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EDITORIAL

THE REGIMENTAL JOURNAL

BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

EARLY last year it became evident that the increasing costs of publication and the fall in the number of subscribers owing to the reduction in the size of the Regiment would make it necessary to change the arrangements for the publication of current Regimental history and news.

The Committee, after careful consideration of the problem in February, 1948, decided to adhere to the publication of two numbers of the REGIMENTAL JOURNAL in its existing style in 1948 and to re-examine the position in the light of the results after accounts for 1948 had been completed.

This has now been done and it was found that the year's working resulted in a loss of £167 which cannot, of course, be allowed to continue. Actually one issue of the JOURNAL in its present form costs between £190 and £200 to produce and the income from subscribers is £235.

Various alternatives by which Regimental news could be published and the cost kept within the income available have been suggested.

- (a) To increase the price of the JOURNAL and thus continue two issues per annum in the present style.

This was ruled out, as it was felt that the present price was high enough and that to increase it might put the JOURNAL beyond the reach of other ranks and ex-soldiers of the Regiment to whom the JOURNAL means much.

- (b) To abolish the present style of the JOURNAL and to publish something cheaper and thus retain two issues per annum.

This was felt to be undesirable as the high standard of the JOURNAL is one on which the Regiment has always prided itself and which has been the admiration of others.

- (c) To reduce the issue of the JOURNAL to one copy per annum in its present style and to issue periodical News-Letters in a very simple form. The number of these per annum to be as many as funds will permit. Subscriptions, which will be the same as at present, to entitle subscribers to the JOURNAL and News-Letters.

After a full discussion the Committee decided to adopt the third alternative.

In the future, therefore, there will be one number of the JOURNAL published annually in its present style in May and there will be, at first, two News-Letters published on 1st January and 1st July. It will, it is hoped, be possible to publish these quarterly, but until costs, etc., are clearer it has been decided to restrict them to two per annum.

These News-Letters will be purely factual and contain news of past and future events.

They will contain very short accounts of Regimental activities in work, sport and social life, births, deaths and marriages, of members of the Regiment, movements of officers to and from appointments, etc. News of forthcoming Regimental events will be, of course, included.

The success of the News-Letters must depend almost entirely on the support given to them by subscribers, and it is hoped that everyone in the Regiment will send items of Regimental interest whether personal or not to the Editor at Stoughton Barracks. It is hoped that all battalions, Regular, Territorial and Cadet, will make use of these News-Letters.

The JOURNAL will continue to record Regimental history of all kinds. To make the position clear: if the 1st Battalion, for instance, won the Army Cup, the next issue of the News-Letter would contain the announcement that "1st Battalion won the Army Cup by beating the Blankshire Regiment at Aldershot on 1st April by 3 goals to 2 after a hard game. The goals were scored by . . ."

The REGIMENTAL JOURNAL would contain a full account of the match.

It is with great regret that this decision to reduce the publication of the REGIMENTAL JOURNAL has had to be made, but the high cost of publication leaves no alternative. It is, at least, satisfactory that we can maintain one issue annually and so carry on the fine tradition of publication started by Colonel G. N. Dyer and so splendidly maintained by him for more than twenty years.

I hope that all subscribers will continue their support and will do their best to encourage others to subscribe, as it is only thus that Regimental news can continue to be published.

1ST BATTALION

LIEUT.-COLONEL T. HART DYKE, D.S.O., took over command of the Battalion from Lieut.-Colonel L. C. East, D.S.O., O.B.E., on 18th October, the day on which we moved from the Stadium to Brooke Barracks, Spandau.

Capt. S. R. G. Scott-Gall has been appointed Adjutant in the place of Lieut. J. F. Hancocks, who, we are pleased to record, has been granted a permanent commission in the Regiment after being Adjutant of the 1st/6th, 2nd and 1st Battalions for a total of two and a half years.

Our new quarters, which are about five miles from the centre of the British Sector of Berlin, are comfortable and, thanks to the airlift and to an abnormally mild winter, we have been kept reasonably warm. It is surprising how many people outside Berlin do not realize that, for nearly a whole year now, the whole of the Western Sectors have been maintained by air. Apart from a small amount of locally grown produce, every ounce of food and fuel for the occupation forces and some two and a half million Germans has had to be brought in by air. In spite of this, we have really lacked very little. Light and fuel have been restricted and fresh vegetables and potatoes have only been issued recently.

Up to 7th February the Battalion continued to be employed almost entirely on guard duties. However, we completed weapon classification in October and November, and the Signal, Mortar and M.T. Platoons were brought up to strength and trained. The Signal Platoon were 100 per cent. successful in their classification and the Mortar Platoon later went to the All Arms Training Centre for field firing. Officers' days were held every Tuesday.

It was then decided that we needed a change and we were struck off all garrison duties for a month. This was the first time the Battalion has been able to get together for nearly a year, and we were refreshed by Battalion parades, exercises and route marches and one week's field training for each company.

Garrison guards are now divided equally between the three battalions, with the result that we are finding only about a third of our former number. During April and May it is hoped to complete weapon training classification and do some section and platoon training in the intervals between laying on demonstrations and preparing for ceremonial parades and inspections. Every third month the Battalion has to have one company detached in Tiergarten, and in June we shall again be finding the Spandau prison guard.

All this time our numbers have been steadily running down, but on 6th and 10th April we received a very welcome draft of 56 recruits from the Home Counties Brigade Training Centre.

There have been four administrative inspections of various kinds, and on each occasion the Battalion has received an excellent report.

The Inter-Company Efficiency Shield Competition has been reinstituted. The champion company will be judged as the result of a number of military and athletic competitions lasting over the whole year. Results of events completed to date are as follows:—

	Boxing.	Cross-Country.	.22 Rifle.	Drill.	Total.	Place.
"A" Company ...	2	2	2	0	6	6th
"B" Company ...	0	4	0	4	8	Equal 4th
"C" Company ...	3	3	5	3	14	1st
"D" Company ...	5	1	1	5	12	Equal 2nd
H.Q. Company (1) ...	4	0	3	1	8	Equal 4th
H.Q. Company (2) ...	1	5	4	2	12	Equal 2nd

Sporting activities are reported elsewhere. Although we have not won many inter-unit competitions, we have been almost consistently second, and it is felt that we would be fairly easily top of any aggregate competition.

For other forms of recreation, an adequate bus service into Berlin has been arranged, and occasional Battalion dances and company sing-songs have been held.

A W.V.S. Club Room has been added to the N.A.A.F.I., and we are most grateful to the ladies of the W.V.S. for the hard work they have put into make it a success. In spite of the efforts

of the organizers, hobbies have been poorly attended. In pursuance of the policy of official entertainment of Germans, we held a most successful children's party at Christmas, when some 1,200 were entertained to tea and the German version of a Punch and Judy show in the dining hall. The officers have twice entertained parties of German local officials.

It is with the greatest regret that we have said goodbye to Major A. J. A. Watson and then to Major T. P. Simmonds of the Royal Sussex Regiment. Major Watson has been a tower of strength, in more senses than one, to the Battalion. He has gone to join the Arab Legion as a Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Simmonds has put in a tremendous amount of work as Band President and in the Battalion gardens, and has done much to raise the standard of shooting in the Battalion. When told of his impending departure, a private soldier remarked, "There goes another good officer." He goes as Second-in-Command of the B.A.O.R. All Arms Training Centre. We wish them both, and all others of all ranks who have left the Battalion during the past six months, the best of luck.

How long the Battalion is to stay in Berlin, or where we go next is not yet known. Rumours have ranged from Home to Hong Kong. (We miss the excellent intelligence service provided by the brewers before the war.) At the moment, it seems probable that we shall rejoin 2nd Division in B.A.O.R. in October.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

Since the last publication of the JOURNAL we have settled down in our new abode at Brooke Barracks, Spandau, and owing to lack of space entertainments were somewhat curtailed until the Christmas festivities when, on the afternoon of the 24th December, the children were entertained at a tea party.

At reveille on Christmas Day the whole Mess turned out to take the early morning "char" round the other ranks. Later that morning a fancy dress football match was played against the Corporals' Mess. This was not a complete success, owing to the fact that the Corporals' Mess could not turn out in full force. However, a mad scramble took place for about an hour, after which both teams invaded the Mess and finished the match at the bar. On Christmas night an All Ranks' Dance was held and was generally voted a great success.

On the 26th December the Mess held its Christmas dinner and social, at which the Commanding Officer honoured us with his presence.

The 27th was filled by a dance and social at which the Mess comedians were well in the limelight.

Then came New Year's Eve. During the morning a fancy dress football match was played against the Officers. This game was a howling success. The Officers were marched on to the field by the Band and the Sergeants by the Drums. Both Band and Drums were in fancy dress—in fact, it seemed that the whole Battalion was in fancy dress. The match was played at a very fast pace from beginning to end. We were very disappointed at losing by one goal to nil, but we have the consolation of knowing that the Officers' goal was scored with a table tennis ball.

After the match both teams adjourned to the Officers' Mess and enjoyed some well-earned pints of beer.

Through no fault of our own we have been sadly lacking in the field of sport, but we have proved our mettle at indoor sport. The main interest has been centred in our darts matches in the C.C.G. Darts League, and at the moment of going to press we are very pleased to report that we have won the League. During the course of these matches some thoroughly good evenings were had by all. The best was when four teams were drawing with 18 points each and had to fight it out at No. 23 Mess, C.C.G.

Bush telegraph has it that an old member of the Dortmund Mess is now hiding out in the Regimental Depot. We hope he still remembers some of the old ones who are still holding the fort.

Recently we had to say goodbye to the one and only Mike Oldcorn—he has departed to the land known as "Cjvvy Street." Best of luck, Mike, wherever you may be. R.Q.M.S. Spence has left the Mess to take up a new appointment, but he still is a very close neighbour and we see



1st BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1948-49.

Back Row—Pte. Crosswell, Sgt. Elkins, Pte. Hart, L./Cpl. Mabey, Pte. Ginnel, Sgt. Redford.
Front Row—Cpl. Toomey, Cpl. Potter, Cpl. Taylor, L./Cpl. Travers, Cpl. Callard.



1st BATTALION BOXING TEAM, 1948-49.

Back Row—Dmr. Parker, L./Cpl. Lovett, Sgt. Redford, Pte. Bostridge, L./Cpl. Myers, Capt. Sutton.
Front Row—Cpl. Callard, Pte. Willing, Pte. O'Reilly.



1st BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM, 1948-49.

*Back Row—Sgt. Blakesley, Cpl. Gotsell, Capt. Palmer, Pte. Jones.
Front Row—Pte. Stockton, L./Cpl. Travers, Cpl. Callard, L./Cpl. Miles.*



1st BATTALION BASKET-BALL TEAM, 1948-49.

*Back Row—S.I. McCenter, A.P.T.C., L./Cpl. Mabey, Sgt. Redford, Cpl. Fisher, Cpl. Maris.
Front Row—L./Cpl. Barrs, L./Cpl. Travers, Lieut. Peckham, Cpl. Potter, Cpl. Callard.*

quite a lot of him, as he is lodged in the Berlin Sports Centre. Many bets are ranging in the Mess as to how long he will take to develop a figure like Garth.

With the departure of old friends many new ones have been gained and we heartily welcome C.S.M. Vail, C./Sgts. Weekly and Taylor, Sergts. Humphries, Jackson and Morris, and W.O.II Revell (R.A.E.C.). We also welcome Sergts. Weston and Redford on their promotion. Sergt. Redford has already brought the Mess into the sporting light by a hard-earned victory in the finals of the inter-unit boxing.

Before closing these notes we offer congratulations to Major Jackson on his promotion, also to R.Q.M.S. Motton on his appointment.

1ST BATTALION SPORT

Since our last report on the sporting activities of the Battalion, we have gone from strength to strength and the name of the 1st Battalion stands high in the Berlin sporting world.

By the time the JOURNAL goes to press we shall, we hope, have won the British Troops, Berlin, Knockout Football Competition. We meet the 950 Company R.A.S.C. in the final on Saturday, 26th March. Our Hockey XI had the misfortune to have nearly three-quarters of the team away on leave when they had to play the first round of the knockout competition and lost badly to a strong R.A.F., Gatow, side. They are confident, however, of winning the league. The Basketball team, since winning the British Troops, Berlin, Knockout last year, have been unbeatable. The Rugby team, after several good games in the early part of the season, got off to a bad start in the second league series, but we hope to see an improvement with more practice. Our Boxing team, after a difficult start, did very well to beat the 1st Worcesters in the first round of the B.T.B. Inter-Unit Competition. They met a strong team from 1st Norfolks in the final and lost by three bouts to eight after a very fine display.

The Cross-Country team did well to get second place in the inter-unit meeting. Cpl. Callard ran excellently, winning the race over six miles in 36 min. 54 secs. We should not forget to mention our first-class Table Tennis team which, under the expert captaincy of Capt. C. G. Grindley, will no doubt be throwing out a challenge to all comers in B.A.O.R.

With the close of the winter season in sight we look forward to a successful summer season and hope to continue our run of successes in athletics and swimming.

BOXING

The unit boxing season started with an Inter-Company Competition in the first week of December. We saw some good fights in the preliminary rounds and particularly in the finals between H.Q.1 and "D" Company, the latter winning by five bouts to three. This enabled the Selection Committee to choose a Battalion boxing team. The following were finally chosen to represent the Battalion:—

Heavy-weight : Sergt. Redford.

Light Heavy-weight : L./Cpl. Lovett.

Middle-weight : Pte. Bostridge (1st string) and Pte. Dunkeld (2nd string).

Welter-weight : L./Cpl. Myers (1st string), Dmr. Parker (2nd string) and Cpl. Foulger (3rd string).

Light-weight : Pte. Willing (1st string), Pte. Middle (2nd string) and Pte. O'Reilly (3rd string).

Feather-weight : L./Cpl. Callard.

The first contest, against 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment, was held in the Olympic Sports Club on 14th February, 1949, the Battalion winning by seven bouts to four. Sergt. Redford won his fight.

This entitled the Battalion to meet 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment in the finals, which were held at the Olympic Sports Club on 21st February, 1949. This was a very fine contest with plenty of hard punching and really good boxing. The 1st Norfolks' team were obviously in better trim and punched extremely well. However, the Battalion team was not deterred.

Cpl. Callard was unfortunate to lose his fight on points by a very small margin. With the first three fights won by 1st Norfolks we were glad to see Pte. O'Reilly and Dmr. Parker both winning their bouts. They both won very hard-fought contests. Pte. O'Reilly deserves special mention as he fought above his weight.

After four more fights went to 1st Norfolks, L./Cpl. Dunkeld losing his by a small margin after a hard fight, we were shown some good and energetic boxing by the heavy-weights. Sergt. Redford fought an old and experienced boxer of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, Sergt. Wackett. It was a good and hard fight and, after a ding-dong slogging match in the first and second rounds, Sergt. Redford, the younger and fitter boxer, knocked out his more experienced opponent.

The last fight of the evening was a welter-weight contest, in which L./Cpl. Myers narrowly lost on points after a first-class bout.

We hope next year to produce a really good team which will require longer and more concentrated training which, owing to our commitments in Berlin, we were unable to have this year.

BASKETBALL

The team ended last season by winning the British Troops, Berlin, Knockout Competition, and we are now well on the way to winning the league. The first league match was played on 24th February against the 1st Worcesters, and was won by 39 points to 27 after a close game, the principal scorers being Cpl. Potter, the team captain, who scored 18 points, and L./Cpl. Mabey, 13 points. The second game, against 950 Company R.A.S.C., came as an unpleasant surprise. After a good half in which we led slightly, our marking was not so good and our opponents took full advantage, finally winning by 27 points to 25 points. The matches and results played to date are as follows:—

- Battalion, 39 points, v. 1st Worcesters, 27 points.
- Battalion, 25 points, v. 950 Company, R.A.S.C., 27 points.
- Battalion, 70 points, v. 955 Carrier Company, R.A.S.C., 6 points.
- Battalion, 87 points, v. Installation, R.A.S.C., 3 points.
- Battalion, 43 points, v. 11th Hussars, 3 points.
- Battalion, 52 points, v. 247 Provost Company, R.M.P., 24 points.
- Battalion, 161 points, v. F.A.S.O., 8 points.

These results are due to really good team work, and mention must be made of Cpl. Potter and Cpl. Callard and L./Cpl. Mabey, our chief scorers, and Sergt. Redford, a stalwart guard. Sergt. Ellis (R.A.E.C.) has given his valuable services as time-keeper and scorer.

Our next and most important match, against 1st Norfolks, our opponents in last year's knock-out final, we play shortly.

TABLE TENNIS

In spite of prejudice at the opening of the season from the uninitiated, who still think of table tennis as "ping-pong," the Battalion has raised a team of considerable strength. We were fortunate in acquiring a first-class match table at the beginning of the season, and this was set up with excellent lighting. All our players, most of them having played in league table tennis in England, agreed that playing conditions were excellent.

We started off with the intention of winning the Berlin Troops League, and whilst at the time of writing we have not achieved that object, we are not far away from it. So far in the League we have played eight matches, winning them without difficulty, winning 75 games to 5 lost.

Friendly matches have been played with the 1st Worcesters (won by 10 matches to nil) and two matches with the N.A.A.F.I. Club, Berlin, resulting in a win on our own table by 8—2, and away to the N.A.A.F.I. Club we had our only defeat, by 7—3. As the N.A.A.F.I. Club team includes representatives of the rest of Berlin, these results were satisfactory.

Herr Raack, the German Amateur Champion, has coached our team and has also played exhibition matches with our players at Brooke Barracks, "D" Company detachment, and the N.A.A.F.I. Club. These matches have greatly assisted in our efforts to make people table-tennis conscious. Individual results to date are as follows:—



NEW YEAR'S EVE FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL MATCH
Officers' Team Marching On



Sergeants' Team Marching On



THE BAND WITH BOY ARNOLD



L./Cpl. CALLARD ("A" Coy) winning the
B.T.B. Cross-Country Running Championship, 1949

			Played.	Won.	Lost.
Capt. C. G. Grindley	...	...	18	18	—
Capt. W. J. Sutton	...	...	22	18	4
Pte. G. Aitcheson	...	...	8	8	—
Pte. T. Arnold	...	...	10	9	1
L./Cpl. W. Lowis	...	...	18	16	2
Pte. F. Franks	...	...	14	12	2
Pte. A. Young	...	...	14	12	2
Pte. A. White	...	...	2	2	—
Pte. A. Vanthoff	...	...	2	2	—
Pte. L. Bradman	...	...	2	1	1

THE DRUMS' BULLETIN

The Drums have now been re-formed for the better part of a year, and although we have had several setbacks due to the loss of experienced men leaving us on release, we are now in quite a strong position, having the grand total of twenty Regulars, some of whom are already quite experienced players.

Our ambition has always been to have a Corps of at least forty-eight strong which would equal in all ways the Drums as we knew them to be before the war, but recruiting of the right types among the comparatively small number of Regular soldiers in the Battalion is a major problem. Still, although our numbers are small, we can create quite a respectable noise, especially when playing the old favourites, "Le Tambour Major" and "Galanthia."

Our flute section, which is composed of six first B-flat flutes and four F-sharp, provides quite good competition for the drum section of eight side drummers, although there are times when the drummers are apt to forget that the volume of so few flutes is very limited.

We are the proud possessors of two fast-improving tenor drummers, who have not reached their present standards with more than their share of snags, which always befall the inexperienced. Pte. Simmons could flourish his sticks as well as anyone during a quick march, but a slow march was his downfall. However, after many hard words had passed my lips, he mastered it and is now quite an expert. We often marvel, after a parade, to find that our other tenor drummer, "Professor Ellis," is still with us, for unless a strict eye is on him he flourishes his sticks too well, and one day may take off.

The weather here has been very obstinate—always, it seems, when we have to parade—for although the sun may be shining brilliantly, the temperature is usually well below freezing point, causing havoc with the valves of the Band instruments. Unless you have heard it, you cannot imagine the din caused by twenty burly bandmen attempting to blast "Braganza" from instruments so badly frozen up that it took an hour to thaw them out.

I am afraid our sports news is not of a sensational nature, except perhaps in one instance, boxing. Pte. Parker (Middle-weight) represented the Drums in the Battalion boxing team which reached the finals of the B.T.B. Championship. He had several good fights, losing one, his best being in the finals when he defeated Bdsman. Hackett of the Royal Norfolks.

Our efforts at football are always very strenuous, and I am sure if L./Cpl. Slade and Dmr. Pratt could shoot with a little more precision we would be the victors more often. We have also had several successful darts and table tennis tournaments. At hockey our star is Dmr. Westrop, who has appeared once for the Battalion team. At .22 rifle shooting we have a team capable of good results which, I hope, will go a long way in the inter-platoon competition. L./Cpl. Nickson was to have represented the Battalion in the B.T.B. Cross-Country Championship, but was unfortunately injured in a bicycle accident and sent to hospital for a month.

Now, in conclusion, we wish all ex-Queen's drummers the very best of luck, and assure you that when you next see the Drummers on parade, you will agree that we stand on the threshold of success.

A NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY CONCERT WITH LAMB'S TALE

I have a friend named Bill Elkins, who is crazy about music. He can attend a symphony concert and enjoy it; he can watch men waving their arms about and understand what they mean. He can even tell the difference between a violin and a vio-viola and, in addition, he can talk about Pouishnoff and Rachmaninoff as though he was friendly with them at school—and the best part of it is that he gets away with it. Yet, when I mention Rachmaninoff, everyone thinks I am swearing in Russian and people look horrified.

I must admit straight away that I am not well up in music, except when I sit in the gallery. Mind you, I'm good enough to know the difference between the black keys and the white ones. And when I am in the mood I can play with one finger a piece called "Little Sir Echo," which a critic once said I rendered entirely differently from anything he had ever heard. So that proves I am highly original. Not that I enjoy listening to music, particularly when this is recorded. Records bore me, annoy me, disquiet me, tire and harass me. In fact, I don't care much for them.

But when you come to concerto—well, frankly, I rarely do come to them. Not that I don't know how to behave when I go, not a bit. I know what to do more than most.

In the first place I find it a good plan to sit next to a music critic like Bill. Then, when he applauds, I applaud. When he remains silent, I remain silent, and when he nods, I nod, and so on. It's an almost infallible system. The only time I have known it to fail was when I was sitting next to Bill and he was fingering his collar, and I copied him, thinking that the bassoonist was going to blow a wrong note. I afterwards discovered, however, that the trouble was Bill's collar, which was a size too small (it must have been Syd's), and I thought he had neck enough for anything. It does not do to be discouraged by the amount of music talk that goes on around you, that never worries me. I join in. I ask my friend what he thinks of Spike Jones, and then he asks me what I think of Larry Gains and Brahms. I tell him in good plain terms—that's the way to deal with it. It's no good being all of a quaver or semi-quaver. For that matter you've got to take up a firm position.

But even then you have to be careful. It does not help if you think Cottage Rake is going to win the National, for instance, or if, on hearing that Portsmouth have lost a game, you ask what team they are playing the following week. That sort of thing just displays your ignorance. Of course, it is no good making these remarks when the music is on, because that gets in the way. You can hardly hear what the man next to you is saying during some of the really bad pieces.

One last point. Don't be frightened by the conductor; it's true he may be a man with long black hair and a strange look in his eyes. That is how most clever people look, especially now that it costs a shilling a month for the barber. (I put threepence by a week, and go once a month.) And don't be nervous when the conductor looks cross either, a number of conductors are that way inclined.

One I know intimately has a vile temper, but everyone says that when he played his oboe his Bach was worse than his bite. That is the way with most. Of course, I have made a study of this kind of thing, I know what I am talking about, even if nobody else does. And there is no doubt that I have a lot of music in me. I must have—after all, none of it has ever come out yet. But I intend to persevere. You need guts, of course, and plenty of beer, especially for the instrument I am going to play. Yes, get me that vio-viola.

NOTICE

On 15th February, 1949, at British Military Hospital, Hanover, to Muriel, wife of Capt. J. W. Tewell, a daughter.

AN EPISODE OF 1940

BY LA COMTESSE DE FORCEVILLE

[We are most grateful to the Comtesse de Forceville for sending us the following account and deeply appreciate the assistance she so gallantly rendered].

DURING the sad days of May, 1940, I was staying at my country estate, the Chateau de Frucourt, which is situated in the Somme, ten miles distant from Abbeville, and about six miles away from the Somme River and a small town called Pont-Remy.

The entire countryside was evacuated, so that I remained in a sort of no-man's-land. British troops had come and gone. French troops had appeared and disappeared. I had had refugees by the hundred staying at the house, but when the German spearhead drove through the panic was general, the refugees left and I remained practically alone.

On or about 23rd, 24th or 25th May, an hysterical maid rushed up to me and said: "Madame, four men are downstairs, and would like to see you; they say they are British officers, but they look so strange—I think you had better be careful." I rushed down, a little apprehensive, and this is what I saw: in front of me stood four men, the one who first addressed me wore a British uniform and was barefoot; the second wore a pink satin woman's nightgown, the front of which was laced; the third was clad in a pale blue polka-dot dress; and the fourth represented a comic in a musical comedy—he wore striped trousers, a peculiar black jacket (the strange kind peasants wear for weddings), no shirt, and a bowler hat.

I knew then that all was well. No impostor or fifth column could have planned such a disguise. It did not take us long to become friends. I believe they were as glad to have found me as I was delighted to see them. Delighted hardly seems enough—one must remember I was all alone, fearing the worst, and instead had the joy of greeting friends and allies.

We went into the house, I opened a bottle of Scotch whisky, we sat on comfortable chairs, and Captain Wilson began to tell me their sad story. It all seemed so horrible, so unreal that I forgot all about their strange attire and noticed for the first time the tired and harassed look on their faces.

The story was that the Queen's Regiment was ordered to defend Pont-Remy. Unfortunately, they were not able to do so and had only two alternatives: either to surrender or to jump into the River Somme and try to swim across. This is what they did after having removed their boots and tied them around their necks (the current had swept them away). When they got to the other side of the river, they walked into the first abandoned house, removed their wet uniforms (which they rolled up and carried), and put on what they found.

The Department de la Somme having one of the richest soils of France, the harvest stood high; it was a blessing, as the roads were unsafe. So on all fours they crept through the unreaped fields for miles and miles. Suddenly, in front of them, they saw Frucourt; it is a very large place, built in 1640, with very high roofs, and can be seen from a great distance. When they got nearer they noticed the house was inhabited, but were cautious from fear that it would be by Germans; but presently they saw an old, stranded farmer who reassured them, and that is how they so fortunately came into my life.

Naturally they were hungry, so I busied myself getting them some food. Our fare was strange, as for weeks we had no meat or bread, but I had tea, milk, eggs, orange marmalade and some old French wines—a strange menu, if there ever was one, but thoroughly appreciated it was.

After they had had some food, we went upstairs. I bandaged their wounded feet and put them to bed in my best rooms. Whilst I was bandaging Captain Wilson, he seemed very sad and told me his great anxiety about the fate of his men. I suggested he should take an aspirin, gave him a luminal instead, as I knew he urgently needed the rest.

During the twenty-four or forty-eight hours that followed (the time element is rather vague in my mind), a hundred and sixty of the regiment's soldiers drifted in in various groups; every time there was great rejoicing. Of course, the soldiers also arrived completely drenched as they had also swum the Somme. So they removed their uniforms, spread them out to dry on the lawns

around the house, whilst they themselves lay on the warm grass and took a well-deserved rest in the warm sun.

Naturally, we helped them in every way, fed them the best we could—one of them, fortunately, knew how to milk a cow. They seemed to enjoy it—never have I seen milk at such a premium!

All this was so nice, but somehow worrying for me, as I knew the German planes were constantly over our heads, and were probably watching all this carefully. As it was, it was probably the reason which obliged us to separate so suddenly next day.

I had found a package of rice, a rare commodity in those days, and had planned to make a rice-pudding for lunch; there was much talk about the rice pudding and we were all looking forward to enjoying it, but unfortunately, when it did appear, no one had the heart to enjoy it.

Whilst we were sitting at lunch we were disturbed by long-range bombardment. We could hear the whistle go over our heads, and then the explosion a little while later. I can still hear the serious and firm voice of Captain Wilson, who, turning to me, said: "This is too close for safety; I am responsible for my men and have to take them away at once."

We then rushed all over the house, collecting all that was left of my husband's shoes, boots, riding boots, shooting boots, overshoes, etc., and all tried to find a pair which fitted them. It was a relaxation; we laughed, somehow nervously I'm afraid.

Captain Wilson tried to persuade me to leave. He said it was no place for a woman to remain; in fact he suggested I should leave with them, but I refused, I knew my husband was at Dunkirk and still hoped that by some miracle he would find his way to me. As it is, my hopes were vain, as he was made prisoner.

Of course, I was sad to see them go; they will never know what their company meant to me. Then I decided to accompany them until they reached the main road. Captain Wilson gathered his men, and we left, but just as we reached the gate of the Park two German planes were over our heads. I heard him shout "Cover." We all flung ourselves on the ground; fortunately there were no casualties, so after a while we got up and walked on. After two or three miles I walked back alone, sad and depressed and somehow worried.

As it is, about a week later the battle of the Somme, which started right on our ground, began, and I was obliged to leave by order of the military authorities.

I had a great deal of trouble trying to reach Paris. No one knew any more where the front line was, and I landed one night at 4 a.m. at the Headquarters of an English P.C. I was most courteously welcomed by the officers; they invited me for breakfast (unfortunately, I do not remember the name of the unit) and as I had my first cup of tea, Captain Rollo looked at me and said, "I am quite sure you must be that crazy and charming woman who was all alone in no-man's-land and was so wonderful to the Queen's Regiment. They came through here after they left you and they could not say enough about you."

CLARITA DE FORCEVILLE.

THE DEPOT

AT the time of writing the strength of the Regimental Depot is 117 all ranks; 30 only are Queen's and make up the permanent staff. The balance are made up of R.A., R.E.M.E., R.A.O.C., R.A.S.C., who are all engaged on tasks outside the Depot.

Since last writing Capt. C. R. Sandys has left us to take over a Quartermaster's job in charge of a Combined Cadet Force Training Centre.

LAYING-UP OF 2ND BATTALION COLOURS

The biggest event since the last issue was the laying-up of the 2nd Battalion Colours in the Regimental Museum on 21st November, incidentally the date that the 2nd Battalion broke out of Tobruk in 1941.

The ceremony that preceded the laying-up was as follows:—

A guard of honour was provided by representatives of the Regimental Depot, and the 5th and 6th Bns. The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.). Lieut.-Colonel L. C. East, D.S.O., commanded the parade; Major J. A. R. Freeland was parade adjutant; Capt. M. A. Lowry King's Colour Officer; Capt. I. D. Beattie Regimental Colour Officer; R.Q.M.S. L. Cousins, C.S.M. V. Edwards, and C.Q.M.S. J. Stafford escort to the Colours.

After the inspection by Colonel East, the parade marched off to Stoughton Parish Church, being played there by the 5th (Cadet) Battalion Band, who were very smart and played very effectively.

Having marched back to barracks, the parade were inspected and addressed by the Colonel of the Regiment. The Colonel of the Regiment then gave the order for the 2nd Battalion Colours to march off.

Under command of the King's Colour Officer, the Colour Party marched off to the Museum, where the Colours were handed over to Regimental Sergeant-Major Harcup.

Lunches were given in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and in the N.A.A.F.I.

Amongst many other guests, the Mayor and Mayoress and Town Clerk of Guildford and many past Commanding Officers of the 2nd Battalion were present.

FAMILIES' CLUB

We have now twenty-four families in residence in Stoughton. The old "B" Block has been renovated and is full.

The Club has a fortnightly social evening, and a dance has been held on several occasions since the last issue of the JOURNAL. A visit was made to the Chiswick Empire Theatre in March.

The children's Christmas tea party was held on 21st December, at which "Buzz" Waspe came down the chimney and a conjurer kept us guessing.

THE MUSEUM

Since the end of February the Museum has been opened to the public on Wednesday afternoons between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The 1847 1st Battalion Colours have been framed and now hang here; they are looking magnificent. We hope to receive the 2nd Battalion 1859 Colours shortly. Both sets of Colours have been mounted and framed through the generosity of Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Another recent acquisition of the Museum is a set of seven paintings of Regimental period dress by Colonel MacDonald, R.A. These look very fine indeed and are perhaps the best water-colour reproductions of past Regimental uniforms.

The old cricket pitch, which was desecrated by slit trenches, is taking a new lease of life; it has been ploughed up and will have an early crop of potatoes by the time this reaches you. When the ground has been "cleaned" by this crop, grass will be sown in the autumn, so that by this time next year we should again be seeing the beginning of a fresh, neat sward.

We have had several visits by the Cadet Force. The 11th (Cadet) City of London Battalion came and spent a day with us before Christmas, when they played football against us and visited the Museum.

The 5th Cadet Battalion have frequently visited us on Sundays to use the range. All these visits are very welcome, and we sincerely hope we can foster further visits and help the Army Cadet Forces (A.C.F. and J.T.Cs. are now called the Combined Cadet Force).

The 5th Battalion entertained the Depot recently and invited us to take part in a small-bore friendly shooting match. We are pleased to say the Depot won by 20 points.

SPORT

With the help of the 5th Queen's and some attached, a game of hockey or soccer has been played every week this winter. Fixtures included H.Q., Eastern Command, Depot East Surrey Regiment, and the Guildford Police.

HOCKEY

The following represented the Depot during the season: Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealey, D.S.O.; Major J. A. R. Freeland; Capt. I. D. Beattie, M. A. Lowry, S. W. J. Sharp, and C. R. Sandys; R.S.M. J. W. Kemp; C.S.Ms. V. Edwards, and Marks; L./Cpl. Murphy; Ptes. Bellord, Hall, Howlett, Kilpatrick and Tyler.

Although the hockey side lost all their major matches, the team was in fact of fair quality, and had some excellent games, but continual and necessary changes through demobilization, courses, etc., did upset the balance.

FOOTBALL

During the season 1948-49 the Depot have played ten matches, and from the following results it will be realized that the Depot, although small in numbers, can still hold their own.

The following Officers, N.C.Os. and men proved the backbone of the team throughout the season: Capt. M. A. Lowry, S. W. J. Sharp; Sergt. Bingham; Ptes. Franklin, Hall, Atkinson, Wild and Haslett.

Results: Played 10, won 7, lost 3; goals for, 32, against, 18.

LIVESTOCK

The pig population has been increased to two in-pig sows and forty-two store pigs. With the recent increase in bacon prices, we should be in a very healthy financial state by the end of 1949.

The rearing of poultry for Christmas is an offshoot of the piggery, and the earlier high mortality rate among our chicks has, we hope, now been curtailed.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

Mess life is about the same as we reported in the last publication of the JOURNAL, the number of serving members averaging about a dozen.

The Christmas draw, which was held on 21st December, 1948, went off with a swing, and the prizes were fairly evenly distributed. Our thanks go to Mr. Ridgeway for supplying some really fine poultry and also to other Honorary Members who gave prizes and generally helped in the running of what proved to be a very fine social evening.

Once again our friends of the Sergeants' Mess, The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), sent us a magnificent gift parcel consisting of cake and sweets, etc. This was distributed to the children at their party on 21st December, 1948. Our thanks go to our Canadian comrades for their very thoughtful gesture.

Since Christmas, Mess life has been quiet. The New Year was kept up in the traditional style, and a games evening was held with the St. Luke's Hospital Social Club in February. This proved to be an enjoyable evening. It may be of interest to readers to know that three ex-members are on the staff of this hospital; they are Bert Warner, Charlie Litton and Bill Halliday.

In January we said farewell to C./Sergt. Sleet, who after twenty-two years' service, has now joined the postal service. We wish him luck in his new work. At present we have C.S.M. Hardie with us; he is shortly taking the plunge into "Civvy Street."

In conclusion, we would like to thank ex-Sergt. Taylor, of the R.A., for his very kind thought in sending along to the Commanding Officer a small shield with our badge carved on it. Mr. Taylor, who lives in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, said in his accompanying letter that during the war he happened to meet the Queen's near Tobruk, and the other day he saw the shield in an antique shop. Thinking that it would look better in a Queen's man's home, he sent it along with best wishes for the "Mutton Lancers." Thanks again, Mr. Taylor; we admire your thought. The shield is now hanging in our Mess.

Our thanks are also due to Jack Witcomb, who remains our "landlord" and who puts in a lot of hard work to maintain the "spirits" of the Sergeants' Mess.

F. G. H.

REGULAR OFFICERS

THE following list may be of interest, and includes all present serving Regular Officers with their locations (if unknown, home addresses have been used). If there are any inaccuracies or omissions, please bear with the editor and his task of keeping the list up to date. It is proposed that the list be brought up to date with each succeeding issue of the Regimental JOURNAL. Club members are requested to pass on any information, particularly of location, to the Editor, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford.

NAME	LOCATION
Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.	C. of S., Northern Command
Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	Commanding 131st Brigade, Surbiton
Lieut.-Colonel L. C. East, D.S.O.	P.M., Badenhausen, Germany
Lieut.-Colonel T. H. Dyke, D.S.O.	Commanding 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Lieut.-Colonel H. P. Combe	R.W.A.F.F.
Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston	S.O.1 (P.T.) H.Q., Southern Command, Salisbury
Major L. S. Sheldon	Second-in-Command, 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Lieut.-Colonel D. L. A. Gibbs, D.S.O.	Commanding Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School, Chester
Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.	Commanding 5th Queen's (T.A.)
Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Metcalfe	Commanding 1st Surreys
Lieut.-Colonel J. Sykes Wright, D.S.O.	G.S.O.1 (Training), H.Q., Southern Command
Major P. R. Terry	T.S.O.2 Armaments Design Establishment (M.O.S.), Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, Middlesex
Lieut.-Colonel M. V. Fletcher	H.Q., Airlift, Germany
Lieut.-Colonel P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E.	A.Q.M.G. Q. (Ops.), G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.
Major A. J. A. Watson	Arab Legion
Colonel D. G. Loch	Chief Instructor, Greek Staff College
Major J. A. R. Freeland	Commanding Regimental Depot
Major J. R. Terry	D.A.A.G., H.Q., Northern Command
Major G. H. W. Good, M.B.E.	H.Q., U.S. Army, Europe
Major N. T. Lennan, M.C.	Company Commander, 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Major F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.	Fort Henning, U.S.A.
Major H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.	G.S.O.2, S.D., G.H.Q., FARELF
Major C. B. Gray, M.B.E.	G.S.O.2, J.P.S., G.H.Q., FARELF
Major I. P. Thomson, M.C.	Staff College, Camberley
Major N. A. H. Marsden	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Major S. W. Peet, M.C.	D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 61st Infantry Brigade, M.E.L.F.
Major P. R. H. Kealy	D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Nigeria District, Lagos, West Africa
Major J. V. Stobbs	Mogadisha, East Africa
Major E. A. W. Lockyer	H.Q., Malay Regiment, Fort Dickson
Major M. Forrester, D.S.O., M.C.	British Joint Services Mission, Officers of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
Major A. C. Lynch-Staunton	King's African Rifles
Capt. M. A. Lowry	Adjutant, Regimental Depot
Capt. C. J. D. Haswell	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. J. B. C. Palmer	M.S. Branch, G.H.Q., Singapore
Capt. I. D. Beattie	Adjutant, 5th Queen's
Capt. R. S. N. Mans	Adjutant, 6th Queen's
Capt. C. R. C. Elverson	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. W. P. O'C. Wylde	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. M. J. Hackford	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Major C. F. Cole	Somaliland Scouts, British Somaliland
Capt. C. J. Grindley	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Major T. V. Close, D.S.O.	H.Q., Home Counties District, Shorncliffe
Major P. M. A. Taylor, M.C.	2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment, B.A.O.R.
Capt. P. R. Swanson	Staff Captain, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Capt. D. C. Snowdon	A.D.C. to Governor of Singapore
Capt. K. R. Thompson	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. B. S. Burns, M.C.	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Major W. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C.	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.—Designate
Major M. E. MacG. McWilliam, D.S.O., M.C.	Staff College, Camberley
Capt. D. W. L. Palmer	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. W. J. F. Sutton	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.

5TH BATTALION

NAME	LOCATION
Capt. K. Mch. Douglas	Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School, Chester
Capt. A. S. Blackman	Taking over Adjutant, 5th Queen's (vice Capt. I. D. Beattie)
Capt. D. H. Foskett	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. R. D. T. Fletcher	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. C. B. Rodger	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. M. R. H. Stopford	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. S. R. G. Scott-Gall	Tanachie Flat, West Malvern, Worcs
Capt. G. B. Curtis, M.C.	H.Q., 5th A.A. Group, Kimberley, Notts
Capt. J. W. Sewell	3rd Bn. The Parachute Regiment, B.A.O.R.
Lieut. R. C. Neath	2nd/6th Gurkhas, FARELF
Lieut. G. A. Fearnside-Speed	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
2/Lieut. P. U. Clayton	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
2/Lieut. D. J. Wright	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
2/Lieut. A. Donaldson	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
QUARTERMASTERS	
Capt. R. W. Jackson	1st Queen's, B.A.O.R.
Capt. S. H. Sellicks	5th Queen's
Capt. S. W. J. Sharp	Regimental Depot

The following is a list of officers now serving at the War Office. The size of the list might well contribute a record for any one Regiment.

Colonel H. Wood, D.S.O.	Territorial Army
Lieut.-Colonel B. E. L. Burton	A.G.1, Records
Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O.	Staff Duties
Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Fowler	Claims Commissions
Major R. P. Mangles, M.C.	Establishments
Major A. R. C. Mott	Territorial Army
Major G. G. Reinhold, M.C.	Infantry
Major D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., M.C.	Military Operations
Major E. B. G. Clowes	Equipment and Requirements
Major M. T. N. Jennings	D.A.A.G., A.G.1 (C)

5TH BATTALION

THE last publication of the JOURNAL found the Battalion in the middle of the T.A. Autumn Recruiting Campaign. From the Battalion's point of view, the campaign may be said to have been a success, although, in common with most T.A. units, the number of recruits was disappointing. There is no doubt, however, that the programme which was provided in all areas covered by the Battalion put us very much "on the map." This programme included a Band Concert each night at the Odeon Cinema in Guildford, at which different well-known speakers spoke. The standard of Band Concerts was excellent and our thanks are due to the 3rd Carabiniers, 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, and the R.E.M.E. Staff Band, for the excellent programmes which they provided.

As has been said the number of recruits has been small, but we should like to take this opportunity of welcoming newcomers to the Battalion:—

OFFICERS

Capt. A. S. Blackman has joined us from the 1st Battalion and has taken over the duties of Adjutant from Capt. I. D. Beattie. Capt. (Qrmr.) S. H. Sellicks has relieved Capt. (Qrmr.) W. K. Roadnight, M.B.E., who has taken his discharge from the Army, but who remains with us on the civilian staff.

Lieut. E. B. Eustace has taken command of the Anti-Tank Platoon, and Lieut. R. Saunders the Mortar Platoon. Lieut. A. D. G. Landmead has joined "A" Company and is at present commanding the Assault Pioneer Platoon which is doing its training at Reigate under Sergt. Harte, of Brigade Headquarters. Lieut. J. E. Heron has joined "D" Company as a Platoon Commander.



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5th Bn. COLOUR PARTY ON THE RECRUITING PARADE IN GUILDFORD, 3rd APRIL, 1949



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THE COLOUR PARTY AND ESCORT ON THE RECRUITING PARADE



BRIGADIER BLOCK, LIEUT.-COLONEL KEALY, OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS
OF THE 5th QUEEN'S
watching a Tank Demonstration during a week-end Camp in March



5th QUEEN'S LOOKING OVER TANKS DURING A WEEK-END CAMP IN MARCH

OTHER RANKS

"A" Company, Reigate.—W. L. R. Smith.

"B" Company, Camberley.—C. W. Turner, Cfn. G. F. Hunwicks, E. Brookes, B. Elcock.

"C" Company, Dorking.—H. V. Baker, R. G. Gouling, V. L. Stratton, and G. Miller.

"D" Company, Woking.—J. J. Gallagher, S. F. G. Green, G. A. Gilbert, S. E. J. Nalmstrom, E. Walker, T. MacCready, W. C. Mortimer, L. A. Robinson, and E. J. Brunger.

H.Q. Company, Guildford.—L. W. Harper, H. Dixon, R. C. Batchelor, G. D. F. Elder, J. Buckingham, J. Wilson, M.M., and N. B. Evans.

To offset these increases in our numbers we have found that some T.A. officers and other ranks are finding that their civilian jobs will not permit of them giving sufficient time to the T.A., and they have had to request transfer to the Reserve.

Space will not permit of mentioning all these, but we would like to mention Major H. B. Watson, T.D., who, to our regret, has found it necessary so to apply.

Major Watson was gazetted to a Territorial Commission and joined the 5th Battalion in 1927. He served with the Battalion in peace and with the B.E.F. until 1940, being wounded during the days before Dunkirk. In 1940 he was posted to India, where he instructed at various schools until being demobilized in 1945. He joined the 5th Battalion as soon as the T.A. was reconstituted in 1947, and was appointed to the duties of Second-in-Command. We hope that he will continue to come to camps and training with us as often as his business permits.

TRAINING

Training since annual camp has been run on the Cadre system to improve the instructional ability of our potential instructors.

In particular, specialist training has been started at Guildford, with the Assault Pioneer Platoon training at Reigate as a detached platoon of "A" Company.

As a subject for study, the Battalion spent a part of October on "Duties in Aid of the Civil Power." The training culminated in a central training night at Battalion Headquarters, when a play in two acts, written and produced by Major Dumas, was staged. It is hoped that this play, which disrupted all work at Guildford for a week during rehearsals, proved its worth. It is certain that if the audience enjoyed the sight of Sergt. Stafford as an extremely frightened oriental magistrate as much as the cast did, the evening was no waste of time.

In mid-March the Battalion spent a week-end in camp. We were billeted with, and very well looked after by, the 2nd Royal Tanks in Crookham. A successful night attack, assisted by movement light, took place on the first evening. The next day the Royal Tanks gave us an excellent demonstration. This was followed by a Company attack scheme supported by tanks. The weather was cold but fine, and we all enjoyed and felt better for the time in the fresh air.

SHOOTING

The Battalion was again highly successful in the Surrey Small-Bore Rifle Competition, winning the competition for the second year running and also securing the following places: 2nd (H.Q. Company), 5th ("A" Company, "B" team), 7th (H.Q. Company, "B" team), 8th ("B" Company), 11th ("C" Company), and 13th ("D" Company). This very creditable result reflects well on the shooting standard throughout the Battalion. The names of the winning "A" Company team at Reigate were: C./Sergt. Ellis, Ptes. Sheppard, Charlwood, and Playford.

In addition the Battalion had two members selected for the T.A. Forty in the Inter-Services Small-Bore Competition: C./Sergt. Ellis, and Cfn. Hunwicks, R.E.M.E., attached to "B" Company; Pte. Charlwood was the team's third reserve.

At the time of going to press the results of the competition are not known.

A Small-Bore Club has just been opened in the Guildford T.A. Centre. It is not yet really on its feet, but it is hoped that by the time we next go to press numbers will be greater, and shooting will be in full swing.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

"B" Company, at Camberley, held their first St. Patrick's Night Dance since before the war. Despite many other rival dances it was fairly well attended. It is hoped that it will become as popular as pre-war provided we can get various improvements carried out at the T.A. Centre.

A boxing show was organized by "C" Company, in Dorking, at the end of March. The contestants were largely from Leatherhead Working Men's Club, and ranged from a four-stone "Tiger" to a fearsome looking ex-Malayan champion. A really most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

Since the last issue was published "A" Company, in Reigate, have held two successful dances. Unfortunately, the attendance at the last was somewhat reduced owing to snowy weather.

A club is soon to be opened in Woking by "D" Company for serving members and ex-members of the Regiment and their wives and families.

The Company held a dance in March which was also most successful and it is hoped these functions will become more or less a regular social feature.

RECRUITING

On Sunday, 3rd April, about seventy all ranks from the Battalion took part in a Recruiting Parade, consisting of a marching and a mechanized column. It passed through Farnham, Godalming and Guildford.

The column was composed of detachments from local T.A. units, the Gunners, L.A.A. and H.A.A.; the Battalion; a Field Ambulance; an Infantry Workshops, R.E.M.E.; the Divisional R.A.S.C.; the W.R.A.C. and some cadets from 5th (Cadet) Queen's and Guildford Grammar School J.T.C. all took part. The whole parade was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.

Our Colours were on parade, and the Battalion's detachment acted as escort. It was commanded by the Officer Commanding "A" Company, Major A. G. Neale, T.D.

This parade provided an opportunity for an inter-company competition for the Adjutant's Shield. The turn-out was excellent and there was little to choose between "B" and "A" Companies. "B" Company were the winners and are to be heartily congratulated.

After the parade, headed by the R.E.M.E. Staff Band, had marched through Farnham and Godalming, it moved on to Guildford. Here, formed up in the station yard it was inspected by the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Sir Malcolm Fraser. After his inspection he presented a number of medals.

The Battalion was well represented: Sergt. W. C. Newman, L./Cpl. T. W. R. Quinnell, and Pte. A. R. F. Anderson all received the Territorial Efficiency Medal. Capt. W. K. Roadnight, M.B.E., was presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The parade then marched through Guildford where a very large crowd had assembled. The Lord-Lieutenant took the salute outside the Guildhall.

The parade was an undoubted success, but to what extent from a recruiting point of view remains to be seen.

6TH BATTALION

IT would be a mistake to imagine that because we have several social events to record, the more serious subject of training has been overlooked in the past few months. It is true, of course, that during the winter period, particularly in an area such as Bermondsey, practical training "on the ground" must be curtailed. Yet apart from our usual Tuesday evenings, where numerous subjects, including embodiment and mobilization, have been studied in addition to the normal specialist training, we have had several events worth mentioning.

In November, as a "kick-off" to the Government recruiting drive, we held our own T.A. Exhibition at the Training Centre. All aspects of T.A. training and welfare were featured, a band

was an added attraction, and loudspeaker trucks patrolled the streets and the Millwall Football Ground advertised the exhibition and the dance to follow.

Previously we had supplied a detachment for the Lord Mayor's Show, one of the more amusing items being the "Olde Tyme" Queen's uniform of 1900, worn by Lieut. Clements and Sergt.-Major Townsend. They wore their scarlet tunics again for our exhibition. In the same month the Battalion's Colours were carried in the King's Review of the T.A. held in Hyde Park.

New ground was broken by holding a week-end camp in December. Previously these had always been in the summer months, but our visit to the new camp at Hythe, adjoining the S.A. School, was a great success. Full use was made of the various ranges, and an officers' T.E.W.T. was run by Major Flint and the Adjutant, Capt. Mans.

The Battalion made a further contribution to the recruiting drive by supplying representatives to the T.A. exhibition in Oxford Street. We were honoured at being asked to contribute our services, and found it an interesting experience.

On the social side the annual Children's Party held in January was voted great fun by guests and helpers alike; 250 children of serving and past members enjoyed films and a conjurer, whilst a vast quantity of tea, cakes, ices, etc., disappeared in record time. Santa Claus distributed the traditional surprise packet and balloons.

Just before Christmas the officers entertained their wives and lady friends to a cocktail party in the Mess. The P.M.C., Capt. Ivor Jones, showed how a real pre-war buffet could be provided at the expense of what must have been months of Mess rations.

Another innovation is the weekly meeting of the newly-formed Rifle Club. Every Wednesday it is hoped to arrange a competition shoot or fixture with some rival club. Anyone interested in arranging a match should get in touch with Major Nice, c/o the Battalion, 2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey.

On the same evening P.T. and boxing classes are held in the training centre. Here Lieut. Jack Cummins trains members of the Battalion and of the affiliated cadets to become the Woodcocks and Millses of the future.

For the first time since the war, the Sergeants' Mess held a dinner in the West End, to which officers were invited—a first-rate evening.

The only other news is that we ourselves are endeavouring to produce a monthly news-sheet. For hours we are combing the unit for literary talent, and intend to provide light entertainment, gossip and notes of T.A. activities. The co-editors are Capt. Mans and Capt. Pearson, both of whom are burning the midnight oil, when with eyeshades and blue pencils they emulate Winchell and Hemingway.

DIARY OF A REGIMENTAL OFFICER OF
131 (QUEEN'S) BRIGADE

NORMANDY, JUNE—AUGUST, 1944

By LIEUT.-COLONEL B. E. L. BURTON, THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

(Continued from page 80 November, 1948, issue)

18th July.—The offensive east of the Orne started. Three infantry divisions, two British and one Canadian, were used to capture certain preliminary objectives and to protect the left flank. These attacks were preceded by very heavy air attacks carried out by bombers, heavy and medium. After the infantry divisions had done their job, two armoured divisions, Guards and 11th Armoured, were to go through, the latter due south and the Guards a little south-east. We, the 3rd Armoured Division, were to come through in between. There was not enough room the other side of the Orne for us to be concentrated there before the attack so we did not move until after it had started. The bridges over the canal and river were few and there were a lot of troops to get over. Our progress was very slow as a result. By nightfall the head of the column of 1st/5th Queen's reached the canal

and as darkness fell we started to cross. As it became dark the Germans also started their tricks. Quite a number of JU.88's came over and lit up the crossings with parachute flares and then dropped some bombs. Our flak was terrific but I did not see a hit! Anyhow it must have frightened the German pilots, for their bombing was scattered and wild. We were lucky to escape with only a few casualties. After the air raids ceased we continued on our way. It was a very dark night and we had to go across country along tracks. Some people got lost and it was not until the early hours of the morning that the whole battalion reported in to our new area a few miles north of Gibberville (8).

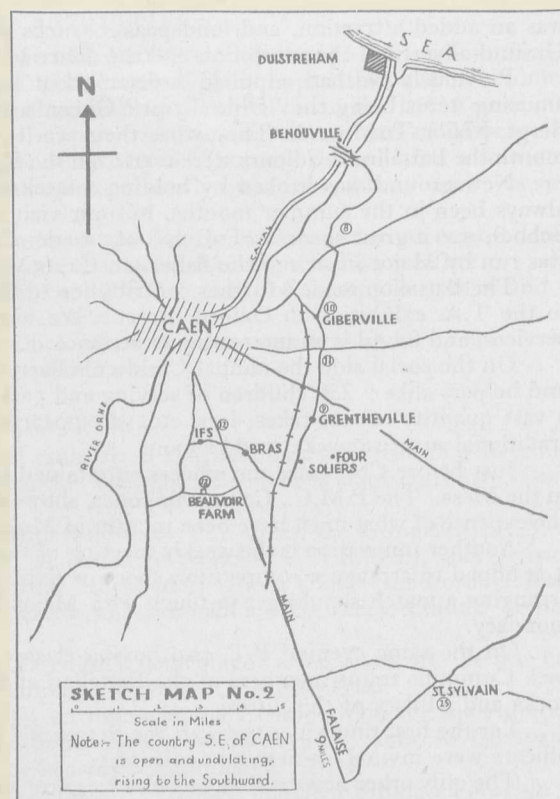
19th July.—The armoured elements pushed on in the early morning, heading south. We got ready to move and after some hours started off. At this stage our moves were not delayed by enemy action, but by the congestion of traffic. Our divisional centre line was for the most part a trail blazed across cornfields. Just south of our starting point we had to pass through a gap in a minefield laid by the Highland Division. It was bottle-necks such as these which held things up. About midday 1st/5th Queen's arrived just north of Gibberville and started to dig in. One of the chief functions of the lorried infantry within the armoured division is to take up a succession of positions and dig in and get "firm" so that it can act as a pivot or base from which the armour can advance or on which the division can fight it out if the enemy attacks.

We did not remain here long and in the early afternoon we marched south through Gibberville to Greteville (9). Here we dug in and "firm-based" the village. The Germans had had to leave Greteville in a hurry, for much serviceable equipment was lying about including a battery of nebelwerfers, their rocket projectors, still in position. The move up was harassed by the Germans as also the subsequent digging in. It was here that we first experienced in this campaign the wrong end of their nebelwerfers. These rockets can be heard coming during the whole course of their journey. They land with a terrific bang and blast effect but the fragmentation is bad. So far, they are a poor substitute for artillery. They are, however, rather frightening until one gets accustomed to them!

20th July.—1st/5th Queen's remained in the same position. In the afternoon "B" Company was pulled out and sent south-east to the hamlet of Fours. Before they got there, the plans were changed and they were ordered back, much to the joy of "B" Company, because the hamlet had been receiving too much attention from Boche artillery mortars and nebelwerfers to be classified a health resort! Greteville received its usual attention during the day: but it was soon clear that the Germans were shelling the usual spots.

The country round here was very open, with the Germans, as usual, occupying the high ground. We were saved, however, by the haze that stayed over the whole area, thereby making it difficult for the German O.P.s. to see overmuch.

21st July.—It rained like blazes. It was real monsoon stuff and in no time all cross-country tracks turned from dust heaps into a muddy morass. "A" Company, 1st/5th Queen's, went south to



MOPPING-UP IN THE VILLAGE OF DEMOUILLE [Official Photograph]



QUEEN'S CARRIERS ADVANCING NEAR CAUMONT [Official Photograph]

the next village, called Soliers, but came back later when the Canadians came up and took over from us. We leaguered back in the cornfields adjacent to the centre line (10). "Clean up, sleep, and get ready for the next battle"; that is what we were told.

22nd-24th July.—We stayed in the cornfields a mile north of Gibberville for about seventy-two hours. We had to. The rains had made such a mess of the tracks that everyone was completely bogged down.

Owing to the fact that there was no cover for the divisions to conceal themselves, recourse was had to hiding what vehicles one could in defiladed ground; otherwise vehicles were spread out in full view of the enemy over the open countryside. As far as the eye could see there were tanks and vehicles dispersed all over the place. What the Germans thought, I don't know. They shelled certain areas regularly but for the most part left the "army" which they could see, alone. They must have been rationed regarding the expenditure of artillery ammunition. One fine afternoon the Luftwaffe made one of its rare appearances. About two squadrons of fighter-type aircraft suddenly appeared and started to shoot rockets at us. They were nothing like our 'Typhoons and after it was all over one could see that no vehicle had had a direct hit. Twice at Grenteville German fighters had appeared and machine-gunned our area. No vehicle or man was hit although we seemed pretty thick on the ground.

One of our worst enemies for the past week, one might almost call it the worst, was the mosquitoes. They lived chiefly in the cornfields, were large and ferocious. Sleep at night was made almost impossible. Most of us were not visibly affected by their bites, but some men's faces swelled up and were completely disfigured for about forty-eight hours.

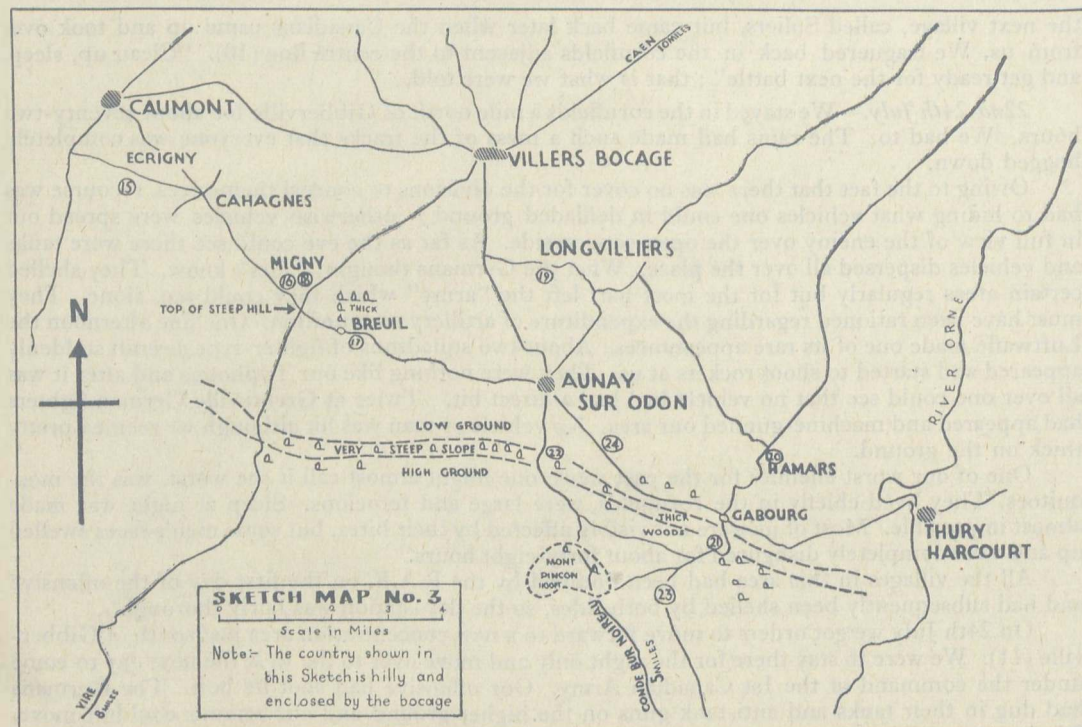
All the villages in this area had been bombed by the R.A.F. on the first day of the offensive and had subsequently been shelled by both sides, so the devastation was fairly thorough.

On 24th July we got orders to move forward to a new concentration area just south of Gibberville (11). We were to stay there for the night only and move over to the west the next day to come under the command of the 1st Canadian Army. Our offensive had shot its bolt. The Germans had dug in their tanks and anti-tank guns on the higher ground and our armour couldn't move. 7th Armoured Division was therefore switched over to the right and was ordered to be ready to help the Canadian infantry divisions to break through astride the main Caen-Falaise road. We moved in the late afternoon to our concentration area and were harassed by artillery during the move. During the night German bombers came over and dropped flares over us and a few bombs including some of their anti-personnel ones. We had no casualties, however.

25th July.—We set out at 0500 hours and moved through the southern suburbs of Caen (Vaucelles) and then down the main Falaise road (12). The Canadians had taken their first objectives at Ifs and Bras and got into Verrières. But here they were halted. The Germans were in some strength. Our armour was on the west of the road and by the afternoon reached Beauvoir Farm about 1,000 yards south of Ifs. 1st/5th Queen's were under command of the armoured brigade and were given orders to move up and occupy Beauvoir Farm (13). We were warned that it was an unhealthy place. The troops had to move up in daylight, watched by the Germans, and to dig in. While we were doing this, we got heavily shelled; but by nightfall we were in position—a fine tribute to the discipline and morale of the troops.

26th-29th July.—During these four days we stayed in the Beauvoir Farm position. It was most unpleasant. Most of the position was in view of the enemy artillery O.P.s., and, since besides ourselves there were tanks there, we got very heavily shelled. The Germans certainly did not appear to be rationed in ammunition at this stage. The experts estimated that about 1,500 shells were fired at our battalion area each twenty-four hours. At least half of the shells were of calibres larger than the usual 105-mm. 150-mm. and 210-mm. shells were common. Several times during the day also we got shot at by nebelwerfers, thirty-six rockets at a time. Everyone lived in his slit trench and casualties were surprisingly low. Most of those who were hit were the unfortunates who for some reason or other had to leave their slits or go visiting, etc. Officers of our supporting arms were impressed by the way the battalion stuck it out during this period and said so.

Every night the Germans sent a few bombers over Caen and its southern outskirts. Two nights running our main battalion H.Q. came in for attacks. On the second night we lost three vehicles



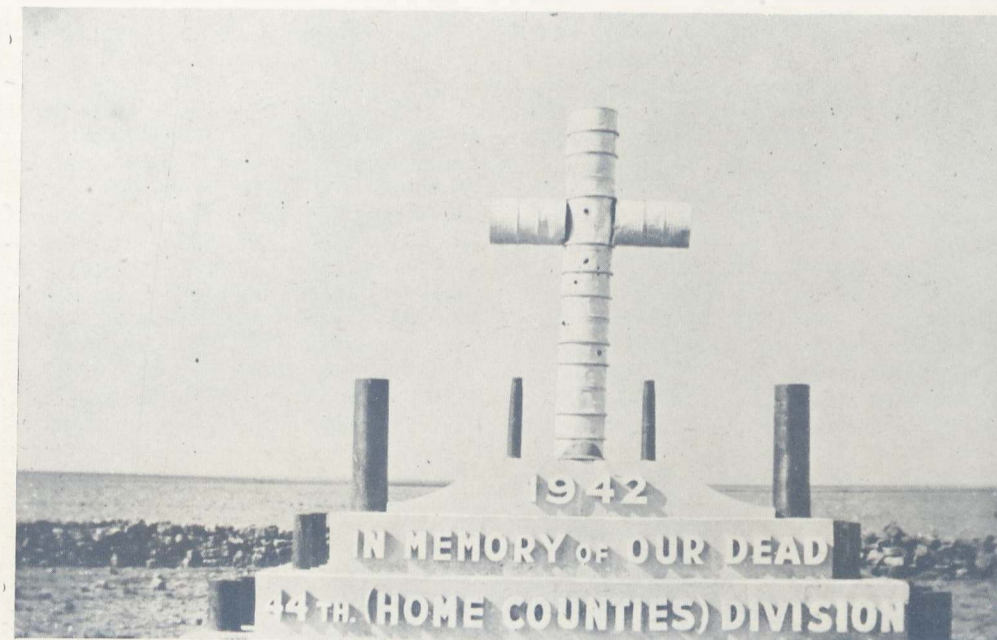
burnt out. During this period 1st/7th Queen's were on our left and 1st/6th Queen's were in reserve echeloned back on our right.

By the 29th, the Canadians were ready to take over from us again. Our division was wanted elsewhere; this time back again under XXX Corps, the other side of the Orne. The Americans had achieved their break-through and were starting their wonderful sweep through Normandy and Brittany. The Germans on our front had already reacted by sending some of their armour, which had been held in reserve opposite us, chasing after the Americans. So on Saturday night, 29th July, we handed over Beauvoir Farm to the Canadians and with the rest of the Division moved to the Trugny area (14), back near Tilly again, where we went into leaguer.

30th July.—We spent the whole day here. The weather was glorious and our area clean. We knew, however, that our stay was not for long, for we were put at short notice to move. It gave us time to clean up and have a good night's sleep but no time to carry out the much needed maintenance of our vehicles.

31st July.—We heard we were to move to Caumont, and take part in a drive to get Aunay-sur-Odon—a large village lying under the high wooded ridge on the north flank of Mont Pincon. It was rather an important road centre. In these days of motor transport, road communications are more vital than ever, especially to an army such as ours which is so highly mechanized. Our first step was to move to a concentration area south of Caumont. We started in the late afternoon and by nightfall were in our new leaguer at a place called Ecrigny (15). Ecrigny had been the scene of some heavy fighting and the Germans had left in a hurry for there was much equipment left behind. It smelt of Germans, too. This scent of Germans has been remarked on by all. You smell it when a batch of prisoners walk by; you smell it in their abandoned trenches and dug-outs. It is a sickly sweet smell. Some say that the Germans use scent on themselves, others that the smell comes from an anti-mosquito ointment used by them. Whatever it is, it is most unpleasant.

At about this time it was beginning to be evident that the Allies were manœuvring the Germans



44th (H.C.) DIVISION WAR MEMORIAL

In the Battle of Alamein the 44th Division was on the southern flank of the attack. The Memorial was erected on a prominent ridge named Hog's Back which was first occupied by the 131st (Queen's) Brigade. It was built by the Divisional Engineers chiefly from empty oil barrels. The plinth was made and presented by a firm in Cairo.

The Memorial was dedicated in December, 1942 by the S.C.F. to the Division, the Reverend F. A. Donkin Roberts.

into such a position that far-reaching results would come about. Continued pressure by the British Armies in a southerly direction was an essential to the plan.

1st August.—Our orders were to move through Cahagnes and, passing through the motor battalion of 8th Armoured Brigade, to head east for the village and high ground at Breuil. The motor battalion were in the Migny area and behind them a battalion of 43rd Division holding an important cross-roads. 43rd Division had made a good thrust south from Cahagnes the day before against a German infantry division. The country was close and there were still a lot of Germans about both to the front and on the left flank. 1st/5th Queen's pushed through Migny (16) and one company advanced on Breuil. It was an unpleasant task because we had to cross over a high hill and advance down to Breuil in full view of the enemy dug in there. There was no other way. "A" Company got to Breuil but owing to the presence of quite a few Panthers and Tigers it had to consolidate on some ground just short of the village. Another company was moved up to help it.

2nd August.—During the night the Germans thinned out a bit and as a result of outflanking moves by infantry and armour we were able to push forward and establish the whole battalion on the high ground at Breuil (17). The enemy did quite a lot of shelling and mortaring, using his nebelwerfers as well, these latter being of a smaller calibre than we had previously experienced. One of our tank battalions was pushing on beyond Aunay. Such thrusts as these were invaluable in upsetting the Germans' plans. Our tanks, were very mobile and were able to go over almost any country. They naturally chose covered routes of approach and frequently turned up in places quite unexpected by the Germans. This added to their confusion and kept them on the move, slowly admittedly, but still on the move.

After we had established ourselves, 1st/7th Queen's came up on our left on to another bit of commanding ground. They had to clear thick woods on the way and had a very difficult operation to perform. 1st/6th Queen's were to come up at nightfall and pass through us to capture the next bit of high ground in front of us. This business of capturing bump after bump was most necessary, if only to deny to the enemy observation of our positions and movements. The advance was made by 1st/6th Queen's without much trouble.

3rd August.—Morning found all three battalions in position. 43rd Division on our right were doing well and part of it was on the high ridge to the south-west. There were still a lot of Germans about and there was plenty of shelling and mortaring, particularly on the positions of 1st/6th Queen's. In the afternoon it became clear that the Germans were going to start something, and sure enough a counter-attack was launched against 1st/6th Queen's. The first effort was beaten off. But the Germans tried again. They put down a very heavy mortar concentration on one company position and pushed their tanks into it on to the company position. After a sharp fight during which the Germans lost quite heavily in infantry, the company position was overrun. 1st/7th Queen's on our left was ordered to concentrate to help 1st/6th Queen's. After about an hour, however, the Germans put down a smoke screen and withdrew. We heard afterwards that they had attacked as well against 43rd Division in the area of Jurques. That attack failed and they withdrew and finding the situation on our front so confused they withdrew here as well.

4th August.—We stayed the whole day in the same area. 43rd Division on our right were well up on the high ridge to the south and were pushing on to Mont Pincon. On our left, 50th Division had made a rapid advance and had reached Villers Bocage. On the left again XII Corps had pushed on and got a bridgehead across the Orne. The Germans in front of us were pulling out hard. It was decided that as there was no more for us to do in our present area we were to be pulled out and switched across for a new thrust elsewhere.

(To be continued)

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

THE Garden Party will be held at Stoughton Barracks (by kind permission of Major J. A. R. Freeland, Commanding Depot), on Saturday, 16th July. Notices will be sent out. The Dinner will be on Friday, 21st October.

A very successful Buffet Supper was held at Brown's Hotel on the evening of Friday, 25th March. Eighty-seven attended.

Before the Supper a Committee Meeting was held at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London.

Present: General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O.; Major-General R. K. Ross, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.; Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel A. F. F. Young, O.B.E., T.D.; Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C.; Major J. A. R. Freeland; Major F. Waspe; Major E. G. Sandys, M.C.; Capt. D. F. Kellie.

1. The Accounts for 1948 were inspected and approved. It was requested that comparative figures for the previous year should in future be included in the statement.

2. It was decided that in future there should be one issue annually of the JOURNAL in its present form, with two or more plain News-Letters in addition.

General Giffard and Major Foster to investigate cost of such News-Letters and to decide form and numbers of issues.

3. It was decided that the dinner should again be at the Connaught Rooms. Dinner jackets or lounge suits to be worn.

4. It was decided that the Secretarial work of the Officers' Club should be performed by the Secretary of the Old Comrades Association, and that the Officers' Club should pay £20 annually to the Old Comrades Association Account for this service.

Major Foster will remain Editor of the Journal and in charge of the arrangements for the dinner.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT—OFFICERS' CLUB

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1948

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Printing, Stationery and Postages	22	19	2	Subscriptions	53	5	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	18	14	10				
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	11	11	0				
	<u>£53</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£53</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

ANNUAL DINNER FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Grosvenor House Reunion	78	10	9	Subscriptions	107	12	6
Annual Dinner	119	17	6	Interest—Post Office Savings Bank	12	19	6
				Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	91	18	1
Printing, Stationery and Postages	14	1	10				
	<u>£212</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£212</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

MUSEUM FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Exhibits, Show Cases, etc.	24	1	6	Subscriptions	107	2	0
Printing and Postages	1	6	1	Interest—3% Defence Bonds	2	12	6
Miscellaneous Expenses	20	11	9				
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	63	15	2				
	<u>£109</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£109</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Garden Party and Entertainment	70	7	5	Subscriptions	63	0	6
Printing, Stationery and Postages	5	10	11	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	12	17	10
	<u>£75</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£75</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

JOURNAL FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Printing Journal (two issues)	358	5	0	Subscriptions	235	10	10
Add Stock of Journals at 31st December, 1947	35	10	0	Interest—3% Defence Bonds	8	0	3
				Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	163	3	11
Printing, Stationery and Postages	393	15	0				
	<u>£406</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£406</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1948

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND:								CURRENT ASSETS:					
Balance at 31st December, 1947	95	9	10					£240 3% Defence Bonds, at cost	240	0	0		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	11	11	0					Debtors for Journals	36	12	0		
				107	0	10		Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd.	146	5	3		
ANNUAL DINNER FUND:								Cash at Post Office Savings Bank	532	12	1		
Balance at 31st December, 1947	638	11	11					Cash in hand (including postage stamps)	7	6	8		
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	91	18	1								962	16	0
				546	13	10							
MUSEUM FUND:													
Balance at 31st December, 1947	334	7	4										
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	63	15	2										
				398	2	6							
Deduct Transfer to Regimental Picture Fund	200	5	6										
				197	17	0							
ANNUAL REUNION FUND:													
Balance at 31st December, 1947	16	4	10										
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	12	17	10										
				3	7	0							
REGIMENTAL PICTURE FUND:													
Cost of Salerno Picture and expenses of Exhibition	500	6	0										
Deduct Provision for cost of picture at 31st December, 1947	187	8	4										
Transfer from Museum Fund	200	5	6										
Balance paid from Regimental Funds	112	12	2										
				500	6	0							
DEDUCT JOURNAL FUND, OVERDRAWN:				854	18	8							
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	163	3	11										
Less Balance at 31st December, 1947	101	1	3										
				62	2	8							
				792	16	0							
CREDITOR—for Printing Journal (estimated)				170	0	0							
				£962	16	0					£962	16	0

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have examined the above Balance Sheet. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Club and is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers of the Club and the information and explanations given to us.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1949.
GUILDFORD.

(Signed) KELLER SNOW & CO., Auditors,
Chartered Accountants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CONGRATULATIONS to Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Grimston on the birth of a son, and to Lieut.-Colonel and Lady Hilana Gibbs and Major and Mrs. Clowes on the birth of daughters.

The son of Major and Mrs. R. H. Philpot was christened Godfrey Ashley Philpot on 12th March, 1949. The Godfather was Brigadier R. E. Pickering.

Our congratulations to Capt. F. J. Hesketh-Williams on his successful and efficient conduct of the case of an ex-Sergeant who was in great need owing to serious disability, and also to Mr. A. J. Harris on the great interest taken in ex-members of the Regiment who are in hospital permanently disabled. Grateful thanks are also due to many others among our voluntary workers.

A limited number of paper bound copies of the "Roll of Honour, 1939-45" are now available for sale at £1 1s. per copy. Enquiries to the Secretary, The Queen's Royal Regiment War Memorial Fund, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, Surrey.

As explained in the Editorial, in place of the second issue of the JOURNAL News-Letters will be published on 1st July and 1st January approximately. Will all units and individuals please send in short accounts of all events and news of interest a fortnight beforehand?

The Band of The Queen's Royal Regiment has several vacancies for boys for training as Bandsmen. Ages from 15 years to 17 years.

E. A. Fellowes (8th Battalion, 1914-18) is now Clerk Assistant to the House of Commons.

On the night of Friday, 25th March, there were three Reunions: the Officers' Club Buffet Supper, the 10th Battalion (1914-18), and the 8th Battalion (1914-18). This was much regretted and it will help to avoid such clashes if organizers will send dates well ahead to be included in this column.

Congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel D. W. Clarke on his O.B.E. (in 1948), and to Major Hackett Pain on his M.B.E. in the New Year Honours.

Also to N. E. Hooper on winning the Army Squash Championship and representing England against Ireland.

The following is an extract from a letter from G. C. Oldham, who has emigrated to New Zealand.

He met at a cocktail party R. M. Burdon, who was in the 2nd Battalion in the 1914-18 war. "I do not recommend emigration to anyone over the age of 50, unless they know exactly to what they are going. This country has been extremely good to us, and the climate is a lot kinder to me than was that of Great Britain, but I do not think I should care to go through this last year again under any circumstances. At the same time now that we have taken the plunge and have succeeded in finding a home here, I would not go home, for we have burnt our boats, both physical and social. Our son will, I hope, bless this venture of ours. He should take his degree by the time he is 22, which is some years earlier than he could hope to do at home. He will then be eligible not only for Associateship of the N.Z. Institute of Architects, but also for the Royal Institute of British Architects as well. He will, therefore, have the choice of working wherever he likes when the time comes. In the meantime he has the advantages of good food and plenty of sunshine. I myself am hoping to be accepted as an Associate of the N.Z. Institute shortly. I still wonder if

I have the distinction of being the only Queen's Regular to have become a member of the Royal Institute:

"It may be of interest to you to have this extract from a letter I received recently from a friend in Hong Kong to whom I wrote asking for news about the fate of the Regimental Memorial to those officers and other ranks who lost their lives in 1867(?). The memorial was put in St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, in 1928 and I did the design. He says: '... I have been trying to find out about it (the memorial) as all the memorials have gone from the walls. The other day I met the Dean, who is a friend of mine, and he tells me that all were removed during the Japanese occupation. (The Cathedral was at one time used as a stable by the Japanese until the Roman Catholic Bishop here cleared them out—a generous and courageous act.) The memorials were apparently rather damaged but have been found dumped in the Christian cemetery and the Cathedral authorities are trying to piece them together. If I can hear any further about them I will let you know.'"

Our allied Canadian Regiment, the Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), send us regularly their very entertaining and well-produced magazine, which can be seen at the Depot.

F. P. Mawditt is Secretary of the 'Thatched House Club, a famous old club in St. James's Street.

Colonel and Mrs. Bolton would like to get into touch with their old Aldershot batman, Louis Robinson, who used to live in Eastbourne.

Bill Bracken (late 70th Battalion) and Pat Richardson (late 30th Battalion), both famous skiers, have spent the winter teaching skiing at Zermatt. The former has had a bad accident.

We reprint the following from the *Surrey Times*: "Capt. R. E. T. Russell, Haydon Place, Guildford. Certificate of Good Service. Capt. Russell is Adjutant of the 300-strong Queen's Cadet Battalion, Chairman of Guildford Branch 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades' Association, which he helped to form, and Vice-President of, and borough representative for, the Association. He joined the staff of the local office of the National Assistance Board on being invalided out of the Queen's in 1940—he fought in both World Wars—and was commissioned in the Army Cadet Force in 1944."

Joe Buckingham, former P.T. Instructor, is now the proud possessor of his own house.

Jerry Norton and "Buzz" Swain, ex-2nd Battalion Band, still support each other at times with a Guildford dance band.

Charlie Brooks, former Bandmaster, 1st Battalion, now has a Territorial Army Band at Coventry.

Ernie Childs has now retired from the Railways. He doesn't stop at the "Home Signal," however. Distance is no object when he wishes to see old friends.

A. L. Finnegan writes from Australia to say that hard work kills nobody, and says he is doing well.

Les Barton is still supplying the fish needs of Guildford. We sampled some of his "kippers"—found no dyeing, but real smoke!

Carrier Sergeants come and go, but Harry Beadle is still coming as a C.Q.M.S. (T.A.).

Snowy Hankin and Monty Mortimer are beginning to know Guildford—ask the G.P.O.!

Don Leslie paid us a flying visit a few days ago. He is still “minting” coins, but not counter-
feit.

Sid Bicknell is still training “Drums” (and Pipers!) in Croydon.

Sid Barker, M.M., got tired of a peaceful life. He is now with the Malayan Police.

A. F. Freelove has taken his family to Canada.

Charlie Guiver paid us a visit a short time ago. He is looking well.

Buntly Hammond recently married. Congratulations to both him and his wife (formerly Mrs. Gannon).

Darkey Hill, famous centre half of Army Cup days, is now king pin in the defence of office buildings in London.

News from Harry Mann and Jack Style show that the 2nd/4th Battalion O.C.A. is still a very lively concern. Among other activities, they are “framing” tours and other outings at all times. We shall no doubt see a strong party from this Battalion O.C.A. on 17th July.

It was a pleasing sight to see Sergt. (Bob) Norman, late Depot Staff; in April, and to find that he is now discharged from hospital after two years. His son remains in hospital, and we wish this family better luck in the future. Norman is now on discharge leave.

Reg Aylett late 2nd Battalion, is ensuring safety on British Railways. He is Secretary of a Home Guard Association, and at a recent dinner he looked as “alert” as he did in those grand cadre days of the 2nd Battalion.

Mick Slater is always pleased to see any of the Queen's at the Fox and Hounds, Crookham. Only don't ask him for regimental ties!

Young Bill Stevens has joined the Hospital service. He will push your stretcher carefully when you need one!

Alf Vidler has now developed into a stout Lancastrian (with accent).

Sergt. Gordon Jones, now with F.S.S., writes to send best wishes to the 1st Battalion. He hopes they managed to keep their place at the top of the Berlin Hockey League. He is keeping his hockey up to scratch and is playing in a Garrison Final Knockout Tournament for his present unit.

Bill Coldman, former R.S.M., 5th Battalion, has now transferred from the Half Moon, Farncombe, to The Cannon, Portsmouth Road, Guildford. The welcome awaiting any Queen's man at The Cannon will not be “cold.”

O.C.A. NOTES

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1948

THE Committee presents herewith the Annual Report and Abstract of Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 :—

ASSOCIATION.

Membership.—Life Members, 1,617; Annual Subscribers, 608; total 2,225 as compared with 1947 when figures were Life Members, 1,563; Annual Subscribers, 767; total 2,330.

Employment.—Now that the Ministry of Labour, the Regular Forces Employment Association and the Forces Help Society can do so much for those seeking employment, Association activities in this respect are mainly concerned with putting applicants, particularly those expecting to return home from abroad, in touch with those organizations. Placings during 1947 were O.C.A., 7; R.F.E.A., 147; the latter being subject to addition when final numbers are reported.

Loans.—A further £360 was advanced during the year and repayments amounted to £309 9s. leaving £625 11s. due to the Association. Rate of repayment increased during the period, but some borrowers still find difficulty in meeting commitments.

Reunion Church Service and Garden Party.—This Reunion is increasing in popularity. Two hundred members with families attended the Service in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and over 1,000, including families, the Garden Party at Stoughton Barracks. Both events took place on Sunday, 18th July, 1948, and the success foreshadows, it is hoped, an increase in 1949.

Local Representatives.—Number of volunteers has now increased to 50, and instances of their valuable work arise often during investigation of cases needing help, obtaining new members, and visits paid to sick at home and in hospital.

CHARITABLE FUND.

Assistance given.—Increase in applications for aid continues, 512 cases having been dealt with and 378 grants amounting to £1,936 6s. 2d. authorized.

Summary of grants is as follows:—

Illness, self, wife or children	168	Clear family debts	17
Funeral expenses	7	Aid after eviction from house	1
Convalescent grants	13	Replace bedding destroyed	1
Re-establish home	9	Maintenance wife pending reconcilia- tion	1
Invalid chairs, cycles, limbs	3	Removal expenses	10
Debts, loss of business	2	Aged persons in need	20
Fares to take up employment	3	Fares, visit children in hospital	1
Surgical appliances	2	Clothing for children	3
Tools for work	7	Legal aid	2
Disabled, help for home work	4	Strike off of loans	3
Permanently incapacitated	4	Tide over, unemployment	16
Family, husband under sentence	1	Emigration passage	3
Accidents, away from work	18	Special for maternity	3
Special for furniture	1	Disabled, establish business	4
Intermittent illness (unemployment)	2	Family, husband in mental home	1
Clothing on discharge hospital	1	Business training course fees	1
Deaf aid appliances	1		
Fire damage, not covered by insurance	1		

Widows:—

Dentures	1	Replace lost bedding (fire)	1
Tools and materials for home work ...	2	Removal expenses	1
Children's illness	3	Road charges by council	1
Educational fees, children	3	Funeral expenses, child	1
Illness	7	Widow, not eligible for pension ...	1
Clothing for children	9	Resettle home	2
Replace loss of earnings	1	Aged, in need	2
Family debts	3	Convalescence	1
Tide over, pending issue of pension ...	1		

Orphans:—

Supplement holiday grant 1

Subscriptions and Donations to Other Organizations.—In addition to the sum of £92 19s. approved at the last Annual Meeting, the sum of £12 2s. was approved and given during the year, making a total of £105 1s.

ALL RANKS' DINNER CLUB.

Membership.—Life Members, 379; Annual Subscribers, 392; total 771, as against 1947 figures of Life Members, 351; Annual, 474; total 825.

Dinner for 1948.—Held at the Old Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on 26th June, 1948. Attendance was disappointing, being 320 as against 400 in 1947.

Ballot on 1949 Dinner.—Only 416 ballot papers were returned in response to 976 circulars sent out. Result of voting was as follows:—

1. Shall Dinner be held in 1949?—For 214; Against 183; total 397.
2. Agree to pay charge for ticket over and above subscription.—For 318; Against 75; total 393.
3. Will Garden Party alone meet reunion wishes 1949?—For 229; Against 161; total 390.

Other papers returned.—Not voted 11; Gone away 2; Deceased 1; Spoilt 1; Abide by majority decision 4; total 19.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance on hand at 31st December, 1948, £11,083 13s. 1d.

Temporary Holiday Scheme.—Pending the establishment of a holiday centre, a temporary scheme for holiday grants in approved cases was commenced. Forty-one such grants were approved, amounting to £259 14s. and many letters of appreciation have been received from beneficiaries.

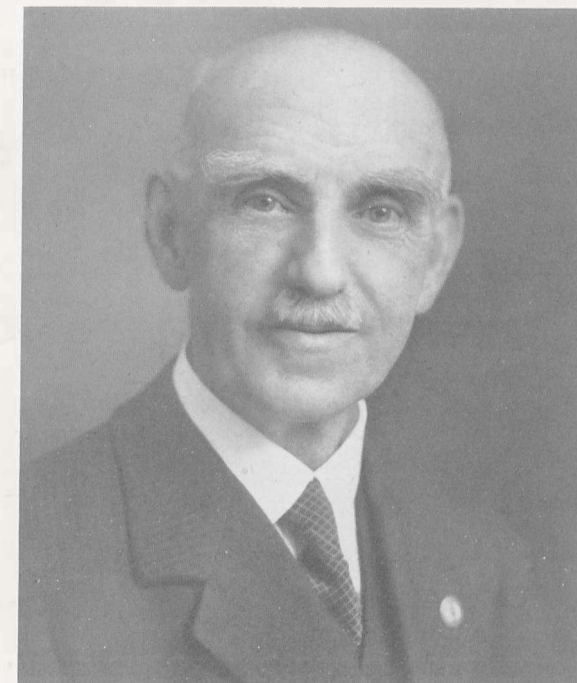
Memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.—Plans for the additions to the Memorial are practically complete and a faculty for permission to have the work done has been applied for.

Roll of Honour.—The Roll of Honour for 1939-45 has been submitted to the printers and fifty additional copies for sale have been ordered.

Policy.—It has been decided that after withholding sufficient to cover costs of Roll of Honour and additions to our War Memorial in Holy Trinity Church, the balance of the Fund be invested through S.S. and A.F.S. and a Trust Deed to this effect has been executed with that Association. Income from such investments will be devoted to the temporary scheme for holiday grants. An application to the Chief Inspector of Taxes for exemption from Income Tax has been approved.

GIFT FOOD PARCELS.

Schemes for gift food parcels to selected nominees of The Regiment have been organized by a former officer of the 7th (S) Battalion and the British Children's Comforts Fund, Australia, and a former officer of the 8th (S) Battalion, Kenya. As a result 200 of our nominees have been receiving the parcels and further lists of names have been submitted to the organizers, who hope to continue the schemes for some time. In addition, the first-mentioned officer has arranged through this Association for 70 similar parcels to be sent to persons nominated by each of the Home Counties Regiments.



[Photo: Haines, London]

MR. P. E. ROWLEY, who has retired after the following service—Military Service, 1894 to 1914. Civilian Orderly Room Clerk, 1914 to 1938. Clerk to Old Comrades Association, 1938 to 1947.



[Photo: Manchester Evening News]

THE C.I.G.S. (FIELD-MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM SLIM) at his inspection of the Eaton Hall O.C.T.U. speaking to Officer Cadet Drury, of the Queen's Royal Regt., of Charterhouse. Behind the C.I.G.S. is the Commandant, Lt.-Colonel D. L. A. Gibbs, also of the Queen's Royal Regiment.

The Committee desires to place on record grateful thanks and sincere appreciation for this practical token of good will.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Annual Church Service and Garden Party.—Will take place on Sunday, 17th July, 1949. Service will be at Holy Trinity Church during the morning and the Garden Party at Stoughton Barracks during the afternoon. Families will be welcomed. Applications for tickets, stating number required and whether lunch will be needed, should be sent to the Secretary not later than 20th June, 1949.

All Ranks' Annual Dinner.—The All Ranks' Dinner will be held in London on Saturday, 22nd October, 1949. Applications for tickets should be sent to the Secretary not later than 1st October, 1949. Life Members and paid up Annual Subscribers should enclose cheque or postal order for 3s. 6d. and Annual Subscribers *not yet paid up* should send as follows :—

Officers.—Subscription 7s. 6d., extra charge 3s. 6d.—total 11s.

Other Ranks.—Subscription 3s., extra charge 3s. 6d.—total 6s. 6d.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee desires on behalf of all ranks, past and present, to express gratitude to all those who have shown a kindly interest by supporting the Association, the Charitable Fund, and the War Memorial Fund so generously.

The help given by the Forces Help Society, the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Family Welfare Association, and other Regimental Associations, has again proved most valuable and their co-operation is greatly appreciated.

All subscribers are earnestly requested to notify changes of address as they occur. Please *keep in touch*.

Subscriptions for 1949 are now due and should be sent to the Secretary, The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, Surrey.

F. WASPE, MAJOR, *Secretary*.

J. A. R. FREELAND, MAJOR, *Hon. Treasurer*.

G. J. GIFFARD, GENERAL, *Chairman*.

24TH LONDON REGIMENT (7TH QUEEN'S)
NOW 622 (QUEEN'S) H.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (T.A.)

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 Social: Mr. T. G. Bromige (Convenor), Messrs. Akers, Howard, Pryor, Sullivan and Symonds.
 Liaison with Sergeants' Mess: Messrs. Fluke and Sullivan.

NEWS ITEMS

Friday night is O.C.A. night at the Territorial Centre, Braganza Street, Walworth, S.E.17, and apart from these weekly meetings four other occasions during recent months have afforded members opportunity to forgather, viz:—

On Remembrance Sunday, 7th November, when the solemnities of the occasion were observed at the Battalion Memorial in Kennington Park, S.E. Despite a foul morning over 100 of our members paraded, along with serving members of the unit, Cadets of 3rd (London) Bn. The Queen's with Band, and members of the local branch of British Legion, the whole being under the command of Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., President of the O.C.A.

On Friday, 26th November, when a Smoking Concert was attended by some 80 members and friends.

On Friday, 25th February, for the Annual General Meeting.

On Saturday, 19th March, when it was a case of "house full" at The Victory Club, Seymour Street, W., for the Annual Reunion Dinner. Some 130 sat down, Brigadier R. H. Senior presiding. Among those supporting the Chair were Brigadier Alan Block, Lieut.-Colonel Paul Adams, Major Hawken (Second-in-Command, 622 (Queen's) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., T.A.), Major W. D. Griffiths (recently home from Singapore), Major Jessup, Major Freeman, and Major Frank Snowden.

Almost needless to add, "A good time was had by all."

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

LIST OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES, 1949.

BERKSHIRE	
<i>Reading</i>	Alec Chapman, "Braganza," 91, Loddon Road, Woodley, Reading.
DEVONSHIRE	
<i>Exeter</i>	C. A. S. Hall, 81, Wykes Road, Exeter, Devon.
DURHAM	
<i>Ryton-on-Tyne</i>	H. E. Nicholls, 6, Wallace Terrace, Ryton-on-Tyne.
HAMPSHIRE	
<i>Aldershot</i>	B. E. Hopkins, 42, Weybourne Road, Aldershot.

<i>Portsmouth</i>	Capt. N. B. Riches, 82, Highbury Grove, Cosham, Portsmouth.
HERTFORDSHIRE	
<i>Cheshunt</i>	E. W. Godden, M.M., "Lynwood," Churchgate, Cheshunt.
<i>Ware</i>	R. Catchpole, No. 1, Cottage, Balsams, Standon, Ware.
LONDON	
<i>Bermondsey</i>	Major E. D. Mayhew, M.C. Capt. D. F. Kellie Lieut.-Colonel H. Cook, M.C. } c/o The Drill Hall, 2, Jamaica Road, London, S.E.16.
<i>Finchley</i>	E. F. Townsend, 34, Layard Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16.
<i>Leyton</i>	P. H. Grou, 69, Hutton Grove, North Finchley, N.12.
<i>Norwood</i>	C. W. Metson, 41, Etchingham Road, Leyton, E.15.
<i>Southgate</i>	J. W. Grey, 48, Whitworth Road, South Norwood, S.E.25.
<i>Westminster and South-West</i>	R. H. Hawkins, 9, Oliver Avenue, South Norwood, S.E.27. G. Steadman, 14, Wynchgate, Southgate, N.14. F. J. Hesketh-Williams, Verles House, Stone Street, nr. Sevenoaks, Kent.
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MIDDLESEX	
<i>Hayes</i>	J. P. Evans, 1, Hillbourne Close, Hayes. (Phone: Minerva 3128)
<i>Wembley</i>	C. N. Bradnock, 54, Beechcroft Gardens, Wembley Park.
NORFOLK	
<i>Thetford</i>	Major W. J. Short, The Dugout, 2, St. Nicholas Street, Thetford.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
<i>Long Eaton</i>	W. J. Mead, 1, Orchard Street, Long Eaton.
SHROPSHIRE	
<i>Ludlow</i>	Lieut.-Colonel N. A. Willis, O.B.E., 41, Mill Street, Ludlow.
SOMERSET	
<i>Porlock</i>	H. K. Reeves, Hacketty Way, Porlock.
STAFFORDSHIRE	
<i>Willenhall</i>	Ben Evans, 109, Temple Road, Willenhall.
SURREY	
<i>Banstead and Sutton</i>	Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Bolton, D.S.O., O.B.E., 47, Sanderfield Road, Banstead.
<i>Chertsey</i>	Capt. C. R. Hurley, "Wood Rising," Virginia Water.
<i>Croydon</i>	Major R. Merrett, Shirley Lodge, Wickham Road, Croydon. H. Mann, 22, Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon. V. Porrett, 5, St. Leonards Road, Croydon.
<i>Guildford</i>	R. E. T. Russell, 1, Haydon Place, Guildford.
<i>Haslemere</i>	C. W. Weeks, 1, New Mill Cottages, Shottermill.
<i>Redhill and Reigate</i>	Major N. B. Avery, M.C., 3, Brownlow Road, Redhill.
<i>Selsdon</i>	F. Payne, "Birdhurst," Wray Park Road, Reigate.
<i>Shamley Green</i>	W. D. Twitchett, 55, Heathfield Vale, Selsdon.
<i>Surbiton</i>	Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O., Woodhill Farm, Shamley Green, Surrey.
<i>Thornton Heath</i>	A. J. Harris, 15, Ravenswood Avenue, Tolworth.
<i>Wallington</i>	F. Gater, 12, Bridport Road, Thornton Heath. G. W. Taylor, 28, Milton Road, Wallington. (Phone: Wallington 7975).
SUSSEX	
<i>East Grinstead</i>	Squadron Leader V. C. Harvey, M.C., D.C.M., "Oaklands," Furzefield Road, East Grinstead.
<i>Goring, Lancing and Worthing</i>	Major F. L. Simmons, 31, Angus Road, West Worthing.
<i>Hastings</i>	F. J. Tree, 42, Sandown Road, Hastings.
<i>Hove</i>	Major W. T. Crook, 58, North Street, Portslade-by-Sea.
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<i>Coventry</i>	E. Schnabel, The Cabin, Meriden, nr. Coventry. (Phone: Meriden 220)
<i>Leamington Spa</i>	Capt. C. P. Stevens, Yew Tree Cottage, Harbury, nr. Leamington Spa.
YORKSHIRE	
<i>Coneythorpe</i>	J. Tubbs, A.M.I.B.E., Coneythorpe, Yorks.
<i>Castleford</i>	T. W. Guile, 74, Front Street, Glasshoughton, Castleford.
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
<i>High Wycombe</i>	Capt. R. E. Dowson, Oak Cottage, Tylers Green, High Wycombe.
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THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1948

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Salaries and National Insurances	578 8 11	Subscriptions	245 0 1
Printing, Stationery and Postage	52 3 0	Donations	639 0 0
Garden Party	40 4 5	Life Members (Proportion)	65 0 0
Miscellaneous Expenses	34 15 3	Bank Interest	1 11 11
Excess of Income over Expenditure	245 0 5		
£950 12 0		£950 12 0	

CHARITABLE FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Grants in aid	1,936 6 2	Donations	336 0 8
Donations and Subscriptions to Other Organizations	105 1 0	Dividends	539 18 0
Stationery and Postage	12 0 5	Bank Interest	34 15 11
		Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,142 13 0
£2,053 7 7		£2,053 7 7	

INVESTMENTS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1948

£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Funding 4% Stock, 1960/90	2,000 0 0	Australia 3½% Stock, 1965/69	4,713 2 2
Ontario and Quebec Railway (C.P.R.) 5% Perm. Debentures	400 0 0	Defence 2½% Bonds	500 0 0
Australia 3% Stock, 1955/58	423 4 6	Defence 2½% Bonds, Conversion Issue	1,400 0 0
Leeds Corporation 3½% Stock, 1957/60	692 10 6	British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1968/73	2,000 0 0
Savings 3% Bonds, 1955/65	1,000 0 0	British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1978/88	2,000 0 0
Savings 3% Bonds, 1960/70	600 0 0	Total as held by U.S. Trustee	22,567 6 4
Savings 3% Bonds, 1960/70 (P.O. Issue)	150 0 0	National Savings Certificates (held by Association)	180 0 0
Savings 3% Bonds, 1965/75	1,500 0 0		
L.C.C. 3% Stock, 1962/67	2,683 8 11		
N. Ireland 3% Stock, 1956/61	505 0 3		
Defence 3% Bonds, 4th Issue	600 0 0		
Consols 4% Stock, 1957 and after	1,400 0 0		
		£22,747 6 4	

DINNER CLUB

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Salaries	20 0 0	Subscriptions	106 5 0
Dinner, 1948	256 18 2	Dividends	15 0 0
Stationery and Postage	1 16 6	Life Members (Proportion)	27 13 0
		Bank Interest	16 6
£278 14 8		£278 14 8	

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Holiday Grants	259 14 0	Donations	415 3 3
Alterations, Memorial Casket	53 0 0	Bank Interest	40 10 8
Stationery and Postage	5 3 6		
Miscellaneous Expenses	10 18 6		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	136 17 11		
£465 13 11		£465 13 11	

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1948

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND:					ADVANCES—Balance at 31st December, 1947	555	0 0
Balance at 31st December, 1947	387	11 2			Add Advances during 1948	380	0 0
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	245	0 5				935	0 0
			632	11 7	Less Repayments during 1948	309	9 0
LIFE MEMBERS' FUND:							625 11 0
Balance at 31st December, 1947	599	0 0			CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND:		
Add Subscriptions received 1948	57	0 0			Lloyds Bank Ltd.	637	19 6
	656	0 0			In hand	1	1
Less Proportion transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	65	0 0					638 0 7
			591	0 0			
SIMPSON BEQUEST:							
Balance at 31st December, 1947	10	0 0					
Add Amount received during year	50	0 0					
	60	0 0					
Less Payments during year	20	0 0					
			40	0 0			
			£1,263 11 7				1,263 11 7
CHARITABLE FUND:					CHARITABLE FUND:		
Balance at 31st December, 1947	27,235	2 2			Investments (held by U.S. Trustee) at cost (market value, £23,685)	22,657	1 11
Add Investment Reserve	1,060	13 7			National Savings Certificates at cost	180	0 0
Premium on Conversion of 3% Defence Bonds	9	0 0			Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd.	791	3 9
	28,304	15 9			Cash in hand	17	1
Less Transfer to War Memorial Fund	3,533	0 0					
Excess of Expenditure over Income during year	1,142	13 0					
			4,675	13 0			
			23,629 2 9				23,629 2 9
WAR MEMORIAL FUND:					WAR MEMORIAL FUND:		
Balance at 31st December, 1947	7,414	6 2			Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd.	11,083	13 11
Add Transfer from Charitable Fund	3,533	0 0			Cash in hand	10	2
Excess of Income over Expenditure during year	136	17 11					
			3,669	17 11			
			11,084 4 1				11,084 4 1
ALL RANKS' DINNER CLUB FUND:					ALL RANKS' DINNER CLUB FUND:		
Balance at 31st December, 1947	666	4 3			2½% Defence Bonds at cost	600	0 0
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income during year	129	0 2			Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd.	186	19 4
			537	4 1	Cash in hand	4	9
LIFE MEMBERS' FUND:							787 4 1
Balance at 31st December, 1947	239	0 0					
Add Subscriptions received 1948	38	13 0					
	277	13 0					
Less Proportion to Income and Expenditure Account	27	13 0					
			250	0 0			
			787 4 1				£36,764 2 6
			£36,764 2 6				£36,764 2 6

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have examined the above Balance Sheet. We have obtained all the explanations and information we have required. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Association and is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers of the Association and the information and explanations given to us.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1949.

GUILDFORD.

(Signed) KELLER SNOW & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

3RD PARACHUTE REGIMENT

THE following has been received from Officer Commanding 3rd Parachute Regiment :—
 "We now only recruit Regulars. About 50 per cent. of the Battalion (and of the two other regular Parachute Battalions) are Age and Service Group men who will soon be gone. Recruiting for the Parachute Regiment is at a very low ebb, so the situation will soon be critical. It would be a thousand pities if the Infantry is unable to keep three regular parachute battalions going—we (the Infantry) have already been much reduced and a tour with the Parachute Regiment is a most valuable experience for both officers and men."

TRADITION.—The Parachute Regiment was formed during the late war and its units took part in many famous operations : they dropped in Sicily in 1943, and in Normandy in 1944, prior to the seaborne assaults ; they dropped at Arnhem in September, 1944, and on the east bank of the Rhine in 1945. After the war they served from 1946 to 1948 with the 6th Airborne Division in Palestine.

TODAY.—Today the Parachute Regiment has three Regular battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. They form a Brigade, which is to remain a permanent part of the British Army. Each battalion is affiliated to a number of regimental groups. The 3rd Parachute Battalion is affiliated to the following regiments :—

Home Counties Brigade.

The Queen's Royal Regiment.
 The Buffs.
 The Royal Fusiliers.
 The East Surrey Regiment.
 The Royal Sussex Regiment.
 The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

The East Anglian Brigade.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
 The Suffolk Regiment.
 The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
 The Essex Regiment.
 The Northamptonshire Regiment.

The Midland Brigade.

The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
 The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
 The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
 The Sherwood Foresters.

The Light Infantry Brigade.

The Somerset Light Infantry.
 The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
 The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
 The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
 The Durham Light Infantry.

The Green Jackets Brigade.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps.
 The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own).

TOURS OF DUTY, CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, ETC.—These are laid down in full in Army Council Instruction No. 329 of 1947.

- (a) Service in the Parachute Regiment is limited to Regulars who are volunteers and who have at least twelve months to serve when they volunteer.
- (b) Regular officers and men can volunteer under A.C.I. 329 of 1947 for a tour with the Parachute Regiment. On completion of this tour (normally three years), they can return to their regiments.
- (c) On volunteering for the Parachute Regiment, officers and men first complete an initial parachute course which lasts about five or six weeks. They will then normally be posted to the Parachute Battalion affiliated to their own regiment.
- (d) Parachutists of all ranks receive an extra 2s. 6d. per day parachute pay while serving with a parachute unit.
- (e) A tour of duty in the Parachute Regiment gives Regular officers and men an opportunity to gain an interesting, exciting and valuable experience.

Note.—At present, the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade is stationed in B.A.O.R.



L./CPL. J. W. SAYER, 8th BN. THE QUEEN'S
 who was posthumously awarded the V.C. for outstanding gallantry in the German attack of 1918, and his family



[Photograph sent by the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima in 1947.]

PART OF THE 1st BATTALION CEMETERY BELOW THE ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF JAIL HILL.



THE NAGA VILLAGE BATTLEFIELD IN KOHIMA, fought over from the first week in May to June, 1944. Monsoon clouds are scudding across the mountains.

8TH (S) BATTALION

THE Annual Wreath-laying Ceremony of the 24th Division took place at the Memorial in Battersea Park, London, S.W., on Saturday, 2nd October, 1948. The Divisional Commander, Major-General Sir John Capper, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., laid his customary wreath, and this was followed by floral tributes from other units of the Division, including the 8th Queen's.

The General, during a short speech touching on the Division's war activities, made special reference to the part played by the 8th Queen's during the German attack at Le Vergier in March, 1918.

He also complimented the Battalion on again having the largest attendance present at the ceremony.

It was at Le Vergier that L./Cpl. R. Sayer, a machine gunner, in the 8th Bn. The Queen's, won his V.C.

Among the officers present were: Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel F. D. Higham, M.B.E., Capt. W. Stacy, O.B.E., and Lieut. W. Parkill.

AN INFANTRY COMPANY IN ARAKAN AND KOHIMA

THE above is the title of the book by Major M. A. Lowry to be published in the late summer for 10s. 6d. In April, 1944, the Battalion, complete with mules, jeeps, etc., was flown up from Arakan to the Kohima front. The Battalion first attacked the Jail Hill position on 7th May. An extract about the second attack on Jail Hill on 11th May, 1944, is reproduced below:—

"At 0440 hours, it was still dark and as silent as a tomb. Then whistle, shriek, screech, and everything came down with a rending crash and clatter—M.G.s., anti-tank guns, artillery and mortars—a most impressive noise. The slopes to the left, above and to our right were silhouetted by the explosions in the darkness. We had one or two shorts from something, which landed in the Company, one falling behind us and one in the area, but no one was hurt. The enemy couldn't have known that this great army of men were assembled some 300 yards away, as we never had any interference from them. Just on 0500 hours we edged forward; as we did so I went over to each platoon and wished them the best of luck, and then the artillery ceased, only M.G. fire on flanks and some smoke shells bursting on and around the feature, otherwise quiet.

"(By 0500 hours there were the first signs of daylight, a grey haze was giving way to the inky blackness.) Up the spur and across the main road on to the enemy-held feature itself, the enemy put nothing down to stop us until about three-quarters of the way from the top, and then it started. Our speed and formation up the hill were grand and the men in terrific form. The Japs in one bunker on the left, just this side of the crest, beat it, and ran back and down the hill to the Jail area, and 10 Platoon caught these as they came up on to the top and were about to swing round towards the Jail. The left-hand leading section of theirs caught about 8 to 10 Japs running down, and they gave them everything. Pte. Day just stood up and sprayed them with his Bren gun and they all surged on and fired on the move. But this platoon weren't doing this without receiving a number of casualties; they were being heavily fired on from bunkers lower down the reverse slope and from the left, which of course were covering the Jap bunkers from which they had ousted the enemy. We were getting a great deal of interference from the right in the area of 11 Platoon, who were now up against immense difficulties and enemy crossfire from many and unknown directions. We reached the crest of the hill where the right-hand platoon first met trouble at about 0505 hours.

"The time was now about 0600 hours, during which time they had taken one bunker and driven the Japs out of another small one into the arms of 10 Platoon. But from now on movement forward was a very hard and costly business. 11 Platoon had been very hard hit. They had now lost their

1ST CADET BATTALION

It is with very much regret that we have to record that Colonel Wilkinson passed away very suddenly on 18th March whilst on a journey back from London. This is very sad news and he will be greatly missed by us all, as he was in command of the Battalion for no less than eighteen years.

Colonel Wilkinson served in the First World War as a Chaplain with the 47th Division, and was awarded the M.C. and the O.B.E. for his services. He was recalled to the Army at the beginning of the last war and served at H.Q. Eastern Command and also as Principal Chaplain in Northern Ireland until his retirement from the Army in 1942.

Colonel Wilkinson had been Rector of Merstham for the best part of twenty years and was also Rural Dean of Reigate at the time of his death.

Three officers and fifty cadets from the Battalion attended the County Parade at Leatherhead on 20th July, 1948, when the salute was taken by the then C.I.G.S., Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery. The shooting team from "D" Company (Reigate Grammar School) also paraded, and the C.I.G.S. presented them with their *News of the World* Shooting Competition Medals which they had won.

The Battalion went to camp at Cliff End, in the Isle of Wight, from 23rd July till 6th August. About 200 cadets were in camp for the first week and about 180 during the second week. Except for the last two or three days the weather was excellent and everyone enjoyed themselves. A varied programme of training was carried out with the assistance of three Sergeant-Major Instructors, and there was plenty of bathing and other sporting activities. We had visits from a number of distinguished personages, including the G.O.C. Aldershot District, who arrived in a helicopter.

During the winter the usual training has been taking place and many of the cadets are now working up for the Certificate "A" examination.

A number of changes took place at the end of the year. Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson, after eighteen years in command of the Battalion resigned on 31st December. The Battalion have every reason to be grateful to him for his many years of hard work on its behalf, and it was with great pleasure that we learnt a few weeks ago that Colonel Wilkinson had been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Battalion in recognition of his outstanding service. Major Goad, the Second-in-Command, is at present in command of the Battalion.

"D" Company (Reigate Grammar School) left the Battalion at the end of the year on transfer to the Combined Cadet Force. We are very sorry to lose them as they have always taken a full share in the Battalion's various activities.

SPORT.—The Battalion football team had a red-letter season in 1947/48. They played 31 matches and won 29, lost one and drew one. They won the Surrey County Cadet Cup and also finished top of the Youth Division of the Redhill League. This season has not been quite so successful as several of last year's team are now in the army, and we have been a little unlucky lately in the matter of injuries. The team are still in the County Competition and we are hoping for some further successes. In the County Swimming Championships the senior team tied for first place and the junior team won their championship.

In the County Athletic Championship the senior team won by a considerable margin, and we were also second in the junior event. The Battalion had three competitors and a reserve in the A.C.F. National Championships. Bellenger, of "D" Company, a son of a former Secretary of State for War, retained his title of high-jump champion with a jump of 5ft. 5in. Two of our cadets were in the Surrey team which finished second in the relay race. A team drawn from this Battalion won the senior relay race in the Surrey Youth Organizations' Championships, and Bellenger won the high jump.

SHOOTING.—In addition to the *News of the World* Competition, "D" Company again won the Boys of Surrey Shield, whilst "F" Company and "E" Company were 5th and 6th respectively.

At the A.C.F. meeting at Bisley, C.S.M. Smetham and L./Cpl. Brownlow ("D" Company) shot very well and each won a prize. In the Montgomery of Alamein .303 Cup the Battalion were 33rd. We shot for this in camp and the shoot was rather spoilt by wet weather.

1ST (LONDON) CADET BATTALION

On 30th May this year this unit celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, sixty glorious year of unbroken continuity of service to the youth of London. For many years before the Army Cadet Force came into being, we had companies in Pimlico, Westminster, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Chelsea, Battersea, Victoria, Kensington, Southwark, Islington, and Highbury.

It was all started in one little room in Southwark by Miss Octavia Hill, with the help of the late Colonel Albert Salmond, Colonel L. W. Bennett, C.B.E., and his brother, Cyril F. Bennett. From 1906 until 1921 the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable C. R. Attlee, was an officer in "D" Company, Stepney. Many other personalities, such as Mr. Justice Hallett, Mr. Justice Croom Johnson, also served as officers in this unit. Also Capt. John Hollington Grayburn, V.C., who was killed whilst holding the bridge at Arnhem, was a lieutenant in "B" Company, Southwark.

Although we are now confined to four companies only, namely "A" and "B" Companies at 31 Union Street Southwark "G" Company at 21 Cross Street, Islington, N.1, and "H" Company at the Drill Hall, Offord Road, Holloway, N.1, we still manage to maintain our traditional quality. Certificate "A" passes are above average. "A" Company, Southwark, have been awarded the King George V Shield for shooting, with an average of 90 per cent., and "B" Company, Southwark, had an average of 89.6 per cent. C.S.M. R. Parfett was awarded a silver medal for scoring a possible. We won the County of London "Graves" Challenge Cup for .303 shooting. Cpl. Fossey, of "H" Company, was awarded the Greenspan Cup for the best individual boxer in the County of London. We have three county boxing champions. The Battalion football team have again reached the County of London football final; they will play the Battersea Grammar School Cadets, who beat them last year in the final 2-0. This year we hope to beat them. The companies are open Monday to Friday inclusive from 7.30 till 9.30 p.m. Activities are physical training, boxing, shooting, cadet training for Certificate "A," and indoor games: billiards, table-tennis, darts, etc. "A" and "B" Companies also have a library of over 1,200 books. The Battalion is spending Easter at The East Surrey Depot, at the kind invitation of Major Cope, O.C. Depot. We march there on Good Friday, a distance of approximately ten miles, and after a week-end of training we march back on Easter Monday. Later on we are expecting to visit Stoughton Barracks for a week-end training, by kind permission of Major Freeland, O.C. Depot. Everybody is looking forward to this visit to our parent unit. In the past small contingents have had the pleasure of visiting Stoughton Barracks, but this will be the first time that the Battalion will be able to go altogether.

STOP PRESS

Further to my letter of last month, telling you of my Unit's activities, I have great pleasure in informing you that this Battalion will be inspected on 9th July, at 1700 hrs., at Temple Gardens, Victoria Embankment, by General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Colonel of the Regiment, when H.M. Queen Mary will be present and will present the Trophies.

Yours Sincerely,

P. F. HURST, Major and P.R.O.

3RD CADET BATTALION

DURING the past few years the Battalion has suffered through having only acting and temporary commanding officers. This difficulty has now been overcome by the recent appointment of Major H. A. Hora. Major Hora has had considerable service with the T.A. as Captain in the R.A.S.C., both before and during the last war, also as Musketry Officer with this Battalion. It is hoped that under his guidance great progress will now be made.

An effort is being made to re-form the Bugle Band; the lack of a really good instructor is, however, rather a handicap.

The Officers' Mess held a Guest Night early in March. This, although in the nature of an experiment, was so successful that it is hoped to make it an annual event.

The main activity at the moment is raising funds to assist Cadets to meet their camp expenses. A dance is to be held on the 26th March and a boxing tournament early in April. Both of these events, thanks to the Officer Commanding 598 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (Queen's), will be held in the Drill Hall, Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon. A stop-watch competition is also being organized.

4TH CADET BATTALION

SINCE the last issue of the Journal the 4th Cadet Battalion has suffered a very severe blow. Our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel S. J. Parker, O.B.E., passed away on Monday, 24th January.

He was a truly magnificent Commanding Officer and a great gentleman. He was loved by all from the youngest recruit to his oldest officers. His kindness, inspiration, fairness and keenness will never be surpassed. His love of his job, his deep understanding of youth, his uncanny accuracy in handling an awkward situation without harming anybody, but at the same time obtaining results, was truly magnificent. His faith in youth was unflinching and he always said, "Trust youth and they will not let you down"; and even when the odd few did, he was never discouraged. He understood them all.

He founded the Battalion in 1941, starting off with some five or six boys. He had an article in the form of an appeal in the local papers calling for recruits, and within a matter of a fortnight the Battalion had started with some two hundred boys who had called at his house to volunteer for the Army Cadet Corps. From then on the Battalion grew until, prior to the combined Cadet Forces in the schools, which resulted in our losing two companies, it reached the figure of between six and seven hundred boys. Colonel Parker had one aim in life, and that was to fit youth to take the helm when its time came. His inspiration was a call to all to do what they could for the Battalion, and it is to be hoped it will remain. So far as the character of the man is concerned, so far as his understanding of youth and his uncanny accuracy in handling youth and men are concerned, he is irreplaceable, for there is no other who could handle youth and staff with the same magnificent diplomacy which our late Commanding Officer exhibited.

The majority of the Battalion staff were present at his funeral, and two officers representing the Guards Depot, Caterham, were also present, together with two buglers and two drummers from the Depot, who sounded the Last Post at the end of the service at the Methodist Church, South Croydon. It was an impressive and fitting last farewell to our Colonel.

However, the Battalion still goes on, as it must do. This year our greatest success has been in sport, and we succeeded in winning the Surrey Junior A.C.F. Cross-Country Championship, and also the senior, in which we tied with the 4th Surreys. Sergt. W. Evans, of "E" Company, reached the semi-finals of the London District Boxing Championships and Cadet Atkins was runner-up in the finals. Amongst other things, with the co-operation of the manager of the local Caterham cinema, we staged a recruiting campaign by showing the Cadet film "Work Hard, Play Hard," on the screen on each of three nights. One of our most successful social events was an Olde Tyme Ball at our Headquarters last January, where we had the co-operation and assistance of the Parents' Association of "C" Company. On 16th April we are running another one, which we hope will be even more successful. During the week commencing 21st March we held a "Cadet Week" for recruiting, so that the Battalion is endeavouring to build up what it has lost in losing two school companies. In August the Battalion goes to Nodes Fort in the Isle of Wight for its annual camp, and either then or immediately afterwards we expect to know who is to be our new Commanding Officer. We have run several dances in aid of camp funds, and there have been several very successful ones. In fact, these dances help quite considerably in paying the boys' expenses.

The Battalion through all its trials goes on from strength to strength and it is hoped that it will continue to do so, because this is what our late Colonel would wish.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER, 1949

MAJOR D. H. FOSKETT

PERSONNEL familiar with the Bannu-Razmak Road and who contributed to the development of Razmak and similar camps may occasionally recall their experiences and wonder what changes have taken place since the 1st Battalion left Razmak.

The assumption of Frontier duties by Indian units of all arms progressed steadily before the partition and formation of Pakistan in 1947. In some cases no more than a normal relief was required, in Razmak, particularly in the case of Medium Artillery, B.O.Rs. set to to hand over and instruct the incoming personnel. In the question of transport, many animals and much saddlery and equipment changed hands. In view of the soldier's attitude to the mule, it was surprising to find some men developing a last-minute attachment to their animals.

There followed a short stand-still period when Indian units carried on the general role of the Army in accordance with the existing Frontier Policy.

After the establishment of Pakistan, a reduction of the military forces employed on the Frontier took place. It was the intention to counterbalance this by increasing the Civil Armed Forces (The Frontier Corps of Scouts and Frontier Constabulary) and by fostering pro-Pakistan tendencies among the Pathans.

In the past it was necessary to maintain considerable military forces to keep control. It is probably right to say that with improved communications the present-day Pathan has become less of a wild man than his father. His contacts with and knowledge of the settled districts has increased.

In any circumstances, therefore, a Government might have considered a moderation in the policy with a reduction of the Army element. This stage had possibly been reached when the Pakistan Government assumed responsibility for the Tribal areas.

It would be the natural wish of this new Government to attempt a good-will attitude to the Pathans, and any genuine feelings they had in this respect went hand in hand with events.

In the first place, for economic reasons the Pakistan Government had no wish to maintain more than the minimum force necessary.

Secondly, the formation of Pakistan was accompanied by the exodus of units earmarked for India. The forming of units of the new Pakistan Army required the minimum of operational commitments at this stage.

Thirdly, a conciliatory approach to the Pathans might offset political agitation for Pathanistan (a quite unworkable conception) and also any leanings the Pathans might have towards Afghanistan. From a defence point of view, the above tendencies would be acceptable to Pakistan. In this connection our old friend Ipi, although he must be getting on in years, has been able to adapt himself and still makes a living out of being a nuisance to Government.

Fourthly, a reduction of the Military forces on the Frontier would be facilitated by the fact that large numbers of Pathans were becoming involved in the Kashmir affair, and could devote their surplus energy to that area.

It has therefore come about that, by force of circumstances not running contrary to the general trend of progress in Frontier Policy, the Defence Department of the Pakistan Government has handed over much of the Army responsibility on the Frontier to the Civil Department of the North-West Frontier Province. The work has been taken on largely by the Frontier Corps of Scouts and Militia. The Corps have been expanded in order to shoulder the additional work, but not to an extent to equal the expense of maintaining Army units in Tribal Territory.

The withdrawal of the Army has necessitated the redistribution of the two main Waziristan Corps, The South Waziristan Scouts and the Tochi Scouts. The expansion of these Corps has not been to the extent that they can operate precisely to fill the posts and maintain the same lines of communication as the Army. Nor has this been thought necessary.

In North Waziristan a general withdrawal from the farthest posts has taken place. Razmak and Dasali are occupied by Khassadars (armed tribesmen under control of the Political Department) and Datakhel has been evacuated. The H.Q. of the Tochi Scouts is now at Mirali, but they still occupy Miranshah. They have filled the gap left by the Army at Thal in Kurram by taking over that camp.

The Tochi have in fact shortened their penetration towards the Afghan border and have taken fresh responsibilities nearer the settled districts.

In South Waziristan the S.W.S. have established their H.Q. at Wana, which was evacuated by the Army. They have abandoned what might be described as flank posts at Tiarza and Saroroga and are strung out on their main line of communication Manzai-Wana. In a way, they have done the opposite of the Tochi.

The Khyber area is in the hands of the Khyber Rifles, recently re-raised as one of the Frontier Corps. Their H.Q. is at Landikotal.

Similar changes have taken place throughout the Frontier from Baluchistan to Chitral, and the strength of the Gilgit Scouts has been increased, although they do not supplant any Military forces. The process continues and the above is only to indicate the general trend.

The reduction of military forces in the Tribal areas should not be thought to indicate an intention to abandon those areas. Their importance from a defence point of view must surely be as great as ever. Political influence is still pursued and the Razmak and similar forward areas are not inaccessible to political personnel.

Restraint has been shown in implementing many changes sponsored by popular opinion and ill-informed politicians. This applies to such matters as the payments to the Tribes. Most items of this nature would not stand interference at the present time. No one would regard these and other expedients for keeping the peace in Tribal Territory as permanently desirable. Self-sufficiency and a life more akin to that of the settled districts are the conditions precedent to their removal.

Pakistan has risked the admission of tribesmen on an unprecedented scale, albeit for her own ends, to take part in the Kashmir troubles. With or without the intention, mingling in this fashion and accepting the social blacks which the raw tribesman inevitably makes on his initial visit must surely be a step to the closer relations with the Tribal areas which Pakistan desires.

Schemes on other lines, ranging from education to hydro-electric projects, are much publicized and it remains to be seen what progress is made.

WAZIRISTAN, 1920-21

BY MAJOR R. C. G. FOSTER, M.C.

THE Queen's have probably (though not quite certainly) done their last tour on the N.W. Frontier, so as no account of one has so far appeared in the JOURNAL (though a brief and rather impersonal account is given in Vol. VII of the Regimental History) the story of a fairly recent tour may be of interest.

The 2nd Battalion went to India in 1919, they were a fine battalion, at full strength and mostly war-experienced men who had re-enlisted for two, three or four years. One platoon alone (8 Platoon, commanded by Lieut. R. E. Pickering) had eight Military Medals.

The Battalion was, however, not fully organized and many specialists were still to come.

Our station was Bareilly in the U.P. Apleasant, small station with good shooting, old-fashioned thatched bungalows and long, sandy rides bordered with pampas grass. Here we stayed for a year, being acclimatized and learning Indian ways, including the rudiments of mountain warfare. Meanwhile on the Frontier heavy fighting was going on. In 1919 the Afghans had invaded India—luckily without much skill or energy, as the defending forces were, owing to post-war staleness and the claims of demobilization, in indifferent condition. So the invasion was thrown back. Many of the tribes and notably the Mahsuds and Wazirs had assisted or taken advantage of the invasion and when peace was signed their punishment remained due.

A considerable force was organized with the first object of penetrating to the heart of the Mahsud country at Kaniguram, and then dictating terms.



A PLATOON OF THE ZHOB MILITIA
(to which Major Fosskett was attached) on return from patrol.



THE OFFICERS AT HAIDARI KACH

Lieut. F. A. Jacob, Capt. R. H. Philpot, Lieut. F. T. Badcock, Capt. G. K. Olliver, Lieut. B. C. Haggard, 2/Lieut. R. A. Harrild, Lieut. A. P. Block, Major S. T. Watson, Capt. R. K. Ross, Lieut. H. J. Carpenter, Lt.-Col. E. B. Mathew-Lunnowe, Bt. Lt.-Col. P. J. Fearon, Major A. N. S. Roberts, Capt. C. J. M. Elliott, Capt. R. C. G. Foster, Lieut. J. H. Sillen, Lieut. Tabuteau (R.A.M.C.), 2/Lieut. Maxwell (I.A.V.L.), Lieut. R. C. Wilson.



HAIDARI KACH CAMP



THE ROAD TO LADHA (PIR GUL IN THE DISTANCE)

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No British battalions were originally included in this force, presumably as none were yet sufficiently organized and acclimatized for the task.

There were indeed originally a considerable number of very inexperienced units in the force and the start of the campaign was unhappy. Some units showed indifferent fighting spirit and for a time the tribesmen, many of whom had had good training in the Indian Army, had the upper hand.

The Waziristan force, however, in time gained experience and confidence, the weaker units were replaced, mainly by Gurkhas and in March, 1920, Kaniguram was reached and terms dictated to the Mahsuds.

The Wana Wazirs, though not as formidable as the Mahsuds, still remained unpunished and an expedition to occupy Wana and bring them to book was planned for the autumn.

It was to join this that the 2nd Battalion was ordered in October. The first notification (from a friend at Simla) was that we were to proceed to Ladd. The only place that could be found of that name was in the heart of Persia, so we were much intrigued but subsequently this proved to be Ladha, our ultimate but not immediate destination.

After forming a depot which proceeded to Rawalpindi the Battalion entrained on 2nd December under command of Major S. T. Watson. The journey was interminable but interesting, broken by a boat-crossing of the Indus at the spectacular gorge of Kalabagh, followed by a journey with defensive precautions up a narrow-gauge railway under the frontier hills to Tank.

This spot, reputed in summer to be the hottest in the world, was a real frontier station, mud walls, barbed wire and sentries everywhere.

On arrival we received a most hospitable invitation from 20 Squadron, R.A.F., to dine with them that evening. It was a night that lives in our memory. The airmen were, to put it mildly, a wild lot, and the frontier custom of loaded revolvers on the table in front of one, gave them lots of scope. Towards the end of the evening anything seemed to do as a target and it was a miracle no one was hurt.

In the cold light of dawn we had our first experience of camel and mule loading on a big scale. We had had previous instruction, so to speak, by numbers on single selected beasts but never on the considerable numbers now required. Looking back after much more experience of this beastly job, it is surprising that we did as well as we did and got out to time.

As our long column wound its way up the shallow nullah one of our 20 Squadron friends decided to bid us farewell by flying at head height up the column and down again, causing the utmost confusion and exasperation.

However, we reassembled and found our way successfully to Jandola, the big camp at the junction of the Shahur River (which leads to Wana) and the Tank Zam (which leads to Kaniguram and Mahsudland). Here our only British infantry predecessors, the Norfolks (whom we were ultimately to release) showed us their hospitality by pitching our tents and carrying our luggage.

Next day's march was deeply interesting, leading through the famous Shahur Tangi, the scene of many frontier episodes. This Tangi, with sheer walls and in many places only a few yards wide, looked the ideal place for ambushes, so much so that it was so carefully guarded that little was actually likely to occur.

A mile beyond the Tangi we reached our destination, Haidari Kach camp, which is so well shown in the photograph that no description is necessary.

Here we took over our sector of the L. of C. from the 58th Rifles. This was guarded in the first case by about ten permanent picquets each of about one platoon strength.

These picquets were sited on the most important tactical features, were stone built, nearly round, and self-contained in food, water and ammunition.

They were commanded by junior officers or senior N.C.Os. and for the period of the tour, usually a week, formed a most valuable training in command and organization.

In addition to these, each day two mobile platoons were sent out from camp. The object of these was to search and maintain clear the whole sector before and during the passage of the daily convoy. They moved over the hills by varied routes, searching by fire of all kinds any likely ambush areas. This again formed a most valuable form of battle training, similar to that again introduced in 1941.

Little enemy activity showed itself for some time, but in February one of a picquet garrison, Bandsman Edwards, was sniped and killed. Some rough retribution was taken and the event did not recur.

On 20th December, Colonel Mathew Lannowe, who had old experience of the frontier arrived to take over command and several interesting innovations were introduced.

There was an amplification of the battle training, individual battle courses were laid out in neighbouring nullahs and field-firing schemes including live support by mountain artillery and machine guns were held. In all these schemes a red Very light meant that real enemy had appeared and this show was no longer practice but the real thing. It is hard to imagine better training. As the country was fairly ridable a mounted infantry platoon was also formed under command of Sergt. Stafford, and mounted on small country ponies.

This platoon had great times, cantering over the stony river beds, usually as escort to the more senior officers.

At this period one interesting episode occurred. Our transport as usual went down to the river bed to water, but there was clearly a strong feeling of uneasiness among them. This increased until a general panic ensued and horses and mules alike stampeded in every direction by which a nullah made it possible. Most were duly recovered, but several, including some chargers, were permanently lost. No sound or sight had been noticed to account for the stampede but an expert to whom I have described it has suggested that the juice from the horny cones on horses legs, will cause uneasiness and attraction to other horses and might have been used to start the panic.

During the stay at Haidari Kach we lost through sickness one of our attached officers, Davis, a fine strong young New Zealander of the Staff Corps, probably the only officer of that Corps to die on the N.W. Frontier.

In spring the low-lying Shahur country was clearly becoming too hot for British troops under canvas and so the Battalion was moved round, up the Tank Zam to Ladha, the Brigade camp in the heart of the Mahsud country and commanding both Kaniguram and Makin.

The country here was very different, the hills were higher and the valleys broader, while the former were covered with scrub, making the location of enemy much more difficult. The system of convoy protection, therefore, was also different, the higher ground, often a thousand feet above, and a mile from, the river bed was occupied by permanent picquets, but these could not completely guard the river bed against enemy infiltration. This was done by a system of temporary picquets sent out from camp on all convoy days and occupying all the lower spurs along the route.

The system of establishing and recalling these was a highly skilled organization, for which a thorough knowledge of semaphore and a series of attractive coloured flags was then required.

Later, when we felt our experience justified it, we introduced improvements. Flying platoons, responsible for the sub-features on each sector, were substituted for the stationary minor picquets, these not only gave much better training but by moving by varied routes made any planned attack on the convoy much more hazardous.

The writer was not with the Battalion continuously during the remainder of the time so no complete history is possible, but some interesting episodes can be mentioned.

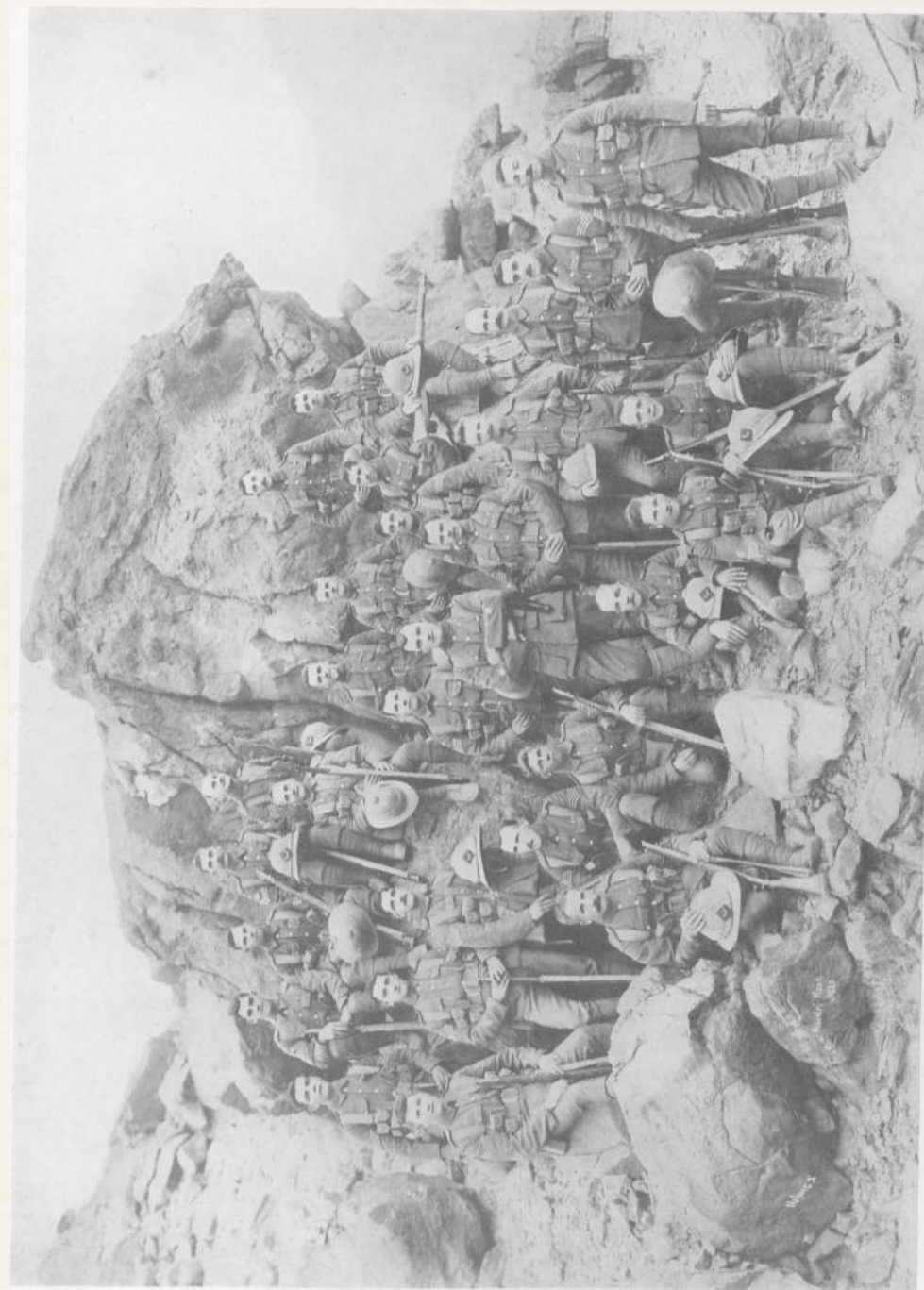
There were several ugly attacks on convoys during the Battalion's stay, carried out as usual on a careful plan at exactly the right time and place. The Battalion was several times sent out in support but never actually embroiled.

We had probably a record number of Australians and New Zealanders attached during this period. Their enthusiasm and loyalty left a lasting impression.

Rugger, hockey and athletics were all enjoyed at Ladha, but all were regularly interrupted by the whine or plump of the distant sniper's bullet.

True to the traditions of the Regiment a first-class drums was quickly organized and its fine performances in camp were great morale maintainers.

Not to lose a rifle is a proud boast on the frontier, but the Battalion just failed to maintain it. It was Nature not the tribesmen that was to blame as our rearguard was cut off by a spate of the river. By linking arms they managed to get across, but one man was swept away and although he was recovered his rifle was not.



SERGEANTS, 2nd BATTALION, HAIDRA KACH, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER, 1920

R.S.M. Sullivan, C.S.M. Hoare, C.S.M. Waste, C./Sgt. Lounie, C./Sgt. Amner-Beg, A./Sgt. Grimmer (R.A.O.C.), D./Major Biggs, Band-Sgt. Tooke, Sergts. Akers, Burgess, Curle, Collins, Clelland, Denyer, Dodson, Everest, Howarth, Ingram, May, Mearns, Mercer, Mitchell, Partridge, Shaw, Stafford, Tucker and Walker.

During the summer a section of 6-inch Howitzers was sent up, laboriously drawn by heavy draught horses, probably Indian bred but very English to look at.

From Ladha these guns could shell Kaniguram and all the Makin valleys, which caused the Mahsuds much irritation. This they showed by retaliating to the first shelling of the Mahu area by a heavy sniping of the horse lines, causing many pathetic casualties among the hairies.

Finally the date of the Battalion's relief arrived, which we carried out with satisfactory panache. The normal method of movement was by section worms, sweating along the least exposed sides of the river bed.

The Battalion marched in fours straight down the main track with band and drums blaring and it is believed this gesture was much appreciated by the tribesmen. From Tanh we moved to Lucknow and the Delhi Durbar feeling ourselves a very well-trained Battalion.

The Force commander, Major-General T. G. Matheson, sent the Battalion the following farewell message:—

"Your Battalion has been in this Force just over a year. . . . Throughout this time you have stood to the whole Force as an example of real efficiency and devotion to duty. The spirit of the Battalion has been remarked on by all who have been privileged to see it.

"Casualties, I am glad to say, have been few and the reason is not far to seek, for the tribesmen soon find out which troops had best be left alone, so the fact that you have been there a year and have never seriously been attacked is the highest praise that can be given you.

"You have defeated this enemy at his own game and in his own hills and have set the standard of British infantry at a very high mark. Throughout my service I have always heard of the high standard the Queen's Royal Regiment has set in the past, but I have never previously had the good fortune to serve with them. What I have seen of your Regiment during the last twelve months is quite sufficient to make me realize the truth of all I have previously heard and I congratulate your Colonel Mathew Lannowe on your command."

As General Matheson was a Guardsman his standard was not a low one.

OBITUARY

No.	Name	Battalion	Service	Date of Decease
	Lieut.-General Sir A. E. McNamara, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. ...		1897-1936	26/3/49
	Major-General Sir A. F. Sillem, K.C.M.G., C.B. ...	1st and 2nd		27/1/49
	Colonel F. E. B. Girling, O.B.E., M.C. ...	1st and 2nd	1916-1948	17/1/49
	Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Wilkinson, O.B.E., M.C. ...	1st Cadet and 47th Division	1914-1949	18/3/49
	Lieut.-Colonel S. J. Parker, O.B.E. ...	4th Cadet	1941-1949	24/3/49
	Major W. R. Harris, O.B.E., T.D. ...	2 Vol. and 5th		30/3/49
1018813	W.O.II P. R. Mole (A.E.C.) ...	R.A. Depot and 1st	1905-1935	26/4/48
8781	R.Q.M.S. C. Scholz (Short) ...	2nd and M.G.C.	1905-1927	9/1/49
720098	R.Q.M.S. C. J. Crews ...	4th	1892-1919	2/11/48
3874	C./Sergt. C. J. Bland, M.B.E. ...	1st		11/2/49
205904	Sergt. D. J. Stevens ...	5th, 2nd/4th and 1st	1914-1919	25/2/49
6076162	B./Sergt. H. Tooke ...	2nd	1902-1923	6/12/48
8282	Cpl. A. H. Welland ...	1st	1905-1919	25/1/49
7072	L./Cpl. F. A. Turner ...	1st and 2nd	1902-1920	30/12/48
13250	L./Cpl. P. Cornwell ...	8th (S)	1915-1919	18/2/49
6007	Dmr. G. C. Hunt (Hunt-Blake) ...	1st and 2nd	1894-1906	10/12/48
3070	Pte. E. Sullivan, D.C.M. ...	1st and 2nd	1890-1899	25/11/48
241201	Pte. E. Ford ...	4th	1915-1919	29/1/49
5998	Pte. W. E. Kinge ...	2nd	1899-1920	Feb., 1949
4974	Pte. A. Chew ...	1st	1895-1902	13/3/49
	Pte. L. H. Lintott ...	2nd and 30th	1919-1921	21/10/48
			1939-1945	
15994	Pte. A. G. Gardiner ...	5th	1917-1919	20/3/49
120337	Pte. R. H. Jones ...	11th (S)	1915-1920	23/3/49

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR ARTHUR McNAMARA

FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING

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Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Edward McNamara, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Director of Military Training at the War Office from 1933 to 1936, died suddenly at his home at Blackrock, County Cork, on 26th March, at the age of 72, as already briefly reported.

He was born on 13th February, 1877, educated at the Oratory School, and received his commission in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment soon after his twentieth birthday. He served throughout the South African War, was wounded, mentioned in despatches, and received both campaign medals and seven clasps. Promoted captain in 1903, he was adjutant of the 1st Queen's from 1911 until he entered the Staff College in 1912. On graduating he rejoined the 1st Queen's, with which Battalion he went to France after the outbreak of war in 1914.

He was in the retreat from Mons and the Battle of the Marne, and was badly wounded at the Battle of the Aisne. On recovery he was appointed G.S.O.3 of the 9th (Scottish) Division of the New Armies. He saw much heavy fighting while with the Division. Late in 1916 he went to the 32nd Division as G.S.O.1 and served through the operations on the Ancre, the pursuit to the Hindenburg Line, and the German attack at Nieuport. In 1918 his Division in the Third Army was engaged during the later stages of the German offensive in March and in the opening phases of the advance to victory. He had received a brevet in 1917, and for two months before the Armistice he had, as a Brigade Commander in the 2nd Division, participated in four more major engagements, concluding with the Battle of the Seell. In 1916 he had been awarded the D.S.O., and he was made C.M.G. in 1918. His services were mentioned seven times in despatches.

After a period as G.S.O.1 of the Light Division of the Rhine Army he was brought home to be G.S.O.1 of the 4th Division. Later he went to India to command the 19th Infantry Brigade, Lucknow, and on his return to England in 1926 he was selected to be Commandant of the Small Arms School. He was made C.B. in 1928. In February, 1929, he passed to the headquarters of the Eastern Command as Brigadier, General Staff. He was promoted Major-General in March, 1931, and left the Horse Guards in the following month, but came back from half-pay at the beginning of 1933 to command the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division of the Territorial Army. In October of the same year, however, he was brought to the War Office as Director of Military Training, a post he held until August, 1936. He retired from the Army two years later. In 1938 he was promoted K.C.B. General McNamara was unmarried.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ARNOLD SILLEM

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Major-General Sir Arnold Frederick Sillem, K.C.M.G., C.B., who was Major-General in charge of Administration, Eastern Command, from 1920 to 1924, died in London on 27th January at the age of 83.

He was born on 3rd June, 1865, and was educated at Eastbourne College. He received his first commission in The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1887, and for three years from 1891 to 1894 was employed with the Egyptian Army. In the latter year he was appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment and held the post for four years. He served throughout the South African War and was severely wounded. He was mentioned in despatches twice and received the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps, and was given the brevet of major. Having graduated at the Staff College in 1907, he was given command in 1912 of a battalion of The Worcestershire Regiment. His work on the staff of the B.E.F. during the 1914-18 war was mentioned eight times in despatches and he was promoted to the substantive rank of Major-General in 1918 for his services in the field. He was made a C.B. in 1916 and a K.C.M.G. in 1919. He retired in 1924.

He married in 1903 Madge Estcourt, daughter of Mr. T. E. Rowles. She died in 1942. There were three daughters of the marriage.

General Sir Ivo Vesey writes :—

By the recent death of Major-General Sir Arnold F. Sillem, K.C.B., C.B., the Regiment has lost not only a distinguished member but one who gained the universal admiration and affection of those with whom he served for so many years.

My first experience of General Sillem was in 1897 when, together with two other newly joined subalterns, I reported to him as the Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion at Woking. I shall always remember the kindly way in which he placed those three nervous young officers at their ease, whilst at the same time conveying to them the great honour which had been conferred upon them in being appointed to The Queen's.

There can indeed have been few officers to whom the Regiment meant so much. During the many years he served with it all his energies were devoted to its interests in the spheres of both work and sport. His example was an inspiration to all.

A stern disciplinarian when circumstances called for it, Sillem was gifted with a happy sense of humour and a ready understanding of the difficulties of others. His wise advice and help were always forthcoming for those in need of them. It was these characteristics which made him so popular both with officers and other ranks.

It was a matter of great regret to his old colleagues in the Regiment and to his many other friends that the latter years of his life were clouded by the sad affliction of almost total blindness. However he never allowed this disability to affect his invariable cheerfulness or to diminish the interest which he took in the well being and activities of his old Regiment.

As recently as 1946 he attended a meeting of the Regimental Club in London although by then he had almost completely lost the sight of both eyes. His courage and determination on that occasion were symptomatic of the qualities which governed his attitude in good and bad times throughout his life.

"A fine soldier and a faithful friend" may well be the farewell tribute which will be given to Sillem by his old comrades.

NOTICES

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE JOURNAL

It is now possible for subscribers to have their Journals bound in blue cloth, with title and regimental crest blocked in gold.

The latest volume will consist of eight parts, commencing with the issue for May, 1946, and finishing with that for May, 1950.

After the May, 1950, issue has been produced, subscribers wishing to have their copies bound should dispatch them to Messrs. Gale & Polden Ltd., The Wellington Press, Aldershot, with a covering letter. The price per volume will be £1 7s. 6d.

ARMY ART SOCIETY

The Society held its seventeenth Exhibition, the second since the war, during the month of October last in the Imperial Institute, Kensington, S.W.7. The Exhibition was open to the public for three weeks and the attendance was most satisfactory. No check of numbers could be made, but more catalogues were sold than ever before. The Exhibition was a great success. 436 works were shown but over a hundred could not be accepted for lack of space. The standard was

high, of many of the works very high indeed, especially among the water-colours and sculpture. Sixteen works were sold.

The Society's next Exhibition will be held in the Imperial Institute during October this year. Receiving Day will be Monday, 3rd October. The Exhibition will be open to the public for three weeks.

All ranks of the Army and Royal Marines, past and present, permanent or temporary, who are not already members of the Society are eligible to submit works for consideration on Receiving Day. The fees payable are a Submission Fee of 2s. 6d. on each work submitted and a Hanging Fee of 5s. on each work shown. Exhibitors will be considered by the Committee for election to Membership of the Society.

All ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force and of other Armed Forces of the Empire may also submit works and may also be considered for election as Associates.

The Rules and all further particulars may be obtained on application from the Honorary Secretary, Colonel L. N. Malan, O.B.E., 2, Iverna Gardens, London, W.8.

ARMY RESERVES OF OFFICERS

The War Office announce that the lists of the Army Reserves of Officers are now being revised, and that officers and ex-officers of the following classes are invited to join either the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or the Army Officers Emergency Reserve:—

- (a) Regular ex-officers who resigned with less than ten years' service.
- (b) Released emergency commissioned officers.
- (c) Ex-officers who have relinquished short service commissions since the end of the war, and
- (d) Retired and released officers formerly of the Indian Army, whether they held Regular or emergency commissions.

Officers with the time to spare should join the T.A., but those who cannot do so are urged to apply to join one of the Reserves. Particulars from all Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations, Army Recruiting Offices, Regimental Depots or the War Office, S.W.1. Officers overseas should apply to nearest Command G.H.Q. or to the War Office. Separate arrangements have been made for released officers of the Supplementary Reserve and Territorial Army, and also released women officers.

SPORTS KIT

WANTED.—Good quality sporting and athletic equipment. Anyone who has any article of sports equipment, such as a cricket bat, or cricket pads, which is in really good condition, should write to the address given below, giving full details and the price required, at the same time forwarding the item for sale.

The article will be placed on sale in the Second-hand Shop and at the end of three months the article/s will either be returned—not having been sold—or the price required will be forwarded, if this has not already been done.

Major H. A. Havilland, M.B.E., Quartermaster, The Warren, R.M.A. Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.

TOBRUK, 1941

The 'Third "Tobruk 1941" Officers' Dinner will be held at The Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.1, on Friday, 18th November, 1949. Particulars from Major-General C. E. N. Lomax, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Four Winds, Craigwell, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

QUEEN'S HOUSE, CROYDON

By KENNETH A. RYDE, M.C.

(Librarian, Reference Library, Croydon.)

Reprinted with thanks to the Old Comrades' Journal of 2nd/4th Battalion.

QUEEN'S HOUSE stands in Poplar Walk, on the site of the old North End House, a late eighteenth-century residence, which stood in spacious and beautiful grounds with many stately poplar trees. These grounds occupied the present North End-Station Road corner, and included the present Poplar Walk extending nearly to Wellesley Road.

In 1851 it was occupied by William Hunter, a leading resident, who lived there until about 1869. A road was cut through the estate in 1852, which followed a line of poplar trees, and it naturally followed that its name should be the familiar "Poplar Walk." The house at this time we learn, was completely hidden from North End and Station Road by trees and bushes. From 1869 onwards the entrance and address was altered from North End to Poplar Walk.

In 1880 it was a high school for boys, and later Dr. John Teevan (who formerly lived at Woodside Court) resided there, and he died there in 1884. The arms of the Teevan family, in stone, may be seen from the street today on the buildings at the corner of Station Road and North End immediately above the ground floor. It is thought that they were placed there after the alterations to North End House, which occurred when the present Queen's House was built. The shops at the North End-Station Road corner were erected in the 1870's, and from that time a view of the house from those roads was no longer obtainable.

In April, 1892, the Gordon Boys' Home removed from Croydon Grove to North End House and remained there until 1903.

About this time the property was up for sale, and the old 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey, anxious to secure a place, made the successful move and purchased it for about £3,600, the money being raised partly by public subscription and other efforts.

The original intention was to convert the existing North End House, but it was decided to demolish the building and erect a new institute. The present Sir Henry Berney was the architect, and the new institute was opened on 27th November, 1907 by the then Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, the Hon. Henry Cubitt, and named "Queen's House" in honour of Queen Catherine of Braganza, wife of Charles II, who raised the Queen's Regiment in the year 1661. The Officer Commanding the Battalion at that time was Colonel Frank Dormey Watney, with Sir Frederick Eldridge as Hon. Colonel.

With the formation of the Territorial Army in 1908 the old Volunteer Battalion became the 4th Battalion of the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment.

The Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, M.P., who later became Lord Haldane, and to whom the Territorial Army owed its beginning, reviewed the Battalion at Mitcham Road Barracks, and a photograph of this event hangs in the present Queen's House among other treasures.

The history of the Battalion may be briefly summarized as follows: It was formed in 1859 at the beginning of the Volunteer movement, and raised as a single company. Later it increased to two, and continued to form part of the 1st Surrey Administrative Battalion until January, 1867, when it was reorganized as a Battalion of six companies, known as "The Second Surrey Rifles Volunteers." In 1884 all Volunteer battalions were attached to regiments of the Line and the corps was joined to the 2nd Regiment of Foot and so became the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). In 1902 the Battalion, 900 strong, included companies at South Norwood and Caterham. Colonel J. P. Fearon was the Commanding Officer; the Hon. C. T. Ritchie, M.P. for Croydon, was Hon. Colonel; and Canon Pereira, who became first Bishop of Croydon, was Chaplain to the Battalion.

It was on 1st January, 1920, that the Battalion became the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment.

New Colours were presented by Queen Mary in May, 1938, and in July of that year the Battalion was re-equipped as an Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Regiment. In 1947 its name was changed again to 598 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (Queen's).

Queen's House is a comfortable and excellently equipped regimental institute, with a large hall spacious enough for the purpose of concerts, meetings and gymnasium. There are two billiard rooms, an officers' room and a splendid underground rifle range, 25 yards long, equipped with moving targets, where many have learned how to shoot with a rifle. For many years rooms have been allocated for the use of the Battalion's Old Comrades' Association, and the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A., whose Shrine of Remembrance is in the entrance hall. It was this Battalion which was raised in the early days of the 1914-18 war and which went to Gallipoli. Nearly two hundred gallant comrades gave their lives there, and the shrine perpetuates their memory.

The walls of Queen's House are adorned with photographs of historic record of the Queen's, such as the presentation of the Colours to the 4th Battalion by Lord Roberts in July, 1910, and Colonial troops of the old 1st Volunteer Battalion marching in Station Road, West Croydon, in 1897, the Diamond Jubilee year of Queen Victoria. Among many interesting portraits are those of royalty, including Queen Catherine, which has a special place of honour in the entrance hall.

Queen's House has served for many years as an institute and recreation house for past and present members of the Queen's. It has played an important part in the life of the borough. Its amenities have been much in demand and greatly appreciated, and it has done much to help forward the cause of the military activities in Croydon. In fact, it has become a place where military instruction and recreation could be combined. The house has now (December, 1948) been required by and handed over to the R.A.S.C. for development of the new Territorial Army.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Editor and Hon. Treasurer: MAJOR R. C. G. FOSTER.

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1. In future the JOURNAL will be issued once a year only, in May. It is hoped that it will then contain a complete history of the doings of each Battalion during the year, and it is recommended that Battalions keep accounts of all events as they occur, which will assist in writing up this account. Articles of Regimental interest will still be most welcome for the JOURNAL.

2. In addition, brief news-letters will be sent out at present twice a year, on 1st July and 1st January. News for these, on the lines laid down by the Colonel of the Regiment in the Editorial, should reach the Editor at least two weeks beforehand.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

12th October, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. D. N. P. Squarey relinquished commission, age limit, 9/10/48 and granted hon. rank of Captain.

15th October, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

General Sir George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., ceased to belong to Reserve of Officers having attained age limit for recall, 27/9/48.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. H. de B. Brock awarded 2nd Clasp to Efficiency Medal (Territorial) 15/10/48.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

19th October, 1948.

War Subs. Lieut. C. W. S. Glover relinquished commission 3/1/47 on enlistment in ranks.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Major) I. T. Steven, late R. Fus., to be Lieutenant 26/7/48, with seniority 8/2/43.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS, UNATTACHED LIST

22nd October, 1948.

Capt. J. M. Todd-Moir from Active List (unposted) to be Captain 31/8/48 with present seniority and granted hon. rank of Major.

26th October, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY

Major C. D. H. Parsons retired on retired pay 25/10/48. Granted hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Major (Hon. Lieut.-Colonel) H. G. M. Evans ceased to belong to Reserve of Officers 24/10/48, having attained age limit for recall.

29th October, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

19039409 Cadet B. Flay to be 2/Lieutenant 14/8/48.

21053137 Cadet A. P. Carn to be 2/Lieutenant 28/8/48.

2nd November, 1948.

21050678 Cadet D. W. Thomas to be 2/Lieutenant 11/9/48.

2nd November, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Major) A. C. Henley, late Special List (ex Indian Army), (retd.), to be Captain 26/7/48 with seniority 26/4/40.

5th November, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

War Subs. Capt. (Qrmr.) W. K. Roadknight, M.B.E. to be Captain (Qrmr.) 1/11/47.

9th November, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (War Subs. Lieut.-Colonel) D. H. Wickham, C.B.E., ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of disability 12/6/48, granted hon. rank of Brigadier.

12th November, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. R. H. E. H. Skeates awarded Efficiency Medal 1st Clasp (Territorial).

12th November, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

2/Lieut. (War Subs. Major) R. P. W. Bolt relinquished commission 15/10/48 and granted hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

23rd November, 1948.

War Subs. Lieut. J. Stevens relinquished commission 22/10/48 and granted hon. rank of Lieutenant.

23rd November, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Major P. A. E. Dumas, Special List (ex Indian Army), to be Major 26/7/48 with seniority 11/9/47.

26th November, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY

P. H. Clayton, Cadet R.M.A. Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant 21/10/48.

26th November, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Major) L. Pyrke relinquished commission, age limit, 27/11/48 retaining hon. rank of Major.

26th November, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. C. F. Tofts relinquished commission, age limit, 27/11/48 and granted hon. rank of Major.

30th November, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

2/Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) H. H. Arblaster to be Lieutenant 1/11/48 with antedate for seniority only 15/4/41.

2/Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) H. E. Maskell to be Lieutenant 1/11/48 with antedate for seniority only 2/5/42.

3rd December, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut.-Colonel (Bt. Col.) A. B. Pasmore, O.B.E., T.D., relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 retaining rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (Bt. Col.).

Lieut.-Colonel J. P. I. Mostyn (retd. pay) relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 retaining rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major E. Teesdale relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 retaining rank of Major.

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) F. A. Preston, M.C., T.D., relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 and regranted rank of Major.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) H. W. Woolley, M.C., relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 retaining rank of Captain.

Lieut. W. H. E. Watkins relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Captain.

Lieut. R. G. Williams relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Captain.

Lieut. G. M. Lockyer relinquished commission, age limit, 4/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Captain.

3rd December, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

Capt. F. H. J. Skinner awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) without Gratuity 31/7/49.

7th December, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. G. Fitzsimons to be Captain 1/11/47.

Lieut. V. Weaving to be Captain 1/11/47.

Lieut. P. H. Hiscox to be Captain 1/11/47.

Lieut. G. A. Campbell to be Captain 1/11/47.

Lieut. E. J. Evans to be Captain 12/3/48.

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) A. W. Morgan to be Captain 10/10/48.

2/Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) E. G. Reeve to be Captain 1/11/48 with seniority 18/2/47.

2/Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) F. G. Bonnart to be Lieutenant 9/10/48 with seniority 16/2/46.

10th December, 1948.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

War Subs. Lieut. O. J. S. Lichtenstein relinquished commission 10/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Captain.

21st December, 1948.

21051237 Cadet B. B. Upson to be 2/Lieutenant 9/10/48.

24th December, 1948.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. A. E. Floyd relinquished commission, age limit, 25/12/48 retaining rank of Lieutenant.

Lieut. H. Lord relinquished commission, age limit, 25/12/48 retaining rank of Lieutenant.

Lieut. (War Subs. Major) J. S. Moller relinquished commission, age limit, 25/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

AWARDS :—

1st January, 1949.

Temp. Lieut.-Colonel D. W. Clarke awarded O.B.E. 1/1/48.

4th January, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. G. H. Slicer from General List Emergency Commission to be Lieutenant 1/1/49 with seniority 22/6/48.

AWARDS :—

7th January, 1949.

Major A. U. H. Hacket-Pain awarded M.B.E. 7/1/49.

7th January, 1949.

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21st January, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) G. W. Shuttleworth resigns commission 20/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Major.

21st January, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Major) P. D. Newman, awarded 2nd Clasp to Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. G. E. King, now deceased, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) E. Nield, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) D. S. O'Donoghue, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) A. C. O'Shea, M.C., awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) G. C. Page, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) A. R. Pier, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) G. A. P. Powell (now R. Sigs.), awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

25th January, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

Lieut. S. R. Newman (now Capt., Rifle Bde.), relinquished commission 9/12/48.

Lieut. D. D. Champion-Jones relinquished commission 16/12/48 and granted hon. rank of Lieutenant.

22018126 Cadet J. F. Ruffle, to be 2/Lieutenant 27/11/48.

28th December, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. (War Subs. Major) P. M. A. Taylor, M.C., to be Major 25/1/49.

28th December, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Major) O. H. Scammell, M.C., awarded Efficiency Medal, 1st Clasp (Territorial).

1st February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. C. Finch to be Captain 19/9/48.

Lieut. F. G. Bonnart from Emergency Commission to be Lieutenant 9/10/48 with seniority 16/2/46 (Subs. for entry 7/12/48).

1st February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Major (Hon. Lieut.-Col.) D. E. Bathgate, ceased to belong to Reserve of Officers 2/2/49, age limit.

1st February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

22024376 Cadet J. F. Girling to be 2/Lieutenant 11/12/48.

4th February, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Major) K. J. Dean, awarded Efficiency Decoration (Territorial Army).

8th February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY

Major J. W. M. Denton retires on retired pay 8/2/49.

Capt. (Qrmer.) R. W. Jackson to be Major (Qrmer.) 27/1/49.

11th February, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. (Hon. Major) H. F. Bott, awarded 2nd Clasp to Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) (Qrmer.) J. B. Cooper, awarded 2nd Clasp to Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

11th February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY

Cadet D. J. Wright, R.M.A. Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant 22/12/48 with seniority 22/12/48.

Cadet A. Donaldson, R.M.A. Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant 22/12/48 with seniority 22/12/48.

15th February, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) G. J. C. Polkinhorne from Emergency Commission to be Captain 18/10/48 with seniority 19/2/45, and is seconded under Para. 134, T.A. Regs. 1936.

18th February, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) E. V. L. Isaac, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) B. C. Leeden, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) B. G. Limbrey, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

REGULAR ARMY

Lieut. (now Hon. Major) G. S. Barnett, awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military).

22nd February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) W. B. Matthews, from Emergency Commission to be Captain and granted hon. rank of Major.

22nd February, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. F. P. T. Tallent, granted acting rank of Captain 1/12/49.

25th February, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) R. P. Wingate from

Emergency Commission to be Captain 1/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Major.

1st March, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. J. E. Heron to be Lieutenant from Emergency Commission 6/12/48 with seniority 24/6/45.

Lieut. R. B. Eustace to be Lieutenant from Emergency Commission 6/12/48 with seniority 3/9/47.

4th March, 1949.

Capt. S. R. Newman, now R.B., awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) C. S. Phillips, awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Lieut. (now Capt.) A. H. Purnell, now R.A., awarded Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

8th March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. R. R. S. Clarke to be Captain 1/11/47.

11th March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) R. M. Merrett from Emergency Commission to be Captain 1/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Major.

11th March, 1949.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lieut. (A./Capt.) F. P. T. Tallent to be Captain 14/3/49 with seniority 1/12/48.

4th March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. C. J. Gardiner, from The Queen's Royal Regiment Emergency Commission to be Lieutenant Northamptonshire Regiment 5/3/49 with seniority 21/6/48.

22nd March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

Lieut. (War Subs. Lieut.-Col.) G. S. Jenkins relinquished commission 27/12/48 and is granted hon. rank of Colonel.

25th March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieut. F. G. Peatling, to be Captain 21/11/48.

Lieut. S. F. Harris, to be Captain 27/12/48.

Lieut. R. F. Allnutt, to be Captain 7/1/49.

25th March, 1949.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. (War Subs. Major) D. C. B. Holmes, D.S.O., late Indian Army to be Major 1/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) W. J. Vassey, from Indian Army Emergency Commission to be Captain 1/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Major.

Lieut. (War Subs. Capt.) W. K. Berry, from Special List Indian Army, to be Captain 1/1/49 and granted hon. rank of Major.

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