basdio; 3, L./N. Sardara. Time, 11 4-5 sec.

*Indian Platoon 880 Yards.*—1, Neik Ghasi Ram; 2, Sepoy Shanker; 3, L./N. Sardara. Time, 2 min. 23 1-5 sec.

*Indian Platoon High Jump.*—1, Sepoy Harphul; 2, Sepoy Basdio; 3, Sepoy Mahipat. Height, 5 ft. 8 in.

Winner of Individual Athletic Cup, Sergt. Berry, 47 points; Runner-up, Pte. Massey, 41 points; 3, Pte. Robinson, 30 points.

*Inter-Company Sports.*

The Inter-Company Sports were held a week after the individual events. "S" Company, the holders, had most of last year's team. At the end of the first day they had a lead of 15 points over the remainder, who were all in a bunch. On the second evening "C" Company started with several successes, and with three events to go were only three points behind. "S" Company then won two field events, and there was only the 4 x 440 yards relay to be decided. Pte. Massey gave his company the lead by running a very fine third quarter for "C" Company, but Sergt. Berry was soon in pursuit of "C" Company's last man and overtook him in the straight to give the championship and Company Athletic Shield to "S" Company by 8 points.

"S" Company won the challenge cups for the 220, 440 and 880 yards relays, and "C" Company were winners of the 100 Yards Challenge Cup after a great struggle.

"C" Company were unfortunate in losing the services of L./Cpls. Major and Munns, the former at a Physical Training Course and the latter in hospital with a damaged foot. These two would probably have given their Company a considerably better score.

The following are the results of the Inter-Company Sports:—

*4 x 100 Yards Relay.*—1, "C" Company; 2, "S" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "D" Company; 5, "B" Company. Time, 45 sec.

*4 x 220 Yards Relay.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "D" Company; 4, "H.Q." Wing. Time, 1 min. 41 sec.

*4 x 440 Yards Relay.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "D" Company; 5, "B" Company.

*4 x 880 Yards Relay.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "H.Q." Wing; 3, "D" Company; 4, "B" Company; 5, "C" Company. Time, 9 min. 7 1-5 sec.

*One Mile Team Race.*—1, "D" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3 (tie), "S" Company and "H.Q." Wing; 5, "B" Company. Time, 4 min. 56 sec.

*Three Miles Team Race.*—1, "D" Company; 2 (tie), "S" Company and "H.Q." Wing; 4, "B" Company; 5, "C" Company.

*4 x 120 Yards Hurdles Relay.*—1, "C" Company; 2, "S" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "D" Company. Time, 1 min. 20 1-5 sec.

*High Jump.*—1, "C" Company; 2, "D" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "S" Company. Height, 10 ft. 3 in.

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*Pole Vault.*—1, "C" Company; 2, "S" Company; 3, "D" Company; 4, "B" Company; 5, "H.Q." Wing. Height, 14 ft. 9 in.

*Long Jump.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "B" Company; 4, "H.Q." Wing; 5, "D" Company. Distance, 38 ft. 9½ in.

*Throwing the Hammer.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "B" Company; 4, "D" Company; 5, "H.Q." Wing. Distance, 140 ft. 4 in.

*Throwing the Javelin.*—1, "B" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "D" Company; 4, "H.Q." Wing; 5, "S" Company. Distance, 264 ft.

*Throwing the Discus.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "H.Q." Wing; 4, "D" Company; 5, "B" Company. Distance, 181 ft. 1½ in.

*Putting the Shot.*—1, "S" Company; 2, "C" Company; 3, "B" Company; 4, "H.Q." Wing; 5, "D" Company. Distance, 63 ft. 9 in.

Winner of Inter-Company Athletic Shield, "S" Company, 86 points; 2, "C" Company, 78 points; 3, "D" Company, 61 points; 4, "H.Q." Wing, 55 points; 5, "B" Company, 31 points.

"B" Company were handicapped by being on detachment at the Fort.

*Inter-Platoon Athletic Standards Competition.*

This competition produced a very close struggle, and the standard throughout the Battalion was extraordinarily high as can be judged from the fact that every single platoon or equivalent unit in the Battalion scored over eighty per cent. At the end, No. 3 (M.G.) Platoon and the Signallers each had one man who had not passed in one event. Owing to their larger numbers, No. 3 (M.G.) Platoon scored a slightly higher percentage, and so won the Regimental Sports Cup. The first six were:—

1, No. 3 (M.G.) Platoon, 99.47 per cent.; 2, Signallers, 99.29 per cent.; 3, Employ, 98.65 per cent.; 4, Band, 98.48 per cent.; 5, Drums, 98.13 per cent.; 6, No. 1 (M.G.) Platoon, 98 per cent.

*A Fine Athlete.*

Sergt. G. Hooper is conspicuously the best all-round man in the Battalion. He won his cricket cap this year for the first time, his football colours for the sixteenth year in succession, and his hockey colours for the fifteenth year.

Joining the Battalion in 1921, the greatest event in his career was the winning of the Army Football Cup in 1925. He is the last survivor of this team.

In addition he has just won the Battalion Rifle Championship with a comfortable margin. He is a very good boxer and is invariably playing hard in Battalion, Company and Platoon matches, and events of every description. He is as fit as ever, and is a fine example to all.

*Boxing.*

We have had two meetings, a Boys' and Novices' Competition, followed by the Inter-Company Open.

The Boys boxed very well. In the Novices' there were 53 boxers and 40 bouts—as much as could be managed in three days with two sessions a day. The stage was in the open air, which was just as well both for boxers and the spectators. There was never more than standing room from the very start, although seating had been provided for five hundred.

At the Inter-Company Open Meeting, company teams had to be limited to eighteen boxers each. At this meeting there were 67 boxers and 60 bouts. This provided another two days' first-rate sport. "S" Company won with a comfortable margin, being followed by "D" Company and "H.Q." Wing.

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There has never been more keenness for the noble sport in the Battalion than now. We have no outstanding champions, but the general standard is very satisfactory.

We were, unfortunately, too late in arrival here to enter for the District and Command meetings, but certainly intend to do so next season. Results:—

*Boys' Competition.*

*Feather-weight*.—Winner, Boy Edwards; Runner-up, Boy Wells.

*Light-weight*.—Winner, Boy Bays; Runner-up, Boy Thomas.

*Welter-weight*.—Winner, Boy Bennett; Runner-up, Boy Lyne.

*Middle-weight*.—Winner, Boy Inwards; Runner-up, Boy Nash.

*Best Loser*.—Boy Wells.

*Novices' Competition.*

*Bantam-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Proctor ("S" Company).

*Feather-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Wilson ("S" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Howe ("C" Company).

*Light-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Saxby ("S" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Myall ("B" Company).

*Welter-weight*.—Winner, L./Cpl. Greenhalgh ("S" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Hansom ("H.Q." Wing).

*Middle-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Cullen ("B" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Rowland ("H.Q." Wing).

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Coupland ("H.Q." Wing); Runner-up, Pte. G. Bolton ("H.Q." Wing).

*Best Loser*.—Pte. Baker ("D" Company).

*Inter-Company Open Boxing Competition.*

*Bantam-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Grimes ("B" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Brand ("C" Company).

*Feather-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Titchener ("H.Q." Wing); Runner-up, Pte. Stedman ("S" Company).

*Light-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Warrington ("S" Company); Runner-up, L./Cpl. Sawyers ("B" Company).

*Welter-weight*.—Winner, L./Cpl. Greenhalgh ("S" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Askins ("B" Company).

*Middle-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Dexter ("D" Company); Runner-up, Pte. Williams ("H.Q." Wing).

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Coupland ("H.Q." Wing); Runner-up, Pte. Swain ("D" Company).

*Heavy-weight*.—Winner, Pte. Clay ("C" Company); Runner-up, L./Cpl. Prevett ("S" Company).

*Inter-Company Boxing Cup.*

Winners, "S" Company, 60 points; Runners-up, "D" Company, 48 points; 3 (tie), "H.Q." Wing and "B" Company, 45 points; 5, "C" Company, 33 points.

The following have been awarded their colours for boxing:—L./Cpl. R. Greenhalgh and Ptes. B. Grimes, T. Warrington, E. Titchener, H. Dexter, W. Coupland, W. Clay and F. Saxby.

## 1st BATTALION POINT-TO-POINT.



THE WINNER, CAPT. L. C. EAST, WITH THE CHALLENGE CUP.



THE PADDOCK AND GRAND STAND.

*Cross-Country Running.*

The Inter-Company Cross-Country Run took place on Friday, 5th March, 1937, over a course of about four and a half miles, which contained as many different types of country as can be found in the wide open spaces of the United Provinces. Pte. Hall, of "S" Company, was among the leaders from the start, and after the first mile he was in the lead and his position unchallenged for the remainder of the run.

Until a mile from home it looked as if another man fresh from England, Pte. Gardner of "B" Company, would finish second, but he was passed by Lieut. A. R. C. Mott of "S" Company, and L./Cpl. Kemp, "D" Company, who finished second and third respectively. Pte. Hall's time for the course was 26 minutes 54 seconds, and he finished about one hundred yards ahead of Lieut. A. R. C. Mott.

The Indian Platoon, who competed for the first time, put up a very fine performance in winning the Cross-Country Challenge Cup, for although six of their best runners were on leave their last scoring man was thirty-first. They had a very close struggle with "S" Company, and were only 14 points ahead at the finish, while the third team were 250 points behind "S" Company.

The Boys' Cross-Country Cup, competed for over a two and a quarter miles course on the same date, was easily won by Boy Bays. Results:—

*Inter-Company Cross-Country Cup.*—1, Indian Platoon, 243 points; 2, "S" Company, 257 points; 3, "D" Company, 504 points; 4, "C" Company, 559 points; 5, "H.Q." Wing, 576 points; 6, "B" Company, 702 points.

*Individual.*—1, Pte. K. Hall ("S" Company); 2, Lieut. A. R. C. Mott ("S" Company); 3, L./Cpl. J. Kemp ("D" Company).

*Boys' Cross-Country Run.*—1, Boy S. Bays; 2, Boy C. Bennett; 3, Boy J. Thomas.

*Point-to-Point.*

The Regimental Meeting this year was a great improvement on last year's, due almost entirely to Lieut. J. R. Terry and No. 9 Platoon, who helped to make the jumps.

The course was officially one of two and a half miles, but it was nearer three miles. There was a card of three races, a stop butt on which spectators could stand and view the whole course, and a refreshment tent. What more could one want?

The first race was the Officers' race for the Point-to-Point Cup, which was very deservedly won by Capt. L. C. East. Numbers two and three races were for British and Indian Other Ranks respectively (open), and produced a good field.

The runners in the Officers' race were as follows:—

Lieut.-Col. H. C. E. Hull's "Jumbo" (Lieut. D. G. Loch), Major B. C. Haggard's "Madrigal" (Capt. H. S. Kelly), Capt. L. C. East's "The Ringer" (Owner), Capt. L. C. East's "Mantilla" (Lieut. M. V. Fletcher), Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle's "Trudy," (Owner), Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle's "Mercury" (A. N. Other), Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyn's "Dragon Fly" (Lieut. P. H. Richardson), Lieut. J. R. Terry's "Siman" (Owner), 2/Lieut. N. T. Lennan's "Dekko" (Owner), and 2/Lieut. F. A. H. Ling's "Vivienne" (Owner).

"The Ringer" led all the way except at the fifth jump, when he ran out. He was again ahead at the seventh jump. "Dragon Fly" and "Mantilla" kept close to him all the way, but he always had a lot in hand. There were several falls, and only five finished the course, in the following order: "The Ringer," "Dragon Fly," "Mantilla," "Trudy" and "Madrigal."

## POLO.

Keen polo players shook their heads sadly when we left Quetta. They said: "We shall never get such good polo again, especially in Allahabad."

Perhaps the standard is not very high here, but it has been good fun. The ground is rather hard and bumpy and the players few, but we have managed to get in four or five chukkers three days a week and learn a lot.

The Battalion entered for three tournaments, and with two or three more ponies we would have entered for the Infantry Cup.

Unfortunately we were without Lieut. Sydenham-Clarke (away at Pachmarhi), and were not very successful; at the same time we did not disgrace ourselves.

The results of the Tournaments are below:—

## ALLAHABAD HANDICAP.

*v. 18th King Edward VII's Own Cavalry.*

Played at Allahabad on 4th January, 1937.

This was a very one-sided game of four chukkers. Our opponents conceded 8½ goals on the handicap, but in spite of this we were completely overwhelmed and outridden. Barlow was in magnificent form, scoring thirteen of the goals, and making the openings for the others. Ashgar Khan scored three times and Girling twice. It was realized that we would be beaten, but not quite so easily. Scores: 18th King Edward VII's Own Cavalry, 18 goals; The Queen's Royal Regiment, 8½ goals. Teams:—

18th King Edward VII's Own Cavalry.—Lieut. J. D. Girling, L./Dfr. Ashgar Khan Ali, Capt. J. M. Barlow (captain) and Lieut. Taj Mohd Khan.

The Queen's Royal Regiment.—Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

*v. The East Surrey Regiment.*

Played at Allahabad on 6th January, 1937.

This match was a good galloping game of four chukkers, with ourselves slightly quicker on the ball. The team played well together, and in the first chukker scored three goals (East 2, Oxley-Boyle 1). The next three chukkers were more even, Jenyns scoring the only goal of the second chukker. In the third chukker Whitehead and MacDonnell each scored for The East Surrey Regiment. East added one more for us in the last chukker. Scores: The Queen's Royal Regiment, 5 goals; The East Surrey Regiment, 2 goals. Teams:—

The East Surrey Regiment.—Lieut. E. F. Whitehead, Lieut. J. V. O. Edwards, Major R. A. Boxshall (captain) and Lieut. J. R. Armstrong-MacDonnell.

The Queen's Royal Regiment.—Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

## 15TH HUSSARS CUP.

*v. 8th Field Brigade, R.A.*

Played at Lucknow on 2nd February, 1937.

A fast game of four chukkers on a splendid ground, which we were very unlucky to lose. Conceding one goal on the handicap, we were leading by 2—1 in the first chukker. East soon put the teams level, shortly followed by another from Savage. The second chukker was a poor one, both sides frequently standing on the ball after the bugle had sounded. Beville scored for the gunners. Neither side scored in the third chukker, and in the fourth, after a scrimmage in front of goal, Jones scored. There was a good deal of mis-hitting in front of the gunners' goal, which was unfortunate. Scores: 8th Field Brigade, R.A., 3 goals; The Queen's Royal Regiment, 2 goals. Teams:—



Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

POLO TEAM.

Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, M.C.

Capt. L. C. East.

Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns.

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*8th Field Brigade, R.A.*—Lieut. G. V. de C. O'Grady, Lieut. G. S. Heathcote, Lieut. B. A. G. Jones and Capt. C. H. Beville (captain).

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

## 15TH HUSSARS CUP (SUBSIDIARY FINAL).

*v. The East Surrey Regiment.*

Played at Lucknow on 4th February, 1937.

A moderate game of four chukkers, we conceded two goals on handicap, and had most of the game. Richardson played a very good game throughout. In the first chukker East scored with a fine long shot, and after the bugle had sounded Savage equalized. During the second chukker The East Surrey Regiment scored through Whitehead, but Jenyns put us ahead again during the third chukker, followed by two more from Savage and Richardson. There was no score in the fourth chukker for us, but Cunningham scored for The East Surrey Regiment. Scores: The Queen's Royal Regiment, 5 goals; The East Surrey Regiment, 4 goals. Teams:—

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

*The East Surrey Regiment.*—Lieut. E. W. Whitehead, Lieut. J. N. Edwards, Lieut. P. S. G. Cunningham and Major R. A. Boxshall (captain).

*v. 14th/20th Hussars.*

Played at Lucknow on 6th February, 1937.

A very disappointing and one-sided game of four chukkers. The Hussars conceded  $2\frac{1}{2}$  goals on handicap, but completely outplayed us. Their ponies were much too fast for us, and we were unlucky to meet with such strong opposition. Woodhouse played a very good game for the winners, and each chukker resulted in goals for the Hussars. Scores: 14th/20th Hussars, 9 goals; The Queen's Royal Regiment,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  goals. Teams:—

*14th/20th Hussars.*—Lieut. P. F. S. Haggie, Major R. A. D. Woodhouse (captain), Major A. V. Pope and Lieut. D. A. H. Silvertop.

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—2/Lieut. A. C. M. Savage, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

## THE PERRY CUP.

*v. The East Surrey Regiment.*

Played at Fyzabad on 22nd February, 1937.

This was the first of three games played on the American Tournament system. Owing to rain it was not possible to play on the No. 1 Ground, and the match was played on a ground much below the standard measurements. We conceded  $2\frac{1}{2}$  goals on the handicap. The first chukker was very equal at first, but a 60-yard hard hit against The East Surrey Regiment enabled Jenyns to score, shortly followed by a second goal from the same player. In the second chukker we had most of the game, and two goals were added by East and Oxley-Boyle. In the third chukker, Richardson scored in front of goal, and a fine run up by The East Surrey Regiment enabled Cunningham to score for them. In the last chukker Jenyns and East scored for us. We had most of the game throughout, and the team played very well together. Scores: The Queen's Royal Regiment, 7 goals; The East Surrey Regiment,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  goals. Teams:—

*The East Surrey Regiment.*—Capt. N. B. Brading, Lieut. P. S. G. Cunningham, Major R. A. Boxshall (captain), and Lieut. J. R. Armstrong-MacDonnell.

*The Queen's Royal Regiment.*—Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

*v. The Meltonians.*

Played at Fyzabad on 24th February, 1937.

The second match of the tournament had to be played on the No. 2 Ground as No. 1 was still unfit for play. We were opposed to a strong gunner team who gave us  $2\frac{1}{2}$  goals on the handicap. The game was an even one, and we were unlucky to lose. It was a fast game, and they were slightly the better mounted. In the first chukker Garforth scored early for The Meltonians, but we had as much of the game as they had. In the second chukker Drought scored with a long shot, but Oxley-Boyle replied by scoring from a mêlée in front of goal. The third chukker produced two goals from The Meltonians through Heathcote and Garforth. The last chukker was a stern fight, neither side scoring. Scores: The Meltonians, 4 goals; The Queen's Royal Regiment,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  goals. Teams:—

*The Meltonians*.—Lieut. G. S. Heathcote, Lieut. W. S. H. Garforth, Capt. G. E. Drought (captain) and Capt. C. H. Beville.

*The Queen's Royal Regiment*.—Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

*v. Floating Meat.*

Played at Fyzabad on 26th February, 1937.

This, the third match, was probably one of the most unique matches ever played, in that it took place on two grounds, situated about two miles apart. Although the weather was threatening, it was decided to play on No. 1 Ground, probably one of the finest in India. The surface and turf were first class. Unfortunately it began to rain immediately the game started, and after the second chukker it was considered too dangerous to continue. The ponies were then sent to No. 2 Ground, situated much higher and on chalk, where the last two chukkers were played. It was unfortunate for us as the large ground suited us much better. Floating Meat, being a long-hitting team, had the advantage of the smaller ground. We received  $2\frac{1}{2}$  goals. In the first chukker Floating Meat scored twice through Bruce and Aird-Smith, but towards the end of the chukker we were pressing. At the commencement of the second chukker we were awarded a 60-yard hit, and from that Oxley-Boyle deflected the ball into goal. From the throw-in Oxley-Boyle took the ball up the field and scored with a cross-shot. Oxley-Boyle again scored shortly afterwards, and after the bugle had sounded Aird-Smith scored for Floating Meat. We never got really going on the small ground, and in the third chukker Bruce and O'Grady scored, followed by two more in the last chukker. Scores: Floating Meat, 7 goals; The Queen's Royal Regiment,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  goals. Teams:—

*Floating Meat*.—Lieut. G. V. de C. O'Grady, Lieut. E. P. C. Bruce, Major W. Aird-Smith and Major W. G. Mackay (captain).

*The Queen's Royal Regiment*.—Capt. R. F. C. Oxley-Boyle, Lieut. E. T. R. Jenyns, Capt. L. C. East (captain) and Lieut. P. H. Richardson.

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ROYAL HIBERNIAN MILITARY SCHOOL OLD COMRADES  
ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the above Association is now Mr. R. H. Caulfield, 48, Seymour Road, Southfields, London, S.W.18, who will be pleased to give any information to old Hibernian boys interested in the Association.

**"THE LUCK OF THE DEVIL"**

"CAN you join Christmas shoot C.P." was the reply-paid wire which reached me one afternoon in November. "Delighted letter follows" seemed the only answer, and next day I put the proposition to a sympathetic audience in the Orderly Room, and the matter was settled.

I left Allahabad at 9.30 p.m. on 22nd December armed with a light rifle and gun, and broke my journey early next morning at Jubbulpore. There I collected a double-barrelled .450-400 Jeffery, and sundry game licences, and finally reached railhead at Itarsi at seven o'clock the same evening. My host had very kindly sent his car to meet me, and having stowed my kit in the luggage trailer—an invaluable aid when touring with a family over jungle roads—we set out on the twenty-mile drive through the jungle to Chichadane Rest House. The main road ran due south, and began to climb immediately, running straight through thick jungle in which the deep shadows and bright open spaces were accentuated by the nearly full moon. After about twenty minutes we struck off the main road down a narrow forest track, which merely showed up as two dark ruts winding in and out of the trees. The surface seemed good, but *nalas* were frequent, although none contained much water. Finally we saw lights on top of a slight knoll, and a moment later I was greeted by James and my host. The rest of the party had wisely turned in after a long day of five beats, which had resulted in a 43-inch sambur falling a victim to one of the guns. Any head over forty inches is rare now in the C.P., and had this one been a little more symmetrical it would have been a beauty.

After one of the very cold nights which invariably seem to accompany the full moon, we woke to hear the excellent news that two "bodas" (buffalo calves) had been killed, one by a full-grown tiger and one by a small tiger or large panther. As neither locality was favourable for a beat, according to the local forest ranger, the four of us drew lots for the honour of sitting up over the kills that night. As luck would have it I drew the large tiger's kill, seven miles away from camp, while my host's son drew the panther's. We set out at once to see the lie of the land, and arrange the position of the machans, and once again my luck held, for on arriving we found a swarm of vultures on my kill, who would have picked it clean in two hours. The calf was lying under a small tree to which it had been tethered, and the tiger had eaten only one haunch. Water was within 400 yards, and dense bamboo scrub surrounded the grassy glade in which the kill was situated. A convenient tree about 30 yards away was selected for the machan; a native was left as sentry to keep off the vultures, and the remainder withdrew out of earshot to cut wood for the machan. By three o'clock that afternoon I was back, accompanied by James, who saw me up into the tree, repeated a last few tips and finally disappeared with a whispered "Good luck" and wave of his topee. I was alone in the jungle and took a look round my machan, which was the first in which I had sat. Simply but firmly constructed, it was made of a charpoy lashed to three strong branches of a teak tree, about 25 feet from the ground. Around it on every side a rail had been tied, from which hung loose freshly cut teak branches, whose large leaves formed an effective screen. Carefully I cleared a gap to my left front, through which I could see the kill clearly, and so situated that on raising my rifle I should be in the "sitting position" with both elbows rested. (Shades of Pachmarhi!) As quietly as possible I spread out my rug, tied my haversack and one end of my rifle-sling to the machan, made sure that my spare cartridges were in separate pockets, to avoid the clink of metal, and loaded my rifle. I was all set.

Not a sound was heard in the jungle, the sun's rays were still uncomfortably warm, and all animal life was dozing peacefully in the shade. At about five

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o'clock I heard a rustle on the dry teak leaves surrounding the glade, then another, and another, and with the artlessness of the novice I jumped to one conclusion—the wrong one, of course. Surely that must be the tiger? First one paw and then another at regular intervals. I looked at my safety catch for the hundredth time and tried to peer through my screen in the direction of the rustling, but I could see nothing. After a quarter of an hour, during which time the nervous tension was nothing short of terrific, I realized that the sound did not seem to be any nearer or any further away. What the devil was it? Then suddenly I heard a similar noise on my left, and on peering through the screen on this side I found the answer. A small bird, rather like a thrush, was hopping from leaf to leaf, eating the small over-ripe berries which had fallen from the bush. There were several of them in a group, and as they hopped about in turn they produced the rustle that had deceived me. I heard later that they were called the "Seven Sisters." Relief at last, and my pulse returned to normal!

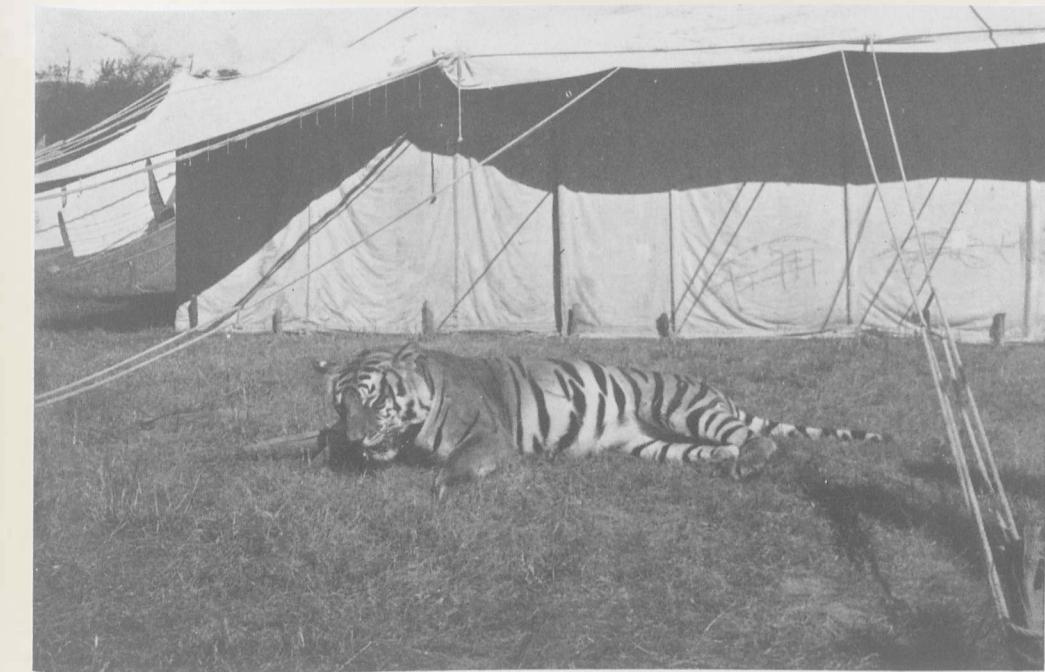
The sun was now beginning to set, and the jungle gradually came to life. Up the hills on my right a barking-deer called, and far away I heard the challenge of a jungle-cock, that harsh distinctive call which I had not heard for seventeen years, but which at once reminded me of the Nilgiris of Southern India. A beautiful greeny-blue kingfisher with scarlet beak appeared from the direction of the river and perched within a yard of my hide. For fully three minutes we stared at one another, and then, as I slowly reached for my camera, he lost his nerve and flew off. By now the sun had set and the clouds were growing pink, and as the stars began gradually to appear the ceaseless twitter of the birds died away. Two vultures sat perched in a dead tree on the skyline above me, looking grotesque in the half-light, and one flew slowly down into the valley to look at the kill. But his sharp eyes saw me, and he flew off to perch in a neighbouring tree with a loud clumsy crash as he brought his huge ugly hulk to rest. Now it was almost dark, and at last I could move about without fear of detection. Cautiously I adjust my clamp and torch, fearful lest any clumsy movements should disclose my presence by a clink of metal on metal, the noise most easily detected and most feared by any wild animal. My machan is under the lee of a steep hill, and the moon, which is just rising, cannot penetrate my glade for at least another hour. Anxiously I gaze at every shadow, imagining now that one has appeared that was not there before, now that one is moving. At last I give it up and sit and listen instead, every now and then taking a look at the dark outline which I know to be the kill. It is getting cold, and I cautiously unwrap a sandwich from the napkin in which my hostess has thoughtfully wrapped them to prevent a rustle, and take a pull at my flask. By jove! that was a near one. Steady now, neat whisky, when one is not used to it, is rather a trap, and one cough may be enough to spoil the party. How damned uncomfortable this machan is, and how infernally cold and stiff my legs are. Quietly I lean back, and listen in the deathly stillness of the jungle for a crackling leaf, or the rustle of grass, and gazing up at the stars I count the Pleiades idly, and gaze at the Pole Star and other constellations. There is the moon at last; the topmost leaves of my tree begin to sparkle in the silvery rays—rather peaceful this. "Honk!" I awoke with such a shock that I nearly fell out of my machan. How long had I been asleep? Hastily I looked at my watch, and was reassured to find that it was only 8.45. I could not have been asleep for more than a quarter of an hour.

And then suddenly "Honk!" again, almost under my machan. I sat up quietly and took a look at the kill, a dark shadow in the clear moonlight. On my right I heard the sambur start to move slowly up the hill, and then very faintly on my left the rustle of some animal. Gradually the rustling drew nearer, and as it did so the sambur's bell became more frequent and more urgent, as he hastily retreated before that hated smell. My heart began to thump again, and then

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MY MACHAN.



THE VICTIM.

at last I knew that here was the tiger, for in answer to one of the sambur's calls came a low growl, as if to say "Shut up you fool, I'm not after you."

Slowly I heard the tiger working around the outskirts of the glade, until finally he came to rest immediately under and behind my machan.

I dare not move a muscle, and so for nearly five minutes we sat, one certain of the other's presence, the other suspicious. However, at last I heard him move again as he walked slowly out from the bamboo scrub, and the grass rustled as he slowly forced his way through it. Once he stopped, and then at last I saw him, as a dark smudge emerged from around the corner of my peephole. Hardly daring to breathe I took off my cap and placed it over my torch, which was shining in the moonlight, and might have attracted his attention had he turned round to look back at any time. At last he reached the kill, and took one more reassuring glance round, and then the dark shapes merged into one as he sank down alongside his victim, and I heard the sucking rasping noise of meat being torn from a kill. "Let him feed for a couple of minutes or so before you start anything" had been James's parting words, and remembering them I sat and listened as the first few nervous and somewhat cautious mouthfuls became larger and noisier with the tiger's returning confidence.

Strangely enough by now my heart had ceased to thump, and quietly and deliberately I picked up my rifle, settled myself comfortably for the shot, and then, bringing it up into the aim, slipped off the safety catch. "Click" went the catch, loud enough to waken the whole jungle I felt, but the noise was drowned by the crunching of my quarry's jaws, and he never paused an instant.

Slowly my left thumb slid up the catch on my torch, and suddenly the light flashed on; for a moment the contrast was so great that I almost blinked, although I was behind the light. I was surprised to see that he had never turned a hair, and he calmly continued to feed with the light full on him. He was lying by the side of the kill, almost directly facing me, with his near side exposed, and remembering James's tip "Anchor him with your first shot, and kill him with your second," I aimed at the point of his left shoulder. At that moment he looked up at me and his great green eyes shone like two starboard lights in the glare of my torch. The next moment, fearing that he might move, I pressed the trigger, and the silence was shattered by the roar of my rifle as a burst of flame hit the target momentarily. He never moved or uttered a sound, and aiming the rifle directly above his eyes to strike the backbone near his withers, I let him have the second barrel. He gave a low groaning growl, his head fell over on one side and, hastily reloading, I knelt up and peered over the side of my machan. Not a move could I detect, and after watching for about ten minutes the one green eye that I could still see, I decided that he was dead. I looked at my watch. The time was 9.30 p.m., and the date was Christmas Eve—forty-eight hours after leaving Allahabad.

The rest of that night passed slowly, and I was woken frequently by my cramped position and by the cold. It is strange how slight a rustle from the surrounding jungle will wake one when one's ears are subconsciously strained, even during sleep, to catch the smallest sound. I was woken several times by other wandering animals, once by a frightened hyena who came to inspect the kill, and, horrified by what he saw and by my blinding torch, bolted back to the shelter of the bushes lest a similar fate should befall him.

At length the moon set and the stars began to disappear one by one, as the heavens paled before the approach of dawn. A heavy dew was falling, and its incessant dripping from the huge teak leaves sounded like a gentle shower of rain. At last the sun appeared on the topmost tree of the high hill above the river, and with the arrival of a new day the whole jungle awoke.

Once more a jungle-cock challenged with his insolent crow, and a hornbill flew lazily past my tree, followed by his mate. I stood up in my machan, stretched

my aching limbs, and blew a blast on my whistle which I repeated four times a minute and which indicated to James and the coolies that all was well.

Ten minutes later they appeared, and having scrambled down my tree I inspected my prize more closely. It turned out to be a tigress, not big, but beautifully marked and in perfect condition, and that she had died almost instantaneously was shown by the fact that one of the buffalo's legs was still grasped firmly between her jaws. The first bullet had broken up on her shoulder blade and pieces of it had spattered round the heart and lungs, while the second had broken her spine. "Novice's luck," you will probably comment if you read this story, and you will be perfectly right.

M. F. S. S.C.

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMITTEE

HELD AT STOUGHTON BARRACKS, GUILDFORD, 30TH JANUARY, 1937.

THE following members were present: Major-General Sir W. D. Bird, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Bassett, M.C., Commanding 2nd Battalion, Capt. H. G. M. Evans, representing O.C. 1st Battalion, Major R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding Depot, Major I. T. P. Hughes, M.C., 4th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. W. Sturmey Cave, D.S.O., T.D., 5th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Darnell, 22nd London Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. D. G. Adams, 24th London Regiment.

The following matters were discussed and decisions made:—

1. It was decided that a Regimental Reunion be held instead of a Garden Party. It was arranged that the Reunion be held at the Depot on the day of the Regulars versus Territorials match in the Cricket Week.
2. The question of the place where the Regimental Dinner should be held was discussed. Estimates from various hotels and clubs were examined, together with the facilities that they offered. It was decided that the Regimental Dinner in 1937 should be held at the United Service Club, Pall Mall.
3. A suggestion was put forward that a march to the Cenotaph and the laying of wreaths there should be carried out on the day of the All Ranks' Dinner. The Committee considered that no useful purpose would be served by such a march and decided against it.
4. The finances of the Regimental Memorial in the Queen's Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, were examined.

The Committee requested the Officer Commanding the Depot to inquire into the cost of the addition to the Memorial of an oak tablet large enough for the inscription of the names of all the officers who have subscribed up to the present. The Committee further decided that, after provision for the inscription of the names of existing subscribers, no further subscriptions should be received and the Memorial Fund should be wound up.



## THE OFFICERS, 1936.

*Back Row (with Colours).—* Lieut. J. Sykes-Wright, Lieut. G. H. W. Goode, Lieut. I. P. Thomson, 2 Lieut. H. W. Litson, 2 Lieut. G. O. Savage, 2 Lieut. N. A. H. Marsden, 2 Lieut. R. W. M. Hartland-Mahon. *Second Row.—* 2 Lieut. R. A. D. Spiers, 2 Lieut. W. G. Lewis, 2 Lieut. R. W. M. Hartland-Mahon. *Front Row.—* Capt. H. R. D. Wood, Capt. H. G. D. Dickenson, Capt. E. F. Bolton, Major L. L. Weiman, M.C. Lieut.-Colonel R. A. M. Bassett, M.C. Capt. R. F. Pickering.

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(*Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.*)

LAST year it was stated in the JOURNAL that "the winter of 1935 will be remembered as the wettest season for many years." Had the writer been able to look forward he would have seen that the winter of 1936 was far wetter than that of 1935.

Owing to the improvement that we have made in the playing fields since our arrival in the Isle of Wight, sport has not suffered as much as it might have done.

In spite of the rain we have managed to play a considerable amount of football and hockey, and if our teams have not always proved to have been successful, it can definitely be said that an all-round improvement can be seen. Let this improvement continue, and in another year or two we will be winning the Army Cup.

A draft of 157 other ranks left us for the 1st Battalion on 24th November, 1936. This left the Battalion very weak, only about 400 strong. Since that date we have received one draft of 16 from the Depot. Between now and July we are expecting four drafts totalling 106. This includes a draft of Supplementary Reserve of 29.

The Children's Christmas Tree and Tea Party took place on 19th December. It was a great success. Father Christmas came down a chimney and gave presents to 112 children. He created a record in not forgetting a single child, not even the youngest, who was under a month old. A conjuror kept both children and grown-ups amused for an hour after tea.

The Battalion proceeded on Christmas furlough on 21st December, leaving about fifty N.C.Os. and men, to enjoy their Christmas festivities in barracks.

Quite a number of Officers enjoyed a good season's hunting with the Isle of Wight Foxhounds. As to whether all Officers went out entirely for the hunting is hard to say. "Rosemary" was successful in getting rid of her rider on several occasions.

Eight All Ranks' Dances have been held throughout the winter. They proved to be a great success and very popular with the young ladies of the Island. A word of thanks is due to Cpl. Wittey, whose energy and hard work ensured the success of the dances.

Since our return from the New Forest in September of last year we have received quantities of Motor Transport. It is to take the place of our horses, to whom we are more than sorry to say good-bye. Some are to be destroyed; others will no doubt get jobs in civilian life. In consequence of this change-over we have, during the past few months, been busy teaching men to drive motor-cars. We are very glad to be able to say that, so far (touching wood), the casualty list is almost negligible.

Weapon Training has just started. It is hoped that we maintain the high standard that was attained last year.

We move to Tidworth about the middle of July to take part in the Southern Command Tattoo. We then move, by march route, to the Wimbourne St. Giles area for Battalion and Brigade Training. Owing to the shortage of men this training is going to be difficult and will necessitate more than the average amount of imagination on the part of all ranks.

Before this number of the JOURNAL is issued, Col. R. A. M. Bassett will have given up the command of the Battalion to take over the duties of A.A. and Q.M.G., 5th Division, at Catterick. All ranks of the Battalion very much regret his departure, and it is impossible to say adequately how much we shall all miss him.

The departure of Mrs. Bassett with her unfailing kindness and interest in the Battalion welfare will leave a gap that will be difficult to fill.

In saying good-bye to Col. and Mrs. Basset we extend a hearty welcome to Col. and Mrs. Ross. We hope their stay with us will be a long one.

The following Officers have left the Battalion since the publication of the last JOURNAL: Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C., Major E. F. Bolton, Capt. R. E. Pickering, 2/Lieut. R. A. D. Spiers, 2/Lieut. W. G. Lewis and 2/Lieut. H. W. Litson. We wish them the best of luck wherever they may be.

Capt. H. Wood has temporarily taken over the duties of Staff Captain, 9th Infantry Brigade, at Portsmouth.

Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs has taken over the duties of Adjutant.

The following Officers have joined: 2/Lieut. P. R. H. Kealy and 2/Lieut. J. U. Stobbs. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

There is little of importance to relate that has happened during the past six months. The most important thing, we think, is that we have been under cover, secure against the vagaries of the weather, instead of being out and about on training as related in our previous notes. And what weather it has been, too! The term "Isle of Wight weather" is a synonym for what is supposed to be a good thing, but isn't. However, let's see what the summer brings.

The Mess functions have been more or less "indoor sports." We have had the usual fortnightly whist drives, finishing up with lotto, a game at home to foreign stations, but foreign to home stations. Of late we have had a "hop" or two in the Mess, which has quite enlivened up the proceedings. The Christmas draw was an enormous success, the prizes falling pretty equally amongst everyone. The large number of tickets was due to the temptation of the punch-throughs, for which we thank C.S.M. Spence, now in foreign climes.

We have had a few functions with our old friends from Camp Hill, and one or two shoots on the miniature range where we were able to show them a thing or two when it came to firing with Service rifles. We have also had an exchange of visits with our friends from the British Legion at Shanklin. They very much enjoy coming into Service circles again, especially the old chap who joined up in '78. But they can't play darts, though! The expert from the Depot has arrived. He is now our No. 1 player. "Froggie," too, will have to be seeded if it comes to a competition.

A few of us went along to see our friends at H.M.S. *Excellent*, when we played them at football. We were just as welcome as ever, as they always are when they come to see us.

Of changes in the Mess there have not been so many as in previous years. We give our best to all those who have gone abroad again, and a hearty welcome to all who have come home. We note that "Darkie" is still playing football. They can't do without him yet.

We now embark upon our summer season of firing courses, route marches, training, etc., of which we shall give you an account in our next issue.

#### Corporals' Mess.

Dances and "Smokers" seem to have been the outstanding features in the programme of the Entertainments Committee.

We held two "Smokers" with the Prison Staff as our guests, and both were successful. A whist drive took up the first half of the evening in each case, and we "got down to business" soon afterwards.

The St. Patrick's Dance was given in our usual style—first-class. We would like to thank those members who spent so much of their time and patience in decorating the gymnasium for the occasion. They found their reward in the results. We hope to hold another dance as our contribution to the national cele-

brations during the Coronation. Our aim will be to make this dance something to be remembered, like our farewell dance at Aldershot.

The Mess extend a hearty welcome to those members who recently joined us from the 1st Battalion, and also to those who have just been appointed. We hope they will join in with us in "making things go."

In conclusion, we wish the very best of luck to those members who have gone to do their bit in civilian life. We hope they will always have a warm spot in their hearts for "the Mess."

#### SPORT.

##### *Football.*

We could not start football until we returned to Parkhurst near the end of September. The grounds at Albany Barracks were found to be in excellent condition and a trial match to pick a Battalion XI was soon played. We did not enter for more competitions than it was thought that we could manage, confining ourselves to the Portsmouth U.S. League (ten clubs), the Isle of Wight League (fourteen clubs), the Army Cup and the Isle of Wight Challenge Cup. Fixtures were all made in the summer, before it was known what effect drafting to India would have on our team-building chances.

Our season opened at Totland Bay with a win over the West Wight Club, 2—1, and on 30th September H.M.S. *Dolphin* visited us, to go away the losers by 2—0. These games gave the team a good start to the season, providing a contrast to the disasters of previous years, and when H.M.S. *Excellent*, who have been U.S. League champions so many times, came over on 3rd October, the Queen's gave them a warm reception. The sailors were soon leading by three goals to nil, but our men fought back so strongly that the visitors could make no further headway. Our centre-forward, L./Cpl. Shippam, scored twice, and five minutes from the end Pte. Bowman, playing at centre-half, sent in a fine long-range shot which left the *Excellent* goalkeeper standing. This was a very hard match, in which the sailors showed us some pretty work, though the robust play of the Queen's prevented them from having all their own way. The following week at Portsmouth, H.M.S. *Victory*, with several Navy and International players, gave us an exhibition of football which was a delight to watch. Our men held them to no score at half-time, but at the end we left the field defeated though not disgraced with a score of 3—0. Having thus met the two strongest sides in the district we were entitled to hope for quite a successful season, though some setbacks were in store. Our opponents in the first round of the Army Cup were the 4th A.A. Bde., R.A., from Portsmouth, a dark-horse team not in the U.S. League. We met at Parkhurst on 21st October, in a fierce battle which we lost 3—1. The Gunners eventually went through to the fifth round of the Army Cup.

Our encounter with Sandown in the first round of the Isle of Wight Challenge Cup ended badly. We played on a heavy ground and had a certain advantage in kicking downhill in the first half, from which we emerged with a 4—0 lead. At the change-over the local knowledge of the Sandown side enabled them to stick our defence in the mud and sling long passes to their left wing, which gave them several goals. Shortly before full time they equalized. Half an hour's extra time was played and darkness fell. Sandown scored again in the gloom, and for the rest of extra time the ball and players were practically invisible. The referee did not abandon the game, Sandown winning 5—4.

The return match with H.M.S. *Excellent* was played at Whale Island in the rain. It was a terrific tussle, of which the goalkeeper, Pte. Norris, was the hero. *Excellent* fielded a strong side, as usual, but could only find the net three times. Our men, though not so stylish as their opponents, made such good use of their chances in the mud that the result was another draw, 3—3. L./Cpl. Beatty's goal, scored with his head, as he dived along the mud, was one of the best

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feats of the season. We thus had the satisfaction of taking two points off *Excellent* in the two games, and were the only team in the League to get any points from them at all. They won all their other matches in the U.S. League and the two U.S. Cups this season.

Two good games were had with the Rifle Brigade. They visited us at Parkhurst and played on a sticky ground. An early lead was gained by the Greenjackets and it looked as if we were in for a severe beating, as our men seemed slow in getting into their stride. In the second half we bucked up, and just before the end had the lead at 4-3, after some of the most robust tackling and mud-larking seen this season. At this stage we were so full of the spirit of the attack, and the Rifle Brigade's outside-right was neglected so much, that he took a pass from a clearance and ran the ball by himself right up to our goal, where the Rifle Brigade equalized to the astonishment of our forwards and halves at the other end of the field, who thought someone had stolen the ball. Result, 4-4. At Gosport three weeks later the return match was played in perfect weather on a dry ground. A very large crowd watched the match, including two supporters of the Queen's. This was a splendid match, played under ideal conditions. The Rifle Brigade had a good attack but were often stopped. When they got through Pte. Norris saved nearly everything. We got an early lead through L./Cpl. Shippam, who very cleverly eluded the defenders and made no mistake with his shot. The Rifle Brigade equalized quickly and play was very even throughout the game. L./Cpl. Scott and Pte. Bennett gave us two good goals, to which the Rifle Brigade promptly retaliated. Near the end we were drawing, 3-3, when inspiration descended on our team, who attacked strongly. Cpl. Horsfield and Pte. Fox succeeded in having the Rifle Brigade goalkeeper guessing each time they shot. With the score in our favour at 5-3, we were happy to be the only team to beat the Rifle Brigade on the Gosport ground so far this season.

The two games with the Middlesex Regiment each ended with us underneath by the odd goal in five. It was the same tale each time. In both games we held the lead at half-time, but in the second half the Middlesex seemed to pull some more tricks out of the bag and we just could not get there. They have some brilliant individual players, and at the moment of writing they have three men in the Army XI. We think that the Rifle Brigade have a better side than the Middlesex however, and that opinion is shared in Naval circles.

## Portsmouth and District United Services League Results.

- 30/ 9/36.—v. H.M.S. *Dolphin*, at Parkhurst, won 2-0.
- 3/10/36.—v. H.M.S. *Excellent*, at Parkhurst, drew 3-3.
- 7/10/36.—v. Depot, R.A.O.C., at Parkhurst, drew 1-1.
- 10/10/36.—v. H.M.S. *Victory*, at Portsmouth, lost 3-0.
- 4/11/36.—v. H.M.S. *Vernon*, at Parkhurst, won 2-1.
- 25/11/36.—v. R.A.F. Base, at Parkhurst, won 4-0.
- 9/12/36.—v. Royal Marines, at Parkhurst, lost 2-1.
- 16/12/36.—v. Depot, R.A.O.C., at Hilsea, lost 2-1.
- 27/ 1/37.—v. R.A.F. Base, at Gosport, lost 3-1.
- 30/ 1/37.—v. H.M.S. *Excellent*, at Whale Island, drew 3-3.
- 3/ 2/37.—v. H.M.S. *Dolphin*, at Haslar, won 8-3.
- 11/ 2/37.—v. H.M.S. *Victory*, at Newport, lost 4-2.
- 18/ 2/37.—v. 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt., at Newport, lost 3-2.
- 3/ 3/37.—v. The Rifle Brigade, at Parkhurst, drew 4-4.
- 17/ 3/37.—v. The Royal Marines, at Eastney, drew 2-2.

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BATTALION SECOND XI FOOTBALL TEAM.



BATTALION HOCKEY TEAM.

Back Row.—Cpl. Blow, Bdsn. Keeling, Pte. Shepherd, Bdsn. Carpenter, Cpl. Norton, L. Cpl. Wilmer.  
Front Row.—L. Sergt. Newmum, Sergt. Collins, 2 Lieut. J. S. Wyatt, L. Sergt. Knight, Cpl. Newman.

24/ 3/37.—v. The Rifle Brigade, at Gosport, won 5—3.  
 31/ 3/37.—v. 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt., at Portsmouth, lost 3—2.  
 7/ 4/37.—v. H.M.S. *Vernon*, at Portsmouth, lost 3—2.

In the Isle of Wight League we have only been able to play sixteen matches so far. Flooded grounds and cup matches have caused many postponements.

Island football is very different from the Service game, and it is not very good for a team to play in both leagues, but we have no choice about it if we want games. To start with, the civilian clubs in many cases have no proper grounds, and the grazing field of the farmer is the venue of the game. Another snag is that we can never tell in advance what sort of side our civilian opponents are going to turn out. The armament programme keeps many of their players at work in shipyards and aircraft factories on Saturday afternoons, thus weakening sides which would otherwise be good. Occasionally an Island club has a few Service players home on leave, and then they are liable to spring a surprise and reverse their current form. We play our 1st XI in all Isle of Wight League games except one, and are having a successful season. There is just an outside chance for us to win the League. An account of the games would take too much space, but we must let readers know that our defence have only conceded four goals in this League since Christmas.

*First Division, Isle of Wight League, Results.*

26/ 9/36.—v. West Wight, at Totland Bay, won 2—1.  
 10/ 10/36.—v. Sandown, at Parkhurst, lost 6—0.  
 17/ 10/36.—v. Sandown, at Sandown, drew 1—1.  
 24/ 10/36.—v. Newport Reserves, at Newport, lost 4—1.  
 31/ 10/36.—v. Newport Reserves, at Parkhurst, drew 2—2.  
 14/ 11/36.—v. Cowes Reserves, at Parkhurst, won 3—2.  
 21/ 11/36.—v. West Wight, at Parkhurst, won 7—3.  
 28/ 11/36.—v. East Cowes, at Parkhurst, won 5—3.  
 12/ 12/36.—v. Ventnor, at Ventnor, drew 4—4.  
 23/ 1/37.—v. Cowes Reserves, at Cowes, won 11—2.  
 6/ 2/37.—v. Ryde Upper School O.B., at Parkhurst, won 5—0.  
 13/ 2/37.—v. Cowes United, at Parkhurst, won 8—0.  
 20/ 2/37.—v. Swanmore, at Parkhurst, won 8—0.  
 6/ 3/37.—v. East Cowes, at East Cowes, lost 2—1.  
 13/ 3/37.—v. Cowes United, at Cowes, won 4—0.  
 3/ 4/37.—v. Saro Athletic, at Parkhurst, won 8—0.

A few words about the players may be of interest. Dmr. Morgan has captained the XI this season. He plays at left-back, combining a sound defence with good constructive passes to his halves and forwards. He very rarely makes a wild clearance. Bdsn. Thomas has shared the right-back position with Dmr. Lineham. Thomas is an old partner of Morgan and they work well together. Lineham is a strong player who defends well, if sometimes not as cool as we should like. Pte. Lawrence has played at right-half nearly all the season. He has made a lot of progress in a year and is one of our safest players, who sticks to his man like glue and usually has the best of a duel. When asked he will readily take another position and put up a good show. Pte. Norris, the goalkeeper, has not missed a match. We wish he would grow a bit, though many a bigger man would have had difficulty in saving some of the shots which he has tipped over the bar or put round the post. His ability to anticipate and stop hard drives is uncanny.

at times. Pte. Bowman has figured in twenty games, mostly as centre-half. He is a very strong player, who finds that this is his best position. Always very eager in attack, he makes a better show playing away than at home. He does not like "barracking" by supporters. Clr./Sergt. Hill, a well-known veteran in the Regiment, is welcomed back into our XI for which he last played in 1932. He has had seven games and played ninety minutes' football each time. His experience is a great help to all. Sergt. Sharp joined us from the Depot after Christmas, and has played in every match since then. He is a strong, experienced player, who will take on a job in any part of the field. He did well at centre-half and is now in the forward line. L./Cpl. Tye is a big fellow, who plays left-half. He lasts for ever and plays a sound game without pretending to do any fancy stuff. L./Sergt. Barrier came from India and played well in a few games at right-half. He is now at Hythe. Cpl. Horsfield has played outside-right in thirty-five games. He has played consistently all the season and if we ever think he has had an "off day" it has been because he has been up against a "star" left-half. He likes to score a goal now and then, and occasionally treats us to a brilliant one. It must be confessed that many of his shots are too strong and go over, and perhaps it would be better if he centred more often. L./Cpl. Beatty, at inside-right, was on the injured list most of the season, having had two operations on his knee, which he damaged at training. After returning to us he had eleven games, and shone on several occasions, but the muddy grounds have not suited him, and he spent a good while in a horizontal position after tackling his opponents. 2/Lieut. R. W. Hartland-Mahon was brought into the side in October, at inside-right, and played some very good games. He was a great help to the side at a critical time when forwards were scarce. L./Cpl. Shippam has played thirty-three games at centre-forward. He is young, big and active. The rest of the side, on the whole, have fed him well, and at the time of writing he has sixty-three goals to his credit in the 1st XI this season. He is all attack, and will snap up any chance to score with head or feet. It was all head at one time, but lately he has made the net look untidy with some pretty footwork. In spite of his size he rarely falls over on a greasy field. Pte. Fox is a willing player who has taken part in twenty-seven games, mostly on the left wing, though he prefers the right, but could not get a place there. He deserves our thanks for the hard work he has put in whilst filling a difficult position nearly all the season. L./Cpl. Scott has had twenty-one games in left positions. He used to play along with Cpl. Herridge and was very good to begin with. He has not made the same progress as the other members of the team, however. We hope he will keep on trying and strike good form again. Pte. Bennett came at the end of the season and was tried at outside-left. It is too early to say much, but he has done well so far and we hope he keeps it up. He is strong and accurate. Pte. Blanchard has been tried at inside-right twice lately and shows signs of making good there.

*1st XI Colours Awarded to Date.*—L./Cpl. Beatty, Pte. Bowman, Pte. Fox, Clr./Sergt. Hill, Cpl. Horsfield, Pte. Lawrence, Dmr. Lineham, Dmr. Morgan (capt.), Pte. Norris, L./Cpl. Scott, Sergt. Sharp, Pte. Shippam, Bdsn. Thomas and L./Cpl. Tye.

#### *The 2nd XI.*

When we first made fixtures for this season we could not afford to put a 2nd XI into the Portsmouth and District U.S. League or the Isle of Wight League, owing to lack of funds and apparent shortage of players. After we returned to Parkhurst at the end of September a few practice games were held and some talent came to light. It is really a pity that more games could not be had by our reserves and they must be given a better show next season. Cpl. Hooper, of the Drums, is captain of the 2nd XI and is very energetic in trying to arrange games. At the



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moment of writing there are over thirty names of possible players on the list of reserves. The lesson we have learnt at Parkhurst is that, if you have the grounds, the way to learn football is to play it. Nearly all the Drummers play football now.

*Results of Matches played by the 2nd XI.*

- 26/ 9/36.—v. Newport Reserves, at Parkhurst, lost 3—1.
- 10/10/36.—v. Sandown, at Parkhurst, lost 6—0.
- 17/10/36.—v. Rookwood F.C., at Parkhurst, won 3—1.
- 21/11/36.—v. Blue Circle F.C., at Newport, won 7—4.
- 2/12/36.—v. Cowes Wednesday, won 8—4.
- 20/ 2/37.—v. White Aircraft, at Cowes, won 11—2.
- 3/ 3/37.—v. Cowes Wednesday, at Cowes, abandoned (rain).
- 6/ 3/37.—v. Apse Heath, at Sandown, drew 1—1.
- 10/ 3/37.—v. Sandown Wednesday, at Sandown, won 6—2.
- 3/ 4/37.—v. White Aircraft, at Parkhurst, won 9—2.

*2nd XI Colours Awarded to Date.*—Pte. Cassidy, Cpl. Cousins, Dmr. Cooley, Boy Elkins, Pte. Fagg, Dmr. Harris, Cpl. Hooper, Dmr. R. Newbold, L./Cpl. Oliver, Dmr. Santer, Bdsn. Smith, Pte. Toolan and L./Cpl. Wright.

*Inter-Company Competitions.*

During the season there have been many Inter-Company games, and the Signallers have managed to get some games with the Whitecroft F.C.

The Annual Inter-Company Competition is in progress at the time of writing these notes, and an account will follow.

Before closing these notes a few words on the subject of support for playing teams will not come amiss. When the Battalion team is playing in Barracks or down in Newport, it is expected, in fact it is the duty of all those not actually working or engaged in other forms of sport to turn out to cheer the team on. To persons outside the locality the only part of the Battalion which they see is the various sports teams playing away. Things can be very uncomfortable for a visiting team on the Isle of Wight if they have no supporters with them at all. If four individuals from each Platoon in "H.Q." Company, and four from each other company went with the team when it is playing away, and really gave their enthusiastic encouragement, the players would not have a care in the world.

All the while the Battalion is stationed somewhere where it has its own grounds the future of the game is safe, and having done so well in fourteen months we are looking to the future with confidence and hope.

*Hockey.*

We have had a very successful season this year, having played 15 matches, of which we won 11, drew 2 and lost 2. The weather has been very wet, which caused quite a lot of fixtures to be cancelled. We must say that hockey this season has shown a vast improvement over that of last.

We have discovered that some of our defence players have been able to take over the forward positions with ease, notably 2/Lieut. H. R. D. Hill and Sergt. Knight, who are now playing centre-forward and inside-right respectively.

The standard of hockey in the Company Knock-out Competition was very high. The results were as follows:—

*1st Round.*—“A” Company beat Signals, No. 3 Group beat “D” Company, “C” Company beat Drums, Band beat “B” Company.

*2nd Round.*—No. 3 Group beat “A” Company, Band beat “C” Company.

*Final.*—Band beat No. 3 Group after the second game.

We wish to congratulate the Band on winning the cup.

The following were awarded their Regimental Colours for the season: Capt. H. Wood, Lieut. J. Sykes-Wright, 2/Lieut. H. R. D. Hill, 2/Lieut. J. S. Wyatt, 2/Lieut. W. G. Lewis, Sergt. Collins, L./Sergt. Knight, L./Sergt. Newman, Cpl. Norton, Cpl. Blow, Cpl. Newman, Pte. Shephard, L./Cpl. Stacey and Bdsn. Kealing.

Finally, just a word about the umpire, Bdsn. Carpenter, who for years has shown such untiring keenness in hockey throughout the Battalion. One would have to go far to find a better umpire.

#### Cross-Country Running.

Although our activities in cross-country running have not been very impressive as a team it can be truthfully said that a general improvement has taken place since last year. In spite of depleted numbers and the loss of runners of some experience the standard has definitely improved. Our thanks are due to 2/Lieut. G. O. Savage, who has not only captained the team but taken great interest in the general training.

Pte. Fillingham, who quite recently joined the Battalion, has run extremely well throughout the season; with more training and experience Fillingham should prove a first-class runner.

L./Cpl. Fairs, Dmr. Newbold and Boy Cousins have all put in very useful work. The services of 2/Lieut. H. R. D. Hill have been greatly missed; unfortunately he has been unable to take part in any of the runs owing to absence from the station.

The Cross-Country Running Shield is still being competed for by the various companies and groups in the Battalion. The results are shown below. So far Pte. Richardson (Headquarter Company) has come first on both occasions. Richardson was a member of the team which ran so successfully when the Battalion was stationed at Aldershot. Unfortunately, however, he has given up long-distance running in preference for shorter distances. The following are the results to date:—

5th November, 1936. Distance 3 Miles.—Battalion Cross-Country Run (Battalion Shield): 1, Drums (91 per cent.). Pte. Richardson 1st, Pte. Fillingham 2nd.

14th November, 1936. Distance, 3 Miles.—Novices' Race (open to the Isle of Wight). Pte. Fillingham 1st, Dmr. Cooley 2nd.

4th February, 1937. Distance, 3 Miles.—The Queen's Royal Regiment v. R.A.F. (Gosport). R.A.F., 60 points; The Queen's Royal Regiment, 76 points.

6th February, 1937. Distance 4½ Miles.—The Queen's Royal Regiment v. Trojans (Isle of Wight). Trojans, 23 points; The Queen's Royal Regiment, 67 points. L./Cpl. Fairs 5th, Dmr. Newbold 8th.

17th February, 1937. Distance, 5½ Miles.—The Queen's Royal Regiment v. R.A.F. (Gosport). The Queen's Royal Regiment, 40 points; R.A.F., 42 points. Pte. Fillingham 2nd, Boy Cousins 4th.

28th February, 1937. Distance, 5 Miles.—Isle of Wight Championship. The Queen's Royal Regiment secured 3rd place. Pte. Fillingham 12th, L./Cpl. Fairs 16th.

3rd March, 1937. Distance, 7 Miles.—Southern Command Cross-Country Championship. The Queen's Royal Regiment secured 6th place. L./Cpl. Fairs 55th in a field of 127.

13th March, 1937. Distance, 7 Miles.—Team Race open to the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Garrison. The Queen's Royal Regiment secured 10th place. Pte. Fillingham 17th in a field of 103.

18th March, 1937. Distance, 4 Miles.—Battalion Cross-Country Run (Battalion Shield). 1, Band (78.18 per cent.). Pte. Richardson 1st, Pte. Fillingham 2nd.

20th March, 1937. Distance, 5 Miles.—The Queen's Royal Regiment v. Ryde Harriers. Ryde Harriers, 26 points; The Queen's Royal Regiment, 52 points. Pte. Fillingham 5th, Pte. Parsons 7th.

Up to the time of going to press the following have been awarded their Cross-Country Running Colours: 2/Lieut. G. O. Savage, Pte. Fillingham, Dmr. Newbold, L./Cpl. Fairs and Boy Cousins.

#### Boxing.

The boxing season was opened by the Novices' Boxing Competition, held on 23rd October. There were a fair number of entries although there appeared to be a lack of heavy-weights and light-weights. The fighting was keen, if a little unscientific, but it was clearly shown that there are in the Battalion several young boxers who, with coaching and experience, should promise well. The winners were:—

Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Gage, "C" Company.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Savage, Drums.

Welter-weight.—Pte. McNamara, No. 3 Group.

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Willard, No. 3 Group.

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

On 10th November the Battalion Championships took place. Again the number of entries was encouraging. In the semi-finals and finals we saw some very good fights, with displays of good boxing given by the more experienced boxers. The Drums very deservedly won the Inter-Company Boxing Shield. The winners of the Boxing Belts were:—

Heavy-weight.—Dmr. Cooley, Drums.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Fox, No. 3 Group.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Elliott, No. 3 Group.

Welter-weight.—Cpl. Lockwood, "C" Company.

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Coote, Depot.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Dawes, Band.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Gillard, "D" Company.

Our first contest of the season was against the Isle of Wight Rifles on 11th December. The Territorials put up a very plucky and sporting display, but the Battalion managed to win the contest by seven fights to three.

The Girdwood Cup Competition took place at Portsmouth on 16th and 17th February. The cup was won by the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, who produced a strong and well-balanced team. We were unfortunate in that our heavy-weight, Cpl. Pitt, fractured a rib playing rugger, and our first-string light-weight, L./Cpl. Coote, was pronounced medically unfit owing to a sore throat. In the Boys' fights we were also unfortunate in being unable to find Boys to fit in with the weights. Our boxers, however, by no means disgraced themselves, and congratulations are due to Pte. Dawes and Boy Casey, who won their weights, and to Pte. Glenn, who fought magnificently against Pte. Teasdale of the Middlesex Regiment, the Southern Command champion.

On 5th March the boxing team went over to Bovington to fight against the Royal Tank Corps Depot. In this team we were able to include one or two younger boxers, who benefited from the experience. We were beaten by the narrow margin of 21 points to 19.

In addition there have been several very well-organized boxing contests, staged by Major Foote of the Isle of Wight Rifles, at the Drill Hall, Newport,

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where some of our boxers have been able to gain valuable experience in fights against good-class Service boxers.

On 10th March a local Inter-Service Boxing Competition was held in Portsmouth. Cpl. Stannard, Pte. Dawes and Pte. Glenn were selected for the Army team. Cpl. Stannard was unable to compete owing to injuries, and Pte. Glenn could not get down to feather-weight limit. Pte. Dawes, however, won his fight.

On the whole, the boxing season, although not crowned with success, has shown that with sufficient coaching and training there is no reason why the Battalion should not be able to produce a reasonably good boxing team.

## Fencing.

The first match of the season was against the Ordnance. We had very bad luck with regard to our team: Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs and C.S.M. Spence were not available, and as Cpl. Pitt and Groves were away on Courses it left Cpl. Tasker and L./Cpls. July and Wright to represent the Battalion. The match ended with a win for the Ordnance, 17-10. Cpl. Tasker, 3 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 6 wins.

Our second match was against the Royal Marines. We lost, but without disgrace, as they put out their strongest team. The result was 18-9. Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, 5 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 3 wins.

We hoped to win our third match, against Winchester College, but they were too good for us with our depleted team. Result, 18-9. Cpl. Tasker, 3 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 5 wins.

Our next match was against the Depot, and although they have lost S.I. Moore, A.P.T.S., his style of teaching can be seen in the Depot team. It was a well-contested match. Result, 17-10. Cpl. Tasker, 2 wins; Cpl. Newman, 2 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 4 wins. This was Cpl. Newman's first match, and he made a very good beginning. If he sticks to it he should do well.

The second match against the Depot was a very close affair. We lost the Foil, 5-4, won the Epée, 6-3, and lost the Sabre, 6-3. Result, 14-13. Cpl. Tasker, 4 wins; Cpl. Newman, 2 wins; L./Cpl. Head, 2 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 5 wins. This was L./Cpl. Head's first appearance, and his keenness should make a good fencer of him.

Our second match against the Ordnance was another close match, the Ordnance winning the odd fight only. Result, 14-13. Cpl. Tasker, 3 wins; Cpl. Newman, 2 wins; L./Cpl. Wright, 7 wins.

Fencing Colours for 1936-37 have been awarded to:—

*Foil*.—L./Cpl. Head, L./Cpl. July and L./Cpl. Wright.

*Epée*.—Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, Cpl. J. Tasker, Cpl. C. Newman and L./Cpl. Wright.

*Sabre*.—Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, Cpl. J. Tasker, L./Cpl. Head and L./Cpl. Wright.

*Bronze Medal Tournament*.—The following are entered for the Southern Command Bronze Medal Tournament at Tidworth:—

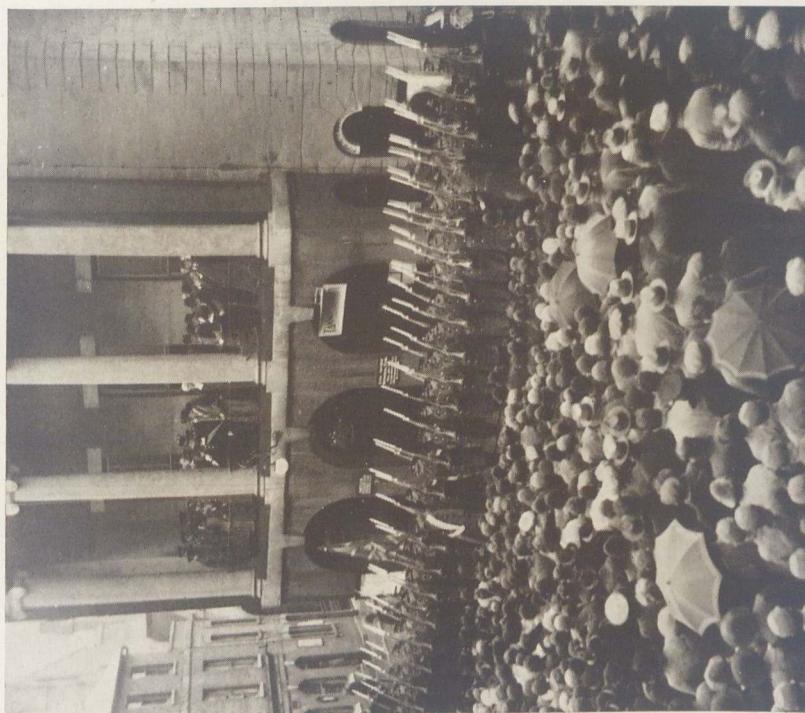
*Foil*.—Cpl. J. Pitt, L./Cpl. D. Wright and L./Cpl. A. July.

*Epée*.—Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, Cpl. J. Tasker, Cpl. J. Pitt and L./Cpl. D. Wright.

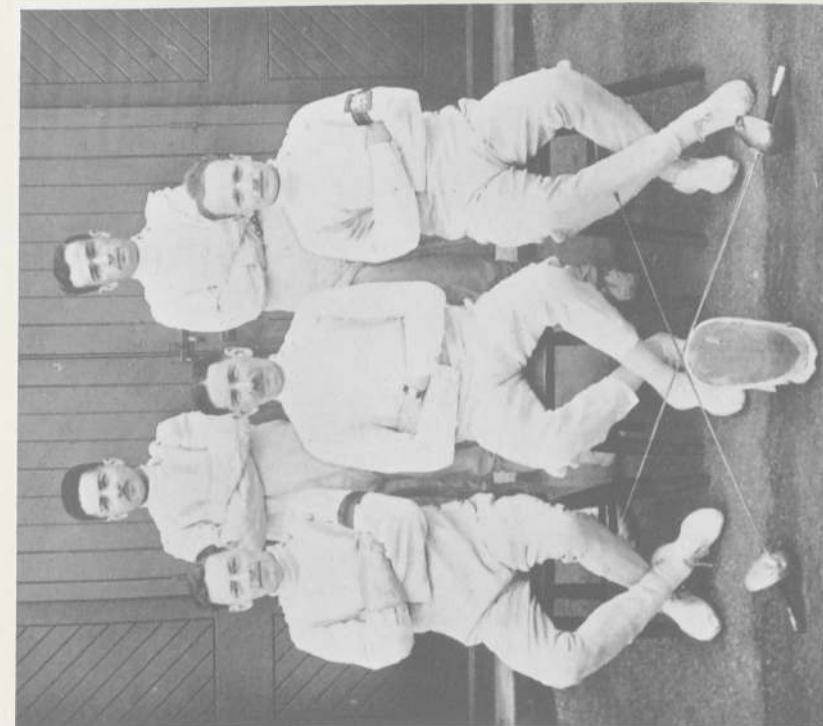
*Sabre*.—Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, Cpl. J. Tasker, Cpl. J. Pitt and L./Cpl. D. Wright.

*Non-Regimental Fencing*.—L./Cpl. Wright did very well to reach the semi-final pools of the Junior Sabre Championships at Bertrands in March.

These outside competitions are invaluable in the experience they give to a Service fencer who has been accustomed to a common style, and it is hoped, next year, that one or two more Battalion fencers will be able to take part in the Junior Championships.



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BATTALION FENCING TEAM.

Standing.—L./Cpl. A. S. H. July, Cpl. C. Newman.

Seated.—Cpl. J. Tasker, Capt. D. L. A. Gibbs, L./Cpl. E. R. Wright.

[Photo by Stevens, Westhill Road, Coates.]

PROCLAMATION PARADE AT NEWPORT, I.O.W.

*Weapon Training and Small Arms Club.*

With summer fast approaching our thoughts turn, once again, to the Annual Course.

The machine gunners, becoming a rifle company this year, have already sampled the delights of the ranges and, at times, must have wondered whether they were firing the Annual Course or practising for a Channel swim. However, despite the vagaries of the weather, all twelve first-year gunners obtained a First-Class Qualification, the average of the party being 27.5, and so they bid farewell to their guns.

We again entered a team for the *Portsmouth Times* Marching and Shooting Trophy, this event being fired on Tipnor Ranges on 18th March. The team, composed of Sergt. Lloyd, L./Sergt. Hacker, Cpl. Roffe, L./Cpls. Bush, Watson, McJury, New, Goddard and Church, and Pte. Bowman, under the command of C.S.M. Bacon, put in a great amount of marching and shooting, and our hopes of bringing another trophy across the Channel were raised high; but, alas, it was not to be. The riflemen, obtaining a very high score, were rather let down by the Lewis gun refusing to add its bit to the score-card. We did, however, finish third to our old friends, H.M.S. *Excellent*, and Royal Marines (afloat). This was a great improvement on last year, and we finished with very strong shoulders, holding every other team up. The team was accompanied by A./S./Sergt. Hunter (R.A.O.C.), and very kindly accommodated by H.M.S. *Excellent*.

We hope to record better news on the completion of the Portsmouth United Services' Meeting.

*Minature Range.*—Throughout the winter, small bore competitions were carried out, practices being snapshooting and application with inscribed circles and S.M.R.C. targets. Results have been good.

The clock for the highest average in the monthly shoot was won by the Band, closely followed by the Signal Section.

The Boys of the Battalion have been shooting particularly well, the winner of the Boys' Challenge Cup being Boy Manton.

We hope that these good results will be repeated on the open range in the course of the next two months.

*Averages of Winter Small Bore Shooting, 1936-37.*

*Competition "A" (S.M.R.C. Targets).*—1, "H.Q." Wing ("A" Team), 671.66; 2, "H.Q." Wing ("B" Team), 609; 3, "C" (S.) Company, 600.66; 4, "D" Company, 570.66; 5, "A" Company, 569.66; 6, "B" Company, 548.30.

*Competition "B," Young Soldiers (Snap and Application).*—1, "D" Company, 189.33; 2, "C" (S.) Company, 186; 3, "A" Company, 181; 4, "H.Q." Wing, 180; 5, "B" Company, 148.66.

*Competition "C" (S.M.R.C. Targets).*—1, "C" (S.) Company, 574.5; 2, "H.Q." Wing ("A" Team), 574; 3, "D" Company, 538; 4, "A" Company, 494.5; 5, "H.Q." Wing ("B" Team), 484; 6, "B" Company, 399.

*Monthly Competition, Company and Group.*—1, Band, 30.9; 2, Signal Section, 30.6; 3, "C" (S.) Company, 27.4; 4, Transport Section, 26.5; 5, Drums, 25.8; 6, "B" Company, 24.02; 7, No. 3 Group, 23.43; 8, "A" Company, 23.10; 9, "D" Company, 22.99. The Band were the winners of the clock.

*Winners of Monthly Spoons.*

*November, 1936.*—Best Marksman: L./Sergt. Houchin, "D" Company, 43. Best 1st Class: Dmr. Morgan, Drums, 43. Best Other Shot: Bdsn. Smith, Band, 39. Best Boy: Boy Friar, "H.Q.", 36.

February, 1937.—Best Marksman: Pte. McKay, "D" Company, 42. Best 1st Class: Pte. Brooker, Transport, 40. Best Other Shot: Pte. Ireson, No. 3 Group, 39. Best Boy: Boy Manton, "H.Q.", 32.

March, 1937.—Best Marksman: L./Sergt. Brent, "A" Company, 44. Best 1st Class: L./Cpl. Fennell, "A" Company, 41. Best Other Shot: Pte. Gilbey, Signals, 39. Best Boy: Boy Rowe, "H.Q.", 34.

#### Band.

During the winter months we have been very busy with Regimental and outside dances, and the Dance Band has proved itself to be nearly, if not quite, the best on the Island.

On 17th November, 1936, we gave a concert at Parkhurst Prison which was greatly appreciated. The Borstal boys must have heard something about it, as they asked us to give them a show, which we did. Cpl. King was very popular at this concert, and we believe now that he has been given the Borstal School tie.

We have done fairly well on the sports field this season by winning the Company Hockey Cup, the Cross-Country Cup, and also reached the semi-final of the Company Football Shield, being beaten by the Drums, 3-0.

Also, being without a clock in our Barrack Room, the Band rectified this by winning the Small Bore Shooting Clock. We are now getting ready for Coronation celebrations, which promise to be busy days for us.

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#### A TEMPORARY ASTRONOMER

FOR a variety of reasons that have little to do with this tale, I found myself one of five people who left Tokyo for a week in order to assist the British Eclipse Expedition—already established at a small village in the north of Hokkaido—in their study of the total eclipse of the sun on 19th June, 1936. The five consisted of a real, and famous, scientist in Dr. Aston, and four temporary astronomers, drawn from representatives of the Army, the Navy and the Consular Service posted to Japan for language study.

The journey north was uneventful but long, taking some thirty-six hours. But for me at any rate it had a certain novelty, for I found that I had, however momentarily, a considerable news value. From the minute we landed in the North Island we were interviewed and photographed for the Press almost unceasingly for five days. Even schoolboys in the train came and asked me for my autograph, and I felt that at last I was being appreciated at my true worth; my only regret was that the scene of this unusual occurrence was so far from my normal abode. But my sympathy went out to Dr. Aston, whose worth was so great that he was aroused from a quiet post-prandial nap on the train and had to suffer the ordeal of being filmed when only partially awake.

When we arrived at Kamishari—our destination—we found a most imposing welcome arranged for us. Professor Stratton, the leader of the party, had come to meet us, and as we emerged from the station to walk to the party's headquarters we were confronted by a battery (if I use the right word) of reporters, a reception committee, the village school's bugle band, about a hundred of the schoolboys and a large proportion of the villagers. An arch of evergreens, crowned with the Union Jack and the Japanese flag, had been erected, and we passed through it, followed by the band and the boys, and preceded, backwards, by the industrious photographers.

The same day, and the two following ones, we had rehearsals of our duties and made the acquaintance of various famous scientists, and were introduced to a number of highly sensitive, valuable and awe-inspiring astronomical instruments. It is beyond my capabilities to describe them all; I concentrated my mental efforts on the 19-foot coronagraph, where I was to work with Major Bagnold, but at the end I was able to distinguish the ultra-violet and the infra-red machines, even if I had difficulty in understanding the explanations of them given to us, with unfailing patience, by their expert manipulators.

The jobs allotted to the four non-experts were comparatively simple, but one of us at least could have made havoc of Professor Stratton's carefully laid plans by a mistake. I refer to James MacIntyre, of the Navy, whose duty it was to be official time-keeper. It had been calculated (by others) that totality would begin at 21 minutes and 58 seconds past three o'clock on the afternoon of 19th June, and MacIntyre had to call out, for the whole camp to hear, the seconds as they passed. He started counting downwards from 60 to 0, for the minute before it began, and then upwards to 140; totality only lasted from 0 to 113, but the extra seconds were to help those working during that time.

Of the other three of us amateurs, Bromley was exposing photographic plates for Professor Stratton, and Pender-Cudlip was working with Dr. Redman, who was studying the chromosphere. More than that I cannot say, as my understanding of the subject did not last long enough for me to be able to write it down. My own duty was to tend a coelostat—a cunning instrument which counteracted the movement of the sun and kept its reflected image stationary on the photographic plates at the far end of the 19-foot coronagraph. During the period

of totality, I had to remove a glass prism from its position after the first five seconds, and replace it after the eightieth. Then I was to move over to another instrument and insert a large slide in front of a mirror just as the eclipse finished; and that was all. Not complicated or difficult, luckily, and it left me plenty of time to watch events as they occurred. The only thing I was not to do was move about unnecessarily, for although all the instruments were mounted on concrete bases sunk several feet into the ground, they were so sensitive that footsteps made them vibrate.

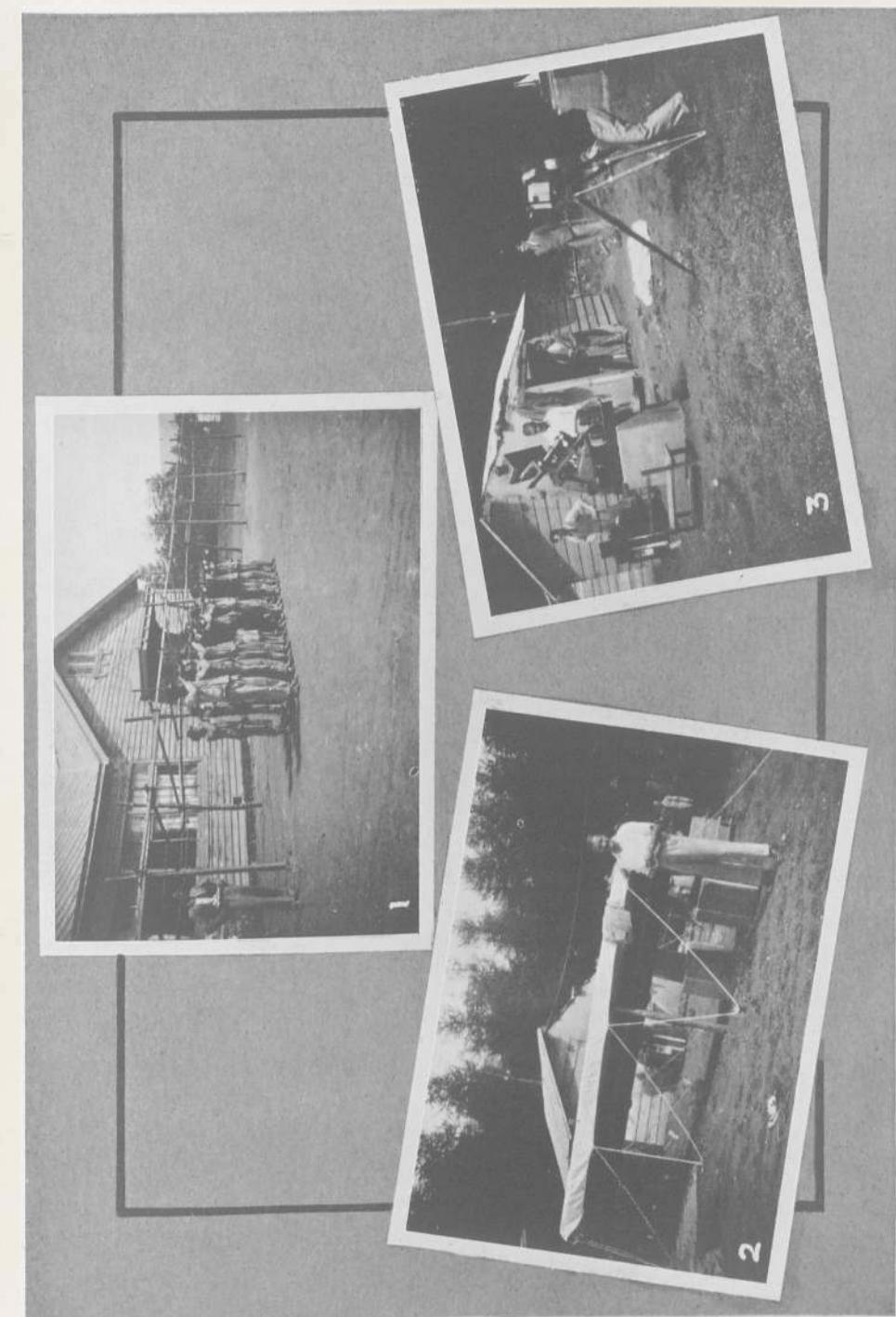
During some of the rehearsals Press photographers lay thick on the ground and clustered on the roofs of neighbouring buildings, and we were photographed in every attitude from unlikely astronomical procedures to the correct way of consuming beer at meals. The camp was set up in a corner of the grounds of Kamishari Primary School, and a dining-room, a store-room and accommodation for six members of the party were found at the expense of the local O.T.C. (only not "Officers") Armoury and the class-rooms where the girls of the kindergarten learnt needlework. The headmaster's wife and the mistresses waited on us, and the masters mingled successfully with the reporters and went with the Press on occasions inside the rope circle surrounding the immediate vicinity of the instruments. At the time of the eclipse, though, the area was cleared, and a further ring about half a mile in diameter was established by the local fire brigade and the Young Men's Association.

Of the general scene in the village I will say nothing, for I saw little of it and it has already been described in the papers the day after the eclipse. But none of the reporters were within earshot of the party for an hour before totality, so I will describe that now in more detail, taken direct from notes I made at the time and roughly scribbled down a couple of hours later in the train going home.

Professor Stratton had told us to be ready by 2.30 p.m., but we were all out by the instruments nearly an hour before that. At two o'clock the sky was clear and blue; and at 2.11 p.m., as expected, we saw the First Contact reflected in the coronagraph. Everyone was in very good heart, and many jokes, both scientific and lay, were bandied about, mostly of the "Well, we've come on the right day" order. Several people brought out cameras and took snapshots of the sun's reflection with an ever-growing bite out of its side. It felt odd not to have one's every movement watched by reporters, and these photographs on the plate of the coronagraph must have been the only ones the newspaper men did not get.

At about 2.40 p.m. Stratton gave the word to stop unnecessary movement, and I went to my position by the coelostat. Still the sun shone brilliantly and we watched it through smoked glasses. The sky seemed clear for miles around; surely nothing could go wrong!

At twelve minutes past three MacIntyre shouted "Ten minutes to go!" A silence fell over the conversation, and we made sure for the hundredth time that all was well with our instruments. The silence was only broken by the birds in the perceptibly growing darkness. But a large cloud suddenly appeared and passed across the tiny crescent, and, to our dismay, we saw it was followed, after a moderate sized gap, by another black one—even larger. Would the totality period fit in with the gap? It was obviously going to be a close thing. The sun seemed to be moving, not the clouds, and moving very fast. Three minutes before zero it came into the gap. "Two minutes to go!" It was now about one-third of the way across. But the gap was beginning to close in—due to the increasing coolness I learnt. MacIntyre's voice was heard counting now, at one minute before zero. "60, 59, 58 . . ." But at "30" we knew our fate was sealed. "N.B.G.!" I heard someone mutter, and the sun seemed to enter the thin white clouds surrounding the larger black one. I was watching through ordinary binoculars now, and saw the moment come when totality began and the corona burst out all round the black circle that was the moon. But it was only visible



A TEMPORARY ASTRONOMER.

1. The School Bugle Band.
2. Major Bagnold with the 19-ft. Coronagraph.
3. Cinema News-man at work.

through the clouds, and even before MacIntyre reached "5" on the upward count I could see nothing and knew that my actions, and the infinitely more important actions of those around me, were in vain. However, we carried on; but there was nothing to see, only how dark it seemed.

"... 83, 84 . . ." "Prism in" said Bagnold, whom I could hardly see. In it went, and then I moved on tip-toe across to Thackeray's instrument. "... 112, 113 . . ." "'B' slide in." I put it in, and my duties were over. And even as I finished them, I felt the cloud must have gone, for the light grew in intensity with surprising suddenness. But it had not; it was merely the end of the invisible eclipse.

The counting stopped at 140, and about a minute or two later the sun, or at least a small crescent, appeared once more in a clear blue sky—I think the most irritating and tantalizing spectacle I have ever seen. Everyone had spontaneously gone to Stratton to sympathize with him, who had done the lion's share of the work. But he was wonderfully cheerful despite his bad luck. He had now attended half a dozen total eclipses of the sun, and had only been successful in seeing one properly. Without doubt a philosophical mind is an essential attribute of an astronomer.

And so it was all over, in roughly two minutes. The British party had travelled some 13,000 miles, and by pure bad luck had been the only camp in Hokkaido to have their work partially spoilt by that bunch of clouds. Looking back, an impression that sticks in my mind was the curious colour effects on the clouds as totality was approaching. They took on rainbow hues and seemed to be made of mother-of-pearl. And away on the horizon more clouds could be seen illuminated as if by a setting sun, although we were in darkness. One or two stars were also visible in the area on which we were concentrating, and Venus stood out prominently among them.

But directly after it was all over I became very busy, on yet another new experience for myself. I had been asked to send a telegram to the Correspondent of *The Times* in Tokyo, and I immediately wrote out a pearl of English literature some two hundred words in length. Then I took it along to the only English reporter on the scene, and he very kindly reduced it to a strange language, frequently unintelligible to me, which made it barely recognizable but much shorter. So by using this newspaper-cable language I was able to add various other minor points, and I got it off before the rush of ordinary reporters invaded the local post-office.

Directly that was over I had to go and catch my train for the south, but the journey back was broken by a three-hour stop at Sapporo.\* There we found we were to be the guests of the Provincial Government, and at their expense we were given a sumptuous breakfast, a drive round the town in enormous Packards, and gifts as mementoes of the occasion. Then we left for Tokyo, seen off by many people, and twenty-four hours later my temporary commission as an astronomer came to an end with a final flash-light photograph on the station platform, and I was demobilized, after a most interesting and amusing experience (inadequately described) which, it is practically certain, will never come my way again.

F. J. C. P.

\* The local Edinburgh.

## 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. I. T. P. Hughes, M.C.

*Adjutant*: Capt. J. W. M. Denton.

THE Battalion suffered a very great loss by the retirement, on 1st March, of Col. R. Papworth. For the past four years Col. Papworth has worked unceasingly, during a very difficult period, for the good of the Battalion. From the beginning he set his face resolutely against the forms of inefficiency and insisted that the strength of the Battalion should be an effective strength and not a "paper" one. The results have more than justified his policy and we are now beginning to reap the maximum benefit. His high standard of duty will be an inspiration to us all for many years to come. We wish him good luck in the future and hope he will keep in close touch with us in our many activities.

We wish his successor, Lieut.-Col. I. T. P. Hughes, a happy and successful period of command.

Our Annual Prizegiving was held on Wednesday, 16th December, at the "Greyhound." Over three hundred, which included guests and members of the Battalion, sat down to dinner, and Sir Victor Warrender, M.C., M.P., Financial Secretary to the War Office, kindly presented the prizes afterwards. During the evening the Western Brothers entertained us. The evening was an unqualified success, and we were delighted to welcome many old friends and supporters of the Battalion.

We are pleased to note a definite improvement in the recruiting situation, and the enthusiastic offers of support from all quarters show that the importance of the Territorial Army is becoming more generally realized in our area.

As the result of a public-spirited appeal for funds from a local supporter, we have been able to carry out several improvements and undertaken a recruiting campaign on a scale considerably larger than would otherwise have been possible.

We look forward, with confidence, to making Coronation year a record one in every way.

We welcome to the Battalion the following officers, who have joined us since the last number of the JOURNAL was published: 2/Lieuts. Meredith, Shattock and Hayler.

### *Sergeants' Mess.*

After several years of discussing ways and means we have at last been able to enlarge upon the extraordinarily meagre accommodation the authorities consider sufficient for a Territorial Sergeants' Mess. A judiciously purchased hut erected next to the old building has enabled us to move the billiards table into the addition, so that we can now play billiards without having to disentangle our cues from somebody's arm-pit between each stroke.

The decoration of the new building has been done by a few staunch members, in order to keep down the expense. This latter has been a severe strain on our funds, but we have hopes of receiving a grant from the War Office.

The extension was officially opened on 16th April by the Honorary Colonel, Col. J. M. Newnham, O.B.E., who is the Town Clerk of Croydon, before a large gathering of members. An illuminated address was presented to Col. Newnham.

After the opening the Commanding Officer presented the Mess with an autographed photograph of Their Majesties the King and Queen. Thus we have now a treasure possessed by few Messes, of which we are justly proud.



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ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING AND DINNER TO ALL RANKS AT GREYHOUND HOTEL, CROYDON, ON WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1936.

We regret the departure of R.S.M. Jude, who has changed his khaki for a postman's uniform, and is now flattening out the hills of the Battersea district.

We congratulate C.S.M. Beecham on his appointment to Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major. R.S.M. Beecham has now come up to Croydon to fill the place vacated by R.S.M. Jude. There should be a joke here about "figure-atively" speaking, for unless he puts in a little overtime with an air pump, R.S.M. Beecham will never occupy the same space literally.

C.S.M. Scott has come all the way from India to fill the vacancy at Lingfield, and we hope that life in the country will suit him.

*"H.Q." Wing.*

Certain changes have taken place in the personnel of the Company since last time these notes appeared in print, and it is thought well to start by extending a hearty welcome to Capt. R. T. Walters, who has recently been transferred from "B" Company, and also to 2/Lieut. Gliddon, on taking over the duties of Transport Officer from Lieut. Wightman, who, it is regretted, has been forced to leave the Company to take over the command of "B" Company.

Company Headquarters lead rather a sedentary existence during this period of the year, and it is to be feared that their main occupation consists in interfering with the training of the various groups.

The Signal Section under the able ministrations of 2/Lieut. Pegler, Sergt. Forester and L./Sergt. Oakley have improved enormously, and it is hoped that the number of classifications this year will constitute, if not a record, at least very nearly so.

The Battalion Transport have at last succumbed to this age of machinery, having recently acquired two light lorries to replace the G.S. Wagon and Limbers. A small number of the Section will, however, still remain in the "horse age," as we are not yet equipped with Austin Sevens, and officers' chargers will still be used in camp.

The remaining sections in the Wing seem to work most of their time unseen, though in the case of the Band and Drums it cannot be said, unheard, and doubtless when the lighter evenings arrive the benefit of the winter months' training will be apparent.

The Company is up to full strength in numbers at last, mainly due to the Drums and Signal Section, who are both over strength, and although a certain amount of seeding out will have to be done it is pleasing to note indications of a turn of the tide in recruiting.

*"A" (S.) Company.*

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL we have had a great struggle to maintain the strength of the Company, but now the numbers are steadily increasing. Just recently a detachment from Messrs. Kennards of Croydon have joined us, and we all hope that these are merely the advance party of many more to come and that other business houses of Croydon will follow suit. These men are most welcome, and we feel sure that they will be very happy with us.

We welcome 2/Lieut. E. V. Hayler, who has just been posted to us, and with his enthusiasm should prove to be a great asset.

There is now every indication that a greater interest is being taken in the T.A. generally, and we feel that within a year the strength of the Company will be very considerably increased.

*"C" Company.*

*Officers.*—We welcome 2/Lieut. E. J. R. Meredith to the Company. He is at present attached to the 5th Bn. The Bedf. and Herts Regiment for drills, but will be with us for camp. 2/Lieut. C. M. Gliddon has been transferred to "H.Q."

Wing as Transport Officer. Lieut. P. Courtney has returned from the north and has been appointed to command the Lingfield Detachment.

P.S.I.—We welcome C.S.M. Scott, who arrived from the 1st Battalion and took over his duties as P.S.I. in February.

The winter has been a busy and enjoyable one. On 20th November the Commanding Officer (then Second-in-Command) gave a lantern lecture at Caterham on the Colours and the Regiment's history, at which over sixty members of the Company were present.

Drills have been well attended and the large majority of the Company have now qualified in the Empire Test.

A cadre course for N.C.Os. and selected privates of the Company was held at Caterham during the month of March. The examination in connection with this has not been held at the time of writing, but the result should prove satisfactory, as much hard work has been done.

Recruits were scarce in the early part of the winter, but have lately been more plentiful.

*Shooting.*—Several companies have been entertained at Caterham in connection with the Battalion's Inter-Company League, and our team has also visited Croydon. We finished up third in the League. The team also took part in the *Surrey Advertiser* Competition, but not with startling results, and two matches have been fired with the Caterham Rifle Club. A Christmas Shoot was held on 1st December, and prizes given by the local tradesmen were much more plentiful than usual, thanks to the activities of Lieut. N. P. Sherlock.

*Sport.*—Pte. Brams represented the Battalion as Middleweight in the Surrey Group T.A. Boxing Championships. Ptes. B. Burton and Sharman were members of the Battalion team in the Divisional Cross-Country Run. Pte. Burton finished sixth in the race.

#### “D” Company.

Looking back on the Company's doings since the last publication of the JOURNAL it is difficult (with one exception) to find something to indicate the steady progress achieved. A period of great endeavour, as they say, seems to sum up the activities of the two Croydon platoons and the little outpost at Warlingham; indeed, with regard to the latter, it seemed at one time that it would be impossible to say even that, but a holiday in Switzerland (or somewhere) did finally finish and the outpost was able to carry on.

The Company's youngest outpost at Coulsdon is bewildering in its progress. Started only a few months ago, it has increased so steadily that it is confidently asserted (by the O.C. Detachment) that it will soon be up to the required Association figure and will be demanding a Drill Hall of its own. An excellent spirit of wholehearted enthusiasm exists both on parade and off, and all ranks seem to enter into the business of becoming efficient Territorials with an exuberant zeal that is a joy to one who has served through the depressing years of the Great Peace. The enthusiasm of Lieut. Pearson and Clr./Sergt. Kitt, who have borne the brunt of training and recruiting, has certainly had the best possible effect.

*Miniature Rifle Shooting.*—The Company entered the Battalion League, and at one time was considered to have been placed second. Owing, perhaps, to the zeal of the two Battalion Musketry Officers, 2/Lieuts. Stokoe, “A” (S.) Company, and Cumming, “D,” “A” (S.) Company and “D” Company were declared to have tied for first place after a recount. The interesting shoot-off has not yet (at the time of writing) taken place, but the Company has every hope that its team will be able to bring it off. In this connection the marksmanship of Sergt. Waterman has been of great value.

In common with other companies, seven N.C.Os. and men from “D” are for duty on the Coronation parade; it should be an interesting experience and invaluable training in the art of standing for long periods.

#### Sports Club.

It is the first time that notes relating to the Battalion Sports Club have appeared in the JOURNAL, and it would, perhaps, be well to make mention of the activities of the club. During the winter there is, of course, a football team, which is entered in a local league and also indulges in certain friendly games. We are indeed fortunate in having at the Barracks sufficient room for a football pitch.

The summer week-ends are mainly taken up with musketry, but the cricket team manages to play at least six matches on various Sundays, and if only more time were available further fixtures could easily be arranged.

A P.T. Class, under the directions of Cpl. Howard, parades on Monday evenings, and this year the culminating event is to be a Novices' Boxing Competition on 26th November.

A team was entered in the Divisional Cross-Country Run at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, during March, and although we were not placed, a member of the team, Pte. Burton, “C” Company, came in third.

It is a pity that the interest in athletics within the Battalion seems to have died, and if only some of the younger members would show the necessary keenness there is no doubt that we could again hold our annual Sports Meeting at the Barracks.

## ARMY OFFICERS' ART SOCIETY

THE above Society is holding its Thirteenth Annual Exhibition at the R.B.A. Galleries, Suffolk Street, S.W.1, from 27th September to 9th October, 1937, inclusive. Receiving day will be Saturday, 18th September.

The membership of the 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:—

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## THE REBELLION OF 1745-46

(Continued from page 38, Vol. VI, No. 3.)

AFTER the surrender of Carlisle the Rev. John Waugh appears to have been allowed to leave the town, and his next letter, addressed to the Dean of the Arches, is from Barnard Castle, and is dated 1st December, 1745. In it he says he is shortly leaving for London, "and will then tell you by word of mouth more than I can now well write."

It is not easy to follow the sequence of letters in the manuscript book just here. There are several which are undated, unsigned, or signed with initials only, and few are in any sort of chronological order. Most of them contain local news of no importance. It appears, however, that both Dr. Waugh and John Hutchinson, the author of a History of Cumberland, had sent in accounts of the siege of Carlisle via the Duke of Newcastle and the Dean of the Arches, in which they exonerate Col. Durand from blame. A copy of a letter to Col. Durand from a General Folliot appears in the book, and the following is an extract:—

"I received your express last night, and I immediately took it to the Duke of Northumberland, who carried it to the King, which gave Great satisfaction to the King, the Duke, and all of us, and they think you acted quite right and that nobody could have done better, though you were by all condemned as Capitulating with the Rebels, which, till the Express came, we had no certain accounts. But I am proud now to find you right and to have the occasion of answering your Express in the manner above mentioned. As for my part I rested myself satisfied that you would act like yourself, and was certain you had more Sense, Prudence, and Conduct than to be guilty of what was alleged against you, and defended your Character to the last. . . ."

About the time this letter was written the main army, under the Duke of Cumberland, was concentrating at Lichfield.

It has been necessary to condense many of the letters dealing with affairs after the commencement of the Duke's advance northwards in pursuit of Prince Charles's forces. Most of them contain interesting items of news, but also a lot of rumours, mostly false, and local gossip, which would take up too much space to print *in extenso*. For example, in an unsigned letter, dated 1st December, 1745, it is stated as a fact that there is to be "A General Battle at Preston this day," and that "Wade and Ligonier are certainly Joined." Both statements were untrue. The same letter also states that all the Rebel garrison in Carlisle able to march were to join the main body of the Prince's army, and that whilst *en route* they were attacked—presumably by local levies—near Lowther, and suffered casualties in killed, wounded and prisoners.

A letter from a Mr. James Hewitt says that according to reports from Edinburgh a number of men, including 45 French officers, had been captured in two privateers, and that the number of French troops reported as having landed at Montrose had been reduced from 12,000 to the more possible number of 1,500.

A letter from one J. Bettesworth to the Rev. John Waugh, and dated 7th December, 1745, is worth quoting in part, as it tells of the extraordinary panic which the advance of the rebels into England caused.

"Surely there never was so bold an undertaking as this for a handful of men in comparison with the numbers now in arms for the Government to cause so general a Panick in both parts of the United Kingdom . . . . The Government, to prevent the ill influence of the many groundless Reports raised by disaffected Persons, have come to a resolution to publish all the Intelligence they receive, both of the motions of the Enemy, and of our own Forces by one or more additional



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VISIT OF THE BATTALION TO THE DAVIS THEATRE, CROYDON, TO SEE "O.H.M.S." FILM.

Miss Anna Lee, the Star of the Film, seen with the Directors of the Theatre.

Gazettes. Accordingly we have one come out this morning that the Prince was got to Derby, and that the Duke of Cumberland was to be in Northampton last night, it being apprehended that the other had a design by forced marches to give the Duke a slip, and be got to London before him. And we are not without fears on this Account, and a Body of Troops is said to be forming on Finchley Common by way of precaution."

The day before this the Bishop of London has written to the Rev. John to assure him that he has put forward his, the Rev. John's, name as being "one of those Persons who have distinguished themselves at such a critical juncture, amongst whom you are justly entitled to stand in the front rank." In fact the Rev. John is very much the blue-eyed boy.

An extract from an unsigned letter dated Appleby, 14th December:—

"At 5 this morning a messenger from Kendal, who informs us that about 120 of the Rebels Van Guard came in there between 11 and 12 noon, and that the Main Body was between Lancaster and Kendal. The Duke of Perth and two Ladies in a Chaise were in the Cavalcade. The people of Kendal armed themselves with such weapons as they had, resisted them, and would not suffer them to alight in the Town. Killed one of them, and took two Prisoners and three Horses. . . . The Beacon is now on fire to alarm the County. . . . It is supposed that many of their Chiefs are among this Party, and their most valuable effects, as they had several Horses and Sumptures (presumably pack horses), and some make it a question whether or no one of these fine Ladies is not in reality the Prince."

This report is to some extent confirmed by another letter of the 16th December from Brough, signed J. Lamb, and also by an unsigned letter of the same date, which goes into more detail in reporting what was evidently a sharp skirmish between the rebels and local levies between Appleby and Penrith.

Charles's army was retreating, and the local inhabitants were giving his forces a less easy passage than he had on his way south.

The following letter, dated 22nd December, 1745, is from John Nicholson, steward to the Netherby family at Hawkesdale:—

"As I told you in my last letter the Main body of the Highlanders continued their March into Scotland, and are got safely over Esk, except for about 6 or 7 who perished there; but left a garrison of about 300 or 400 men at Carlisle, who yet hold out the Town in defiance of the Duke and his brave Army, who yesterday surrounded the Town. The Rebels have fired a great many Cannon since yesterday, when they began their dreadful work. The Duke, it is said, is extremely exasperated, and has sent for some of Wade's Artillery, for he has none with him, and some 18 prs. from Whitehaven, which are expected tomorrow, and many fear the whole Town will be laid in Ashes.

"P.S. at Night. I hear the Duke expresses prodigious wrath at giving up Carlisle to the Rebels.

"23rd. 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I have been with the Duke, but nothing new. The Cannon are still firing from Carlisle, and the King's people hope to begin the same work in the morning."

According to a letter from Lord Lonsdale's steward to his lordship, written on Christmas Day, 1745, the Duke of Cumberland, with his whole army, was before Carlisle, which was garrisoned by 300 to 400 rebels: that they had sent out a white flag asking for terms of capitulation, to which the answer was that the Duke would give no ear to any terms whatever, and that if they fired a single shot he would put every man of the garrison to the sword. However, they did fire another shot, and aimed it at the Duke himself, and very nearly hit him.

A note, probably from Mr. Hutchinson, dated 24th December, says that the pursuit of the rebel army was being held up altogether until Carlisle was retaken,

and that the artillery for this purpose was expected daily from Whitehaven. This is corroborated by another letter from Mr. Hutchinson, which is given in full, as it describes the situation from the point of view of a local man who, as an historian, may be expected to give a reasonably accurate account. The letter is dated 26th December, 1745, from Barnard Castle:—

"The last accounts from Carlisle say the Duke has got Cannon from Whitehaven. It is said that the 300 or 400 men in the Garrison are mostly enlisted men from about Lancaster or Manchester. They proposed Terms to His Highness, which were rejected, insisting they should be Prisoners of War. It is expected the Cannon will play on the Town this day. Sixty rebel prisoners passed through Bowes yesterday, for York Gaol, amongst them one Mr. Hamilton, said to be a Captain in the Hussars, and whom I now see by a letter from Mr. Everard Faulkenor to Mr. Carleton is distinguished as a person of some account, and recommended by His Royal Highness to be used with as much regard as may be consistent with his being kept with the utmost safety. It is said he has made discoveries to His Highness, and that amongst the rest that 6,000 of the French's best Troops were landed in Scotland, which I can scarcely believe, but a little time will show. I am credibly informed that there were 300 of the Rebels brought to the Duke's Army since they passed Carlisle, and all taken by the Country People straggling in the Country without Arms, and a great many were certainly drowned in passing the Esk. It was so deep they passed chin high in water. I am advised the Town and Castle were to be played on by the Cannon from the High Ground on the Irish Gate, where six Cannon were mounted on Tuesday night. We have about 150 of Wade's Horse here. They came on Sunday, and rest here till further Orders. An account is come this day by a Gentleman in this neighbourhood, who went to the Army under the Duke, that the Rebels had set fire to the Town at the Scotch Gate, and that His Highness, by his Cannon, had done the same at the Irish Gate, and that the Engineers had given His Highness assurance that he would be Master of the Town in 8 hours. Mr. Middleton, a prisoner, in passing through Bowes, told a certain person that the retreat of the Prince, as they call him, was solely due to Lord Perth, for that in general the rest of the Chiefs were against it, and advised giving His Highness Battle, and were very positive they would have defeated the Duke. This was told me by an Apothecary at Bowes, who dressed his wounds, and to whom he mentioned it; but I think this account must be only Boast. I shall not finish my letter till the West Post comes, and then give you any further news."

Presumably later: "What I mentioned of the Town being on Fire proves only an idle report, and what gave it most credit was that it came from one Mr. Aislaby, a Gentleman of large Fortune, but supposed he has escaped that he had got drink, and had taken it from a loose hand."

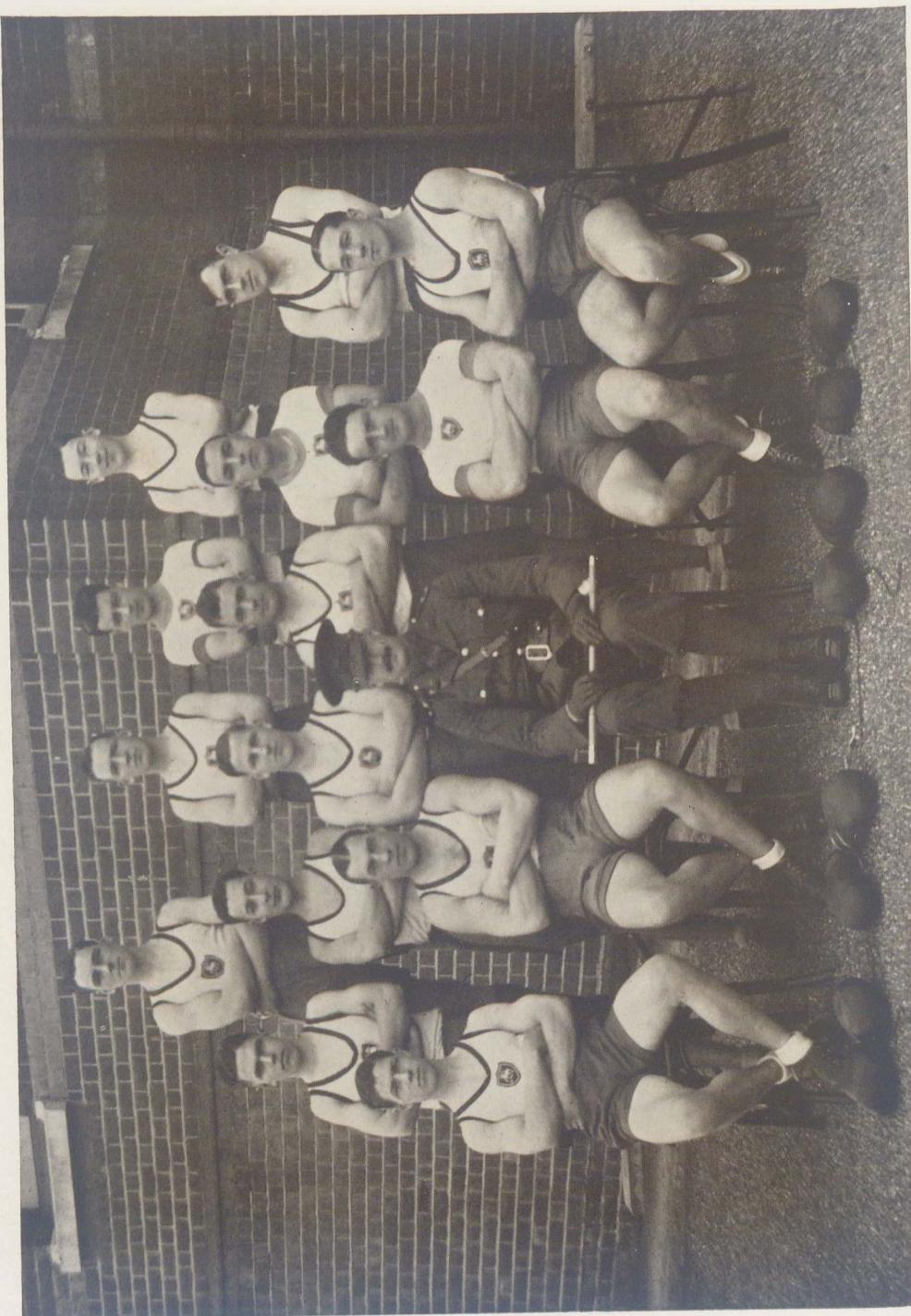
(Note.—This is not clear, but is printed exactly as written. Evidently not a case of *in vino veritas*.)

The letter continues: "I see a letter to-day from Appleby that the Cannon had ceased firing for some hours that morning, from which they presumed the Garrison had surrendered.

"P.S.—I see a letter this moment that says the Rebels burnt Butcher Street, and on Sunday sallied out of the Castle and plundered all they could. It is believed they will hold out to the last."

Mr. Hutchinson's information from Appleby that it was presumed the garrison had surrendered was incorrect, as on 30th December Mr. J. Nicholson writes:—

"Poor miserable Carlisle Continues in the same situation." He goes on to say that "a Battery of 6 18 pounders was established on Primrose Bank, and played on the Castle most furiously on Saturday, and it is said dismounted several of the Rebel Cannon and made small Breaches in the Walls."



BATTALION BOXING TEAM.

Lack of ammunition held things up for twenty-four hours or so, but on the 29th December "they got a very ample supply, with two more 18 prs. and four twenty-fours, and will, I suppose, resume the attack this day with the utmost vigour, and I am told by a messenger from Commersdale this morning that the Officers say they hope to be in the Town tomorrow night, but I am greatly afraid the work will not be so soon done."

He goes on to say that he has heard from Scotland that the Rebels have passed Dumfries, taking £900 and all the shoes they could lay hands on, as well as other goods. He further adds: "Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dacre, and Mr. Senhouse are now at Rose, and in great concern about their behaviour at Carlisle, for it is apprehended that a very strict inquiry will be made into the giving up of the place."

It will be remembered that the names of these three individuals appear in the list of those who refused to defend the Castle at Carlisle. The book is silent as to what eventually happened, or if any inquiry was ever held, but one cannot help hoping that they and the other officers who signed such a disgraceful document, were punished in some way.

The next letter is a long one, written by one John Petrie to John Nicholson, and a short précis is given, as it shows what the state of the country was at this time. No man could be certain that he was not under suspicion of being a disaffected person, and there is little doubt that circumstances existing gave opportunities for paying off old scores.

John Petrie writes to ask if Nicholson will go at once to the Duke of Cumberland and vouch to the Duke for Petrie's loyalty. Petrie himself has been forced to leave his house near Longtown at midnight, because he has received sudden information that a party of Dragoons were on their way to arrest him as a rebel. He attributes this to "that vile fellow Caruthers," who is apparently on bad terms with him. Petrie and his wife have been obliged to lie hidden under extremely unpleasant conditions, and he wants Nicholson to vouch for his loyalty to the King, because he dare not go back to his house until matters have been put right. As Petrie puts it in his letter to Nicholson: "Notice was sent from Longtown that a party of Dragoons were coming from that place to plunder my house. As I thought their own safety obliged them to murder as well as to plunder I fled with my wife at twelve at Night."

Obviously he anticipated it would be a case of *Spurlos Versenk*.

Apparently Nicholson was able to put matters right.

On the 30th December, Carlisle capitulated to the Duke of Cumberland. In a letter, which is unsigned, but which was published subsequently in the *York Courant*, a detailed account of a day's bombardment is given by an eye-witness as follows:—

"Yesterday morning the Cannonading was carried slowly on against Carlisle for want of Ball, but before Two in the Afternoon, more of that coming in, the Fire was not long after renewed as warmly as before. I was at the Batteries from twelve to near night observing the success of our Guns, which seemed, as far as I could judge, to be tolerably good, tho' what was generally taken for a break the day before was only a reflected light from one of the Buttresses. The two Batteries of the Rebels on the West Wall were totally dismounted on Saturday, and renewed the same night with earth, etc., from whence they played a little yesterday, but less effect than before, having only wounded one Man and endangered two Country Fellows." (Note.—One wonders how to classify such casualties as the endangering of "two Country Fellows"!) "The West Wall over the Sally Port is very much damaged, and some part of the Top of it, a Breast Work I suppose, considerably broken. The Castle is of such strength that the Rebel Artillery could never have penetrated it. How long it will be before ours will the Engineers either do not know or will not declare. Last night one of the Mayor's Sergeants came to the Duke's Quarters with the offer of the surrender

of the Town, allowing the Rebels the Privileges of the French Prisoners. His Royal Highness will not listen to any Terms, and I know he ordered the Messenger to be pinioned and sent to the Guard.

"I had almost forgot to say that one or more of the Rebels last Fires against His Royal Highness' Battery was—in Military terms—blank powder, that is without Ball. This gives us great joy, as it will you, for it strongly argues a failure in their Ammunition.

"P.S. 2 o'clock afternoon.—The Rebels offer to capitulate, and the Duke is now in Council considering what's to be done. Their White Flag has appeared all the Day, and only two platoons have been fired from the King's Guns. This is all we know at present. I think we shall have Carlisle for a New Year's Gift.

"2nd P.S. 20 minutes after 5 evening.—The Rebels have surrendered at discretion. This night the King's Guards are to be in possession of the Castle and Citadel. The Mayor of Carlisle is in Custody by the Duke's Orders."

The last echo of the siege of Carlisle is a letter dated the 9th January, 1746, addressed to the Rev. John Waugh by one Thomas Wilson, in which he complains that a Major Belfer has demanded in the Duke's name that the bells of the cathedral should be handed over to the Artillery as their perquisite. He had been to the Duke's Quarters to protest and the answer was that the Duke could not interfere. He adds that "a moderate Composition" would, in his opinion, satisfy the claimant. Whether the "moderate Composition" was forthcoming, or whether the bells were removed the story does not say.

At the end of the manuscript book there is a list of the names of the more important people who suffered the horrible penalty of being hanged, drawn and quartered at the three most important towns in the county. The executions took place at Carlisle, Brampton and Penrith, on the 18th, 21st and 28th October, 1746, respectively. It does not, however, touch upon the very large number of lesser folk who also suffered.

The delay caused by the siege of Carlisle had enabled the Pretender's forces to get clear away into Scotland. However, the Duke's troops were also moving up. A letter from Selkirk, dated 9th January, 1746, says that Generals Hawley and Husk had arrived in Edinburgh. Marshal Wade's troops from Newcastle were either in Edinburgh or on their way there; the writer of the letter gives the strength of the regular troops in Scotland at this date as 16 Regiments of Foot and 16 squadrons of cavalry, besides militia. In another paragraph, speaking of the militia, he says "above 3000 Militia, who have all got Arms from the Castle, and are learning the Exercise with great Ease." One wonders what sort of fighting value such trained troops would have. They would certainly be more of a liability than an asset.

He goes on to say: "To these must be added Three Regiments of Dragoons who were expected to arrive last week, and the two cowardly ones (i.e., those who ran away at Preston Pans) which have been about Edinbr. for some time, but were removed to make Room for the other Troops who ridiculed and scolded them unmercifully."

The next important action was the Battle of Falkirk. The rebels were in Stirling, though not in possession of the Castle, and the royal forces in Edinburgh moved out towards Falkirk in order to prevent them from securing the fords across the Forth in the vicinity of Stirling. On the afternoon of the 17th January the two forces met.

The manuscript book gives accounts from several sources of the action. According to one: "About 2 o'clock the Rebels were discovered to be on the march to our Camp. They made a sweep round some Hills, and made a feint of going to the Fords, but came down by Dunapace to the place mentioned above. Our Army went out to meet them, but our left Wing, composed of Hamilton's and Gardiner's Dragoons, with two Glasgow Battalions, were attacked before they

could get quite forward. The Dragoons stood a severe fire, and then, according to their former practice, ran away, and broke the Glasgow Regiment to Pieces, which entirely prevented them from engaging, and some say that Gardiner's Regiment made a charge upon the Enemy, but all agree that Hamilton's never once attempted it. This Regiment, in their flight, made Pulteney's reel, and the Highlanders right Wing broke our left almost to the Center of the Army. But on our right Wing things went otherwise. General Husk, with the Royal Munro's and the Buffs with Cobham's Dragoons drove all before them for an hour, and did great execution. They kept engaged till their powder was so wet that it would not burn. What prevented our getting a complete Victory was that it blew a great Storm and rained and hailed so hard that the water was running out of the shoes of our Soldiers."

Another account says: "The Dragoons were on the left Wing, and received the first attack, to which they presently gave way, and ran down among the Artillery, which was taken by the Rebels, but General Husk retook three Guns of the ten. The right Wing stood better till at last obliged to return to their Camp, when they rallied and beat off the Rebels, and then retreated to Linlithgow, and most of them came in here (? Edinburgh) this night."

It is quite certain that the Battle of Falkirk was a victory for the rebel army. General Husk's right wing had certainly withstood the attack made on it, and had in fact actually advanced some distance. This was the more creditable as the whole of the left wing had been completely routed and driven in upon it. On the other hand the rebel army was left in possession of the field and of the captured guns, and the government forces fell back to Edinburgh, leaving the fords across the Forth in the hands of the rebel army.

In his account of the battle in "Tales of a Grandfather," Sir Walter Scott puts the blame on General Hawley, who, he says, would not believe that the Highlanders would stand up to his troops, and so made no dispositions in case of attack, and, in fact, was not on the spot himself, and only arrived towards the end of the action.

The accounts given in the manuscript book make no mention of Hawley, and blame Husk just as Scott blames Hawley. To quote from one letter: "He believed the Highlanders would retire on his approach, and expected nothing less than an Engagement on Friday, and consequently was not so well prepared as he ought to have been; and had fallen so much into the former Error of despising these Mountaineers that he gave no credit to the first Intelligence he received of their moving towards him, and even secured the Person who brought it, though the Rebels were then so near him that when the account was confirmed there was scarcely time for the Army to form."

Both commanders were very much to blame, but Hawley, as the senior, deserves the greatest censure.

The Duke of Cumberland arrived in Edinburgh on the 30th of January, and on the 31st the whole of his force, with the exception of the two runaway regiments, moved out in the direction of Stirling.

The Rebel army raised the siege of Stirling Castle, blew up a magazine at St. Ninian's Kirk, and withdrew safely across the Forth.

The next and final instalment will be a brief account of the events prior to the Battle of Culloden, and a detailed account of the night march of Prince Charles's army on the night before the battle, and of the battle itself, written by an eyewitness.

(To be concluded.)

## 5th BATTALION

*Headquarters*: The Drill Hall, Guildford.

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

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

*Adjutant*: Capt. J. B. P. Phillips.

THE most notable happening during the past six months has been the formation of The Queen's Territorial Brigade consisting of the 4th Battalion, the 22nd London (The Queen's), the 24th London (The Queen's) and the 5th Battalion, which has now become the 131st Infantry Brigade. This took place on 21st December, 1936. We extend a hearty welcome to our old friends the 22nd and 24th Battalions, and we shall look forward to being in camp with them this year at Falmer for our Annual Training. We are sorry to say good-bye to the 5th and 6th Bns. The East Surrey Regiment, who have served with us in the 131st Infantry Brigade since before the war. We wish them the best of luck in their new Brigade, which is the 132nd Infantry Brigade.

Recruiting has been slow but sure during the winter months and has enabled the Battalion to maintain its strength of 500 other ranks, in spite of the number of men who have been discharged owing to business reasons or on enlistment into the Regular Forces. During the period January to April, 16 men have enlisted into the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, which compares with 15 for the whole of the year, November, 1935 to October, 1936. We are still optimistic enough to hope that the next three months before Annual Training will produce enough recruits to bring the Battalion up to something like full establishment, 583 other ranks.

Winter Training has been carried out on the usual lines. N.C.O.s.' Courses, taken by Regular instructors, have been run in all detachment drill halls during the winter. These courses have been well attended and should produce good results.

The following officers attended a War Game, directed by Brigade Headquarters, at Brighton on 11th to 13th December: Col. Cave, Major Palmer, Major Young, Capt. Phillips, Capt. Watson, Lieut. Fetherstonhaugh, Lieut. Merriman and Lieut. Jobson. This was an instructive and interesting exercise, involving a landing of a mixed force on the coast.

Brevet-Major Dickson and Capt. Phillips attended a Battlefield Tour at Le Cateau in September.

Our congratulations are offered to our Commanding Officer on his promotion to Brevet Colonel and also to Brevet-Major Dickson on his Brevet promotion in the New Year's Honours List. We are very pleased to know that our Commanding Officer will be with us for another year, as his period of command has been extended until February, 1938. Lieut. Jobson has been playing hockey for the Territorial Army again this season.

We welcome the following officers on first appointment: 2/Lieut. F. J. Street (late Cadet, Imperial Services College O.T.C.) and 2/Lieut. D. B. Green (late Cadet, Uppingham O.T.C.). 2/Lieut. Street has been posted to "D" Company at Woking and 2/Lieut. Green to "C" (S.) Company at Guildford.

2/Lieut. B. G. Hunt, of "C" Company, has found it necessary to transfer to the T.A. Reserve owing to business reasons.

*Boxing*.—The Battalion won the Brigade Competition at Kingston for the second year in succession, and were second in the Unit Divisional Championships at Chelsea in February.

The Inter-Company and Battalion Championships were held at Guildford on Saturday, 16th January. The G.O.C.-in-C., General Sir W. Edmund Ironside, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., very kindly honoured us with his presence and gave away the prizes. "B" Company once again won the Battalion Shield and the points were as follows: "B" Company, 9; "C" (S.) Company, 6; "A" Company, 4; "D" Company, 1.

We were very grateful to "Dusty" Miller, and Sergt.-Instructor Wheeler of the Army P.T. School for coming over and giving us their well-known black-and-white demonstration. The following are the Battalion results:—

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

*Middle-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Henty, "A" Company. Runner-up: L./Cpl. Homersham, "C" (S.) Company.

*Welter-weight*.—Winner: L./Sergt. Stocker, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Budd, "C" (S.) Company.

*Light-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Hood, "B" Company. Runner-up: L./Cpl. Swinden, "B" Company.

*Feather-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Newman, "C" (S.) Company. Runner-up: Pte. Merry, "A" Company.

*Bantam-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Bailey, "C" (S.) Company. Runner-up: Pte. Warner, "B" Company.

*Fly-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Brabazon, "B" Company. Runner-up: Pte. Perry, "C" (S.) Company.

*Best Loser*.—Pte. Budd, "C" (S.) Company.

The following were the Battalion results at the Brigade Boxing held at Kingston on Saturday, 30th January:—

*Brigade Cup*.—1, 5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, with fourteen points.

*Officers*—

*Welter-weight*.—Winner: 2/Lieut. J. S. Chaldecott.

*Other Ranks*—

*Heavy-weight*.—Winner: L./Cpl. Rush, "B" Company.

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Winner: Sergt. Wright, "B" Company.

*Middle-weight*.—Runner-up: L./Cpl. Homersham, "C" (S.) Company.

*Welter-weight*.—Runner-up: L./Sergt. Stocker, "B" Company.

*Light-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Hood, "B" Company.

*Feather-weight*.—Runner-up: Pte. Newman, "C" (S.) Company.

*Bantam-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Bailey, "C" (S.) Company.

*Fly-weight*.—Winner: Pte. Brabazon, "B" Company.

The following represented the Surrey Group at the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Boxing Finals held at Chelsea Barracks on Saturday, 20th February, 1937:—

*Divisional Cup*.—2, 5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

*Officers*—

*Welter-weight*.—2/Lieut. J. S. Chaldecott (runner-up).

*Other Ranks*—

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

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Sergt. Wright, "B" Company.

*Light-weight*.—Pte. Hood, "B" Company.

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Bailey, "C" (S.) Company.  
*Fly-weight.*—Pte. Brabazon, "B" Company.

Pte. Bailey won his weight and competed in the preliminary rounds of the T.A. finals at the London Scottish H.Q. He was unlucky to meet an ex-T.A. champion in his first fight and, in spite of a very plucky display, was beaten on points.

*Football.*—The final of the Inter-Company Football Shield was played at the Depot, Guildford, on 22nd November, 1936, and was won by "B" Company, who beat "A" Company by 14 goals to nil.

*Sergeants' Mess.*

As a general rule, our Sergeants' Mess news is rather scanty in this half of the year, chiefly because camp is where we reach our high spots as it were, and permit ourselves something worth writing about. We think, however, that we can say this is the exception.

First, we bid farewell and the best of luck to R.S.M. Torkington, who has gone to "civvy" street, and taken up a Post Office appointment at Croydon, and in the same breath we extend a very hearty welcome to R.S.M. W. Coldman. Our new R.S.M. is no stranger to us, having already attended two camps with us as P.S.I. of the Woking Detachment. We look forward to the future with the greatest confidence.

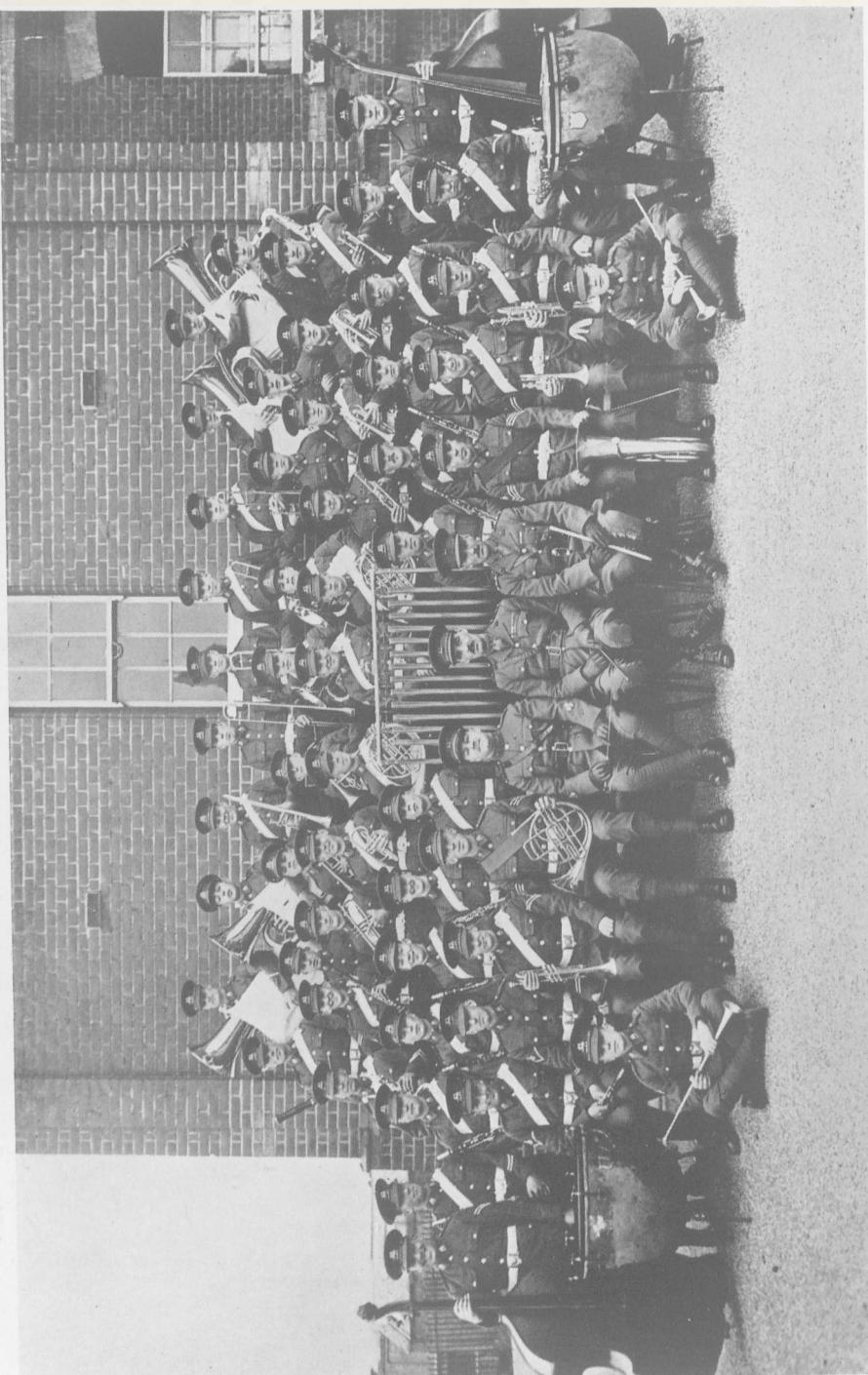
There is no doubt that the great event of the winter from the social point of view was the holding of the first Sergeants' Mess Dinner. This was open to all serving and past members of the 5th Queen's Sergeants' Mess, including the 2nd and 3rd Line Battalions formed during the war; also the 2nd/4th Battalion. Its popularity may be judged by the fact that nearly ninety people sat down to a well-served dinner with R.S.M. Coldman in the chair.

After the loyal toasts had been drunk the Chairman submitted "The Officers." This was responded to by Major Palmer (in the unfortunate absence of the Commanding Officer) who, in his reply, told us some very nice things about ourselves and made us feel that we were jolly good fellows. This was followed by the toast of "The Sergeants' Mess," proposed by Capt. Pakenham in a speech full of characteristic humour, and replied to by C.S.M. Russell. Finally, "The Visitors" was proposed by R.Q.M.S. Blake and responded to by Capt. Latham. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" was followed by the breaking up into groups for the serious business of the evening, namely, the disposal of plentiful supplies of liquid refreshment, according to the time-honoured traditions of the Mess.

The record of the dinner would certainly be incomplete without mention of the attendance of our late Commanding Officer, Col. C. R. Wigan, M.C., T.D. The presence of this old and valued friend of the 5th Queen's is always welcome at any Regimental function. The 22nd and 24th Queen's were represented by C.S.M. Fluke, Clr./Sergt. Wake and Sergt. Carver; the 2nd Battalion by that well-known figure, Sergt. Kidson; the 318th A.A. Searchlight Company, R.E., by C.S.M. Brown, late 2nd/4th Battalion, and the Depot by Sergt. Bryant and Sergt. Langridge.

We very much regret to record the death of Clr./Sergt. Lewis (C.Q.M.S. of "H.Q." Wing), who lost his life in a motor accident at Christmas time. "Jabo," as he was called by all of us, was quite an institution in the Mess, having enlisted in the Battalion early in 1914, and entering the Mess immediately on the re-forming of the Battalion after the war, when he was Orderly Room Sergeant. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement after such a short married life.

Our congratulations to Clr./Sergt. Burrows, "C" (S.) Company, on his promotion, and the best of luck to Clr./Sergt. Watson on his transfer to "H.Q." Wing.



THE BAND.

*"A" Company (Dorking and Reigate).*

*Social.*—The supper given to the Reigate Detachment by the Mayor of Reigate, Lieut.-Col. H. Dudley Lewis, D.S.O., M.C., was a great success, and we are most grateful to him for all the interest he is showing in this Detachment. It was a most kindly thought of his to invite the Detachment to supper, and was much appreciated by all ranks.

We again held our New Year's Carnival Dance at the Reigate Drill Hall and, if anything, this was even more successful than usual, about 400 people being present and the usual number being regrettably turned away from the door.

Among those who were present were: Major G. V. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer (who kindly gave away the prizes), Capt. H. B. Watson (the Company Commander) and Mrs. Watson, Lieut. and Mrs. S. G. Swayne, 2/Lieut. and Mrs. Graham Neale, 2/Lieut. J. R. Handscomb, and 2/Lieut. J. D. Charteris of The Royal Scots.

We are very grateful to all those who helped to make the dance such a success.

*Boxing.*—Owing to the number of entries having to be limited we were unable to enter all our boxers in the Battalion Inter-Company Boxing Championships, having no less than six men in one weight, and although we were unable to beat "B" and "C" Companies, all our entries put up very good shows.

The entries were as follows:—

*Middle-weight.*—Ptes. Henty and Easton.

*Welter-weight.*—Ptes. Steer and Thompson.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Foot.

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Merry.

*Heavy-weight.*—Cpl. Sears.

L./Sergt. Haybittle was indefatigable in coaching the boxers, and our thanks are due to him.

*Recruiting.*—It is strange that for many years now our strength has hardly varied, and try as hard as we can we never seem to be able to show an increase. Our thanks are due to those employers who have written stating they would be willing to allow extra holidays with pay to those of their employees who join the Territorial Army. Both the Dorking Urban and Rural District Councils have notified their employees to this effect, so we are hoping, with the support of local employers, to increase our numbers in the near future.

We welcome Sergt. Hubbard from the 2nd Battalion as P.S.I. at Dorking, and though we have not seen much of him since he has been on a Gas and Mechanical Transport Course, he is already making his presence felt.

*"B" Company (Camberley and Farnham).*

*Strength.*—Recruiting in the Company has continued to be very good, and our strength at present is 6 officers and 197 other ranks, which is an increase of 2 officers and 44 other ranks during the past year.

Since Annual Training we have sent 13 members of the Company to the Regular Army and Navy.

*Armistice Church Services.*—Camberley Detachment, under the command of Major J. H. Ritchie Dickson, M.C., attended Armistice Church Parade, and a wreath was laid on the War Memorial by one of our youngest soldiers, Pte. J. Jackson. Two officers and 57 other ranks were present on parade.

Farnham Detachment's service was held on Sunday afternoon at All Saints, Tilford. There were present 2 officers and 36 other ranks. The Detachment also provided a Guard of Honour at the Memorial Cross, Farnham. The turn-out and general smartness of the Detachment were commented upon by Major-General Sir Edward Perceval.

*Training.*—Both detachments held N.C.Os.' Classes during the winter months, and these proved very beneficial and instructive. We forgot to mention in the last issue that we won the Adjutant's Shield in camp this year, the Platoon being under command of Lieut. N. B. Riches.

*Boxing.*—We congratulate the boxers on winning the Boxing Shield for the seventh year in succession. Perhaps the two best performances were by our veteran, L./Cpl. F. Rush, and Pte. F. Warner, who put up a very good show in losing to a stronger and far more experienced boxer in Pte. Bailey, of "C" (S.) Company.

*Prizegiving and Concerts.*—Farnham held theirs on Wednesday, 16th December. The results of the Christmas Shoot were as follows:—

*Class "A."*—1, L./Cpl. W. Brooker; 2, Sergt. E. Hodson and Pte. A. Holland, tie.

*Class "B."*—1, Pte. J. Venables; 2, Pte. J. Constantine; 3, Pte. S. Sykes.

A new cup, presented by the officers of the Farnham Squadron of the Legion of Frontiersmen for the best all-round man, was won by Cpl. E. Bayford.

The cups and prizes were presented by Major J. H. Ritchie Dickson, M.C. The prizegiving was followed by a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were provided, and Pte. Williams and his talented family, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Tubbs and several members of the Company contributed a very much-appreciated programme of entertainment.

Camberley Detachment Prizegiving and Concert was held on Saturday, 19th December. The results of the Christmas Shoot were as follows:—

*Class "A."*—1, Pte. J. Willans; 2, Cpl. W. Goodchild; 3, L./Cpl. F. Rush.

*Class "B."*—1, L./Cpl. W. Hoskins; 2, Pte. O. Champion; 3, Pte. H. Harris.

Following the presentation of cups and prizes by Major J. H. Ritchie Dickson, M.C., a concert was given by the following artistes: Mr. H. A. Cope (Camberley Operatic Society), Mrs. Reeves (Ashley Concert Party), Bert Davies, Bandmaster W. Tregalgas, Capt. Clarke and Lieut. J. Mansel. This was fully appreciated by a very large audience.

*Children's Christmas Tree.*—The Annual Christmas Party for children was held at Camberley on Saturday afternoon, 19th December. After tea the children were entertained by Pte. Williams and family, Bert Davies and Mr. W. Courtney. Toys from the Christmas Tree were given by Santa Claus, who was very ably represented by Lieut. J. W. M. Mansel.

*Football Shield.*—We congratulate the football team on winning the shield for the fourth year in succession.

*Semi-final:* "B" Company, 7; "C" (S.) Company, 2. *Final:* "B" Company, 14; "A" Company, 0. Goals were scored by the following: L./Cpl. Hoskins, 11; L./Cpl. W. Brooker, 4; Pte. C. Day, 3; Pte. J. Jackson, 2; own goal, 1. This year Lieut. J. W. M. Mansel refrained from lacerating our feelings by kicking goals for our opponents.

The Annual St. Patrick's Ball was held at Camberley on Wednesday, 17th March. Over 300 danced to the strains of music played by the Band of the 5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment. The dance was organized by C.S.M. Reeves, D.C.M., and the duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Sergt. W. Standley. The officers present included Major G. V. Palmer, Second-in-Command of the Battalion, Major A. F. F. Young, Capt. and Adjutant J. B. Phillips. The Company officers present were: Major J. H. Ritchie Dickson, M.C., Lieut. J. W. M. Mansel and 2/Lieut. P. N. Keymer. There were also present officers from the various units of The Queen's Royal Regiment. The hall was most beautifully decorated by Mrs. E. V. Lomas-Smith, the predominating scheme being in Coronation

colours carried out in myriads of lights and flowers. Mrs. Lomas-Smith has given the services of herself and staff for this occasion for the past ten years, and most certainly surpassed herself this year. There is no doubt that her brilliant decorations play a large part in helping to make these evenings so successful, and the officers, N.C.Os. and men of the Company thank her most heartily for the keen interest she has always taken in the Territorials. During the evening a telegram of good wishes was received by the Company Commander from two old officers of the Company, Major R. H. Dorman-Smith, M.P., J.P., and Major W. Spens, M.P., K.C., from the House of Commons. We very much appreciated the kind thought.

We congratulate our Company Commander on his Brevet Majority in the New Year's List.

*Miniature Range Shooting.*—Surrey Territorial Army Challenge Cup. In this competition we were beaten in the final stage after leading in the first two stages. The final scores were as follows:—First stage: R.E., 524; "B" Company, 530. Second stage: R.E., 522; "B" Company, 523. Third stage: R.E., 546; "B" Company, 534. Total: R.E., 1,592; "B" Company, 1,587.

*Obituary.*—We very much regret to announce the death of Pte. T. Barrett, who died at Camberley on 16th October, 1936.

#### "C" Company (Guildford and Haslemere).

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL we have seen a few changes in the Company and have had a fairly active winter, including miniature range competitions, courses and entertainments.

The prizes for the miniature range competitions were presented at a "Smoker" in the club by Capt. A. J. E. Pakenham, Lieut. Merriman being also present.

The Prize Distribution for the Open Range Shoot took place at the Borough Hall, when the Mayor of Guildford gave away the prizes during the interval of the dance. Major Palmer and Capt. Phillips also attended.

We have now lost the services of R.S.M. Torkington, who has gone to civil life, where we wish him the best of luck. His place has been taken by R.S.M. Coldman, from Woking, to whom we extend a very hearty welcome. We are sure he will be even more successful at Guildford than he was at Woking.

Boxing in the Company has reached a very high standard this year. We were runners-up in the Battalion Boxing Championships to "B" Company, losing by three points. Our representatives were: Pte. Perry (fly-weight), Pte. Bailey (bantam-weight), who went on to win the Divisional Championships and lost to a more experienced man in the preliminary bouts for the T.A. Championships, Pte. Newman (feather-weight), Pte. Beadle (light-weight), Ptes. Budd and Hathaway (welter-weight), L./Cpl. Homersham and Pte. Leach (middle-weight). In the Brigade Championships the Battalion was represented by the following members of the Company: Pte. Bailey (bantam-weight), Pte. Newman (feather-weight) and L./Cpl. Homersham (middle-weight).

The Company representatives in the Battalion contingent to the Coronation are: Capt. A. J. E. Pakenham, C.S.M. Russell, Clr./Sergt. Watson, Sergt. Ashcroft, L./Sergt. Lavender, Cpl. Robins, Ptes. Walker and Hathaway.

Camp not being far off we hope to get in some useful work during which we hope that the weather will be better than last year. We shall be meeting some of our friends of the 22nd Queen's who visited us at Easter, when we spent a very enjoyable evening in the club.

We have held a Machine-Gun Course and Signal Course during the winter, both of which were very instructive.

Mr. Green has now joined us and we now have four officers in the Company. We wish him every success during his stay with us.

Our congratulations go to Sergt. Burrows on his promotion.

Haslemere Detachment have been doing a considerable amount of shooting during the winter, several miniature range matches against local teams having been arranged.

Clr./Sergt. Watson, the part-time instructor there, has now been transferred to Headquarter Wing, but will still be employed with the Detachment. He works extremely hard to make a good show of his Detachment, and we hope he can raise a few more recruits to help swell the numbers of the Company.

On the night of 13th April our club at Guildford had the misfortune to be completely demolished by fire, the cause of which is thought to be due to a fuse blowing, as no one was there at the time. A full account was published in the *Surrey Advertiser*. It is hoped that when the necessary preliminaries are completed we may receive somewhat larger and more commodious premises. At present a temporary club has been opened in the Drill Hall which it is hoped all members will support.

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

Camp at Shorncliffe was attended by three officers and fifty men, and some useful work was done there. However, we are looking forward to returning in 1937 to Sussex. Dibgate may have some good points, but when it rains and blows these are rather apt to be obscured. Talking of that, we would still like to blot out the fellow who thought of that exercise on the Downs, north of Folkestone, when, having taken the cookers with us all day, we ate the contents cold in camp.

In February and March a Weapon Training Course was organized at Woking for junior and prospective N.C.O.s. Cpl. Dade, from the 2nd Battalion, took it and did his job very well. It is hoped that a considerable amount of the information imparted was retained.

Mr. Tregalgas, always a tower of strength in these matters, ran a very successful children's party at the New Year, and shortly afterwards he was responsible for the Company concert and prizegiving at Farncombe. For the success of both he is to be congratulated.

**Shooting.**—Highest scores, range practices: Practice 1, Sergt. Keen and Sergt. Munday tied for first place with 20. Practice 2, Sergt. Keen, 36. Practice 3, Sergt. Wickens and Cpl. Wigman tied for first place with 18. Practice 4, L./Cpl. Taylor, 17.

**Charterhouse Challenge Cup.**—Sergt. Keen.

**Best Shot, Class "B."**—Pte. Goodwin.

**Best Shot, Recruits.**—Pte. Birchett.

**Lewis Gun Cup.**—Sergt. Munday.

**Rapid Fire Cup.**—Sergt. Keen.

**Champion Section.**—L./Cpl. Strudwick's Section.

**Champion Shooting Section.**—Cpl. Wigman's Section.

**Champion Recruiter's Cup.**—Pte. Jarvis.

**Boxing.**—The Company was well represented at the Battalion Boxing Meeting, the following competing:—

**Heavy-weight.**—Pte. Keeping.

**Middle-weight.**—Pte. Cooper.

**Welter-weight.**—Ptes. Warmington and Allen.

**Light-weight.**—Pte. Lody.

**Fly-weight.**—Pte. Barnett.

Although we did not go far in the finals we have hopes of giving "B" Company's prestige a heavy shake in the next meeting. Pte. Keeping was chosen as a reserve in the light heavy-weights at the Brigade Meeting.

## THE TERRITORIAL ARMY

IT has been decided to restore the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. cut on all grants to Territorial Army Associations which was introduced as an economy measure in 1928.

In view of the desirability of improving the social and recreational accommodation in Territorial Army drill halls it is proposed to amend in this respect the schedule of accommodation. The new schedule (the details of which are now being settled) will be brought into force as new buildings are erected or old buildings reconditioned.

#### Improvements Already Effected.

During the past year, various improvements in conditions have been brought into force. Among these are:—

- (a) An increase in the grant allowed to Associations for payment of fares of officers to drills during the out-of-camp training period. It is hoped that this will do something towards removing the expense to which officers have been put in the past in carrying out their obligations.
- (b) The regulations in regard to payment to officers and men for out-of-camp training—other than obligatory drills—have been put on a more generous basis.
- (c) A grant has been made towards the expense of setting up officers' and sergeants' messes in new or converted units.

#### Improvements to be Introduced in 1937.

Provision was made in the estimates introduced recently for the following detailed improvements:—

- (a) Free issue of shirts and socks for annual training, if needed.
- (b) One suit of canvas overalls is being issued to men of the Territorial Army. This will avoid the delay and loss of time which occurs in changing into uniform in order to perform out-of-camp drills and will save the wear and tear of the men's civilian clothes. It will also prove of great value for certain purposes during the annual camp training.
- (c) A second ground-sheet will be issued for camp as is done in the case of the Regular Army.
- (d) Battery staff vehicles are to be issued to facilitate the training of the artillery units of the Territorial Army.
- (e) An issue of trucks is being made to Yeomanry and Infantry to enable the necessary number of M.T. drivers to be trained and to assist in training both out of camp and in camp.
- (f) A second plate is being issued for men attending camp.
- (g) In view of the increase in numbers training and enthusiasm generally throughout the Territorial Army which is now taking place, a considerable increase in the training grant is being made in order to provide additional facilities for out-of-camp training.

## NOTES ON THE KING ALBERT ARMY AND R.A.F. MEMORIAL, YPRES, BELGIUM

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**A**N Exhibition of some of the progress made, given at the London Scottish Regimental Headquarters in November, 1936. (By kind permission of the C.O. and officers.)

### COMMITTEE.

Major-General The Earl of Athlone, K.G. (Chairman).

His Excellency The Belgian Ambassador.

Lieut.-General Sir W. P. Pulteney.

Lieut.-General Sir Tom Bridges.

L'Abbé Vermaut, The Doyen of Ypres.

Major-General Sir Neill Malcolm.

Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin, R.A.F.

Secretary: Capt. Guy Cassie.

The painting of King Albert I is kindly lent by His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador.

The Rose or Wheel Window and Tablet are given to Belgium by the British Army and Royal Air Force as a memorial to King Albert I of Belgium, who commanded his army in the field in the Great War, and a pioneer in the science of flying. The sum of £2,000 was subscribed by all ranks and units in modest amounts and were received from all parts of the Empire. It was indeed gratifying that of the thousands of responses the approval both of the memorial and that it should be in Belgium was fully expressed. The original appeal letter sent in December, 1935, to all units by the Chairman is here quoted:—

“The recent tragic death of King Albert has revived many memories of one of the truly heroic figures of the Great War. Surely there could be no more fitting tribute to his work for the allied cause than a memorial in the historic town of Ypres, erected by those who served with the British Army in Flanders.

“With this object in view, a small Committee has been formed, of which I am Chairman.

“Fortunately a very fitting opportunity has presented itself to us, namely, that of filling the great Rose Window at the Main South entrance of the restored Cathedral of Ypres with stained glass of British design and make.

“The artist selected by the Committee is Miss Geddes, whose work in Canada and Ireland is well known.

“His Majesty the King has approved of the scheme, and I am glad to say that His Majesty King Leopold has also expressed his approval of our proposal and considers that it would form a most acceptable memorial to his illustrious father.

“The sum required is two thousand pounds (£2,000), and I make this appeal to all ranks of those who served in the Great War, and to the Regular and Territorial Armies of to-day to assist me in raising this comparatively modest sum.

“The work will be put in hand immediately the Committee feel justified in doing so, and the window will be shown to the public in this country before being handed over as a gift from British soldiers to Belgium.

“(Signed) ATHLONE,  
“Chairman.”

### YPRES.

St. Martin's Cathedral, destroyed completely by the end of the war, has been rebuilt to its original design, a most creditable work of restoration and a great example of Belgian determination to remove one of the scars left on its old cities. The cost has been great and little funds remained after the addition of a new organ: the total glass of this Gothic building was therefore blank and cold, especially the Rose Window, the largest of its kind in Belgium. The future of the permanent prosperity of the city was still then uncertain, although great numbers of tourists were annually visiting the Cathedral. It was felt that filling the window with fine colour as a memorial would greatly help on the position of Ypres.

Fine stained glass can last many centuries, is of an art that still is of an individual character, and its impersonal beauty seldom fails to attract people of all races and creeds. Many soldiers and women can well understand how, during stretches of rest from the wars in France or Belgium, a few quiet moments contemplating the quiet serenity of fine glass was so valued.

### THE ROSE OR WHEEL WINDOW.

In choice of artist and subject special attention was given to radiance of colour, keeping of the Gothic style and of a dignity proper to King Albert's memory and of the British Army and R.A.F.; no story was desired to be told or fact demonstrated, sadness had also passed. The subject chosen was Christ in Glory as expressed in the *Te Deum*, the minor panels filled with the crests of the givers. The size is 250 square feet, diameter 25 feet. Central light shows Christ seated on the Rainbow of Peace, at his feet the Earth, whilst two symbolic Soldier Saints kneel each side in prayer. The four Beasts appear in the corners.

1st Circle. 16 lights of figures. Apostles. St. Peter at top. St. Andrew (names appear on each).

2nd Circle. 32 figures. Above, 16 Prophets; below, 16 Martyrs chosen especially as relating to Belgium, these include the only two women figures in window. The wheel has not been broken by reversing the figures, as often in the windows of the past two centuries, but all are treated alike as facing the major central figure of Christ.

### SMALL SURROUNDING WINDOWS.

The crests of Belgium, the British Army, the R.A.F. and the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards (of which Regiment King Albert was Colonel).

The window is being executed in Fulham, made of the best English coloured glass and a very high standard is being aimed at.

### THE INSCRIPTION MEMORIAL TABLET.

This has been added as part of the memorial so that many could read and study the purpose of the gift of this Rose Window. It will also serve as the medium for the unveiling ceremony.

Size 8 feet by 3 feet. A panel and frame of pale grey sycamore wood in natural grain, painted in oil and sealed behind plate glass engraved in colour by the London Sand-Blasting Company. Considerable attention has been paid to the damp climate of Ypres.

The Crest of the British Army is here used for the first time and was given to that Service by H.M. King George V shortly before his death.

The Crest of Belgium is carved in wood, painted, and is here shown for the first time in Belgium surrounded by the British Order of the Garter.

## HELPING THE TERRITORIALS

The Crest of the 5th R.I.D. Guards is shown in its new design. The castle which still appears in the window is now dropped and instead appears the word Inniskilling and the motto. Since the war, two regiments were amalgamated.

Valuable assistance was given here by Messrs. Farmfield and Marsh, architects, and members of the Territorial Army.

The Water-Coloured Sketch of complete window was taken to Belgium in 1935, and was immediately approved of by King Leopold of Belgium.

The Fragments of Glass are of the original 1914 Church and Cloth Hall, and have been returned by soldiers: other fragments returned have been pieces of the choir stalls, carvings and the five-foot wooden font cover, which had been taken to and lodged in the Cathedral of British Columbia. It is now in Ypres again.

**COPY OF INSCRIPTION TABLET WORDS:** To the Glory of God and in Honour'd Memory of ALBERT I, KING OF THE BELGIANS, Knight of the Garter, Field Marshal of the British Army and Colonel-in-Chief of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, the Rose Window in the South Transept is given to Belgium by THE BRITISH ARMY and ROYAL AIR FORCE.

This Memorial Gift was subscribed for in the year 1935 by all Ranks active and retired, the Women's Services and the Dominion Forces, whilst special assistance was given by the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, The League of Remembrance (1914-19), the British Legion and the Ypres League. We, the subscribers, are most happy to have this opportunity to express our high esteem and appreciation of King Albert's noble service in the Great War.

The subject of the window is The Glory of God as testified in the *Te Deum*.

The crests are those of Belgium, His Majesty's Army, the Royal Air Force, and the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

"My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my rewarder. So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

## HELPING THE TERRITORIALS

### OIL COMPANIES' FREE POSTER DISPLAY.

Seven of the largest oil companies of this country placed their lorries at the disposal of the Territorial Army for the free display of the latest recruiting poster. Commencing Monday, 5th April, some 4,000 lorries carried the poster all over England and Wales, and the display continued for a week. The poster depicts the Territorials engaged in the defence of England and Wales against an air raid and in the manipulation of the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights.

The companies which granted these free facilities were: Shell Mex Company, Ltd., Anglo-American Oil Company, Ltd., The National Benzol Company, Cleveland Petroleum Products Company, Trinidad Leaseholds, Ltd., Dominion Motor Spirit Company, and Power Petroleum Company, Ltd.

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

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

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

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. W. R. Darnell.

*Adjutant:* Capt. R. M. Burton.

THE first, and one of the most important, items of news since the last issue, is the change of Adjutant. Capt. Boyd handed over his duties to Capt. Burton at the beginning of November.

We are pleased to be able to announce that we are not losing touch with Capt. Boyd after the four years of sterling work he has done in the capacity of Adjutant. The same cheerful spirit and real "flair" which he undoubtedly has for understanding the workings of the T.A. will stand him in good stead as Company Commander in this unit. Despite the fact that he has resigned his commission in the Regular Army he has been unable to resist the temptation to continue "soldiering" with us, and is now in charge of "D" (S.) Company, and we wish him every success.

Capt. Burton has now been with us for five months, and is continuing admirably the work of his predecessors.

The Armistice Church Parade, held at the Bermondsey Parish Church on 8th November, was well attended, there being approximately 200 of the Regiment and 250 Old Comrades on parade. It is pleasant to record that we can rely on a good muster of Old Comrades at this annual event. After the service a buffet lunch was held in the Mess for officers and their friends, and His Worship The Mayor of Bermondsey was present. We particularly welcomed him on this occasion, as his official duties prevented him being present at the service.

Lord Mayor's Show day was celebrated in a unique manner, when Lieut. Wilson and twelve other ranks, all dressed in the uniform of the Bermondsey Volunteers (and smelling strongly of moth balls) attended. Lieut. Wilson had the pleasure of being invited to the Lord Mayor's Banquet in the evening, and attended in full dress, so was fully compensated for the arduous of the day.

On Armistice Day, Lieuts. Lockwood and Nicholson, with three N.C.O.s. as a Colour Party, were in attendance at the Royal Exchange. Lieut. Wilson and four other ranks also attended. Lieut. Shepperd and the Permanent Staff laid a wreath on the Regimental War Memorial at the Drill Hall.

Early in December, Major Halse was appointed Staff Captain in the Judge-Advocate-General's department. Whilst congratulating Major Halse heartily on his appointment, we deplore that his services are no longer available to this unit. We should like to record, however, that in his spare time he has been coaching officers for their various promotion examinations, and is constantly at hand to assist in any way possible, for which we owe him a debt of gratitude.

The Annual Prizegiving and Regimental Ball was held at the Drill Hall on 17th December, and was well attended, the prizes being distributed by Major-General Comings, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The Mayor of Bermondsey was also present and gave a very interesting and encouraging speech.

On the Saturday following, the Annual Children's Party was given, and a riotous time was had by 145 children, but it is doubtful whether the Punch and Judy Show was not more appreciated by the adult helpers than by the children themselves.

On 21st December we at last had some definite destination. We left the London Division and were transferred to the 131st Brigade of the 44th Home Counties Area. We have not had an opportunity as yet of training with the new

Brigade, but are looking forward to spending an enjoyable annual training this year. As the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) have also been transferred to this Brigade, we shall, with the 4th and 5th Battalions, form a Queen's Brigade. This should produce a very good spirit and make us all "Queen's-conscious."

We were fortunate enough to have fine, but very cold, weather for our Easter Training, which was held this year at the Depot at Guildford. We are always delighted to have the opportunity of going to the Depot, as the few days we spend there always produce a marked improvement in the standard of drill and general efficiency.

This year we had a batch of new officers, and the experience they gained on this, their first appearance in uniform, should stand them in good stead for annual training, besides removing that "showroom finish" from the uniforms themselves.

The only unfortunate incident which occurred during this period was a slight argument between one of our brand new mechanized vehicles, and a Guildford Corporation tree. The driver, luckily, was not seriously injured, but the tree, together with a considerable portion of kerbstone and pavement, suffered severely.

We welcome the following officers, who have been gazetted since 1st November, 1936: Capt. L. S. Boyd and 2/Lieuts. A. R. Trench, H. W. Mingard, R. M. Caton, C. D. Bates, P. E. Trench, G. M. Glencross, G. J. H. D. Collins, C. A. Walmesley and L. Long.

We say good-bye to the following officers, who have left: Capt. C. R. Whittington and Capt. K. A. G. Raybould to T.A.R.O.

2/Lieut. C. M. B. Howard is leaving us this month for a regular commission in the South Staffordshire Regiment, and 2/Lieut. C. N. Parkinson has applied for a transfer to the Cambridge University O.T.C.

We congratulate the following: Capt. J. G. Bevington upon his promotion to Major, and Lieut. R. H. Pontifex upon his promotion to Captain.

This year's camp will be at Falmer, from 25th July to 8th August, and we are looking forward to training as a Queen's Brigade for the first time.

In conclusion, we are glad to report that after long discussions and pleadings with the War Office they have given us permission to have a Company Drill Hall outside the Bermondsey—Rotherhithe area. A site at New Cross has just been selected and work will commence in the near future to turn a derelict Conservative Club into an up-to-date Drill Hall, complete with Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess, not to mention the canteen!

We hope that this new venture will prove a successful means to getting more recruits, and will ultimately be extended in order to cope with the rush of would-be soldiers, and also to accommodate officers' cars which, at the moment, will have to be left in the street.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

Since our last humble contribution appeared in the JOURNAL no doubt the "high spot" was Easter Training.

We spent four very happy days at the Depot, and in spite of snow, sunshine and rain we managed somehow to have one of the best attachments we have ever had (we numbered twenty), and for this no small measure of thanks is due to the members of the Depot Mess, who did everything in their power to make us feel at home.

As is always our privilege, we entertained the officers (about nineteen strong) on the Sunday evening, and judging from what we saw we are sure they enjoyed themselves. Another fact we have also discovered is that we have one or two budding band leaders amongst them; but what we would like to know is: Who tore the stocking? Like all good things, they come to an end all too soon, and so here's to the next.

Much to our regret we have lost one or two members since last writing, to wit, C.S.M. Halpin, Sergt. Martin, Sergt. Bachelor and Sergt. Edwards. To them all we say, thank you, and hope they will be as happy in the future as they were with us. Also, last but not least, S./Sergt. Akers has gone. No! they never die. He has left us to return to civilian life, after twenty-odd years' service. We hope he will have all that should come to those of his sort. In his place S./Sergt. Lee has soon proved that he will do all he can to help, and so we ask nothing more. Before passing on, we welcome those who have one more stripe and have entered the realms.

Although it happened as long ago as 1st November, 1936, we must say a word about Capt. L. S. Boyd, who handed over the reins of Adjutant to Capt. R. M. Burton. We cherish very pleasant memories of his tour and wish him all the best, but we have some consolation in the fact that he has come back and now commands the Support Company. Good luck to him. Capt. Burton has by now got down to things, and we hope his tour will be a long and happy one.

Before closing, just a note about camp. This will be held at Falmer this year, when we shall have the first taste of the new Queen's Brigade. Well, we shall look after them.

## ALL RANKS' GARDEN PARTY

TAKES PLACE AT

THE DEPOT, STOUGHTON BARRACKS, GUILDFORD,

ON SUNDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1937.

It will be preceded by a Memorial Service in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, at 12.40 p.m.

Old Comrades will parade at the Drill Hall, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, at 12 noon, and march to church.

After the service, headed by the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, the Party will march to the Depot, where lunch will be available for ticket holders. These tickets, which must be purchased by 12th June, may be had on application to the Secretary, price 2s. each.

Refreshments will also be available, at moderate prices, for those who do not take luncheon tickets. Teas will also be available in the afternoon at moderate prices. The Regimental Museum will be open, and opportunity afforded of inspecting the Institutes, Dining Hall, etc. A wonderful view of the country for miles around can be obtained from the top of the Keep.

The Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion will be in attendance.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT, SERVING AND NON-SERVING, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

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## THE COLOURS OF THE 1st BATTALION

ON the 17th of July this year the 1st Battalion Colours celebrate their ninetieth birthday. They were presented to the Battalion at Gosport in 1847 and are the old six-foot ones with pikes of the early nineteenth century pattern.

Before presentation the Colours were consecrated by the Rev. H. A. Veck, who followed this up with rather a long prayer. Then Lady Augusta Fitzclarence, wife of Major-General Lord Frederick Fitzclarence, G.O.C. the District, presented the King's Colour to the Colonel, Lord Saltoun, followed by Miss Fitzclarence, who presented the Regimental Colour to Major Lloyd. These Colours were then consigned to the care of the two senior ensigns, McCarthy and Inglis. According to official records: "The Grenadiers then closed ranks and, wheeling to their left, proceeded to the centre where they joined the ensigns bearing the Colours and trooped them in the usual form, concluded by the escort of the old Colours to the Orderly Room, the band playing 'Auld Lang Syne.' The line then wheeled back into open column right in front and marched past the General in slow and quick time. After which the General, accompanied by his staff, inspected the Regiment in column and bestowed on them the highest commendation."

If the local newspaper is to be believed it must have been a very gay affair, nor did it end there. For "After the ceremony a superb *déjeuner* was served to 200 guests in a pavilion on the parade." After the banquet there followed a Regimental Ball.

One can picture the scene. The two senior officers very fierce and upright, waiting to receive the Colour, behind them the two ensigns very stiff and military in their full Regimentals, complete with mutton-chop whiskers.

Lady Fitzclarence, very gracious in her best early Victorian satin, handing over the Colour with the following little speech:—

"I feel exceedingly happy in being selected to present this Colour to your gallant Regiment, and I feel quite satisfied it cannot be given into better hands. I feel extreme pleasure in giving this Colour to you, Lord Saltoun, being one of my earliest and oldest friends."

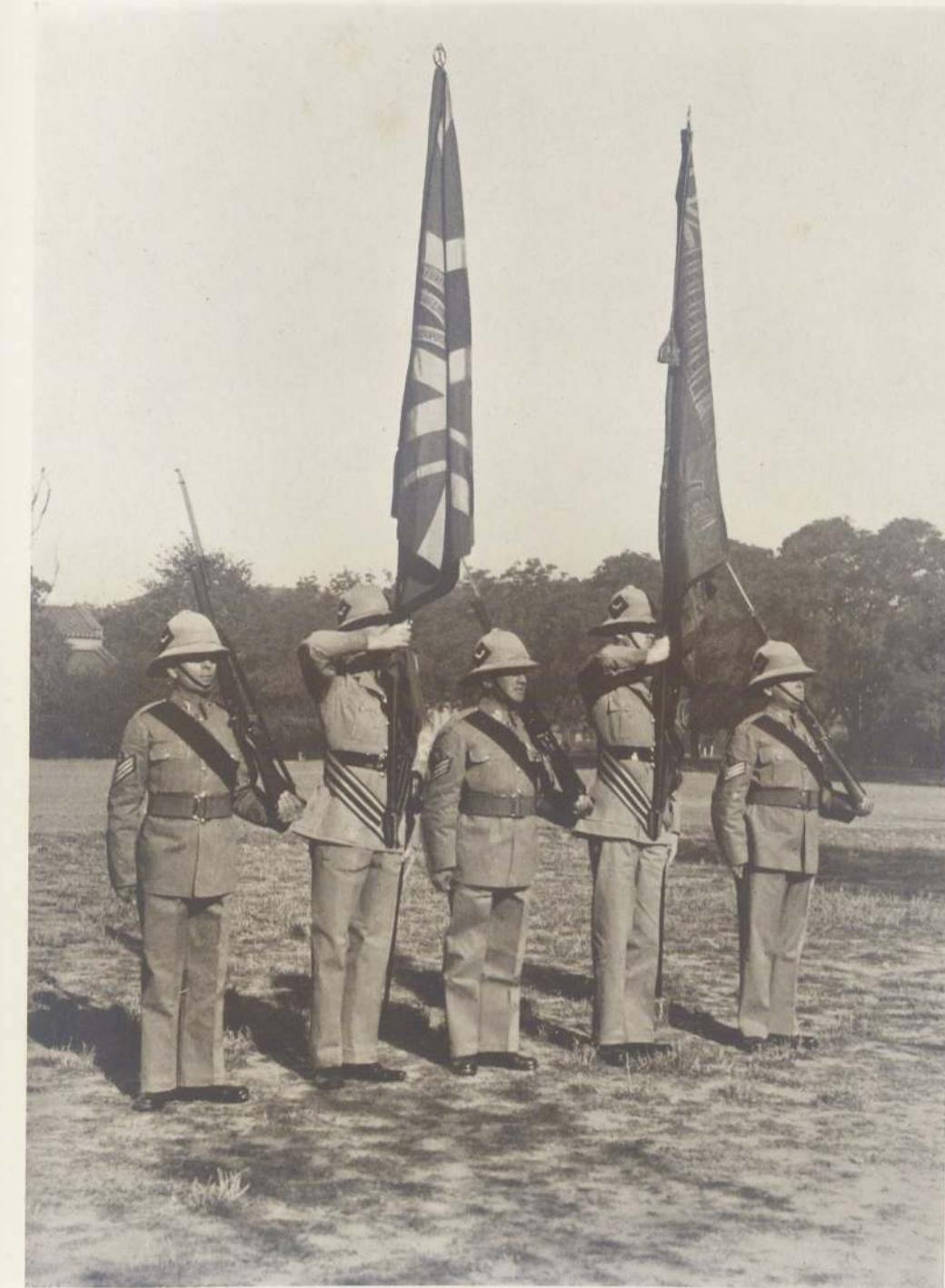
The Colonel of the Regiment makes a suitable reply, but no one knows what he is thinking. Perhaps his eagle eye has noticed a man incorrectly dressed and he is debating whether to give field punishment No. 1 or merely twenty-eight days' cells for such scandalous behaviour.

Then it is little Miss Fitzclarence's turn. With heightened colour, tight-laced fashionable dress, pretty ringlets in her hair, and parasol to protect her delicate skin from the cruel rays of the sun, she is too overcome to make a speech. She catches the eye of the gallant Major as she presents the Colour, and then wonders if he will think her bold for doing so. Behind, no doubt, the ensigns are cursing their luck at not having reached field rank.

Then the remainder of the Battalion on parade and the distinguished guests, not to mention the families and all their friends—all in their best clothes. One can see it all—a day to be remembered in their lives.

All the people who attended that parade have gone. All the arms and equipment have been scrapped or stuck in a museum. All the clothes and uniforms have gone on the dust heap. But those same Colours with their pikes remain, fulfilling the same duty now as then.

In 1851 they went on service to South Africa, the only active service they have seen. In 1860 the 1st Battalion took part in the sacking of Peking, but the Colours remained at Hong Kong, to which place they returned in 1927. Except for the war years, 1914-19, the Colours have stayed with the 1st Battalion all their service.



THE COLOURS.

There is one silent witness of the scene just described, still in the Mess. That is the pike of the 3rd (or Green) Colour. The green silk of the present Colour is new, having been presented to the 1st Battalion by Brigadier H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., in 1929.

On 18th July, 1847, the Green Colour was not on parade. It was suspended from the centre pillar of the pavilion in which the banquet took place, and according to the local newspaper "Was an object of much interest." Even in those days!

The local paper goes on to say: "The Queen's gave up its distinguished Colour, a superbly embroidered green one, in 1798 by order. The fact was, the Regiment was marching into Dublin with its Colours flying when the Colonel then commanding, feeling that the Colour would excite disturbance on account of its apparently party character, ordered it to be furled on the spot whilst the Regiment was crossing a bridge, and it has never been unfurled since."

It is interesting to note that in 1823 we were allowed to resume it again, and in 1825 we were presented with a new one prior to embarking for India, "The Lamb on which was most beautifully embroidered by the hands of Lady Torrens" (the wife of the then Colonel of the Regiment).

History does not relate what became of this Colour. In 1914 the green Colour had the Tudor Crown with the Cipher of Catherine and Charles underneath. The present Colour has the same.

In view of the foregoing, the following extract from *Punch* of 24th July, 1847, which is reproduced by kind permission of the Proprietors of *Punch*, may be of interest:—

#### "CONSECRATED COLOURS.

"Ladies are held to be the best judges of Colours; hence it is, we presume, that a woman is so frequently selected to present a regiment with its spick and span new banner. Now, for ourselves, though we would bow to the judgment of ladies exercised on Colours at Howell and James's, we have little opinion of their choice in barracks. They may know at the mercer's what colours may wash well; but all they can possibly predicate of Colours of the English Army is, that they will not run. We could wish the gentle creatures to be content with this knowledge. What have they, in the true dignity of their sex, to do with soldiering? What has Venus to do with powder—that is gunpowder?

"However a banner—being duly blessed by the Chaplain to HER MAJESTY'S troops, in Forton and Haslar Barracks—was a few days since presented to the 2nd (Queen's Royal) Regiment, by Lady Augusta Fitzclarence.

"First, however, for the blessing; the clergyman thus prays:—

"We now, O Lord, implore thy protection and blessing on these banners, which we would this day consecrate to Thy service and the defence and honour of our Sovereign and her dominions. In Thy name, O Lord, do we set up these banners."

"We know no prayer akin to this throughout the New Testament. We tax our memory, and can remember no place in which a banner—to wave above fire, bloodshed, rape and rapine—was set up in the spirit of Christianity.

"But in time gone by we have put the question, and it may be again preferred—Why bless the banners only? Why not bless the cannon? Why not bless the bayonets? In fact to begin with the beginning, why should not the bishop of the diocese bestow a peculiar blessing on the men and boys employed in gunpowder mills; in the manufacture of the destructive matter to be used in the 'service' and in the 'name' of the God of Goodness? According to these 'blessings,' what a sweet-smelling odour must ever reek from the battlefield to the Throne of Grace!

What an altar and what a comely sacrifice, a field of Waterloo with its thousands of stiffened corse!

"The absurdity, the wickedness of this is that every war is undertaken in the service of the Lord! For instance, we of course, in the war of independence, cut the throat of the Americans for the service and in the name of Christianity!"

"As for woman, her attention to colours should be confined to the mercer's shop, and not extended to the soldier's barrack. If, however, the gentle creature must take an interest in things military, let her leave the colours to the clergyman, and employ herself solely to lint."

## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The following additions have been made since the last publication:—

Extracts from Naval Records in connection with Glorious 1st June, 1794: Commander Rowbotham, R.N.

Prints (bound) of Storming of Ghuznee and Khelat, Short History of Whale Island, Lime's Military Science, Army List, 1788: Officers' Mess Depot.

Three Photographs, Mandoline Band, 1st Battalion: Mr. C. W. Ellis.

Army Lists, 1793 and 1796: Purchased.

Regimental History, Vols. I and II: Purchased.

Three Censored War Envelopes: Mr. Le Cocq.

### MUSEUM ACCOUNT.

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## 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: Brevet Col. D. G. Adams.

Adjutant: Capt. A. P. Block.

OUR new Headquarters are at last beginning to show signs of completion, and there will not be a single member of the Battalion who will not heave a sigh of relief to feel that the difficulties and discomforts that we have all suffered during the winter are ended.

Not only has the whole activity of the Battalion, including Canteen and Armoury, been crammed into the space of the Drill Hall, owing to the fact that everything else had been razed to the ground, but in order to get even there one had to risk either being drowned in a sea of mud, rivalling Flanders at its worst, or receive a series of terrific bangs on the head groping one's way in the dark amid a mass of scaffolding. However, far be it from any of us to grumble when we anticipate the handsome building that we shall shortly inhabit: rather are our feelings akin to those of the Israelites about to enter the Promised Land. The opening ceremony is to be performed on Tuesday, 8th June, by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, at 6.30 p.m.

Despite the difficulties of the past winter we have continued to make progress, and recruits are gradually coming in. Although our strength to-day is in the neighbourhood of 360, which does not show on paper a very large increase, there is no doubt that in fact the Battalion is incomparably stronger than it was a year ago. A number of men have been discharged for non-fulfilment of their obligations, and it can truthfully be said to-day that we have little or no "paper strength." Naturally, we hope that the amenities provided by the new building will be a big attraction and will bring a lot of recruits along.

During November last we were asked to provide a squad of ten men to represent the "Citizen Soldiers of Southwark," *circa* 1800, in the Lord Mayor's Show. Those who saw the Show pass through the streets commented on the proud bearing of these doughty warriors, who were commanded by Lieut. E. W. D. Stillwell, our expert in chivalry, who needs a special word of praise for sacrificing a long-nurtured moustache in order to preserve historical accuracy (so he avers).

The usual Armistice Sunday parade was held, and was attended by not only serving members of the Battalion, but by a large number of Old Comrades and a contingent from the Cadet Battalion.

It was with many regrets that we said farewell to the 142nd Brigade, and our old friends of the 23rd London, and in order to commemorate the occasion the 22nd Officers and ourselves gave a joint sherry party at the Duke of York's Headquarters to the Officers of Brigade Staff and the 23rd, which was attended by a large number of officers and guests. We were also glad to have the opportunity of welcoming our new Brigadier, Col. J. S. Hughes, at this show, which went off very successfully. We are now in the 131st Infantry Brigade of the 44th (Home Counties) Division, and expect shortly to lose our present regimental title and become the 7th Battalion of The Queen's.

We were particularly pleased to have the chance this Easter of visiting the 2nd Battalion at Parkhurst. The Commanding Officer ran a T.E.W.T. for Officers and Sergeants, and those of us who went thoroughly enjoyed ourselves there, under the lavish hospitality of our hosts who did all they could, and more, to make us at home from the moment we arrived.

## ALL RANKS' ANNUAL DINNER

We were particularly interested in practical demonstrations that we were given of the workings of the Bren gun and the mortars, as this was the first time that most of us had had the opportunity of making their acquaintance face to face; indeed, some of us had begun to think of the mortar as a myth, which would never be more real to us than a flag!

During the T.E.W.T. we were whirled about the Island in the new Morris trucks which, although not comparable to L.P.T.B. vehicles for comfort, certainly get you there. Might we take this opportunity of thanking Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Basset and all ranks for all the trouble they went to on our behalf.

A certain amount of disappointment was caused in the Battalion when it was learned that we were not to line the streets as such on the occasion of the Coronation, particularly as high authority had rather given us to understand that we were. However, we shall not go unrepresented on the day, as, in common with every other unit, we are providing three men and an officer to march in the procession, and twenty-five men and two officers to line the route. The Battalion is attending a Coronation service in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, 9th May, and combining this occasion with the annual Church Parade commemorating the Glorious 1st of June.

In the past two years we have held a pageant in the Drill Hall during the summer months to try and stimulate local interest in the Battalion, but this year we are holding what is best described as an "At Home" from 8th to 10th June, to which we are inviting the local populace to come and see our new headquarters, and giving a series of demonstrations of our various activities in the Drill Hall.

We are renewing acquaintance with Brighton for our Annual Training this year, as once more we are going to Falmer from 25th July to 8th August. Camp should be particularly enjoyable we feel, as in addition to knowing most of what is to be known about Falmer as regards training areas, we are all looking forward to meeting the 4th and 5th Battalions, with whom we shall be training for the first time.

The Drums have again been asked to play at Olympia during the Royal Tournament before the performance on Friday evening, 28th May. In addition to scarlet they now wear pickelhaube helmets.

The local cinema, during the showing of "O.H.M.S." asked the Battalion to attend a performance recently. This proved a popular attraction, and the "parade" was attended by 139 other ranks, including the Drums. During the week that the film was running, leaflets were distributed at the entrance to the cinema every evening by a party of volunteers in uniform.

Since our last contribution we are happy to say that no officers have left, and we have been joined by 2/Lieut. A. F. Parsons, who brings our number of officers up to 27. May we also take this opportunity of congratulating the Commanding Officer on his brevet.

## ALL RANKS' ANNUAL DINNER

TAKES PLACE AT

THE THAMES HOUSE RESTAURANT, MILLBANK, S.W.1,  
ON SATURDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1937.

7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Will members intending to be present please inform the Secretary as early as possible, remitting subscriptions at the same time: O.C.A. 2s., Dinner Club 3s. (unless Life Members), when "Card to Admit" will be forwarded.

Please do not leave your subscriptions until the night of the Dinner, as the practice of paying at the door causes confusion.

## "TO OUR READERS' S.O.S."

THAT out-of-date ditcher, "Old Maude," has heard the Editor's call of distress, but it is doubtful if he can render assistance when he does come within hail.

I wonder why I was so simple when I joined the 1st Battalion in 1901. I ought not to have been, as I was 23 years old when I joined and had done a bit of estate work, produce broking in Mincing Lane, tried very hard to get into the Royal Irish Constabulary, and had in addition been an H.A.C. private and Militia subaltern for the preceding five years. My simple nature had many a shock in those far-off days (which seem as yesterday), not the least of which was when I discovered that I had come to join The Monmouth Volunteer Artillery instead of the 3rd Battalion The Hampshire Regiment. The cab had long since departed, my kit was dumped in the entrance hall, I had had several drinks and it was time to dress for Mess before someone said that no new officer was expected and who might I be. Going out to Bombay I joined the P. & O. at Marseilles and found a very cheery party of Second-Lieutenants all on their first voyage. We all sat at the same table and fared sumptuously and well—too well—as by the time I had bought various fakes at Port Said to send home to my sorrowing family, I found that I had precious little money left; certainly not enough to take me to Rawalpindi with my thirty cubic feet, or whatever it was, of baggage, which, up to the day of landing, I had fondly imagined would accompany me free of charge, as on the steamer. However, fate was very kind, and I won the first prize on the sweep of the run, which brought me in about £20, which saved the situation for me and two other fellows.

We landed in Bombay about the middle of April, and I walked off to the Army and Navy Stores in the heat of the day with merely a straw hat for head covering, but felt no ill-effect whatever. At Church Lines, Rawalpindi, however, it was another matter, and as I passed from the Mess to my bungalow I heard Major John Addington say to someone: "That fellow will be dead by night"—and I nearly was. Another thing that sticks in my mind is that the M.O. who looked after me reported me for calling him "Doctor."

Having recovered somewhat I was sent to the Detachment at Upper Topa, and for a good many hours in the day marched up and down the tiny parade ground under that splendid fellow the late Sergt. Fletcher. One end of the parade ground ended in the khud side, and it was Fletcher's joke to make us march over the edge as it were, and woe betide the leading file who dared to mark time or shorten step while awaiting "The squad will retire—about turn," instead of plunging into the abyss.

Khud climbs proved a pleasant recreation, and, being sound in wind and limb, I found that I could smoke a pipe up the steepest slopes. This reminds me of a somewhat profane remark ejaculated by a Corporal of "D" Company between his gasps for breath: "J— wept; he'd have howled if he could have seen what we were going to do to-day."

Always devoted to my gun, when chikor shooting came round a small party of us used to chivy them with varying success. One very hot evening we were returning home with throats like limekilns, when we came across a most enticing little spring welling out beneath a rock at the foot of a terrace. I was first at it and had taken a good swill before I noticed that the water tasted nasty, and advised the others not to drink. It was a good job that they did not, because just above were the Gharial filth pits. I must say that I fully expected enteric, and thought that I was "booked" when I felt rotten with a very sore throat. I expect that there were so many different kind of bugs in that water that they "cancelled out."

The following year a Leave Schedule came round and I gaily put myself down for a couple of months, and at the same time sent a letter to the Maharajah of Patiala for a *parwana* to shoot in the Siwalik Hills. This was granted. However, when the time came, I found myself at Kasauli doing a course which was meant to fill in the gaps of professional knowledge between Militia and Sandhurst. I had the time of my young life there, except for one unfortunate episode which might easily have lost me my commission, as it happened at a time when any affair with the inhabitants had to be reported by wire to the Viceroy.

There was a party of us plane-table sketching and, to get a good view of our ground, most of us had climbed up on to the roof of a village hut, where we set up our tables and proceeded to work. I suppose I was extra slow at the job, but be that as it may, I found myself alone on the roof, but not for long, as almost immediately an infuriated Hindu came up and accused me of breaking his cooking pots and defiling his house. He also came at me with a young door-post, and I was forced to close with him, and in the course of the struggle toppled him off his roof, when he yelled blue murder. I was horrified to see that he was bleeding down the inside of his leg. I jumped off the roof on to a convenient dunghill, and rejoined the rest of the party and continued sketching. Again I was last man to finish, but was overtaking my companions, when, on rounding a bend, I was jumped on by two men. One I prodded in the tummy with my khudstick and he fell into a cactus bush, to my great delight, while the other fled. Unfortunately I had to pass the house of the injured man. His pals came out, but they contented themselves by shouting "Rassi lau" (bring rope) to some neighbours who were sitting up on their roof enjoying the fun. Luckily the appeal left them cold, which angered the injured man considerably, as he got on to his pony and said that he was going off to Kasauli to report me to the Cantonment Magistrate. I was quite determined that he should not and got him to dismount, and warned him that if he followed me I should push him off his pony, and explained to him (as he perfectly well knew) that I had not broken his dishes and that all his bleeding was from an old sore that had reopened. He seemed to be pacified, but I thought it wise to make sure, so lay up for him about a mile farther on. Sure enough, along he came on his pony, hot foot for Kasauli and the sympathetic ear of the Cantonment Magistrate, but I withstood him somewhat stoutly and heard no more of the matter, although a misguided member of the class was so lacking in tact that he called on the fellow a few days later to inquire after his injuries. Personally I never dared go that road again the whole time I was in Kasauli, and confined my walks and shooting to localities far distant. On one of these occasions when riding a bazaar "tat" to a shooting rendezvous miles down the Kalka road, I had quite an exciting time with a semi-wild water-buffalo, which burst out of a thicket behind and charged down on us. The pony and I went for all we were worth with the buffalo in hot pursuit; too hot, as it proved, for it could not round a sharp bend, and went crashing through the low containing wall on to the rocks far below, where it probably perished—but we did not wait to see.

I always got on very well with my servants and other natives of the country with whom I came into contact, but I did have one serious rough-and-tumble with a shikari near Campbellpore. He was a Pathan of sorts and a conceited fellow. It happened that I got a rather nice right and left at see-see (small partridge). He picked up one, but when I told him to collect the other he said something that I did not understand, and then "Yah yahed" at me in the most insolent manner. I was furious, and, jumping up, knocked him off the rock upon which he was standing, whereupon he came at me with his knife, and we had a real good set-to without any real hurt to either of us. We also collected that other see-see.

## THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS (1st AMERICAN REGIMENT) (M.G.)

*Headquarters:* Fort York Armoury, Toronto.

*Commanding Officer:* Lieut.-Col. W. H. Keslick, M.C., V.D.

**I**N the last issue of the JOURNAL reference was made to the reorganization of the Canadian Militia then impending. At the time of writing the notes for that number it was not known definitely what our own lot would be, but we have come through the actual fact of reorganization and have been operating, technically at least, as a new unit since 15th December.

No doubt, reorganizations, whether in the British Isles, in Australia or in Canada, are very much alike, but for the sake of readers of the JOURNAL who may be interested in the manner in which reorganization took place among Toronto infantry units, it may be well to explain the difference it has made here.

Before 15th December last, the Toronto Garrison had two infantry brigades. The 6th consisted of the 1st and 2nd Bns. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, The Royal Grenadiers and the 48th Highlanders of Canada. The 14th was made up of The Toronto Regiment, The Queen's Rangers (1st American Regiment), The Toronto Scottish Regiment, and The Irish Regiment of Canada.

On reorganization the Queen's Own were reconstituted on the basis of one battalion. The Royal Grenadiers and The Toronto Regiment were amalgamated and are now known as The Royal Regiment of Toronto Grenadiers. The Scottish and Irish were each amalgamated with one half of the 1st Bn. Canadian Machine-Gun Corps, to become M.G. units.

We also are now a Machine-Gun or Support Battalion, on amalgamation with The York Rangers. Our new name appears at the head of these notes, and it may be said that as a few of us served in the 2nd Battalion of The Yorks some years ago, when that unit had two active battalions, and also since part of the original 20th Battalion, C.E.F. (which we perpetuate), and its first Commanding Officer, the late Lieut.-Col. J. A. W. Allan, V.D., came from The Yorks, and for other reasons too numerous to mention, the amalgamation has more than a trace of naturalness. It should also be pointed out that according to the admirable "History of the 12th Regiment, York Rangers," by Capt. (now Colonel) A. T. Hunter, a portion of the designation of The Queen's Rangers "has been continued in the present regiment of York Rangers."

After the dust of reorganization had settled down, the Toronto Garrison found itself with one infantry brigade and two attached units, as follows:—

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

The Royal Regiment of Toronto Grenadiers.

The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (M.G.).

The 48th Highlanders of Canada.

Attached—

The Toronto Scottish Regiment (M.G.).

The Irish Regiment of Canada (M.G.).

Just as The Queen's Rangers played a part on the Continent in the early days during the Seven Years' War and the American Revolutionary War, and later, so have The Yorks had a long and honourable history.

Authorized and organized in September, 1866, as "The Twelfth York Battalion

of Infantry," The Yorks descended from the early militia units of Upper Canada. Lieut.-General John Graves Simcoe, first Lieutenant-Governor of the province, and officer commanding The Queen's Rangers during the greater part of the American Revolutionary War, brought The Queen's Rangers from England with him on their second reorganization in 1792, when he came out to take over his new duties. Other Queen's Rangers from the Maritimes joined the Regiment. Men who served with The Queen's Rangers later joined the York Militia, and descendants half a century later went into the "Twelfth Yorks."

The York Militia fought with General Brock at the capture of Detroit from the Americans in August, 1812, and in October of that year at the Battle of Queenston Heights, where Brock fell. In April, 1813, they participated in the defence of Toronto (then York), a description of which appeared in these pages on a previous occasion.

In 1837, like The Queen's Rangers, the York County militia served during the Rebellion.

During the troublous times following the American Civil War, when our borders were menaced by the Fenians, the King and Lloydtown companies were called out on 2nd June, 1866, for service on the Niagara frontier, which had been invaded. These threats led directly to the formation of militia regiments as we know them to-day, and when The Twelfth York Battalion of Infantry was formed in September of that year, it was placed on duty near Thorold. The first commanding officer of this unit was Lieut.-Col. W. D. Jarvis, a name famous in the annals of The Queen's Rangers. Col. Samuel Peters Jarvis, a relative, commanded the latter corps in the Rebellion of 1837, and William Jarvis, father of Samuel Peters, fought as a cornet in the cavalry of The Queen's Rangers during the American Revolution. He became First Secretary of Upper Canada.

On 30th March, 1885, four companies were ordered out for service in the North-West Rebellion. They formed part of a composite battalion with four companies of the Simcoe Foresters, the unit being known for the occasion as the York and Simcoe Regiment. As the Canadian Pacific Railway was then under construction, the unit had hard marching to encounter after they reached the end of steel north of Lake Superior on 9th April. They reached Qu'Appelle five days later, and made a forced march of 132 miles to Humboldt in seven days. As a result of their part in the Rebellion they are entitled to the words, "North-West Canada, 1885," on their Colours.

On the outbreak of the South African War, the officer commanding offered the services of the unit to the Imperial Government, but it was against their policy to accept. A number of officers, N.C.Os. and men joined the Canadian contingents.

With the outbreak of war in 1914 the entire Regiment volunteered for active service. Many went to the 4th Battalion of the First Contingent, at Valcartier. The 20th Battalion (as previously mentioned) of the Second Contingent received many more, as well as its first Commanding Officer, Col. Allan. Recruits were also sent to the 35th [perpetuated by our 2nd (Reserve) Battalion], 81st and 83rd Battalions of the C.E.F.

The Yorks raised a complete overseas unit late in 1915—the 127th Battalion from the county, in command of Col. F. F. Clarke, who took the unit to France, where, because of the special qualifications of its personnel it was given duty of a special nature with front-line railways, and became the 2nd Bn. Canadian Railway Troops.

Later the 220th Battalion was raised under Lieut.-Col. B. H. Brown, as well as a forestry detachment under Lieut.-Col. A. G. Nichol.

Allied with The Green Howards, The York Rangers, until reorganization, had their companies in four towns in York County, with headquarters at Aurora.

Their battle honours are as follows: North-West Canada, 1885; The Great

2nd BATTALION.



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THE DRUMS.

THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS (1ST AMERICAN REGIMENT) 71

War; Ypres, 1915, '17; Festubert, 1915; Mount Sorrel; Somme, 1916, '18; Arras, 1917, '18; Hill 70; Pilckem; Langemarck, 1917; Menin Road; Polygon Wood; Broodseinde; Poelcappelle; Passchendaele; St. Quentin; Amiens; Hindenburg Line; Pursuit to Mons; France and Flanders, 1915-18.

While the details of the amalgamation of the two units were settled by the officers commanding both, to most of us the actual fact came in the following terse extract from General Orders:—

"The disbandment of the undermentioned units of the Non-Permanent Active Militia, effective 14th December, 1936, for the purpose of reorganization is hereby authorized: The York Rangers; The Queen's Rangers, 1st American Regiment."

The last orders of Col. Keslick, as C.O. of the old unit, gave point to the spirit with which it was hoped the reorganization would take place. In a memorandum addressed to all ranks, Col. Keslick said, in part:—

"At this season of the year it is natural not only to review the events of the year now closing, but also to reminisce over the years and to be reminded of old friends and long associations. Of all persons perhaps this is most applicable to those who have enjoyed the comradeship which exists to such a great extent in His Majesty's armed forces.

"We, in this Regiment, which has such a distinguished history, and has such a valued affiliation with The Queen's Royal Regiment, and which perpetuates the 20th Canadian Infantry Battalion, derive a great deal of satisfaction from serving in our defence forces, and particularly in being authorized to become a new unit of the reorganized Canadian Militia. I therefore feel that all ranks will feel it both a duty and pleasure to 'carry on,' demonstrating to all the world that we, on our part, during these troubled times, are anxious to contribute to the cause of peace and by so doing assist in avoiding armed conflict for the settlement of international disputes."

In the Special Lewis Machine-Gun Competition of the M.D. No. 2 Infantry Association, our No. 1 Team took sixth and No. 2 Team thirteenth place. In the Association's Special Vickers Machine-Gun Competition the No. 2 Team took third, the No. 3 Team fourth, and the No. 1 Team fifth place, the latter in a tie with the No. 1 Team of The Queen's Own Rifles.

In commemoration of the eighteenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the weekly Regimental parade on 11th November took the form of a special service on the drill floor, conducted by the Padre. Ex-members of the 20th Battalion, C.E.F., were on parade. After the service the parade was addressed by Lieut.-Col. O. B. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C., the Commanding Officer the 20th Battalion in France at the time of the Armistice. Col. W. W. Soden-Irwin, V.D., commanding the Brigade, also spoke.

Advanced because of the proximity of the date of the impending reorganization (15th December), the last annual meeting of the officers of The Queen's Rangers, 1st American Regiment, took place in the Mess on the evening of 9th December.

The Annual Christmas Tree for the children was held on the evening of Saturday, 19th December, in the Brigade Lecture Rooms. The Band performed yeoman service on this occasion, as usual, while the officers took the characters of the necessary traditional actors like professionals. We are much indebted to the ladies for making this event even more successful than any in past years.

The first annual meeting of officers of the new unit took place on the evening of 6th January. The fact that it continued until nearly three o'clock the following morning attests the interest aroused by the necessity for inaugurating new policies. In the election of committees a former York Rangers' officer was placed on every committee. On the Small Arms Committee, for example, the presence of Lieut.-Col. F. W. Utton, O.B.E., will be of great advantage, as Col. Utton, formerly District Weapon Training Officer, had until his retirement some six years ago

been a member of the Permanent Force since before the South African War. He has been a member of the Canadian Bisley team several times. In July he will complete fifty years' service.

A Special Dress Committee has been appointed to consider matters of badges, buttons and uniforms.

Last autumn, when plans for reorganization were well under way, a Royal School was conducted at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, for the purpose of qualifying personnel of the new Support or Machine-Gun units for their work. After New Year's Day a second Royal School was held, and for ten weeks, from 25th January until late in March, a Provisional School in Subject "K" was held in Fort York Armoury three nights a week under Permanent Force instructors from the Barracks.

At the school, in October, Major R. H. L. Dinsmore, Lieut. R. H. Dayton, Sergt. F. Bremner and Sergt. J. A. Stiff qualified in M.G., Subject "K."

At a Royal School of Machine Guns held in November, the following obtained qualifications:—As Sergeant, M.G.: Cpls. J. H. Eagleson, Graham and Medhurst, L./Cpls. Gormaly and Rogers, and Ptes. McAllister and McGauren. As Corporals, M.G.: L./Sergt. Worne, Cpl. Stokes and Pte. Hayward.

At the Royal School of Machine Guns, Subject "K," in January, the following qualified: Majors Merrick, Breuls, Tyrell and Ward, Lieut. Newbery, 2/Lieuts. Flanagan, Lawson, McCartney and R. A. Sharpe, C.S.Ms. Beck, James and Wilson, and Sergts. Donn, Elsbury, Foster, Gomez, Harwood, Huguenine and Ross.

Congratulations are extended to 2/Lieut. Dayton, who is now a Lieutenant.

We welcome Major J. M. Meldrum to the Corps Reserve. Major Meldrum, formerly an officer of the Vancouver Regiment, was attached to us several years ago. We are glad to have him associated more directly with us.

Capt. D. M. Findlay has been awarded the certificate of the course as range-finder from the Canadian Small Arms School. Lieut. E. B. Dodgson has qualified in "B" Wing. Capt. G. H. Mowat has qualified as a Major, and 2/Lieut. G. F. Newbery as a Lieutenant. Capt. A. F. Spencer, our Quartermaster, and C.Q.M.Ss. Madgett and Paterson, have taken qualifying courses.

The Regiment held Divine Service on Sunday, 11th April, in St. John's Garrison Church, with ex-members of the 20th Battalion, C.E.F., to commemorate the Battle of Vimy Ridge. It was the first parade of the season, and a gratifying number of other ranks turned out on the occasion.

Active training began on the following Wednesday night in preparation for camp. All infantry units of the active militia will this year spend six days in camp. We go to Niagara-on-the-Lake with the other units of the 5th Infantry Brigade.

#### "A" Company.

Cpls. A. M. Pomeroy and H. R. Eagleson are now Lance-Sergeants, L./Cpl. R. G. Allison and Ptes. J. H. Eagleson and A. Graham have become Corporals, and Ptes. M. Connery and C. H. Stenhouse Lance-Corporals.

#### "B" Company.

Ptes. R. Goldie, W. A. Rogers and J. H. G. Wallace have been made Lance-Corporals.

#### "C" Company.

A./Cpl. R. Stokes and Ptes. G. O. Mumford and F. A. Thompson have been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

#### "D" Company.

Cpl. J. A. Stiff has become a Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. J. Duncan and Pte. J. H. Medhurst Corporals.

#### Stretcher Bearers.

Ptes. G. M. Reekie and A. E. Young have been awarded certificates as Stretcher Bearers and Medical Assistants.

#### Signals.

Certificates in I.T., Class I, have been awarded to Ptes. G. J. Delvalle, A. T. Loader, M. S. Scott and H. K. Stewart.

#### Band.

The annual banquet of the Band was one of the most successful affairs we have held for years, although we were conscious that it was the last time we and our guests would meet socially as members of The Queen's Rangers' Band.

We were privileged to entertain Mrs. G. N. Dyer, wife of Col. G. N. Dyer, late of "The Queen's," and Mrs. Woollan. The guests also included Col. and Mrs. Keslick, Capt. and Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Capt. and Mrs. A. F. Spencer and C.Q.M.S. C. Jennings, M.S.C., and Mrs. Jennings.

T. Bloor, E. Thompson, D. A. McMaster and H. Johnson are welcomed to our membership.

In February we gave a concert to the men at Wellington House, while the annual concert at the Queen Street Hospital took place on 4th March.

## LIEUT.-COL. F. G. GALLEGHAN, E.D.

IT is with great regret that we learn that owing to promotion and transfer in his civil avocation, Lieut.-Col. F. G. Galleghan, E.D., Commanding 2nd/35th Battalion Australian Military Forces, has been forced to relinquish his command before his time has expired. Ever since the alliance of his Battalion with the Regiment was announced, Col. Galleghan has done his utmost to ensure that the greatest good should result from it. He was the first assistant editor of the JOURNAL for the 2nd Battalion A.M.F. (as it then was) and was most helpful in collecting and supplying the news of its doings. It is perhaps worthy of remark that the news of this Battalion has never once been late and is always received in ample time for publication.

Since he assumed command, Col. Galleghan has identified himself and his Battalion as closely as possible with the Regiment, and he has made the alliance a living reality. Our comrades in Australia take a very real interest in the doings of the Regiment, and we are sure that that interest is warmly reciprocated.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Col. Galleghan to the Colonel of the Regiment, announcing his relinquishing of command:—

"I will be grateful if you will convey to all ranks in your Regiment my very good wishes, and I hope that the great family spirit existing in the Queen's Regiment and its allied Regiments will continue to flourish. During my period in command of the 2nd Battalion, and later the 2nd/35th Battalion, the alliance with your Regiment has become a real part of our Regiment . . ."

On behalf of all members of the Regiment, we desire to express our gratitude to Col. Galleghan for all he has done, and our best wishes for his future success and prosperity.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

### 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*: Major E. D. Jeater.

*Headquarters*: Newcastle, New South Wales.

**S**INCE the last issue of the JOURNAL the Battalion has experienced a change of command. The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. F. G. Galleghan, E.D., who is employed in the Commonwealth Public Service, received an important promotion to the Attorney-General's Branch, and was transferred to Sydney in February last. Major E. D. Jeater, who, like Col. Galleghan, has seen most of his service in Newcastle, has been transferred from the Unattached List to the command of the unit.

The unit suffered a severe loss in the transfer of Col. Galleghan, as no more keen soldier has ever served in the Australian Military Forces. Commencing his service in the Senior Cadets in 1912, in Newcastle, he soon became a Cadet Lieutenant. During the Great War he served with the 34th Battalion A.I.F. until the Armistice, and on his return to Australia continued soldiering in Newcastle. Serving through all commissioned ranks, he became Second-in-Command to Lieut.-Col. J. J. Dunbar, V.D., and then succeeded him to the command of the 2nd Battalion in 1932, in which year he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel. In Col. Galleghan's first year of command the Battalion won the Anzac Cup, in competition with every unit in the Newcastle area, and in 1933 the Battalion Trooped the Colour for the first time in New South Wales. In 1934, when the 2nd and 35th Battalions were amalgamated, Col. Galleghan was appointed to command. On the occasion of the Jubilee of His late Majesty, one of the very few Jubilee Medals awarded to soldiers in the 1st Division was presented to him. He was decorated with the Officers' Efficiency Decoration last year for long and efficient service.

On leaving Newcastle, Col. and Mrs. Galleghan were tendered no less than seven official farewell functions, and Col. Galleghan was presented with a letter of appreciation, under the Seal of the Newcastle City Council.

Col. Galleghan is to continue his active soldiering career in command of the 17th Battalion, North Sydney. It is most unusual for a senior officer here to go immediately from one command to another, and this indicates the high esteem in which his ability is held. Major E. P. Logan, who soldiered with us in the Battalion for many years, is also now in Sydney, and will be Second-in-Command to Col. Galleghan.

Our new Commanding Officer, Major W. D. Jeater, is no stranger to us. His first service commenced in 1911 with the Naval Cadets in Newcastle, and his Naval service continued until, in 1915, he enlisted for Active Service with the 30th Battalion A.I.F. He served with this Battalion until, in 1917, he was promoted to commissioned rank. Later serving with the 5th Australian Machine-Gun Battalion, Major Jeater returned to Australia in 1920. He later recommenced active training with the 35th Battalion in Newcastle, rising to the rank of Major as Second-in-Command to Lieut.-Col. N. T. Cragg, and qualified for the rank

of Lieutenant-Colonel. On the amalgamation of the 2nd and 35th Battalions, Major Jeater became Second-in-Command to Col. Galleghan, but was shortly compelled, through his civilian profession, to transfer to the Unattached List. Now, we are very pleased to have him back with us as Commanding Officer. We are confident that his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel will be gazetted before the May issue of the JOURNAL is printed.

The most serious portion of our Annual Training, the eight days' camp, was completed in October last. Although the weather and syllabus combined to make it the most arduous camp any of us had ever experienced, it speaks volumes for the troops that they did the job without a grumble. The days were dreadfully hot and oppressive, and we were almost blown out by a gale on the last night, but the ardour of the men was not damped. A high standard of efficiency was displayed, and the Battalion acquitted itself very well in the concluding exercise, a composite battalion, composed of the whole of the 1st Infantry Brigade. We comprised the Advance Guard.

We were not so successful in the Inter-Unit competitions as last year, but won two—the Hygiene and Band Cups. Second placings, by very narrow margins, were attained in the Tactical Training and Brigade Parade trophies.

A number of senior officers enjoyed a new departure from previous forms of tactical training without troops, when they attended a Brigade Exercise at Tea Gardens, Port Stephens, in November. The ground worked on was most difficult and almost impenetrable, covered by thick scrub, and much head scratching was indulged in before solutions were produced. In January we also visited Karuah for a continuation of the same scheme, and met with quite different obstacles, and also some country which was, if anything, more difficult.

The Battalion has recently enlisted a large number of senior cadets, and now has the largest senior cadet corps in the Commonwealth. The lads parade keenly every week, and will prove to be a wonderful nucleus of recruiting for the Regiment.

The members of "D" (Support) Company have enjoyed two bivouacs since camp, at Catherine Hill Bay and Fort Wallace. Both sites being on the coast, opportunity was taken to expend quite a few thousand rounds of ammunition.

Training has been revived in Boolaroo centre, and Lieut. Harris is in command of the sub-unit. Many excellent types have been enlisted, and this should soon be an important adjunct of "A" Company.

We were all very disappointed that our representative, Sergt. N. S. Bowles, did not get final selection for the Coronation Contingent. Some hundreds of men were examined in New South Wales, and Sergt. Bowles was one of the last twenty left. However, only sixteen were taken from these, and our man was unfortunate to be missed out. We wish the successful troops a most happy and enjoyable trip.

Lieuts. W. B. Toohill and R. H. Butler have completed all subjects for the rank of Captain. Lieut. Toohill has been promoted to the rank of Captain, and is Second-in-Command of "D" (Support) Company.

Sergts. Bowles, Cormie, Woods and Penn have fully qualified for the rank of Lieutenant.

All teams are now ardently training for the Anzac Day Gymkhana in Sydney. We were certain that if we had been given the Brigade representation in the Machine-Gun Competition last year we would have carried off the event. This would have given us sufficient points to have won the Inter-Brigade Trophy single-handed. We won two firsts and two thirds in major events, and feel confident of better things this year.

S.S.M. K. Heath, A.I.C., of the Battalion Staff, has recently received congratulations on his being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

## THE DEPOT

WE congratulate Major R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C., on his promotion to command the 2nd Battalion, and welcome Major G. A. Pilleau, M.C., in his place. Capt. H. G. Duncombe is also congratulated on his promotion. Lieut. M. F. S. Sydenham-Clarke has arrived from India to replace Lieut. J. F. Metcalfe, who is going to be Adjutant of the 1st Battalion.

Q.M.S. Cribbes and Sergts. Fower, Lynwood and Halliday have arrived to replace Q.M.S. Sellicks and Sergts. Sharp, Webb and Holdaway.

Recruiting appears to be on the up-grade, possibly due to the new concessions. The new idea of the Supplementary Reserve, or the "Army on Approval," seems to be successful, and we already have had two platoons of these men in the past four months.

### Statistics.

Number of men enlisted for Regiment since last publication	...	66
Number of men posted to 2nd Battalion since last publication	...	38
Number of recruits discharged since last publication	...	9
Number of recruits deserted since last publication	...	2
Number of men rejoined from desertion since last publication	...	0

Posted to 2nd Battalion.—Ladysmith Platoon, 22 men, 30/10/36; Gheluvelt Platoon, 16 men, 12/2/37.

### Supplementary Reserve.

Recruits joined to date	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Recruits discharged	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Recruits deserted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of recruits attached to 2nd Battalion for training—Corunna (S.R.) Platoon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28

### Result of Recruits' Competitions.

October, 1936—Ladysmith Platoon.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane, 6086659 Pte. G. Wood. Drill: 6086118 Pte. W. Fillingham. Shooting: 6086662 Pte. G. Jeffery. Physical Training: 6086671 Pte. J. Hancock. Athletics: 6086531 Pte. A. Brock.

January, 1937—Gheluvelt Platoon.—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane, No. 6086682 Pte. L. Longley. Drill: 6086609 Pte. A. Briggs. Shooting: 6086680 Pte. L. Hersey. Physical Training: 6086680 Pte. L. Hersey. Athletics: 6086680 Pte. L. Hersey.

April, 1937—Corunna Platoon (Supplementary Reserve).—Champion Recruit and Winner of Regimental Cane, 6087202 Pte. W. Hedger. Drill: 6087202 Pte. W. Hedger. Shooting: 6087220 Pte. K. Allen. Physical Training: 6087202 Pte. W. Hedger. Athletics: 6087216 Pte. D. Elsey.

### Sergeants' Mess.

We are in our old home again now that reconstruction has finished. There are a great many improvements, but, as usual, one or two small items have not been completed.

We have had two dances and a series of whist drives during the winter. The dances were well attended, but our whist drives were not so successful at the beginning. However, we are getting more old friends now, and hope to continue with these jolly evenings.

We have had several Games Tournaments with various clubs, and these are very popular.

We are sorry to say good-bye to Sergts. Webb, Sharp and Holdaway, who have returned to the 2nd Battalion. O.R.Q.M.S. Sellicks has left us to take up the appointment of R.Q.M.S. at the Staff College. We hope that this Warrant Officer and these Sergeants will be happy in their new environments.

We welcome to the Depot Q.M.S. Cribbes and Sergts. Fower, Lynwood and Halliday, and hope that they will enjoy their stay with us.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Hargrave on his promotion, and to Sergt. Gilbert on obtaining a 1st Class Certificate.

### Corporals' Mess.

Since our last publication we have had a turn-over of members.

We extend our congratulations to L./Sergt. Hargraves on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant. We also give a hearty welcome to the following who have joined us: Cpl. Tyler, Clarke and Groves and L./Cpls. Head and Childs.

It is with the greatest regret that we report that L./Cpl. Head has left us for the 2nd Battalion on his completion of duty at the Depot. We lose one "Head" and gain another. We are also sorry to lose L./Cpl. Hodgson, who decided to have a Vocational Training Course prior to "civvy" life.

"Jack the Beanstalk" has a "Motor-cycle." It is said it can do 120 miles per year. Who knows?

The reunion with the Corporals of the 5th Battalion by a "smoker" was a great success, all enjoying themselves.

## SPORT.

### Football.

The Depot team has enjoyed a successful season. Of the eleven matches played, nine victories were recorded, one draw and one defeat. Seventy-three goals were scored by the Depot, and the defence yielded only twelve.

We hope to enter the Guildford and District League next season.

Sergt. Sharp, our captain, left us before the end of the season, rejoining the 2nd Battalion. We missed him greatly. Early in the season he was selected to play in the Army trial at Woolwich.

Two recruits, Ptes. Harding and Hedger, played regularly and have the makings of good players.

We were considerably strengthened by the arrival of Sergt. Dennis from India, and we look forward to a successful season under his leadership.

### Hockey.

We started the season very badly, and by Christmas we had either lost or drawn all our matches. This was due in the main to the difficulty of raising a team, and the loss of several players.

The arrival of Sergt. Lynwood and Cpl. Clarke strengthened the team a lot, and we finished up the season with two good wins.

We are looking forward to having a much stronger side next season.

### Fencing.

Although we have had only a moderately successful season, it has been a really enjoyable one. During the early part of the season we only won one match; but we finished well, winning the last seven out of eight.

We had two matches with the 2nd Battalion, both of which we won. Our last match was against The Masks, and we were all delighted to see Col. Dyer and Capt. Wilson fencing. Their team also included Sergt.-Instr. Moore.

Our team throughout the season was selected from the following: Sergt.-Instr. Salsbury, Sergt. Webb; Cpl. Hind, L./Cpl. Coote, L./Cpl. Hall and Pte. Protheroe. We were all sorry to lose our star épée fencer, Sergt. Webb, but I am sure he will be an asset to the 2nd Battalion.

We have had a fencing evening on every Monday throughout the winter, and hope to keep it up through the summer, so if there is anyone who would care to learn fencing, please come along.

## REGIMENTAL HISTORY AMENDMENTS.

The following extracts from answers to a recent examination paper are published for information:—

This Regiment is call the holy emballs.

*The Peninsular War.*—The regiment took place, this is one battle took place, Tangiers, took place on pupenheth were the battle took place.

*The Birkenhead.*—There was not enough boast for the men, and lot of them lost their livers. When the King Purser heard this he had it read out to every man in his army.

*The Sphinx.*—Napoleon took army to Egypt and may have tried to reach Indian, but Nelson had 40,000 men and disengaged the French.

*Ghuznee*.—In the year 1861 the Empour of Prussia refused to sign an agree-  
ment with Nelson. In a little village called *Ghuznee*, Nelson captured them and  
killed very many. The Regiment gained hounr for them. Therefore they was  
gave the word *Sphinx* victory.

# NEW BARRACKS AND BARRACKS IMPROVEMENTS

THE construction of new barracks and the reconstruction of old barracks which will give the serving soldier improved amenities are being pushed on by the War Office. The Sandhurst type of barracks which is being erected for two battalions of the Royal Tank Corps at Warminster has already been described, and other new barracks of this type will be built at various other military stations. The old hatted camps are gradually being replaced by permanent barracks, and, wherever possible, the Sandhurst type will be erected. At other stations in the home commands considerable improvements have been made by the installation of up-to-date dining-halls, cookhouses and regimental institutes, while work on the provision of new married quarters and the improvement of old ones has been carried out in a large number of stations.

Barracks abroad are not being allowed to lag behind those at home in being brought up to modern standards of comfort, convenience and hygiene. The new barracks in Singapore with their generous scale of recreation grounds, bathing-places, children's schools, etc., probably represent the highest standard of living accommodation ever provided by any nation for its military forces stationed in the tropics. A recent communication from an experienced representative of a well-known philanthropic organization bears witness to this effect.

Building to suit the special demands of life in a tropical country calls for numerous variations and additions to the standards accepted at home, and the experience gained in Singapore is being turned to good account in other stations. In Hong Kong new barracks are being planned on a hillside site.

# OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Meeting of the General Committee held at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, on Saturday, 30th January, 1937.

Major-General Sir W. D. Bird, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Chairman); Lieut.-Col. R. A. M. Bassett, M.C.; Major R. K. Ross, D.S.O., M.C.; Capt. H. G. M. Evans; R.S.M. G. F. Osborne, M.M.; R.S.M. E. D'Albertanson; R.Q.M.S. W. Hankin, M.M.; Major C. J. M. Elliott, D.C.M. (Secretary).

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd January, 1936, were read and confirmed, and Statement of Accounts, duly audited, for 1936 was adopted.

2. It was decided to subscribe £150 to the Regular Forces Employment Association towards the expenses of the Surrey Branch and cost of employing Job-Finders throughout the country.

3. It was decided to hold the Annual Garden Party (All Ranks) on Sunday, 27th June, 1937, to be preceded by a Memorial Service in Holy Trinity Church. Full particulars to be circulated when arrangements are completed.

4. The All Ranks' Dinner was fixed for Saturday, 5th June, 1937, at Thames House Restaurant, Millbank, S.W.1.

5. It was agreed that the Annual Subscriptions to the following should be renewed for 1937-38:—

			£	s.	d.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society	...	...	10	10	0
"    "    "    "    "    "    (Surrey Branch)	...	...	1	1	0
Royal Surrey County Hospital	...	...	10	10	0
"    "    "    "    "    "    (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
<b>Total</b>	...	...	<b>£61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

6. It was agreed to subscribe the sum of £5 5s. to the United Service Corps.

7. The Committee were not in favour of a suggestion put forward for a march to the Cenotaph on the day of the All Ranks' Dinner.

8. It was not considered necessary to propose an additional Toast at the All Ranks' Dinner.

9. The question of Dinner Club subscriptions, held over from the previous Meeting, was left to the Secretary to deal with.

10. The position of men of the Supplementary Reserve, with regard to membership of the O.C.A. was discussed and it was decided to adopt the following policy:—

(a) Those men of the Supplementary Reserve whose intention it is to become Regular Soldiers of The Queen's Royal Regiment should be encouraged to take up membership.

(b) Those who propose joining other Regular units should be advised to delay the question of membership until they are posted to the Regular unit of their choice.

(c) Those who intend to remain Supplementary Reservists and wish to take up membership to be informed that the opportunity of placing them in employment will be much less favourable than with the Regular Soldier owing to their not being eligible for registration with the Regular Forces Employment Association.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

#### SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1936.

The General Committee have the honour to present their Annual Report and Abstract of Accounts, duly audited, for the year 1936.

##### MEMBERSHIP.

Membership continues to be satisfactory.

##### LIFE-MEMBERSHIP.

The figures now stand at 177 serving and 656 non-serving, against 145 and 637, respectively, at the close of 1935.

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 who are not members, in order that particulars may be sent to 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 1936-37.

The total number of applications dealt with by the Surrey Branch during 1936 were:—

	Queen's.	Other Units.
Number of men on register 1st January, 1936 ...	4	120
Number of new registrations ...	46	667
	—	—
50	787	
Number placed in employment ...	40	556
Number secured own employment or assumed to have obtained same (not notified) ...	9	135
Number remaining on register 31st December, 1936...	1	96
	—	—
50	787	

In addition to above, 98 placings of Queen's men were notified by other Branches of the National Association for Employment throughout the country.

Details of employment will be found on page 83.

Quite a number of situations for indoor servants and married couples could not be filled because no suitable candidates were available.

The Committee appeal to all those interested in the Regiment for any information regarding employment. It may not have occurred to members that 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.

##### ASSISTANCE GIVEN.

During the year the Association has dealt with the following applications:—

(a) Cash Grants, 147. Total amount distributed, £230 18s. 5d.

(b) Loans, 20. Total amount loaned, £84 5s. od.

(c) £261 19s. od. was subscribed to other organizations working in the interests of our members.

(d) Thanks to the donors of a number of consignments, the Committee have been able to dispatch 13 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 that this 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 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 84 and 85.

##### APPEAL FOR LEGACIES.

Incalculable good can be done 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 old soldiers.

## ANNUAL DINNER (ALL RANKS).

The 28th Annual Dinner was held at Harrods, London, on Saturday, 25th July, 1936, and was as popular as ever.

The meal, service and accommodation were all that could be desired. There was a company of about 300. The decrease in numbers was due to the difficulty of serving members getting up from Tidworth, where the 2nd Battalion was training, and shortage of recruits at the Depot. The attendance of serving members was over 200 less than last year. The unavoidable lateness of the dinner also prevented a few non-serving members, who regularly attend, from being present.

The 29th Annual Dinner will be held at Thames House Restaurant, Millbank, S.W.1, on 5th June, 1937.

Will members intending to be present please inform the Secretary as early as possible.

## THE GARDEN PARTY.

The 10th Annual All Ranks' Garden Party took place on Saturday, 27th June, 1936, at the Depot.

Many members of the Old Comrades Association, their friends and other members of the public (over 2,000) were present.

The usual competitions and games were well patronized. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to visit the institutes, gymnasium, dining-hall and cook-house, and the museum came in for its share of interest.

A new and popular feature this year was a gymnastic display by N.C.O.s. and Men of the Depot, and Instructors of the Physical Training Staff. This, together with a display by recruits, went a long way towards making the meeting more enjoyable than ever.

The Band, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Basset, M.C., under the direction of Bandmaster R. Barsotti, played selections during the afternoon and provided the music for dancing in the evening. The "Retreat" by the massed Band and Drums was, as usual, a much-admired feature of the day's proceedings.

The concluding game in the Regimental Cricket Week was watched by those interested in cricket.

The party afforded a very pleasant reunion of Old Comrades.

The 11th Annual All Ranks' Garden Party will be held at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, on Sunday, 27th June, 1937, preceded by a Memorial Service in Holy Trinity Church. Particulars will be circulated.

## 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.

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 1937 the solution of 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 the Committee.  
R. K. ROSS, Major, Hon. Treasurer.  
C. J. M. ELLIOTT, Major, Secretary.

The following particulars of employment found by the Association and through the Surrey Branch of the National Association for employment of ex-Soldiers:—

1. A. W. J., Postman.
2. E. C., Labourer.
3. T. C. R., Labourer.
4. H. E. B., Postman.
5. G. L. Y., Hotel Porter.
6. S. H. W., Hotel Porter.
7. S. T., W.D. Constabulary.
8. E. T., Postman.
9. W. J. K., Gardener.
10. A. S., Postman.
11. W. E. P., Storekeeper.
12. P. W. J., Messenger.
13. W. W. H., Porter.
14. H. V. N., Postman.
15. D. R., Attendant Mental Hospital.
16. F. B., Roundsman.
17. E. C., Postman.
18. W. J. B., Messenger.
19. S. H. F., Postman.
20. R. R. H., Postman.
21. G. W. M., Labourer.
22. A. G. G., Labourer.
23. J. W. W., Postman.
24. F. A. M., Labourer.
25. W. H., Labourer.
26. L. J. S., Indoor Service.
27. D. F. P., P.O. Cleaner.
28. J. M., P.O. Elect. Dept.
29. G. H., P.O. Elect. Dept.
30. A. E. S., P.O. Elect. Dept.
31. R. T., Labourer.
32. S. H. W., Labourer.
33. T. W. W. Labourer.
34. W. M. D., P.O. Elect. Dept.
35. W. E. H., Labourer.
36. F. C., Attendant Mental Hospital.
37. R. W., Labourer.
38. A. J. S., Postman.
39. A. F. S., P.O. (Temp.).
40. T. W. H., P.O. (Temp.).

## Obituary

List of those known and reported to have died since last publication of the REGIMENTAL JOURNAL, in November, 1936.

NO.	RANK AND NAME.	BATTALIONS.	SERVICE.	DATE.
4429	Pte. A. E. Oliver...	... 1st & 2nd Bns.	1894-1902 1914-1918	25/7/36
8606	L./Cpl. E. Wells	... 1st & 2nd Bns.	1905-1919	31/8/36
6076347	Pte. R. S. Patten	... 1st Bn. ...	1912-1919	5/11/36
1077	Pte. J. Smith ...	2nd Bn. ...	1884-1896 1914-1917	23/12/36
2864	Sergt. J. Feist, M.M.	... 1st & 2nd Bns.	1889-1910 1914-1918	29/12/36
6084600	Pte. S. Roser ...	2nd Bn. ...	1930-	29/1/37
3294	Pte. F. C. Cookson	2nd Bn. ...	1890-1904	8/3/37
6639	G. Godwin ...	... 2nd Bn. ...		7/3/37
9050	Pte. T. G. Kemmett	2nd Bn. ...	1907-1918	23/3/37

# O.C.A. ACCOUNTS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries and National Insurance	323 19 4	By Subscriptions and Donations	566 9 2
.. Printing, Stationery, Postages & Telephone	68 3 9	.. Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	24 0 0
.. Garden Party Account	23 7 9	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	6 16 8
.. Miscellaneous Expenses	30 2 9	.. Interest on Loans	13 14 3
.. Loans written off	445 13 7	.. Sale of Membership Cards and Badges	2 4 0
.. Balance being Surplus Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1936, carried to Balance Sheet	79 11 6		613 4 1
	87 19 0		£613 4 1

## DINNER CLUB. ALL RANKS.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cost of Dinner	132 2 4	By Subscriptions	219 0 2
.. Salary (proportion)	20 0 0	.. Life Members' Subscriptions (proportion)	7 0 0
.. Printing, Postages and other Expenses	3 5 6	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	6 15 6
	155 7 10		232 15 8
Balance being Surplus Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1936, carried to Balance Sheet	77 7 10		£232 15 8

## CHARITABLE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grants in Aid	230 18 5	By Dividends on Investments	423 11 11
.. Subscriptions to Charity Organizations	261 19 0	.. Donations	67 17 8
.. Cheque Books	1 0 0	.. Interest on Bank Deposit Account	4 14 2
.. Balance being Surplus Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1936, carried to Balance Sheet	493 17 5	.. Refunds of past Grants	11 12 6
	47 9 4	.. Income Tax recovered	33 10 6
	£541 6 9		54 6 9

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MADE UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1936.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Life Members, Association as per last Balance Sheet	239 0 0	By Lloyds Bank, Limited	£ s. d.
.. Add Subscriptions received during year 1936	6 0 0	General Account	683 18 7
	245 0 0	Charitable Fund Accounts	324 3 2
Less Proportion transferred to 1936 Revenue Account	24 0 0	Dinner Club Account (All Ranks)	459 17 10
	221 0 0	.. Cash in hands of Secretary	4 1 10
.. Life Members, Dinner Club, as per last Balance Sheet	70 0 0	.. Investments at cost as at 1st January, 1936	9719 19 3
.. Add Subscriptions received during the year 1936	3 0 0	Add Cost of £423 4s. 6d.	
	73 0 0	Commonwealth of Australia, 3 per cent., 1955/58	401 1 0
Less Proportion transferred to 1936 Revenue Account	7 0 0	(Market Value £12,383 13s. 10d., at 31st December, 1936.)	10121 0 3
	66 0 0	.. Advances	
.. General Income and Expenditure Account	1156 12 0	Balance as at 1st January, 1936	1123 5 10
.. Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1936	87 19 0	Advances made during 1936	84 5 0
	1244 11 0		1207 10 10
.. Charitable Fund Income and Expenditure Account	10248 7 0	Less Amounts repaid during 1936	348 14 6
.. Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1936	47 9 4		858 16 4
	10295 16 4	Less Bad Debts written off (Subject to any loss on realization)	79 11 6
.. Dinner Club Income and Expenditure Account	316 10 0		779 4 10
.. Add Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year 1936	77 7 10		
	393 17 10		
Investments Reserve as at 1st January, 1936	151 1 4		
	£12,372 6 6		£12,372 6 6

(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 I certify them to be correct.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1937.  
GUILDFORD.

(Signed) W. KELLER SNOW, F.S.A.A.,  
Incorporated Accountant.

## FRIMLEY AND CAMBERLEY CADET CORPS

### *Annual Camp.*

Another most successful annual camp was held at Golden Hill Fort, Isle of Wight, during August, 1936. The attendance was good and some valuable instruction imparted to Sergts. Sergison, Hobbs and Wilkinson in map-reading, etc., by R.S.M. Briercliffe, in preparation for their Certificate "A" examination, in which Hobbs passed successfully in both parts, and Sergison in one.

Our incomparable camp staff again ensured the success and happiness of that long-looked-for fortnight, and Mr. Sanger gave us of his very best as Caterer and Quartermaster, and in his spare moments regaled us with the strains of "The Pipes."

### *Annual Inspection.*

A most encouraging and satisfactory report by our Inspecting Officer, Capt. R. M. Burton, from The Queen's Royal Regiment, as the result of our Annual Inspection in October, brought a happy and successful Cadet year to a close.

### *Annual Prize Distribution.*

At this annual event in November, a busy programme, illustrative of the various branches of Cadet training, was got through. It was gratifying to see present so many more of our supporters than usual, and the gracious manner in which Lady Branson gave out the prizes to the various recipients brought a most successful evening to a close.

### *Senior Cadets' Annual Dinner.*

For the third successive year the Senior Cadets invited members of the Committee and several staunch supporters to a dinner and social. Among those invited were: Vice-Admiral Sir F. Tudor, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and Brig.-General Maxwell, C.B., D.S.O. Once again our lady friends kindly volunteered to do the entire waiting, and a most cheery and enjoyable evening continued till the small hours of the morning.

### *Old Comrades Association.*

Under the energetic lead of Capt. Basil King, Mr. Pollard, Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. P. Alexander, the hard-working Hon. Secretary, our Old Comrades Association is steadily increasing, and the Committee have, by dint of hard work, finished their first year in office with a useful credit balance.

### *Inspection by His Majesty The King.*

His Majesty King George VI has graciously consented to inspect the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps during his visit to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, on Sunday, May 2nd.

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## REGIMENTAL DINNER (OFFICERS)

THE Regimental Dinner (Officers) will take place on Monday, 7th June, 1937, at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, S.W.1, at 7.45 p.m. for 8 o'clock p.m.

The United Service Club have placed at the disposal of the Regiment a room for assembly, and for use after dinner. Those dining will be shown to this room by the Club staff on arrival. Those dining are made Honorary Members of the United Service Club for 7th and 8th June. For this purpose, the names of those dining will be submitted to the Club on 3rd June.

Notice of dining to be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Col. R. G. Clarke, Barham House, Barham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, 2nd June.

## KIT ALLOWANCE, ETC.

STEPS are being taken to relieve recruits and trained soldiers of certain expenses.

### RECRUITS' KIT ALLOWANCE.

Recruits in the early months of their service have had certain stoppages made from their pay to meet such expenses as washing, hair-cutting, purchase of toilet requisites, cleaning materials, etc., and the maintenance of certain minor articles of kit. In the case of a soldier of twelve months' service or more, allowance is made for these expenses in his clothing allowance. The expenses to which the recruit is put in this connection during his first twelve months' service are admittedly less than those of a trained soldier, but the allowance which the recruit has hitherto received has been disproportionately low. In future, the kit allowance for a recruit will be increased so as to make provision comparable to that received by the trained soldier (taking into account the latter's extra expense) for the expenditure on washing, hair-cutting, toilet necessaries, shaving materials, etc. In his first year of service his allowance for kit will amount to about 75s. instead of 45s. as at present. Moreover, he will be given permission to draw this allowance earlier than hitherto. The rate of kit allowance is revised each year.

### ABOLITION OF STOPPAGES FOR CERTAIN MINOR ARTICLES OF KIT.

In the past, recruits have often been required to pay for certain minor articles of kit. These include:—

- (a) Padlock and key (for kit box).
- (b) Regimental cane (or whip).
- (c) A second pair of gymnasium shorts in addition to the pair already issuable at public expense.
- (d) Gymnasium shoes.
- (e) Mug for shaving, etc.

In future these will all be provided at the public expense.

The recruit has also in the past been called upon in many cases to pay for the provision and sewing on of regimental pattern buttons on his greatcoat and also for sewing on the regimental pattern buttons which are supplied at the public expense for the two service dress jackets in the scale of uniform issued on enlistment. These services will also in future be carried out at the public expense, a concession which will benefit the trained soldier as well as the recruit.

### EXTRA UNIFORM FOR TROOPS WHEN THEY GO ABROAD.

The soldier's tropical outfit comprises three khaki drill suits and a helmet, and, in the case of mounted men, two pairs of cotton pantaloons in addition. Under present regulations, which date from the introduction of the clothing allowance in 1909, two khaki drill suits are issued free and the remainder of the outfit has to be bought by the soldier. In future, the remainder of the outfit, namely, the third khaki drill suit, the helmet, and, in the case of the mounted men, two pairs of pantaloons will be issued free to the soldier, thus relieving him of considerable outlay at the beginning of his foreign service.

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The following are suggestions which may be of help to Battalion Assistant Editors and contributors in sending in material:—

1. Assistant Editors should frame their material on the following lines:—
  - (a) A general survey of things in which the whole Battalion has taken part, *i.e.*, Battalion General News.
  - (b) Training, Musketry, etc., of the Battalion.
  - (c) Battalion Games and Sports. In this connection it is suggested that short reports of important Battalion matches should be given, mentioning names of goal-scorers, good scores or good bowling performances at cricket, together with the names of teams in each match. Concerts, dances, etc., should be included under this sub-head.
  - (d) Sergeants' Mess News.
  - (e) Corporals' Mess News.
  - (f) Company and Platoon Games and Sports.

2. Contributions should be written on one side of the paper only, and should, if possible, be typewritten, but this is not essential.

3. Photographs should be marked on the back with the title, and, in the case of groups, names should invariably be given. In this connection, readers are invited to send all photographs likely to be of interest.

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