



MR. BEVIN THANKS THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT IN BERLIN
Mr. Bevin talking to the Quartermaster, Major R. W. Jackson, and the Adjutant of the Battalion, Capt. Scott Gall.

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EDITORIAL

WE would like to offer our most loyal congratulations to our Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Mary, who (if an eminent historian in *The Times* is correct) has attained the greatest age of any Queen, Queen Consort or Queen Dowager in English history.

To the achievement she has added the completion of a most magnificent carpet, which after being admired by many thousands of Londoners has been sent to Canada and the United States, where it is reported the admirers are almost as numerous.

This issue of the JOURNAL is the first of, it is hoped, many annual issues. All units and organizations connected with the Regiment have been very helpful in the full accounts of their doings they have sent in. There is no doubt that a permanent record of the Regiment, and of all items of its past history that come to light, should be maintained, and the JOURNAL's present form provides such a record.

On another page will be found a notice concerning the eighth volume of the Regimental history which is now being compiled. It will cover more fighting battalions than the history of any other regiment and should be of interest to very large numbers of Queen's men. Subscriptions are not now being asked for, but it is hoped that many members of the Regiment will be ready to help its production in due course. Its standard will, it is hoped, be worthy of its subject.

Our frontispiece shows the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with the Regiment in Berlin last year, on his visit to congratulate all those concerned in the maintenance of the Western Powers' position against the Russian blockade.

From the JOURNAL point of view, Mr. Bevin's visit occurred unfortunately while our last issue was in the press, and so no full account has been received; but it is felt that the photograph, as a record of the Regiment's stay in Berlin in those vital days, should be included in this issue.

EVENTS, 1950

OFFICERS' GARDEN PARTY

At Stoughton Barracks on Saturday, 10th June, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly inform Secretary before 1st June of numbers attending.

ALL RANKS' GARDEN PARTY AND CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday, 11th June. Parade at Tunsgate, High Street, Guildford, at 12 noon. Medals should be worn. Service in the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity at 12.15 p.m. The Rev. L. H. Bowler, M.B.E., will preach at this service. The Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion will attend. Families and friends will be welcomed at the service. Lunches will be provided in barracks on payment. Will members wishing to attend please inform Secretary by 27th May, stating the number of lunches so required. The garden party will commence at 2.30 p.m.

ANNUAL DINNERS

Officers.—London, 3rd November. Details later. Will members wishing to attend please inform Secretary by 20th October.

All Ranks.—London, 4th November. Details later. Will members wishing to attend kindly inform Secretary by 21st October. A charge of 3s. 6d. will be made for all attending, in addition to normal subscriptions.

EVENTS, FUTURE YEARS

The Committee has decided that, in order to assist in arranging events in future years, events shall take place as under:—

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| Officers' Buffet Reunion ... | ... Third Friday in March. |
| Officers' Garden Party ... | ... Second Saturday in July. |
| All Ranks' Garden Party ... | ... Second Sunday in July. |
| Officers' Dinner ... | ... First Friday in November. |
| All Ranks' Dinner ... | ... First Saturday in November. |

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, 1924-48

THE work of compiling this the eighth volume of the Regimental History has now been put in hand. The task of editing it has been entrusted by the Colonel of the Regiment to Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C., the editor of the JOURNAL, with the assistance of a committee consisting of Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. (Chairman); Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O.; Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.; and O.C. Depot as Secretary.

The committee have laid down that the style and standard of production will as far as possible conform with that of previous volumes and that the history shall be in narrative form and easily readable. It will form a complete record of:—

- The Regular and Territorial battalions from 1924 to 1939.
- The action of the eight fighting battalions (believed the largest number of any regiment of the British Army) throughout the war.
- All the home service battalions, the Cadet Force, the Home Guard and affiliated units during the war.
- The post-war history of the Regiment up to the disbandment of the 2nd Battalion in 1948.

It is hoped that the work will be finished by the end of 1951. The first object of the History must be to provide an accurate record of what happened, and this can and will largely be found from official records. The second object will be to attempt to remind those who took part and to describe to their friends and relations and to future generations of Queen's men what it was like. This latter object can only be attained with the help of those who actually witnessed the scenes and underwent the experiences. The editor therefore earnestly asks that everyone who has material, diaries, letters, photographs or recollections which might help, to give him access to them. These should be sent (marked "Regimental History") to O.C. Depot, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, who will take the greatest care of them and return them as soon as finished with. This is only a preliminary notice, and no list of subscribers is yet asked for. Further firm details of cost and layout will be circulated later.

1ST BATTALION

IN looking back over the past year one is struck by the constant changes and lack of continuity in the Battalion. It has been a very full year and one of intense interest, and yet so many of the personalities who took part in the many events of our Regimental life are no longer with us. It is of interest to note that only four officers, including the Quartermaster, have remained with the Battalion since we left Dortmund in June, 1948, a little under two years ago. These constant changes, coupled with the short period of National Service, create an atmosphere of restlessness and impermanency which is hard to combat and which could have an adverse effect on the efficiency of the Battalion. Officers, N.C.Os. and men barely have time to get to know each other before they are parted. Specialists and employed men are moved with alarming frequency, and one is constantly running cadres to train new key personnel. Even games suffer from the officers in charge having to be constantly changed.

We have passed now from the international life of Berlin to the more normal form of soldiering in peace time. We left that city in November after nearly eighteen interesting months of modern history. We experienced the full length of the Russian imposed blockade; we have witnessed the magnificence of the Allied effort in the airlift; we have seen the multifarious attempts by the supporters of Eastern ideologies to undermine the establishment of democratic government in Germany; we played our part in this bulwark against Eastern aggression, and the experience gained, together with many personal contacts with our Allies, has given us a deep insight into the larger issues at stake in Europe today.

But training not unnaturally suffered owing to the restricted areas and to the number of guard duties we had to find. The nature of our role in Berlin laid emphasis on ceremonial, and this culminated in Trooping the Regimental Colour in celebration of Salerno Day. The Colonel of the Regiment took the salute, and the parade was watched by a large gathering drawn from the many Allied nationals in Berlin. It was undoubtedly a magnificent spectacle and earned high praise.

The Battalion finally left Berlin in November. Our new station at Iserlohn lies in the foothills of the Sauerland facing the beginnings of the great northern plain of Germany. History records that it was a fortified town as far back as 1242, but many of the relics of the Middle Ages were destroyed by fire in 1712. It is an attractive small town completely untouched by the last war, and the barracks in which we live, built in the late 1930s, are among the best in Germany and of a standard nowhere achieved in England.

We are now starting on our first collective training season. It promises to be intensely interesting and realistic. We have all the advantages of excellent training areas, full facilities for "wet" exercises and vast expanses of the historical battlefields of Europe over which to operate.

The Battalion has not come unequipped for this from our time in Berlin. Both in training and in administration the Battalion benefited enormously from the wide experience of Lieut.-Colonel T. Hart Dyke, D.S.O., who on 28th January, 1950, was swept up in the never-ending changes after only fifteen months with us to assume command of 168 Lorried Infantry Brigade (T.A.). He handed over to Lieut.-Colonel J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., who came from H.Q. Southern Command.

Just at the time of the hand-over the Battalion had its first full Administrative Inspection held by Brigadier J. H. D. Wilsey, O.B.E., D.S.O. It is a severe test, delving into every department of the Battalion. The report received was most gratifying; the Brigade Commander found the Battalion to be "above average."

Since arriving in Iserlohn two successes of ceremonial have been achieved. The Support Company represented the Battalion in the Inter-Unit Drill Competition. After winning in the Brigade, they went on to finish second by only 6½ points to the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards in the final of the Division Competition.

The second success was when the Battalion was selected to find the Quarter Guard at the C.-in-C.'s Residence during the visit of General de Lattre de Tassigny, C.-in-C., Land Forces, Western Union. The guard was commanded by 2/Lieut. H. C. Millman, and was highly complimented for its standard of turn-out and drill.

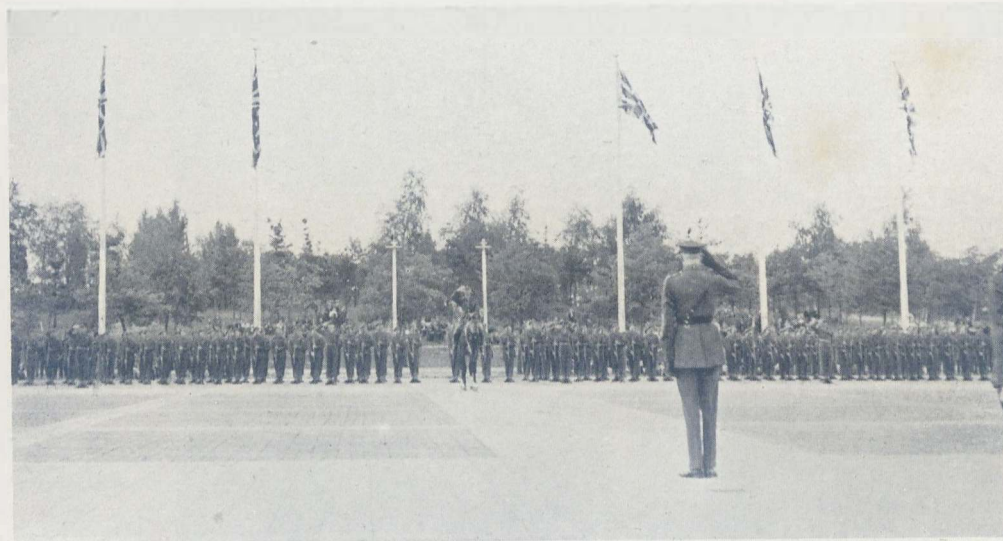
1st Battalion. SALERNO DAY PARADE



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1st Battalion. SALERNO DAY PARADE

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The great worry at present is the grave shortage of new intake. It is true that the odd Regular soldier has been posted to the Battalion from time to time, but no Regular draft has arrived for nearly a year. Any increase to the Battalion strength has consisted entirely of National Service drafts. These too, have been meagre, and, although it is known that every effort is being made to keep battalions up to L.E., we will certainly be well below it during Battalion training. The best we can hope for is three Rifle Companies of two weak platoons each. Great ingenuity will be needed to avoid a return to the depressing pre-war age of yellow and blue screens.

The standard of shooting in last year's been rather disappointing. In the British Troops Berlin, H.Q. Meeting we finished fourth, rather than finish third, 1st Gordons being first and 1st W.I. being second. However, a good victory was scored by the corporals and privates, who won the individual matches A./Q.M.S. Stone, Cpl. Morris, Cpl. Lampard and L. [unclear] to compete in the Rhine Army Individual Championships, and the Young Soldiers' team for the Team Championships.

The Rhine Army meeting held at Sennelager, when unfortunately none of our individual competitors qualified for the final. The Young Soldiers' team did well to finish fourth out of twenty-eight teams.

In the small-bore competition, H.Q. and "A" Companies were selected to represent the Battalion in the Rhine Army Small-Bore Sub-Unit Competition. In the first stage, H.Q. Company was placed third and "A" Company twelfth in the 2 Infantry Division area. H.Q. Company, who scored 1,038 out of a possible 1,200, just failed to qualify for the final stage of the competition for the twelve best scores in B.A.O.R. Their team consisted of R.Q.M.S. Motton, A./Q.M.S. Stone, W.O.II Beckett, L./Cpl. Peterson, L./Cpl. King and Pte. Lawrence.

Sports news is reported elsewhere. The Battalion has not achieved outstanding success in team games, except in basketball, although the general standard is about average. There is no doubt that the continual changes of officers and the low strength of the Battalion has an adverse effect in every way. It is extremely difficult to build up a team, to train it, and then hold it together for any length of time. We have never countenanced a gladiatorial outlook on games, and it is hoped that we never will, but while we will continue to score successes in individual sports we cannot at present hope to shine in all team events.

As stated earlier, about 85 per cent. of the officers have changed since the last issue of the JOURNAL. It is not possible to enumerate each arrival and departure. Among them, however, mention should be made of Major L. S. Sheldon, who has been appointed A.A. and Q.M.G. Caribbean after more than two years as Second-in-Command. Capt. D. W. L. Palmer and Capt. B. S. Burns, M.C., have both been posted for a tour of duty with the Malaya Regiment. We wish them all success and good luck.

CEREMONIAL

The Battalion trooped the Regimental Colour in celebration of Salerno Day on 9th September, 1949. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., took the salute. Six guards were found, and the Battalion marched past in slow and quick time.

The following messages were received by the Commanding Officer from the Colonel of the Regiment:—

"It has been a very great pleasure to visit the Battalion again this year. I have been much impressed with all I have seen both in sport and work and the keenness of all ranks.

"I was specially pleased with this afternoon's parade, on which all ranks may congratulate themselves. The accuracy of the drill and the steadiness of all ranks was in the tradition of the Queen's. No praise can be higher. I wish all ranks the best of good fortune.

"G. F. GIFFARD, General."

From Major-General G. K. Bourne, C.B., C.B.E.:—

"I have already said to you at your Regimental party last evening how splendidly your Trooping the Colour was carried out on Olympischer Platz.

"It was a Regimental occasion in which your Colonel, General Sir George Giffard, took the

C./Sergt. Weekly, Sergeants. Burn, Harman and Rea have all been discharged. Sergt. Higgins left us to join the Parachute Regiment; Sergt. Muskett is now on the staff at Eaton Hall O.C.S.; Sergt. Hunt returned to his parent regiment, the Middlesex Regiment; Sergt. Blakesley is now in the Royal Engineer Postal Services; and Sergt. Marks recently left us for a bandmaster's course at Kneller Hall. We have also had a complete change over of R.A.E.C. instructors, the last to leave being W.O.II Revell, who is now a student at St. Andrews University. Our A.P.T.C. instructor has just left at the end of his service. We wish them all luck. We welcome to the fold C.S.Ms. Davis, Beckett, Coupland and Hall, and Sergeants. Burdett, Saxby, Shaw and Fairbanks. There have been a number of promotions during the past year, and we offer our congratulations to the following: Sergt. Kingsland to C./Sergt. and Cpls. Wilson, Manuel, Higgins, Toomey, Renshaw, Perry, Brooks, Jessup, Burnstin-Wilson, Marks and Drayton.

The present members of the Mess are as follows:—

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| R.S.M. ... | W.O.I J. B. Simmons, M.C. | C.S.M. Sp. Coy. ... | W.O.II C. Davis |
| R.Q.M.S. ... | W.O.II W. Motton | C.Q.M.S. "A" Coy. | C./Sergt. S. Dodson |
| O.R.Q.M.S. ... | W.O.II E. O'Loughlin | C.Q.M.S. "B" Coy. | C./Sergt. H. Atkins |
| Asst. R.Q.M.S. ... | W.O.II R. Beckett | C.Q.M.S. "C" Coy. | C./Sergt. H. Taylor |
| C.S.M. "A" Coy. ... | W.O.II F. Wickens | C.Q.M.S. "D" Coy. | C./Sergt. P. Biles |
| C.S.M. "B" Coy. ... | W.O.II S. Waldron | C.Q.M.S. H.Q. Coy. | C./Sergt. C. Cheesman |
| C.S.M. "C" Coy. ... | W.O.II R. Hall | C.Q.M.S. Sp. Coy. ... | C./Sergt. J. Kingsland |
| C.S.M. "D" Coy. ... | W.O.II C. Coupland | Drum Major ... | Sergt. H. Duffy |
| C.S.M. H.Q. Coy. ... | W.O.II I. Herbert | | |

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| Sergt. F. Vance-Cotsford | Sergt. A. Westover | Sergt. A. Drew |
| Sergt. A. Gill | Sergt. T. Elliott | Sergt. W. Redford |
| Sergt. J. Norman | Sergt. G. Deacon | Sergt. D. Manuel |
| Sergt. D. Elkins | Sergt. E. White | Sergt. V. Renshaw |
| Sergt. D. Fairbanks | Sergt. W. Watret | Sergt. S. Brooks |
| Sergt. J. Humphries | Sergt. D. Shaw | Sergt. G. Toomey |
| Sergt. L. Wright | Sergt. P. Jackson | Sergt. P. Wilson |
| Sergt. F. Sabxy | Sergt. D. White | Sergt. G. Perry |
| Sergt. V. Aukett | Sergt. J. Burdett | Sergt. L. Jessup |
| Sergt. D. Adkins | Sergt. S. Weston | Sergt. L. Burnstin-Wilson |

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| BAND | | |
| Bandmaster ... | W.O.I E. Gaines | Band Sergeant ... |
| | Sergt. H. Drayton | Sergt. F. Northey |

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| R.E.M.E. | |
| A./Q.M.S. (Armourer) ... | W.O.II E. Stone |

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| A.C.C. | |
| Sergt. L. Harrison | |

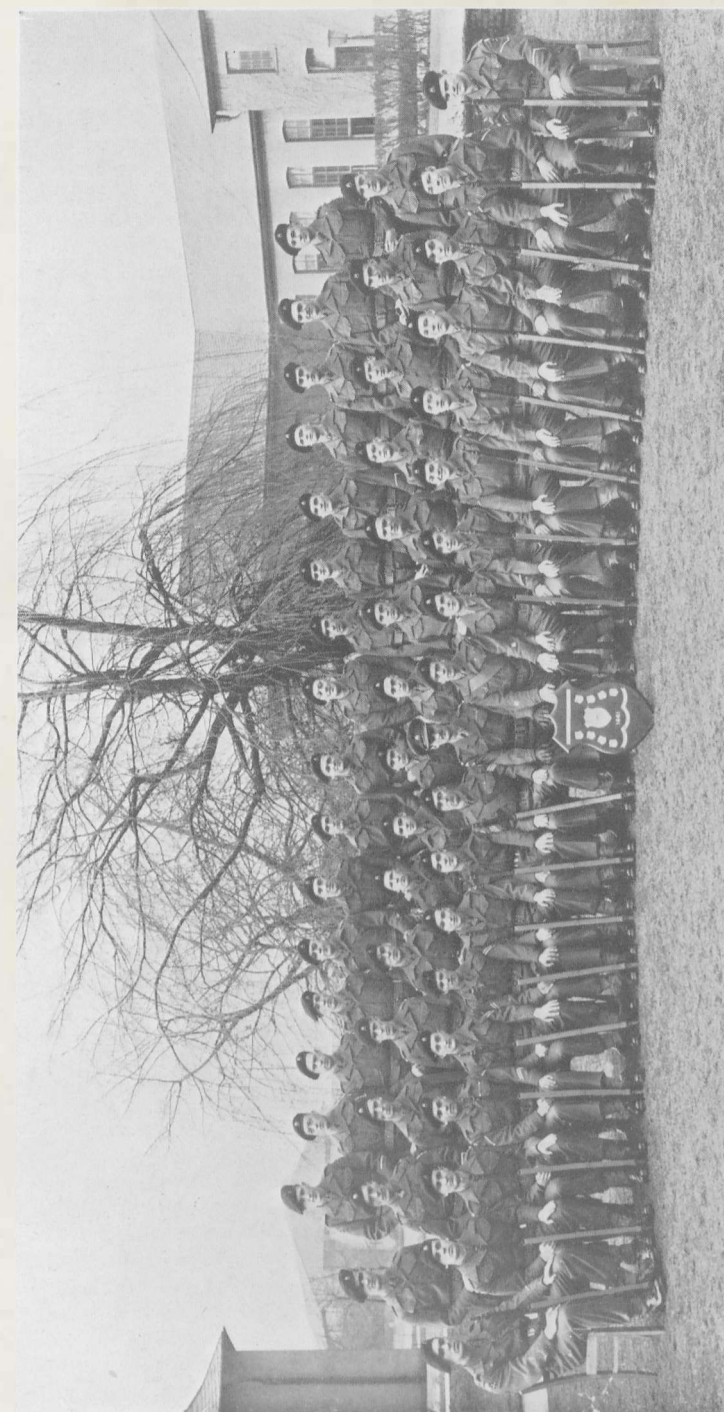
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| R.A.E.C. | |
| Sergt. C. Hargreaves | Sergt. G. Hinde |

CORPORALS' MESS

At the time of going to press we have said good-bye to Busty Stevens, Tich Gregory, Len Wheeler, Den Herbert and many others of our community, who have departed to that "Land of Hope and Glory" which is commonly known as Civvy Street, and we wish them all the very best of luck.

During our stay in Berlin our social activities have been limited owing to the number of garrison duties the Battalion have had to provide, but now that the duties have been reduced by 50 per cent. it is quite an occasion to find so many members of the Mess enjoying an evening of leisure, during which time we have been able to organize a few darts matches.

Our first match was against the Sergeants' Mess, and needless to say the Corporals walked away with it, the score being Corporals 2 legs, Sergeants 1 leg. Although it took the Corporals a while to settle down, we soon got over the difficulties of having so many Sergeants at our disposal, and once Harry (Ringer) Drayton got his eye in there was no looking back. The Corporals' team was: Cpls. Hurst, Drayton, Taylor, Mallion, Bell (A.C.C.), Pountney; L./Cpls. Mabey, Travers, Middle.



SUPPORT COMPANY IN THE 2nd DIVISION DRILL COMPETITION

Back Row—Pte. Chambers, L./Cpl. Abbey, Pte. Waldron, Cpl. Eldridge, Pte. Walder, Pte. Fowler, Pte. Snelson, Pte. Bage, Pte. Colquhoun, Cpl. Burton, Pte. Payne, Pte. Segolo, Pte. Towers, Pte. Pountney, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Parker.
 Centre Row—Pte. Strudwick, L./Cpl. Belsham, Pte. Exler, Pte. Gray, L./Cpl. Clubb, Pte. Sturt, Pte. Hanley, Pte. Bub, Pte. Wiseman, Pte. Collins, L./Cpl. Prince, Pte. Kite, Pte. Frazer, Pte. Smith, Pte. Fox.
 Front Row—Pte. Williams, Pte. Buchanan, Pte. Cole, L./Cpl. Middle, Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Spooner, Pte. Hill, Pte. Reynolds, Sergt. Shaw, Major W. G. Vickers, C.S.M. Davis, Pte. Tomlin, Pte. Tapper, L./Cpl. Buckley, Pte. Whaley, Pte. Mutter, Pte. Young, L./Cpl. Whitfield, L./Cpl. Cheesman.
 Absent on Leave—Sergt. Westover, Pte. Hawes.

On 3rd September, 1949, the Corporals' Mess held a Salerno Day dance, at which all units in Berlin Messes were invited, and it proved to be a huge success. All thanks are due to a very able Entertainments Committee: Cpls. Garrity, Evans, Lampard, Hurst.

The Mess is on very good terms with the R.M.P., having played them three darts matches and won. Also we have always been welcome at their dances.

During the month of May we said good-bye to the 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment, who were relieved by the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders, and we did not lose much time in getting to know them. We were invited to a Mess "warmer," and some twenty-five members attended. A good time was had by all!

We welcome into our midst Cpls. Aldridge, Smith, Lowest, Howard (A.C.C.), and wish them luck on their recent promotion.

By the way of interest, Cpl. Evans is still trying to sell a brace of linnets, but up to now the only person who is really interested is Paddy Branscombe. But his Company Commander won't allow him to keep linnets, as he already has a polar bear crossed with a kangaroo! So it looks as if Evans will be "linneted"!

We tender our best wishes to Cpls. Matthews, Gow, West, King, Vickers, Bell and L./Cpl. Wass on their recent marriages and sincerely hope that their wives can keep them down.

Owing to our impending move to the Zone, we find our time is being taken up with saying good-bye to numerous friends which we have made in Berlin.

To all late members now promoted to the rank of sergeant we wish the best of luck, and, though sincerely hoping that they will retain their present positions, we nevertheless wish them to know that their chairs are always waiting for them in the Corporals' Mess.

Since the last publication we have bidden a fond "adieu" to R.S.M. Noke. Before R.S.M. Noke left, the Corporals' Mess presented him with a framed and inscribed photograph at a farewell dance held in his honour.

So, in conclusion, the Mess wish Cpl. Garrity, our able Provost Corporal, the very best of luck in finding the solution of the missing ham.

REGIMENTAL BAND NOTES

Since our last notes in the JOURNAL the Band has had the good fortune to return to Guildford on a six weeks' tour of engagements. We remained at the Depot the whole time, as our tour consisted mainly of day engagements. We were made very welcome by the Depot staff as well as by the staff of the "Royal."

Members of the Band took part in a tennis tournament, which was won by Bdsmn. Snashall, who beat Capt. Lowry in the finals. Cpl. Marks and L./Cpl. Critcher also managed to get into the semi-finals.

The Band also took part in a "Depot at Home Day," which concluded with a treasure hunt, giving our "Dick Bartons" a chance to show their prowess. We hear that Nicholson and Probert are still looking for the elusive goldfish.

On our return to Berlin we had ten days to prepare for the "Trooping of the Colour" on Salerno Day. The parade was seen by the Colonel of the Regiment and the G.O.C., as well as by a very large number of the German civilian population. We have been restricted in our outside engagements in Berlin, but have always been at hand to entertain on military occasions and have given concerts to the Germans in the Jerboa Cinema and other parks.

In our sporting activities we have supplied quite a few players for the Battalion hockey team. At football Cpl. Drayton and Bdsmn. Nicholson are upholding the name of the Band. In the Company hockey team we have had eight players playing (surely a record), and in our games with the bands of the Gordons and Royal Welch we have more than held our own.

We have said farewell to Bdsmn. Smith, Carter and Ryder during the past few months, and wish them all the best in civil life. We hear that Smith is a salesman in Burtons, the tailors: any bandsman wishing to purchase civilian clothing please note.

We extend our congratulations to L./Cpl. Critcher, Bdsmn. Hissey and King on the addition of a daughter to each of their families.

The two Boys, Arnold and Burstow, have now commenced their "man's" service and can now drink a pint with the best of us.

We also welcome Boys Reis, Collins, Matlock and Howell to the fold and hope their stay will be a happy one.

In November we received news of a Kneller Hall inspection, so the Band Room echoed with the sounds of those horrible things called by the élite scales in major and minor mode. Even our friend Wilson was found wondering what a fourth valve was intended to be.

However, the day of judgment arrived, and the Inspector of Army Bands passed favourable comment on our performance.

The day following the inspection we packed our seven tons of kit in preparation for the move to Iserlohn. Our sympathies go with Bdsman. Snashall, who lived for these twenty-four hours amidst screwdrivers and paint. Only a storeman realizes what a Carter Paterson job is really like.

We say farewell to Berlin with much regret. All of us made good friends with the bands of The Gordon Highlanders and Royal Welch Fusiliers. During our stay both the Military and Dance Bands were always in demand, and we upheld the best traditions of military bands during difficult times in this capital city of Germany.

Bdsman. Dickenson, Lancaster and Braddock have just finished their courses at Kneller Hall, and we would like to congratulate Dickenson on getting a saxophone prize. Dickenson is awaiting a passage to Australia, and we wish him "bon voyage." Our two Arnolds have just gone to Kneller Hall, and we wish them success in this school where music reigns supreme.

To conclude, our best wishes go to all bandsmen wherever you may be.

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SPORT

BASKETBALL

The Battalion basketball team won the British Troops Berlin Inter-Unit Basketball Championship. They also won the B.A.O.R. Basketball Championship, winning all five of their games. They were, unfortunately, beaten in the quarter-final of the Army Championship at Aldershot in October.

The following represented the Battalion: Sergt. Redford, Cpls. Potter, Lewis, Mallion, Morris, Dunkeld, L./Cpls. Mabey, Ashenden, Ptes. Barrance Abbott.

FOOTBALL

The Battalion lost 1—2 (after extra time) to 1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry in the first round of the Army Cup.

In the first round of the B.A.O.R. Cup we were beaten by 1st Belgian Grenadiers by 2—1. *Army Cup Match, First Round.*—v. 1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry. Played at Dortmund on Saturday, 26th November. Team: Pte. Mardle ("B"), Pte. Ambrose (Sp.), Sergt. Toomey (Capt.) (Sp.), L./Cpl. Mabey (H.Q.), Sergt. Redford ("D"), Pte. Braithwaite ("B"), Cpl. Potter ("D"), Cpl. Taylor ("A"), Pte. Whaley (Sp.), Pte. Bartholomew ("A"), L./Cpl. Travers (H.Q.).

This match, played under ideal conditions and with a large number of supporters on the touchline, was certainly the closest and best game of the season to date. The Battalion team has never played better, the defence in particular excelling. The Battalion led by one goal to nil at half-time, but during the second half the D.L.I. scored an equaliser. Extra time was played, and was as hard fought as the previous periods. It was, however, the D.L.I. who scored the deciding goal. This ended a thoroughly enjoyable game, and although we were unlucky to lose the result was a fair one.

Result: Lost 1—2 (after extra time). Goal scored by Pte. Bartholomew.

B.A.O.R. Cup Match, First Round.—v. 1st Grenadiers (Belgian Corps). Played at Aachen on Saturday, 3rd December. Team: Pte. Mardle ("B"), Pte. Ambrose (Sp.), Sergt. Toomey (Capt.) (Sp.), L./Cpl. Mabey (H.Q.), Sergt. Redford ("D"), Pte. Braithwaite ("B"), Cpl. Potter ("D"), Pte. Bartholomew ("A"), Cpl. Taylor ("A"), Pte. Brooks ("C"), L./Cpl. Travers (H.Q.).

The team travelled a hundred miles to Aachen to play this match, and for two days were the guests of the 1st Grenadiers of the Belgian Army. The match was played in very bad conditions, a muddy pitch and pouring rain making ball control extremely difficult. The Belgian team was very light and fast and controlled the wet ball admirably. The Battalion side found the conditions quite unsuited to its method of play, and were on the defensive from the start. As a result of numerous lightning attacks the Belgians scored seven goals, and in reply we scored only one goal. But our team was by no means disgraced, and our congratulations must be given to the better team. As a goodwill visit the expedition was a great success.

Result: Lost 1—7. Goal scored by L./Cpl. Mabey.

The Battalion has also been taking part in the B.A.O.R. B League. Our team has been badly hampered by lack of a good ground on which to play "at home" and for practice. The main ground was newly sown this year and has been out of play for this reason and on account of extremely wet weather. The only ground available is very undersize on the side of a hill, and which is little more than a badly mown grass meadow.

We have many promising players. There is a good right wing combination between Pte. Braithwaite, Cpl. Travers and Pte. Bartholomew; L./Cpl. Mardle has played well in goal, while last season's players—Sergt. Redford, Sergt. Toomey, Cpl. Potter, Cpl. Taylor and L./Cpl. Mabey—have come well up to standard again.

In B League we played seven matches, but only succeeded in winning two in spite of some good games.

HOCKEY, 1949-50 SEASON

Berlin Winter League.—As reported already in the 1949 News-Letter, the 1st XI maintained their unbeaten record from last season by completing the first half of the league without loss.

The results of matches in Berlin were:—

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| 11th October, 1949 | v. R.W.F. | drew 4—4 |
| 12th October, 1949 | v. Royals | won 3—2 |
| 22nd October, 1949 | v. H.Q., B.T.B. | won 4—0 |
| 29th October, 1949 | v. R.A.F., Gatow | won 3—1 |
| 5th November, 1949 | v. C.C.G. | won 5—0 |
| 12th November, 1949 | v. 1st Gordons | won 3—1 |

B.A.O.R. Army Cup.—Upon arrival at Iserlohn and without further practice due to bad weather, we played off our first match v. 10th A.T. Regiment, R.A., on their hard pitch at Dortmund. The team were unaccustomed to such a fast surface, and our opponents proved the quicker team on the ball; however, we held the lead throughout and drew 2—2 goals after extra time.

The replay was on our ground, and this match we just managed to win 2—1. The game was played in a thick fog throughout, yet the rain-soaked ground favoured our slower style of play.

In the second round we played 1st Dorsets on our ground, and lost 2—1. The match was much impaired by the standing water and muddy condition of the pitch, and, although on the day we were beaten by our opponents' superior forward play, we missed Sergt. Redford at full-back with his powerful drives up to the forward line.

Though many have played for the 1st XI during the season, the main team has been: Goal, Pte. Vanthoff; Backs, C./Sergt. Biles, Sergt. Redford; Half-backs, C./Sergt. Dodson, Capt. R. D. T. Fletcher (Capt.), A./Q.M.S. Stone; Forwards, 2/Lieut. C. H. Millman, Capt. K. R. Thompson, C./Sergt. Kingsland, Major H. R. D. Hill, L./Cpl. King. First Reserves, Sergt. Drayton, Bdsman. Jamieson.

Inter-Company Tournament.—This was commenced in February, and from the preliminary rounds H.Q. and "D" Companies emerged as the likely finalists. Both teams played true to form and met in the final tie, but three matches with two extra times in the first two were needed before H.Q. Company won the shield. In particular, Sergt. Redford of "D" Company played well in defence to break up H.Q. Company's experienced forward line.

Brigade Inter-Company Knockout Tournament.—All six companies entered for this competition, and at the time of writing these notes "C," "D" and Sp. Companies remain in the tournament.

BOXING, 1949-50

During this season, owing to our move from Berlin and demobilization, the standard of boxing in the Battalion has fallen considerably. However, now that we are settled and have acquired a ring the prospect is better for the future, but we are far behind the standard of the rest of the Division.

There were only two meetings this season. In the Divisional Competition, when we fought 1st R. Norfolks, although all our boxers showed plenty of guts it was obvious that they had not had enough training: in nearly all cases our team showed promise and fought well in the first two rounds, but the fitness of our opponents nearly always told in the third round. Pte. Lake, heavyweight, was the only one to win his fight. Although light for his weight, he is very fast and punches very hard indeed.

The R. Norfolks were a good team, and quite a number of them later won their weights in the Army Championship. The results were:—

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| Bantamweight ... | Pte. Barrush ("D" Company) lost to Pte. Lander (Norfolks). |
| Featherweight ... | Pte. Smith (25) ("D" Company) lost to Cpl. Dale (Norfolks). |
| 1st Lightweight ... | L./Cpl. Mardle ("B" Company) lost to Pte. Taylor (Norfolks). |
| 2nd Lightweight ... | Pte. Leather (H.Q. Company) lost to Pte. Scott (Norfolks). |
| 2nd Welterweight ... | L./Cpl. Parker (Drums) lost to Cpl. Wakefield (Norfolks). |
| 3rd Welterweight ... | Pte. Cullen ("D" Company) lost to L./Cpl. Forster (Norfolks). |
| 1st Middleweight ... | Pte. Thorpe ("D" Company) lost to Pte. Gurton (Norfolks). |
| 2nd Middleweight ... | 2/Lieut. Clayton ("A" Company) lost to Cpl. Banks (Norfolks). |
| Light Heavyweight ... | Cpl. Dunkeld ("D" Company) lost to Pte. Howlett (Norfolks). |
| Heavyweight ... | Pte. Lake ("D" Company) beat C.S.M. Fitt, D.C.M. (Norfolks). |
| 1st Welterweight ... | Pte. Tarling was disqualified v. Cpl. Edwards (Norfolks). |

The final scores were: 1st Queen's 11 pts., 1st R. Norfolks 20 pts.

On 23rd January, 1950, a Novices' Competition was held, and the ten novices who came forward showed great spirit. Included in the evening's programme was some exhibition boxing by two German professionals. Herr Wolf, who was our coach at Dortmund in 1947, rejoined in November, 1949, and his teaching in both these meetings was beginning to make itself felt.

In the Novices

Pte. Boulton ("C" Company) beat Pte. Walter (Sp. Company) (welter).
 Pte. Sullivan (Sp. Company) beat Pte. Towers (Sp. Company) (welter); and in the welter-weight final Pte. Boulton beat Pte. Sullivan.
 Pte. Towers (Sp. Company) beat Pte. Macdonnell (Sp. Company) (light).
 Pte. Wilkinson ("A" Company) beat Pte. Jarrett (Sp. Company) (middleweight), who was noted the best loser.

Cpl. Bennet ("B" Company) beat Pte. Prince (Sp. Company) (light heavy).

The Inter-Company Competition has been postponed until next October owing to the pressure of events this season.

SWIMMING

The Battalion came second to 1st R.W.F. in the British Troops Berlin Swimming Championship.

In November several members of the Battalion were included in the B.A.O.R. team for their match with the U.S. and French Armies. Placings were:—

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| 800 m. free style ... | Pte. Carter ("S" Company), second. |
| 200 m. free style ... | Pte. Carter ("S" Company), first. |
| 3 m. diving ... | Pte. Jarrett ("C" Company), third |
| 150 m. medley ... | Pte. Jarrett ("C" Company), second (member of team of three). |

The result was: B.A.O.R. 43 pts., U.S. Army 42 pts., French Army 5 pts.

TENNIS

Major C. J. Grindley and Capt. R. D. T. Fletcher won the B.A.O.R. Inter-Regimental Doubles Cup for the second year in succession. Major Grindley also won the B.A.O.R. Army Open Singles Championships and Open Army Doubles.

THE INTER-COMPANY EFFICIENCY SHIELD

The Shield was competed for for the first time during 1949. It was won by H.Q. 2 (Adm. Pl., Mortar Pl., Band). The results were as follows:—

| | "A" Company | "B" Company | "C" Company | "D" Company | H.Q. 1 Company | H.Q. 2 Company |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Basketball ... | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Boxing ... | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Cross-Country ... | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Football ... | 1½ | 3 | 1½ | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| .22 Shoot ... | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Hockey ... | 4 | ½ | ½ | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Drill ... | 0 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Kit Inspection ... | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Athletics ... | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Swimming ... | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Cricket ... | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| L.M.G. ... | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Rifle ... | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Sten ... | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Total points ... | 30½ | 39½ | 36 | 35 | 26 | 43 |

Final placings—First: H.Q. 2 Company, 43 points
 Second: "B" Company, 39½ points
 Third: "C" Company, 36 points

Fourth: "D" Company, 35 points
 Fifth: "A" Company, 30½ points
 Sixth: H.Q. 1 Company, 26 points

THE PAGODA

By TEDDY GRANT (Sergeant, 1st Bn., Burma)

Standing near an old pagoda
 In the silvery light,
 I watched the Burma moon rise,
 Counted twinkling fireflies
 In the sticky tropic night.

Pondering by that old pagoda
 Memories ever fresh appeared,
 Sadness was mine no longer,
 My faith grew deeper, stronger,
 I felt His presence near.

Kneeling by that same pagoda
 In the fading light,
 Watching, waiting, hoping, praying,
 Until I heard my Father saying,
 "I will keep thee safe this night."

NEWS IN BRIEF

THESE notes are in addition to those included in the two News-Letters and normally only cover the period 1st January to 1st April, 1950.

Colonel J. B. Coates has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Lieut.-Colonel D. G. Loch is G.S.O.1, Home Counties District.

Major C. B. Gray is commanding a company of 1st Buffs in the Sudan.

Major M. T. N. Jennings has been sick, but is expected to return to duty in April.

Major R. P. Mangles has left the War Office to join 1st Battalion.

Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Metcalfe is commanding 1st East Surreys in Mogadishu, where he is involved in handing over Somaliland to the Italians. His battalion will then go to Barnard Castle.

Colonel T. H. Dyke was promoted Colonel w.e.f. 7th February, and is commanding the 168 (Lorried) Infantry Brigade of 56 Armoured Division. In his brigade is Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Nangle, a wartime Queen's C.O., who is now commanding the London Rifle Brigade, and who has under him another ex-Queen's officer (2nd Battalion)—Major S. R. Newman.

Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott has for the past six months been one of the three officers employed in drawing up the plan for the readjustment of the Supplementary Reserve and Territorial Army, made necessary by the impending inflow of National Service men from the active Army.

Major J. R. Terry has left Northern Command, York, and is now G.S.O.2 at H.Q., S.W. District, Taunton.

As Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., went to Pakistan in February to take up an appointment as Military Adviser, some officers who had served under his command in the 2nd/7th Battalion gave a small and informal dinner to him on Wednesday, 11th January, 1950, at Rules Restaurant, Maiden Lane. A highly successful and enjoyable evening was spent, the party not finally breaking up until the last trains were due to pull out of London. The following were present: Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; A. M. D. Charlton; Colonel C. J. Falk, M.C., T.D.; H. J. Goldner; W. P. Hughes D'Aeth; D. R. Humm; Major M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C.; C. T. Reichwald, M.C.; A. G. Sanders, D.S.O.; Capt. J. W. Sewell; F. V. Sheppard, M.C.; L. P. Whatley. We were particularly sorry that (among other absentees) D. C. Baynes, D.S.O., M.C. (a past C.O. of the Battalion) was unable to attend owing to his being in hospital.

Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston is Hon. Secretary Army Hockey and a member of the English Hockey Selection Committee. The deepest sympathy will be felt for him and Mrs. Grimston in the tragic loss of their small son.

Capt. Carlyll, D.S.O., R.N., is being released in command of H.M.S. *Excellent* in April to take up a sea appointment. His successor is Capt. R. S. Elkins, D.S.O., R.N.

Arrangements have now been made with the Imperial War Graves Commission to maintain the Regimental Memorial at Kohima.

The Officer Commanding the Depot would like publicly to thank all those officers who have generously contributed their scarlet full-dress tunics for the future use of the Band and Drums. If there are any others who would care to give them, they would be gratefully received. The object is to try and put *all* the Band and Drums into "reds."

There is still some 1st Battalion property for disposal for any interested in buying at one-fifth its valuation. Closing date is the Old Comrades Reunion Garden Party on 11th June. Property for disposal is for members or ex-members of Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

"An Infantry Company in Arakan and Kohima," by Major M. A. Lowry, is now published at 11s., post free, by Gale & Polden Ltd.

The County of Surrey War Memorial, 1939-45, was unveiled by General Sir Robert Haining, the Lord-Lieutenant, on Saturday, 11th March, in the County Hall, Kingston. The memorial, which takes the form of a stained glass window depicting St. George and the Dragon, was dedicated to the memory of all men and women of Surrey by the Bishop of Guildford. A very distinguished gathering from all walks of life attended the ceremony. Representatives of the Regiment included General Sir George Giffard, the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General I. T. P. Hughes and officers and other ranks from all battalions of the Regiment.

Major S. W. Peet wrote last year from Aqaba: "The Glorious First of June was celebrated in Aqaba by the one representative of the Regiment—myself—and two *Excellent* officers who were serving with H.M. ships lying in the Gulf at that time. Pressure of work, climate, smallness of numbers and the comparatively primitive conditions in the Mess here combined to make the celebrations rather simple. However, we had a jolly good champagne luncheon party, which ultimately forced us to retire to the beach at 4 p.m. for a swim, and after that for a quiet rest.

"Aqaba is one of the newer stations for the Army, and only three regiments have so far served there as complete units. I was moved there in March, 1949, when the existing garrison was reinforced by a brigade headquarters, a marine commando and a squadron of tanks. The only other person from the Regiment was Jackie Hachet Pain, who appeared out of the blue one morning wearing a general service badge in his cap, and who successfully begged for a regimental cap badge from me. He has been doing Intelligence work now for about eleven years, and he is very well known in Palestine and Transjordan. He was for many years known as the uncrowned King of Nablus. He has just retired, but is staying in the Middle East doing the same work for the Foreign Office.

"James Watson passed through one day on his way to join the Arab Legion, but I was unable to see him, as he was only in Aqaba for a matter of hours.

"Aqaba has been made as comfortable as possible for troops in a short time, but it has already been 119° F. in the shade, and nothing less than permanent brick buildings with a host of fans, flyproof doors, etc., will be acceptable if it is to continue as a livable station.

"We very quickly had an ice plant, electric light and good N.A.A.F.I. facilities, with plenty of cool drinks. There is, however, a very strong wind which blows permanently from the north, which makes life in tents rather uncomfortable.

"In spite of this, we enjoy ourselves in the main and we are able to swim every day, while we also have had a fair amount of cricket and football. The individual really gets as much fun as he chooses to find.

"I wonder if the Regiment as a unit will ever serve there?"

Requests have been received that an extract from the Army List should be published in the JOURNAL. Notification has been received from the War Office that as it is now a restricted publication its reproduction is not allowed.

The Surrey Army Cadet Force were again the winners of the County Cup in the *News of the World* A.C.F. Shooting Competition, with a score of 4,136. The units responsible for this success were:—

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| "D" Company, 5th Cadet Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment | ... 888 |
| "B" Company, 1st Cadet Bn. East Surrey Regiment | ... 885 |
| "D" Company, 3rd Cadet Bn. East Surrey Regiment | ... 847 |
| H.Q. Company, 3rd Cadet Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment | ... 813 |
| "E" Company, 4th Cadet Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment | ... 703 |

This is the sixth year in succession that this cup has been won by Surrey. The Commandant wishes to congratulate the cadets concerned in this success and the units to which they have the honour to belong.

A copy of "Croydon and the Second World War"—Croydon's war history—has been received. It is well written and most informative, and in particular contains the war record of the 4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, afterwards 63rd Searchlight Regiment, R.A., and subsequently 129 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (Queen's), now known as 598 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (Queen's), and has now been placed in the Regimental Museum.

Christmas cards for 1950 will be arranged for by the Officer Commanding Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment. Any serving officer who requires any should let the O.C. Depot know by 1st September, 1950.

Engagement.—Capt. D. C. Snowdon to Miss Judith Amelia Gimson, younger daughter of His Excellency Sir Franklin Gimson, K.C.M.G., and Lady Gimson, M.B.E., of Government House, Singapore, and Thornton-le-Dale, Yorkshire.

Births.—Lynch-Staunton. To Major and Mrs. A. C. Lynch-Staunton—a son at Nanyuki, Kenya, 26th January, 1950.

Terry. To Major and Mrs. P. R. H. Terry—a son born 14th March, 1950, at Esher, Surrey. Elverson. To Capt. and Mrs. C. R. C. Elverson—a son born 14th March, 1950, at Iserlohn, Germany.

Blackman. To Capt. and Mrs. A. S. Blackman—a son, David Strickland, and daughter, Anne Pamela Southwell, born at Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, 19th March, 1950.

Lloyd Owen.—On 13th April, to Major and Mrs. D. LL. Lloyd Owen—a son.

Ling.—On 22nd March, at Fort Benning, Georgia, to Sheelah (*nee* Sarel), the wife of Lieut.-Colonel F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.—twin daughters.

Major J. A. R. Freeland will be leaving the Depot in January on appointment as G.I. Combined Operations Headquarters. His successor will be Major G. H. W. Goode.

Old Comrades living in the North London area will be welcomed first Thursday every month at the Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley, London, N.12. Write P. H. Grou, 69 Hutton Grove, London, N.12.

The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion is desirous of obtaining officers' swords, Sam Browne belts and frogs. Any officer who can help in providing any of these is requested to communicate with the Officer Commanding Depot, The Queen's Royal Regiment, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, Surrey.

Vacancies exist for enlisted boys in the Band of the 1st Battalion. Full particulars from Bandmaster E. Gaines, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston has been appointed Secretary of the Sussex County Cricket Club.

The 24th London Regiment (The Queen's), now 622 (Queen's) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), held their Reunion Dinner at the Victory Club, Marble Arch, on 22nd April, 1950. A happy gathering of 120 enjoyed a good meal tastefully served in pleasant surroundings. The chair was taken by Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., well supported by a muster of old and young officers. Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Buxton Carr, who served in the 4th V.B. The Queen's in 1885, and four other "veterans" of the South African Campaign were also present. Of the younger generation were Lieut.-Colonel Paul Adams, Lieut.-Colonel Griffiths (who gave some up-to-date information of the 1st Battalion), Colonel Gordon, Majors Freeman and Jessup, and Capt. (Qrmr.) J. Stammer. It was proved that these "do's" are still very popular, and it will be a sad day when they cease to be so.

The fourth Annual Reunion Dinner of officers who served with the 1st/5th Battalion in the Second World War was held at the Gardenia Restaurant, South Kensington (owner, Lieut.-Colonel Nangle) on 29th April. Lieut.-Colonel I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., presided, and thirteen other officers attended as follows (ranks given were those last held when serving in the Battalion): Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Nangle, D.S.O.; Major D. Grant, M.C.; Major W. T. Crook; Capt. P. N. Plunkett; Capt. G. Cole; Capt. F. Cox; Capt. V. Tweedie; Lieut. P. Hoggarth; Lieut. J. Thomas; Lieut. R. Maxwell, M.C.; Lieut. J. R. Jeffery; Lieut. J. Marsh; Lieut. G. Hibberd.

The 1951 dinner will be held on Saturday, 28th April, at the Gardenia Restaurant. All officers who served with the Battalion are invited to get in touch with the Dinner Secretary—W. T. Crook, 5 North Street, Portslade-on-Sea, Sussex—and give him their addresses, as it is hoped that as many as possible will try and get to the dinner next year. The attendance this year was disappointing.

THE DEPOT

THE size of the Depot Staff will vary very little with each issue of the JOURNAL. We still have an establishment of 30. This includes Permanent Staff Officers and Other Ranks, A.C.C. Cooks, Civilian Clerks, Officers' Mess Steward and Sergeants' Mess Caterer.

However, our overall strength fluctuates around the hundred mark, with Corps personnel attached. Our Permanent Staff now are: Major J. A. R. Freeland (Commanding Officer); Capt. M. A. Lowry (Adjutant); Capt. S. W. J. Sharp (Qrmr.); R.S.M. J. Groves; C.Q.M.S. F. King; Sergt. H. Bingham; Cpl. M. Garrity; L./Cpl. H. Jervis; Ptes. D. Battleday, S. Bellord, D. Brickstock, R. Curley, A. Franklin, P. Hall, H. Howlett, J. Hand, T. Leatherland, F. Sheffield, F. Taylor. Cpl. Green (A.C.C.), Pte. C. Haslett (A.C.C.), Pte. W. Jones (A.C.C.), Pte. K. Hogan (A.C.C.). Mr. J. Moule and Mr. R. Clarke, Orderly Room; Mr. J. Witcomb, Sergeants' Mess Caterer; Mr. L. Larcombe, Officers' Mess Steward; Mr. Dade, Groundsman.

An interesting comparison of figures at a roll call might be: Permanent Staff, 30; Holdees, 2; attached, 60; pig strength, 29 (further intake in April); poultry strength, 45.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND VISITS

Some meetings and socials of the Families' Club have been held since the last issue, dances being held in conjunction with the Regimental Week-ends.

A Families' Club and All Ranks' Fancy Dress Dance was held as an experiment on 13th January. It happened that we were also entertaining the Royal Fusiliers football team that evening. The event was a great success, although numbers were inevitably small.

The prize for the most original gentleman's costume was won jointly by Ptes. Sheffield and

Battleday, who went as tramps named Weary Willie and Tired Tim respectively—their joint prize being a beer tankard!

A return visit was made to the Depot Royal Fusiliers in the Tower of London in March, where we played them at soccer and were entertained at their All Ranks' Dance. The team had the privilege of seeing the "Ceremony of the Keys" at 10 p.m., and the next day of being conducted by Mr. F. W. Harcup (late R.S.M. of the Queen's), now a Yeoman Warder, round the Tower.

The Reigate Company of the 1st Cadet Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment visited the Depot on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th March.

A soccer match was played on the Saturday, and a Church Parade with their Drums was held on Sunday. Before leaving they visited the Museum.

Members of the 6th Queen's came down for training on 18th and 19th March. We look forward to seeing more of them during the summer months.

GARDEN FETE

A fete is being held on the Depot Sports Field on Saturday, 29th July, in aid of the Stoughton Parish Church Fund for the enlargement of Emmanuel Church.

SOCCER, 1949-50

By and large a good season, as the results show, considering our small numbers. The real stalwarts of the teams were as always the older members—Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, Sergt. H. Bingham and Pte. Haslett (A.C.C.). Pte. Franklin in goal enabled us to hang on to many of our leads successfully.

Amongst others who played are the following: Capt. M. A. Lowry, Pte. Hall, Pte. Murphy, Sergt. McCormack (5th Queen's), Pte. Taylor, Pte. Curley.

Results up to date: Played 15, won 10, lost 3, drawn 2.

HOCKEY, 1949-50

A most enjoyable season and in many ways successful, although not in victories. It was most successful because of the improvement in individual and team work and the enthusiasm in which all played. Some four new players were co-opted at the beginning of the season, and they proved stout converts to the game.

Amongst those who played for the Depot were Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., Major J. A. R. Freeland, Capt. M. A. Lowry, Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, R.S.M. J. Groves, R.S.M. Kemp, R.S.M. Thomson, C.S.M. Law, C.Q.M.S. King, Pte. Hall, Pte. Howlett, Pte. Taylor, Pte. Curley, Pte. Bellord, Pte. Bunn, Pte. Langford.

Once again the Regiment entered for the Army Hockey Tournament, for the first time since 1939. Although beaten by a very strong side from Eastern Command (6—1), it was a brave start, and the opposition had to fight hard to score and keep us out.

The following represented the Regiment in this competition: Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., Capt. M. A. Lowry, Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, R.S.M. Groves, R.S.M. Kemp, R.S.M. Thomson, Pte. Hall, Pte. Howlett, Pte. Bunn, Pte. Langford, Pte. Bellord.

Permission was given for the Regiment to be represented by the Depot and the Regular elements of the T.A. battalions.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET

THE details of last year's Regimental matches are included in this issue, as the matches were played after last year's publication of the JOURNAL:—

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. H.M.S. EXCELLENT (27th/28th May, 1949)

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

| First Innings | | Second Innings | |
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| P. G. T. Kingsley, b Fairweather | 4 | P. G. T. Kingsley, c and b Varley | 1 |
| Major M. T. N. Jennings, c Scotland, b Hardy | 0 | Major M. T. N. Jennings, b Naylor | 59 |
| Major H. Hall, c Archibald, b Varley | 27 | Major H. Hall, c and b Varley | 2 |
| Capt. R. S. N. Mans, c Scotland, b Archibald | 26 | Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Varley | 23 |
| Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Naylor | 4 | Lt.-Col. B. E. L. Burton, b Naylor | 10 |
| Lt.-Col. B. E. L. Burton, c Carlille, b Naylor | 1 | Capt. I. P. Thomson, b Archibald | 2 |
| Capt. I. P. Thomson, lbw b Varley | 7 | Brig. A. P. Block, c McCrum, b Archibald | 5 |
| Brig. A. P. Block, run out | 5 | Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, c Scotland, b Naylor | 2 |
| Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, c Tuck, b Fairweather | 7 | Capt. R. S. N. Mans, not out | 5 |
| Major C. Greenwood, b Archibald | 1 | Major C. Greenwood, b Archibald | 0 |
| Pte. C. Howlett, not out | 3 | Pte. C. Howlett, b Archibald | 0 |
| Extras | 12 | Extras | 4 |
| Total | 97 | Total | 113 |

H.M.S. EXCELLENT

| First Innings | | Second Innings | |
|--|-----|--|---------------|
| Garnons-Williams, c Lowry, b Greenwood | 14 | Garnons-Williams, c Jennings, b Burton | 42 |
| Charles, c Hall, b Greenwood | 26 | Varley, c Jennings, b Burton | 1 |
| Archibald, c Lowry, b Greenwood | 0 | Carlille, b Burton | 0 |
| Hardy, b Greenwood | 0 | Scotland, lbw b Burton | 4 |
| Naylor, c Howlett, b Burton | 14 | Archibald, b Kingsley | 21 |
| McCrum, lbw b Greenwood | 3 | Naylor, c Mans, b Kingsley | 2 |
| Tuck, run out | 10 | Tuck, not out | 5 |
| Varley, c and b Greenwood | 29 | Fairweather, st Lowry, b | 3 |
| Scotland, not out | 10 | Charles, not out | 1 |
| Carlille, not out | 21 | McCrum | } did not bat |
| Fairweather did not bat | | Hardy | |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 2 |
| Total | 131 | Total (for 7 wks.) | 81 |
| Bowling—Greenwood, 6 for 30. | | Bowling—Burton, 4 for 58. | |

H.M.S. Excellent won by 3 wickets.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. EAST SURREY REGIMENT (30th May, 1949)

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

| First Innings | | Second Innings | |
|---|----|--|---------------|
| Major J. Flint, b Harding | 24 | Capt. M. A. Lowry, lbw b Roupell | 4 |
| Major L. Stringer, b Branch | 32 | Major L. Stringer, c Taylor, b Hammett | 7 |
| Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Roupell | 2 | Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, c Matthews, b Powell | 15 |
| Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, c Taylor, b Lewis | 18 | Brig. A. P. Block, b Hammett | 4 |
| Pte. R. Langford, lbw b Branch | 0 | Pte. R. Langford, lbw b Batts | 16 |
| Brig. A. P. Block, b Branch | 0 | Capt. J. Cole-Biroth, not out | 5 |
| Capt. J. Cole-Biroth, not out | 4 | Pte. P. Pankhurst, b Batts | 0 |
| Pte. P. Pankhurst, b Branch | 4 | Sergt. McCormack | } did not bat |
| Sergt. McCormack, lbw b Lewis | 0 | Pte. S. Bellord | |
| Pte. S. Bellord, run out | 0 | Pte. C. Howlett | |
| Pte. C. Howlett, b Branch | 0 | Major J. Flint | 1 |
| Extras | 6 | Extra | 1 |
| Total | 90 | Total (for 6 wks.) | 52 |

THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT

| First Innings | | | | Second Innings | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Lewis, b Cole-Biroth | ... | ... | 8 | Matthews, c Sharp, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 11 |
| Batts, b Howlett | ... | ... | 8 | Branch, c and b Howlett | ... | ... | 28 |
| Hammitt, b Cole-Biroth | ... | ... | 2 | Powell, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 0 |
| Cummings, lbw b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 16 | Sayers, c and b Bellord | ... | ... | 9 |
| Branch, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 29 | Harding, c Sharp, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 5 |
| Roupell, b Sharp | ... | ... | 6 | Lewis, c Block, b McCormack | ... | ... | 0 |
| Taylor, not out | ... | ... | 24 | Taylor, c Lowry, b Cole-Biroth | ... | ... | 18 |
| Matthews, lbw b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 0 | Roupell, not out | ... | ... | 15 |
| Harding, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 9 | Cummings | ... | ... | ... |
| Sayers, not out | ... | ... | 5 | Batts | ... | ... | ... |
| Powell did not bat | ... | ... | ... | Hammitt | ... | ... | ... |
| Extras | ... | ... | 12 | Extras | ... | ... | 12 |
| Total | ... | ... | 119 | Total (for 7 wks.) | ... | ... | 98 |

Bowling—Pankhurst, 4 for 37.

Bowling—Pankhurst, 3 for 22.

The East Surrey Regiment won by 3 wickets.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. REIGATE PRIORY (31st May, 1949)

| REIGATE PRIORY | | | | THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|----|
| G. C. Dobson, lbw b Howlett | ... | ... | 51 | Major J. Flint, c and b Gladstone | ... | ... | 19 |
| K. Rogers, c Pankhurst, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 7 | Major M. T. N. Jennings, b McBride | ... | ... | 6 |
| Major D. Callender, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 6 | Capt. M. A. Lowry, b McBride | ... | ... | 4 |
| B. McBride, c Sharp, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 35 | Lt.-Col. B. E. L. Burton, b McBride | ... | ... | 0 |
| Major A. McGill, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 1 | Pte. R. Langford, c Neale, b Gladstone | ... | ... | 2 |
| A. G. Neale, c and b Burton | ... | ... | 17 | Brig. A. P. Block, not out | ... | ... | 10 |
| J. Williamson, c Jennings, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 1 | Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, b McBride | ... | ... | 0 |
| F. Jennings, lbw b Howlett | ... | ... | 33 | Pte. P. Pankhurst, b Gladstone | ... | ... | 6 |
| J. A. Gladstone, c Jennings, b Howlett | ... | ... | 0 | Major C. Greenwood, b McBride | ... | ... | 1 |
| G. M. Chase, run out | ... | ... | 3 | Pte. C. Howlett, b McBride | ... | ... | 0 |
| H. MacCormack, not out | ... | ... | 2 | Lt.-Col. A. C. W. Upton, b McBride | ... | ... | 2 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 12 | Extras | ... | ... | 11 |
| Total | ... | ... | 168 | Total | ... | ... | 61 |

Bowling—Greenwood, 4 for 44; Howlett, 3 for 19.

Reigate Priory won by 107 runs.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT (1st June, 1949)

| THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT | | | | THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|----|
| Lt.-Col. De Frater, b Savage | ... | ... | 14 | Major M. T. N. Jennings, c Brown, b Catley | ... | ... | 0 |
| Lt.-Col. Crook, c Upton, b Savage | ... | ... | 2 | Capt. R. S. N. Mans, b De Frater | ... | ... | 24 |
| Major Keenlyside, c Upton, b Savage | ... | ... | 17 | Capt. M. A. Lowry, c Brown, b De Frater | ... | ... | 20 |
| Lt.-Col. Scott, b Savage | ... | ... | 8 | Capt. R. Savage, c and b De Frater | ... | ... | 6 |
| Pte. Batts, b Savage | ... | ... | 1 | Pte. R. Langford, c and b Catley | ... | ... | 0 |
| Lieut. Clarke, not out | ... | ... | 61 | Brig. A. P. Block, not out | ... | ... | 14 |
| Major Thomas, b Savage | ... | ... | 38 | — Bishop, c and b De Frater | ... | ... | 0 |
| Capt. Catley, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 0 | Capt. R. Syms, b Catley | ... | ... | 9 |
| Lieut. Ellwood, run out | ... | ... | 10 | Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, b Crook | ... | ... | 0 |
| Cpl. Brown, lbw b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 0 | Pte. P. Pankhurst, b Brown | ... | ... | 0 |
| Lieut. Dodson, c Sharp, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 9 | Lt.-Col. A. C. W. Upton, b Catley | ... | ... | 0 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 22 | Extras | ... | ... | 5 |
| Total | ... | ... | 182 | Total | ... | ... | 78 |

Bowling—Savage, 6 for 71; Pankhurst, 3 for 45.

Royal West Kent Regiment won by 104 runs.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. CHARTERHOUSE MASTERS (2nd June, 1949)

| THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT | | | | CHARTERHOUSE MASTERS | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Major J. Flint, lbw b Chadwick | ... | ... | 67 | Lee, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 15 |
| Major L. Stringer, not out | ... | ... | 60 | Fletcher, c Lowry, b Syms | ... | ... | 14 |
| Capt. M. A. Lowry, not out | ... | ... | 32 | Marriott, c Pankhurst, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 65 |
| Capt. R. S. N. Mans | ... | ... | ... | Ulyott, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 14 |
| Capt. S. W. J. Sharp | ... | ... | ... | Wreford-Brown, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 17 |
| Major M. T. N. Jennings | ... | ... | ... | Chare, lbw b Bellord | ... | ... | 1 |
| Pte. R. Langford | ... | ... | ... | Arnell, not out | ... | ... | 11 |
| Capt. Syms | ... | ... | ... | Chadwick, lbw b Bellord | ... | ... | 8 |
| Pte. P. Pankhurst | ... | ... | ... | Rutherford, st Lowry, b Bellord | ... | ... | 0 |
| Major C. Greenwood | ... | ... | ... | McIsaac, c Langford, b Pankhurst | ... | ... | 5 |
| Pte. S. Bellord | ... | ... | ... | Anderson, b Syms | ... | ... | 6 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 5 | Extras | ... | ... | 3 |
| Total (for 1 wkt.) | ... | ... | 164 | Total | ... | ... | 159 |

Bowling—Bellord, 3 for 10; Pankhurst, 3 for 44.

Regiment won by 9 wickets.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. EAST SURREY REGIMENT (20th June, 1949)

| THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT | | | | THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Capt. R. S. N. Mans, b Branch | ... | ... | 5 | Batts, b Sharp | ... | ... | 15 |
| Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Branch | ... | ... | 108 | Pougher, b Sharp | ... | ... | 40 |
| Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, b Branch | ... | ... | 0 | Baker, b Howlett | ... | ... | 41 |
| Pte. R. Langford, lbw b Branch | ... | ... | 0 | Gray, run out | ... | ... | 27 |
| Brig. A. P. Block, c Simper, b Branch | ... | ... | 25 | Branch, b Howlett | ... | ... | 15 |
| Major H. Hall, b Branch | ... | ... | 9 | Simper, st Lowry, b Hall | ... | ... | 49 |
| Sergt. McCormack, lbw b Branch | ... | ... | 8 | Roupell, b Howlett | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sergt. B. Taylor, lbw b Simper | ... | ... | 0 | Taylor, b Howlett | ... | ... | 3 |
| Pte. P. Pankhurst, run out | ... | ... | 0 | Wreford-Brown, c Sharp, b Hall | ... | ... | 18 |
| Pte. C. Howlett, not out | ... | ... | 0 | Matthews, c Howlett, b Mans | ... | ... | 2 |
| Sergt. D. B. Battrick, b Simper | ... | ... | 0 | Meadows, not out | ... | ... | 17 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 10 | Extras | ... | ... | 3 |
| Total | ... | ... | 165 | Total | ... | ... | 234 |

Bowling—Howlett, 4 for 69.

The East Surrey Regiment won by 69 runs.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT v. THE GRASSHOPPERS (25th/26th June, 1949)

| First Innings | | | | Second Innings | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Lt.-Col. G. H. Rimbolt, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 8 | Lt.-Col. G. A. Rimbolt, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 17 |
| A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Block, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 15 | A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Hall, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 18 |
| D. Lomax, c Upton, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 7 | D. Lomax, lbw b Greenwood | ... | ... | 6 |
| T. Rowney, not out | ... | ... | 51 | T. Rowney, lbw b Foster | ... | ... | 30 |
| C. A. Merriman, c Burton, b Foster | ... | ... | 15 | C. A. Merriman, c Black, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 15 |
| A. K. Hughes, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 18 | A. K. Hughes, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 26 |
| A. Marshall, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 2 | A. Marshall, c Reichwald, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 13 |
| C. Parker, lbw b Greenwood | ... | ... | 0 | C. Parker, lbw b Reichwald | ... | ... | 0 |
| B. B. Waddy, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 1 | B. B. Waddy, c Hall, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 2 |
| D. A. Strawn, c Sharp, b Greenwood | ... | ... | 43 | D. A. Strawn, c Lowry, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 5 |
| J. N. Eggar, v Lowry, b Reichwald | ... | ... | 0 | J. N. Eggar, not out | ... | ... | 0 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 18 | Extras | ... | ... | 4 |
| Total | ... | ... | 178 | Total | ... | ... | 136 |

Bowling—Greenwood, 6 for 52; Reichwald, 3 for 52.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

| First Innings | | Second Innings | |
|--|-----|--|-----|
| P. G. Foster, b Merriman | 27 | P. G. Foster, lbw b Strawn | 17 |
| Major M. T. N. Jennings, b Merriman | 27 | Major M. T. N. Jennings, b Waddy | 4 |
| Major H. A. Hall, c Merriman, b Marshall | 0 | Major H. A. Hall, b Waddy | 5 |
| Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Marshall | 9 | Capt. M. A. Lowry, b Merriman | 11 |
| Lt.-Col. B. E. L. Burton, b Marshall | 1 | Lt.-Col. B. E. L. Burton, b Marshall | 1 |
| Major P. Black, c and b Rowney | 19 | Major P. Black, b Waddy | 28 |
| Capt. C. T. Reichwald, b Strawn | 42 | Capt. C. T. Reichwald, b Rowney | 17 |
| Brig. A. P. Block, lbw b Merriman | 1 | Brig. A. P. Block, c Waddy, b Marshall | 16 |
| Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, run out | 19 | Capt. S. W. J. Sharp, not out | 11 |
| Major C. F. Greenwood, not out | 0 | Major C. F. Greenwood, b Marshall | 0 |
| Lt.-Col. A. C. W. Upton, b Merriman | 4 | Lt.-Col. A. C. W. Upton, b Waddy | 2 |
| Extras | 8 | Extras | 11 |
| Total | 157 | Total | 231 |

Bowling—Greenwood, 4 for 62; Reichwald, 5 for 43.

The Grasshoppers won by 34 runs.

The dates this year are as follows:—

v. H.M.S. *Excellent* at Whale Island

v. East Surrey Regiment at Kingston

v. Grasshoppers at Stoughton

v. East Surrey Regiment at Stoughton

v. Reigate Priory at Stoughton

v. The Queen's Own Royal

West Kent Regiment at Stoughton

v. Charterhouse Masters at Charterhouse

Anyone who happens to be down this way during these dates will be very welcome to come and watch.

Once again we should like to repeat the request for any "unregistered" cricketers. Please let the Adjutant of the Depot know. Fast bowlers are in great demand.

DRESS

CHANGE IN REGIMENTAL CAP BADGES

DU E to the introduction of the Khaki S.D. Cap and Scarlet and Blue Dress Cap for wear by officers, and the blue beret or khaki beret for wear by other ranks, the following changes in cap badges have been authorized by the Colonel of the Regiment and approved by the War Office:—

OFFICERS

(a) *Khaki S.D. Cap.* (Worn with Battledress on all occasions except Training.)

(i) Wide rounded peak.

(ii) Chin strap $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

(iii) Buttons, gilt, the Paschal Lamb on a plain dome.

(iv) Badge, gilt, of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in height and $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. in width.

(b) *Scarlet and Blue Dress Cap.* (Worn with Patrol or No. 1 Dress.)

(i) Wide rounded peak.

(ii) Chin strap, $\frac{5}{8}$ in. black patent.

(iii) Buttons, gilt, with Paschal Lamb on a plain dome.

(iv) Badge, gilt, of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in height and $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. in width.

(c) *Blue Beret.* (Worn on Training only.)

Badge to be embroidered, size $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in height and $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. in width.

(d) *Recognized Regimental Hatters.*

Herbert Johnson Ltd., 38 New Bond Street, London, W.1.

Edward Smith & Co., 25 Cork Street, Bond Street, London, W.1.

OTHER RANKS

(a) *Blue or Khaki Beret.*

Badge to be polished brass, size $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in height and $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. in width. (The same badge will be worn in the Forage cap when issued.)

(b) *General.*

All other details of dress are embodied in Army Council Instruction No. 126 of 1950.

5TH BATTALION

THE year was distinguished primarily by the Other Rank strength passing the hundred mark. The All Rank strength passed it a long time ago, but the Other Ranks have been strangely shy. However, our strength has increased surely but slowly. The largest number came in after our return from a very successful Annual Camp at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe.

OFFICERS

We have welcomed two subalterns this year—2/Lieut. P. N. Morshead, who originally served in the Royal Signals; and 2/Lieut. J. H. Pappin, gazetted to the Regiment but who served with The Buffs in Hong Kong.

Major C. W. Summers, T.D., has had to apply for transfer to the T.A.R.O. for business reasons. He has handed over "D" Company to Capt. F. P. T. Tallent. Capt. K. C. Briscoe, much to our regret, also transferred to the T.A.R.O. for business reasons.

TRAINING

A successful Week-End Camp was held with 4th Training Regiment, R.E., in Aldershot last June. Air co-operation was the theme. The complete Battalion, as part of a scheme, was moved by air from Lasham to Farnborough.

Annual Camp at Shorncliffe last August was blessed by fine sunny weather. Training was as realistic as it can be in Shorncliffe areas, limited as they are in size and by farms.

Training included Section, Platoon and Company training; Air Co-operation, Night Patrolling, Field Firing, Initiative and Signals exercises. A first-class demonstration of paratroops dropping was laid on by Brigade.

The Battalion's training was watched at various times by the Divisional Commander, Major-General Gregson Ellis; our Honorary Colonel, General R. K. Ross; the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. P. Block; and Colonel D. S. Over, Secretary of the Surrey Territorial Association.

Brigadier Block has now left the Brigade for Pakistan. He will be long remembered by 5th Queen's for his magnificent lecture on Man Management. And also for his order of the day: "Let it be fully understood that, if I find a question put on an outdoor T.E.W.T. that could be put and answered indoors, the offender will be fined a bottle of champagne, to be drunk the same day in the offender's Mess, shared between the offender and the Brigade Commander." It should be recorded that Brigadier Block did not win his champagne.

Annual Camp in July, 1950, will be spent at Stamford Battle Area, one of the best training areas in England.

The Signal Platoon started training last summer at Haslemere when the centre reopened. The Signals Officer, Lieut. A. J. Fell, has obtained eight recruits very quickly, and his platoon has shown tremendous keenness. Their knowledge is growing fast.

SHOOTING

The Battalion entered several competitions last year and obtained some very good results.

In the Belhaven Cup, which is open to all Regular and T.A. units in Surrey, we entered two teams. Our "B" team obtained third place. (The first two places were won by Regular units.)

Nine members represented the Battalion in the Home Counties District Rifle Meeting at Shorncliffe in August. The following won prizes: Lieut. Saunders, C./Sergt. Ellis, D./Major Newman and Pte. Day.

C./Sergt. Ellis and Cpl. Hunwicks were selected to shoot for the T.A. in the Inter-Services Small Bore Competition.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting went with a swing. "B" Company won the Inter-Company Rifle Competition, but they lost the Bren Competition to "D" Company.

We had another day on the range for the T.A.R.A. Decentralized Competitions, in which we did very well. Our Simpson Cup team beat the previous year's winning score, but finished fourth. If our Bren gunners get their eyes in quickly this year, we have a good chance of winning.

The results were as follows:—

| LORD-LIEUTENANT'S CHALLENGE SHIELD | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Winners: Notts Univ. T.C. ... | 919 |
| 12th: 5th Queen's ... | 699 |
| (35 entries) | |

| L.M.G. CHALLENGE CUP | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Winners: Notts Univ. T.C. ... | 182 |
| 15th: 5th Queen's ... | 110 |
| 16th: 5th Queen's ... | 110 |
| (37 entries) | |

| IMPERIAL TOBACCO CHALLENGE CUP | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Winners: Notts Univ. T.C. ... | 1,818 |
| 7th: 5th Queen's ... | 1,437 |
| (7 entries) | |

| A.R.A. CHALLENGE CUP | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Winners: Notts Univ. T.C. ... | 2,311 |
| 5th: "S" Company, 5th Queen's | 1,920 |

In the T.A.R.A. Small Bore Competition, "A" and "S" Companies qualified for the second round of the N.S.R.A. Cup and finished ninth and tenth respectively. "S" Company finished fifth in the A.R.A. Cup.

In the Surrey Small Bore Competition open to T.A. units in Surrey, "A" Company won for the second time in succession. "S" Company were runners-up.

We are now busy preparing for this year's competition. The War Office has assisted this year by including 500 yards practices in the annual range courses.

SPORT

The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, is to be congratulated on representing The Army v. The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force in the Inter-Services Athletics. The Battalion football team has already completed its first post-war season. It has gone from strength to strength after a very shaky start. The teams have included C.S.M. Church, C.S.M. Martin, Sergt. Freemantle, Sergt. Bateman, Sergt. McCormack, Cpl. Evans, L./Cpl. Wilson, M.M., L./Cpl. Clements, L./Cpl. Shuff, L./Cpl. Jones, Ptes. Patterson, Adlam (R.), Adlam (C.), Matravers, Wallington, White, McKay-Phillips and Buckingham.

The results have been: Mons O.C.S. 22, 5th Queen's 0 (lost); Depot Queen's 1, 5th Queen's 3 (won); 6th Queen's 0, 5th Queen's 5 (won); 6th Surreys 2, 5th Queen's 9 (won); Depot Queen's 4, 5th Queen's 1 (lost).

The Battalion played hockey against 1st Bn. Royal West Kents, who beat us 6-2. The score reflects credit on the Battalion team.

Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, R.S.M. Kemp and Pte. Bunn represented the Regiment-at-

| HIGH SHERIFF'S CHALLENGE SHIELD | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Winners: Notts Univ. T.C. ... | 441 |
| 16th: "B" Company, 5th Queen's | 351 |
| 17th: H.Q. Company, 5th Queen's | 346 |
| 20th: "S" Company, 5th Queen's | 331 |
| (57 entries) | |

| SIMPSON CHALLENGE CUP | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Winners: 5th West Yorks Regt. ... | 372 |
| 4th: 5th Queen's ... | 277 |
| (30 entries) | |

| T.A. SMALL BORE | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Winners: H.Q. Company, 5th/6th | |
| Gordon Highlanders ... | 1,482 |
| 9th: "A" Company, 5th Queen's | 1,200 |
| 10th: "S" Company, 5th Queen's | 1,171 |
| (17 entries) | |

Home hockey team, which played H.Q. Eastern Command in the first round of the Army Hockey Cup and lost 6-1.

A Battalion cricket team played 6th Queen's at Camp. 6th Queen's won by six wickets. Next year we shall produce a stronger side if a pitch is available at Stamford.

CONCERT

A Battalion Concert Party was formed in January this year to assist in the recruiting drive. Sergt. Stafford undertook the hard job of producer. Talent from the Battalion included the Adjutant; featuring as Churchill, Drum-Major Newman; Ptes. Adlam and Wheal as exotic dancers; Sergt. Dixon, who did an excellent Piddington act; Pte. Schnee singing "Lili Marlene"; Sergt. Stafford himself in various guises; and Sergt. Henty and his daughter in two amusing sketches. Additional outside volunteer talent helped the show to go with a swing at Guildford in January and at Camberley in February. Good press notices were received; Val Reed, our pianist, received a B.B.C. audition as a result.

RECRUITING

The Battalion strength increases surely. The following have been welcomed during the year: "A" Company: Ptes. Bullimore, Norris, Smith. "B" Company: Ptes. Warner, W. Massey, D. W. Searle, J. A. Artiss, F. Daborn (A.C.C.), W. Gallocker (A.C.C.), H. G. Edwards. "C" Company: Ptes. S. G. Pope, B. K. Porter, H. Fidler, C. Gooch, A. T. W. Batchalar. "D" Company: Ptes. H. J. Guest, W. Johnston, S. H. Davies, G. Griffiths (A.C.C.). H.Q. Company: Sergt. W. K. Roadnight, M.B.E.; Ptes. J. Moores, T. J. White, T. G. Shuff, P. B. J. Shuff, H. Sutton, H. F. Freeman, G. Wallington, P. A. Schnee, D. G. T. McKay-Phillips, L. C. W. Baker, W. J. Freeman. "S" Company: Ptes. A. E. Cable, R. E. Adlam, J. A. West, J. Carter (A.C.C.), C. E. Adlam, H. Allender, P. Wheal.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Owing to the Battalion being spread over the width of Surrey, it is not possible to run a Sergeants' Mess, except at camp and on other rare occasions. These are always happily spent.

One of these was at Annual Camp at Shorncliffe, where we were able to run our own Mess. Here we spent some very pleasant evenings. Thanks to Mr. May and Mr. Cronk, the Mess was excellently run and organized.

On Friday, 26th August, we had a social and games evening. The Brigade Commander, the Commanding Officer and various other officers were invited, and members from the other Sergeants' Messes also attended. The Mess easily won the darts tournament. "A" Company Mess members gave us a most enjoyable half-hour with sketches and jokes.

We are very pleased to welcome into the Mess C.S.M. Johnstone, Sergts. Dixon, Turner, Bateman and Hunwicks (R.E.M.E.) (att.).

At Sandfield Terrace on Friday, 6th January, 1950, we held a farewell social evening for Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and at the same time we welcomed our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier R. F. K. Goldsmith. A good time was had by us, and "A" Company again came to the fore with their sketches and jokes.

We are going to Stamford for our Annual Camp this coming July. The "scouts" have been out and have reported that the nearest town is twenty-five miles away. So we look like having some good evenings in the Mess.

OFFICERS AND W.Os.

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| Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O. ... | C.O. | Capt. F. P. T. Tallent ... | O.C. "D" Coy. |
| Major P. L. Blackstone, T.D. ... | Second-in-Command | Lieut. A. C. Overington ... | Pl. Comd. "A" Coy. |
| Major A. G. Neale, T.D. ... | O.C. "A" Coy. | | and W.T.O. |
| Major P. A. E. Dumas ... | O.C. "C" Coy. | Lieut. P. Winch ... | Pl. Comd. "A" Coy. |
| Major J. F. L. Clarke ... | O.C. "B" Coy. | Lieut. A. J. Fell ... | Signals Officer |
| Capt. A. S. Blackman ... | Adjutant | Lieut. D. L. Hodges ... | Pl. Comd. "C" Coy. |
| Capt. (Qrmr.) S. H. Sellicks ... | Qrmr. | Lieut. W. H. C. Friend ... | R.I.O. |
| Capt. A. C. Henley ... | Second-in-Command "B" Coy. | Lieut. R. B. Eustace ... | O.C. Atk. Pl. |
| | | Lieut. J. E. Heron ... | Pl. Comd. "D" Coy. |
| | | Lieut. A. D. G. Langmead ... | Pl. Comd. "A" Coy. |

Lieut. R. C. H. Saunders ... O.C. "S" Coy.
 2/Lieut. J. H. Pappin ... Second-in-Command
 Mortar Pl.
 2/Lieut. P. N. Morshead ... Air Loading Officer
 and Second-in-
 Command Signals
 Pl.

R.S.M. J. Kemp ... R.S.M.
 R.Q.M.S. F. Pullan ... R.Q.M.S.
 C.S.M. L. Church ... P.S.I. "B" Coy.
 C.S.M. A. R. Mitchell ... P.S.I. "A" Coy.
 C.S.M. J. Homersham ... C.S.M. H.Q. Coy.
 C.S.M. J. Martin ... C.S.M. "B" Coy.
 C.S.M. W. Johnstone ... C.S.M. "D" Coy.

OPERATION ORDER CANLOAN No. I

INFMN

1. Own tps

- (a) Max Baker, 210 Adelaide St. S., CHATHAM, Ontario.
- (b) Gordon Chatterton, 320 Alfred St., PEMBROKE, Ontario.
- (c) Joe Craib, Peterson Residence of McGill, 25th Ave., LACHINE, Quebec.
- (d) Eric Hall, Barclays Bank (Canada), Sherbrooke and Guy Branch, MONTREAL, Quebec.
- (e) Vincent Lilley, H.Q. Central Command, OAKVILLE, Ontario.
- (f) Hugh MacDonald, c/o Provincial Police Detachment, LONDON, Ontario.
- (g) Ronnie Maclean, 137 Brock Ave. North, MONTREAL WEST, Quebec.
- (h) Jack Surtees, 813 Avenue H, South, SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

2. Enemy

Br offrs who have NOT written any letters to own tps as above listed. BARDIN files will NOT be used.

INTENTION

3. To keep in touch with former comrades of 1/5 QUEENS, wherever they may be.

METHOD

4. Any letters addressed to own tps will be freely circulated and answered in due course.
5. The following griff as presently known on CANLOAN offrs is detailed hereunder:—

(a) MAX BAKER is employed by the National Employment Service and is keeping his hand in by being a member of the Kent Regiment. Old Maxie attended summer camp at PETAWAWA in early July, and took the Field Offr's Tactical Course. He was heard to remark that he'd sooner comd a coy than do those &% \$ £@? patrols again! Poor Maxie hasn't been able to increase the population of this fair Dominion since his return.

(b) GORD CHATTERTON is employed by the Ontario Department of Education as Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Renfrew (on the Ottawa River), in which Petawawa Military Camp is situated. Gordie is now a nine-mile sniper with the 59 LAA Regt, and splices the main brace whenever he bloody well feels like it. (Geoff Ball, please note.) Vital statistics: one boy, one girl.

(c) JOE CRAIB when last reported was attending McGill University, in full trg as a tooth-puller. Joe is no longer a bachelor. Our Intelligence has reported NO increase—to date. It is expected that Joe will do dental work for all ex-QUEENS for fees slightly less than those charged under the National Health Service in UK.

(d) ERIC HALL is going like a house afire in civvy street. He was recently appointed accountant at an important branch of Barclay's Bank in Montreal. When you come to Canada he will change your NAAFI/EFI funds into \$c.

(e) VINCE LILLEY is the only 1/5 QUEENS CANLOAN who couldn't earn a living in civvy street and stayed in the ruddy army. Vin is a General Staff Offr, stationed near Toronto. He is now the proud father of a boy and a girl. Each summer for the last three years he has been trg adjt at PETAWAWA Summer Camp.

(f) HUGH MACDONALD is now a Bobby employed by the Province of Ontario and stationed in LONDON (Ontario!). In apprehending two criminals who were hiding in a wood, Hughie put his mil trg to good use and did a spot of wood-clearing, in approved 1/5 QUEENS style, *a la* Hamburg, with tps of his res unit (Canadian Fusiliers). In this case NO houses fell on Hughie, as the enemy had NO heavy arty.

(g) RONNIE MACLEAN still longs for his beloved mechanical flocks and herds of A2. Our spies report that he is mixed up with chemicals and test-tubes, or summat like that. "Kinrapup" is NO longer a prominent word in his daily vocabulary. Ronnie will give you the gen on his domestic affairs when you write to him.

(h) JACK SURTEES was last heard of building his own PIAT-proof house in REGINA. Jack is a partner with his father in the building trade. The Ontario QUEENS have heard very little of Jack since we came home. Perhaps this O.O. will have the same effect on Jack as it is going to have on the lads in England (we hope!). There really isn't enough paper to make a good fire.

6. During summer camp at Petawawa, early in July, own tps (a) (b) (e) and (f) held a reunion, over the bar and under the tables. "Packer's Flaming Rum Punch" (Weert Style) and its creator were fondly remembered. All battles from the beaches to HAMBURG received detailed attention.
7. By Penny Post, Air Mail, or in person (preferably). CANLOANS are prepared to lay on the welcome drill for any and all visiting 1/5 QUEENS blokes. To expedite the postal break-through, please address all letters to Gordie Chatterton, who will be circulating adjt (pro tem). All CANLOANS will welcome news of all 1/5 QUEENS offrs. *and men*.

SYNCHRONIZE calendars: 5-4-3-2-1—1949 NOT 1950.

ACK

DISTRIBUTION: All offrs 1/5 QUEENS wef June 1945

All own tps

Queen's JOURNAL

STOP PRESS

Eric Hall is very proud of his new Queen's tie. Rumour hath it that he wore it to bed the first week. It is also whispered that his wife objected to the Desert Rats on Eric's pyjamas.

JERBOA

It may be that this missive finds its way into the hands of QUEENS personnel who had NOT the honour of meeting any of the own tps, above listed. In any case do NOT inquire too deeply into the matter. We are all sterling characters.

TIFFIN

Our address list is quite likely to be out of date in a number of cases. We would appreciate information in this regard.

BRAGANZA

We hear that Gustave van Boexstaele has been doing some work for United Nations. Old Gus isn't a "loot"enant any more. He lives at Noondries 61, GHENT, Belgium. This city is sometimes called "1/5 QUEENSVILLE."

THE GLORIOUS FIRST

Who was the Canloan who, after seeing it painted on a Bn H.Q. veh, looked up "Kinell" in his German dictionary?

THE RED BALLOCK

Among our most treasured keepsakes are the 7 Armd-Queens cuff links which we received from the old lads. As a group we thank you.

How's YOUR G1098?

We often wonder how the lads of the RHA are. Give them our best.

CHEERIO CHUMS

6TH BATTALION

1949

THE Brigade, under command of Brigadier A. Block, returned to Shorncliffe again for Annual Camp. The camp site was moved, however, to the hatted camp at St. Martin's Plain, and in every way was an improvement on last year, the weather being no little help. Training, as last year, was mainly for specialist classes, a feature of this being the brigaded "S" group commanded by Major Gordon Woolley of our Battalion, who arranged for the training of carriers, assault pioneers, mortars, etc., on a brigade level. Officers' training consisted of TEWTS run by each battalion in turn. The summer training for the Brigade had specialized in "Air Movement" and culminated in an exercise at camp in which every member of the Brigade became "airborne." Three Ansons took part, and besides giving everyone practical flying experience tested the emplaning staff thoroughly and added a realistic touch to the tactical scheme of which Operation "Airlift" was a part.

A further week-end camp was held at Hythe early in December, and although attendance was small proved as usual well worth while.

It is with great regret that next March we shall lose both our Brigadier and our Commanding Officer, their terms of office having by then expired. Brigadier Alan Block and Lieut.-Colonel John Mason have been with us since the Territorials were re-formed after the war. They have seen us expand and find our feet again, and popular as they both are all ranks will be loath to see them leave us. We wish them all good luck for the future.

Another loss which the Battalion feels deeply is that of the Adjutant, Capt. R. S. N. Mans, who leaves this month for the Staff College Course. "Rowley" will not easily be forgotten by the 6th for his cheery and effervescent personality, his skill as a lecturer, his sound military knowledge, and his knack of co-ordinating everything in the Battalion. All too often either a company commander who had mismanaged his travelling allowances, or a private soldier who had a minor grievance, would come to him for advice. When any problem confronted any of us it was comforting to feel that "Rowley" would know the answer.

His place will be difficult to fill, but we give his successor a hearty welcome. Those of us who have met Capt. John Sutton, who takes over in his place, realize that here is a worthy follower in "Rowley's" shoes.

Last month we also learned of another loss in Major Charles Greenwood, who has applied for the Reserve. Major Greenwood was one of the three remaining serving members of the 1939 Battalion. We wish him also good luck and hope that he will not lose touch with us.

During this year we have commenced publication of our own quarterly journal, "Braganza." Under the lead of the chief editor, Orderly Room Sergt. Lake, "Braganza" has already made its mark, both by making some of our more senior members laugh at themselves, and by reuniting many of our Old Comrades. The latter, incidentally, held their usual successful dance and reunion at the drill hall last week.

Activities are still varied within the Battalion. The rifle club meets regularly, and sporting fixtures with other units have been arranged in soccer, darts, etc. One step forward has been the rebirth of the company spirit, stimulated no doubt by the inter-company competition won this year by H.Q. Company under Capt. Pearson.

Before many months are past the National Service men will be joining us, and it will be up to us to show them that the Territorials have made great strides since re-forming in 1946.

1950

Early in January we held our usual Children's Party. This year, however, the entertainment was more varied, for apart from the Christmas tea with crackers we organized a Christmas tree, a clown and a film show. The party ended with community singing, and every child received sweets, sixpence and fruit before leaving.

Since December Capt. A. H. Bennett has arranged three film shows, to which all ranks, O.C.A. and their relatives and friends were invited. These were extremely well attended, their

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popularity being shown by the extreme age limits of the audience—youngest two months, oldest eighty-six years.

Adding to the social side, a recent innovation has been the Friday "get togethers." On alternate weeks all ranks and their friends and relatives, together with the O.C.A., meet in the canteen, drink beer, play darts, snooker, entertain local darts teams, exchange yarns, and generally enjoy themselves. A similar evening is held once a month by our New Cross Company. The last such evening was enlivened by a film show in which the film "Camel Corps" was screened upside down and backwards!

Just before going to press the officers of the Battalion spent a week-end on annual camp reconnaissance at Stamford Training Area in Norfolk.

The following officers have left us since 1st January: Capt. Deirse transferred to the Bedfs. and Herts; Lieut. Lloyd, who has emigrated to the U.S.A.; and Lieut. Bishop, who has taken up an appointment in Ceylon. Major South, M.B.E., and Major Stringer are both at present on extended sick leave. We wish them both speedy recovery.

R.S.M. Groves, M.M., has recently completed his tour of duty with us, and we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. We welcome R.S.M. Thompson of the Royal Sussex Regiment, who has quickly fitted into the role of R.S.M. of this Battalion. C.S.M. Hurd retired to civilian occupation, his place being taken by C.S.M. Hyde of the 1st Battalion. Two members of the Permanent Staff, Ptes. Drury and Parkhurst, have left us after completing their engagements. Ptes. Goffe and Greene have transferred to the Regular Army. We wish them all every success.

The Sergeants' Mess, under their President, C.S.M. Barry, have held a number of functions, including a farewell party for the Brigadier and a most enjoyable annual dinner.

Annual Camp this year will be held for two weeks from 15th July at Stamford, and until then the majority of our training will be concentrated on preparation and study of the subjects in which we shall be specializing at camp.

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CROYDON

THE past year has seen a number of changes in personnel, particularly amongst officers. The present C.O., Second-in-Command, Adjutant and Q.M. have all been appointed since camp last year. The new Commanding Officer is the only officer who served with the old 4th Battalion. He rejoined in 1947 on the rebirth of the T.A. as a battery commander and took over last July.

The present list of officers and W.Os. is as follows:—

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| Lieut.-Colonel P. D. Connery, M.B.E., T.D. ... | C.O. | Capt. D. N. Howell Everson | Signals Officer |
| Major T. C. Metcalf ... | Second-in-Command | W.O.I R. W. Pond ... | R.S.M. |
| Capt. G. V. Magnus ... | Adjutant | W.O.II R. V. Bell ... | R.Q.M.S. |
| Capt. L. D. Eccles ... | Qrmr. | W.O.II S. G. Reed ... | P.S.I. |

"P" BATTERY

Major B. Gill
Capt. M. L. J. Marshall
Capt. S. O. Nebel
Lieut. R. E. C. Brookes
2/Lieut. G. C. Hayles
W.O.II L. Thomas

"Q" BATTERY

Major D. A. Litchfield
Capt. P. Ashworth
Capt. C. B. Burden
Lieut. E. L. Tarrant
Lieut. R. J. A. Harris
W.O.II S. A. Howard

"R" BATTERY

Major D. C. Peyton
Capt. R. O. Nebel
Capt. W. P. Phillips
Lieut. G. M. W. Winn
W.O.II R. A. C. Kennett

Annual Camp last year was at Bude for the second year in succession. The period (1st-16th May) was noteworthy for perfect weather conditions during our entire stay. Attendance was excellent, no less than 90 per cent. of our strength being in camp for the full period. The shooting was satisfactory, and the Regiment was given a high grading in its camp report. On the sports side the Regiment, in accordance with The Queen's tradition, won the Brigade Tug-of-War Cup and came second in the Brigade Sports.

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On returning from camp, preparations were set in hand for the due observance of the "Glorious 1st of June." This took the form of a combined parade of the Regiment, 4th Queen's O.C.A. and a detachment of the 3rd Cadet Bn. Queen's in Croydon, an inspection and march past the Hon. Colonel (B. L. Evans, D.L., T.D.), followed by the annual prize distribution and "smoker" in the Drill Hall.

We were particularly glad to "welcome home" to the old armoury the 4th Queen's O.C.A., who had to give up Queen's House, Poplar Walk, their home for so many years. Much as we sympathize with them in their loss of Queen's House with all its memories, we believe the present arrangements will be of benefit to us both in the years to come.

Due to our early camp the remainder of the summer training programme was devoted to mobile and tactical schemes, principally in the form of week-end camps, culminating in the Army/R.A.F. exercise "Bulldog," in which we took part in the defence of Tangmere R.A.F. Station. These were extremely popular and well attended, and without exception we were blessed with good weather. The winter training programme started in earnest in October with the object of fitting ourselves for the task of receiving and training the National Service men. Good and regular attendance and keenness have resulted in a uniformly high standard of instructor throughout the Regiment. Though we neither underrate the responsibility nor the complexity of the job, we feel reasonably confident that we shall at least start off on the right foot. We have actually received our first N.S. posting order for 22nd June.

On the social side the main activities have been a series of Battery dances, culminating with a successful Officers' Mess Ball on St. Patrick's Night. We were even able to persuade Croydon's three M.P.s. to forget their cares of State for a few hours and honour us with their presence.

We should be lacking in chivalry if we did not mention the "Queen's Ladies Club." Consisting of the wives of all ranks, the members meet once a week (not on a drill night!) and amuse themselves in a variety of ways, with such harmless pursuits as badminton, table tennis, dancing classes, etc. Their Regimental *esprit de corps* has to be seen to be believed, and we have found it a useful means of encouraging the "troops" to regard the Drill Hall as a second home and to make full use of the social amenities available.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of sending our best wishes to all members of the Regiment and of assuring them that despite our present role we still endeavour to maintain our old traditions as members of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

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(LATE 7TH BATTALION)

DURING the past year we have seen many changes in 622, both in our membership and in our activities.

We began 1949 in rather an unsettled way. Certain officers and men left us, but we have some new members. In March, 1949, when Lieut.-Colonel N. J. P. Hawken, M.C., R.A., whom many may remember as Adjutant of the 1st/7th Queen's during the war years, assumed command of the Regiment, we settled down to a programme of training and social activities.

At Whitsun a party under the leadership of Major "Hughie" Peters spent an enjoyable week-end in the Bexhill area, engaged mainly in mobile training; the weather was kind to us, and the brief exercise proved both instructive and entertaining.

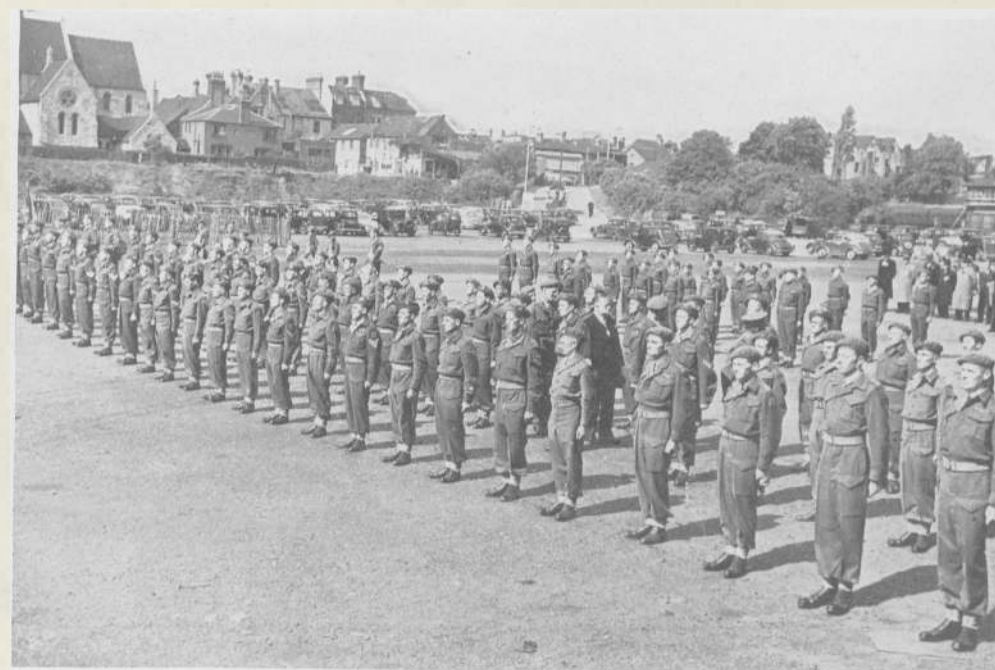
Throughout the summer, in preparation for our Annual Camp, we made regular visits to our gun site at Dulwich, including several very profitable week-ends. The site, which is on Dulwich Golf Course, in superb country surroundings, though in sight of St. Paul's, provides a splendid venue for week-end training, as the place is equipped with kitchens, sleeping quarters and a canteen. During the war Dulwich gun site was a showplace for visiting V.I.P.s., and even now the garden-like setting has not been entirely obliterated by the passing of the years.

Probably the most notable week-end spent there was when we invited our sweethearts and wives down for one Sunday afternoon to watch us at practice and to inspect our equipment. At

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[Photo: "Croydon Times"]



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two o'clock in the afternoon the site was drowsily resting after a big Sunday dinner. At 2.30 the transport arrived, bringing a very harassed subaltern and about a hundred wives, sweethearts and children.

By 2.35 the gun site resembled a "Giles" cartoon. There were children everywhere—on the guns, practically in the guns, furiously turning handles and investigating every gadget that came to hand. Only the timely tea-bell, summoning them to the dining hall for a real "party spread," induced them to leave these fascinating new toys.

In August we went to camp at Weybourne in Norfolk. Once again the weather remained clement.

After the usual settling-in period, we proceeded really to enjoy ourselves. Our shooting was accurate, our one-day mobile scheme was a success, and in all, from the training point of view, we had a good camp. There was not a great deal of time for sport, although we had a very amusing cricket match in which the Gunners were defeated by the R.E.M.E. Workshop side, and a very energetic soccer match was played one evening with our deadly rivals, 353rd Regiment. The latter game was won by us, not on the field but on the touchline, by the enthusiastic but not always polite supporters of both sides.

On the first Wednesday of camp, 622 organized an athletic meeting for the whole A.G.R.A., and for a first venture it was very successful. We hope to do even better at our next camp.

We returned from camp, and for a time the usual lull between summer training and the winter programme set in. However, with various social evenings, including an excellent dinner given by the Sergeants' Mess to the sergeants and officers and their wives, our enthusiasm revived, and quite a useful winter has been spent with lectures, film shows, and such drill as is possible on the premises of the Drill Hall itself.

Another Ladies' Night was held in the Officers' Mess during November, which was enjoyed by everyone concerned.

We have been very pleased to welcome on all our social occasions Old Comrades of the Queen's Regiment and also many well-wishers of the present Regiment.

With the lighter evenings drawing on, we look forward to our season at Dulwich before we go to camp once more; this year at Tonfanau in Wales.

We should like to extend to all old friends of the Queen's a hearty invitation to visit us at the Drill Hall in Braganza Street, Walworth, whenever they have a Monday or Thursday evening to spare.

PERSONALITIES

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| C.O. | Lieut.-Colonel N. J. P. Hawken, M.C., R.A. (T.A.). | |
| Second-in-Command | Major R. G. Hooper, M.C., R.A. | |
| Adjutant | Capt. H. Sands, R.A. | |
| Quartermaster | Capt. J. Pincombe, M.B.E., R.A. | Regular |
| R.S.M. | F. W. Large | |

Amongst old "Queen's" boys we can count: B.S.M. New, B.S.M. Sullivan, R.Q.M.S. Crouch, B.Q.M.S. Proud, Sergt. Humphries, Sergt. Paisley, Gunner Paine, L./Cpl. Hollanby (R.E.M.E.).

We regret that, other than "Grannie" Hawken, no "Queen's" officers are now with us.

Our Honorary Colonel is Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., whose help, advice and assistance have been most encouraging. We hope he remains with us for a long time yet.

ROMMEL ON SNIPERS OF 1st/7TH BATT.

By MAJOR F. J. SNOWDON, T.D.

ON reading "Rommel," by Brigadier Desmond Young, Chapter IV, "The Ghost Division," page 71. It is reported from Rommel's diary: "In the advance on the La Bassée Canal on the 24th (May, '40) British snipers were active in the bushes and hedges south of the canal, and these were difficult to dislodge. In spite of them, bridgeheads were secured on the 26th, and the first guns and tanks went over on the 27th."

It is of interest to know that these snipers were, in fact, the forward defended localities of the British line occupied by companies of the 1st/7th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Such comment coming from enemy records is indeed an honour.

Ten years have elapsed since this action, and I recall that from these forward positions, at a distance of a mile and a half, it was clear to see the Panzer Division going into leaguer and preparing for the assault across the canal. On the left of my position there was a medium hill in the middle distance, on which one afternoon during this action we saw three German officers with maps preparing for the assault.

From Brigadier Young's description of the Field-Marshal, one of these officers may well have been Rommel.

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 123, May, 1949, issue)

5th August.—Our battalion pulled out and leagured back on top of the hill above Migny (18). Our stay here was only for a few hours, and in the late afternoon we moved east and concentrated at Longvilliers, a village south-east of Villers Bocage (19).

6th August.—1st/5th Queen's stayed all day at Longvilliers. We were kept at short notice to move, so again we could do no maintenance work on our vehicles. Since 17th July we had been continually on the move and had been put into battle after battle. Both troops and vehicles were getting tired. Reinforcements had not been allotted to us, with the result that our numbers, particularly in rifle companies, were getting very small. On this day, however, we did receive about forty men.

In the afternoon we got our orders for the next day. The object was for the division to push ahead and try and get to Condé-sur-Moireau. The big picture was excellent. The Americans in their sweep had turned northwards and had defeated the Germans at Mortain. The Falaise pocket was forming nicely. It was vital, therefore, that all German lines of retreat should be cut. The Canadians were storming their way south from Caen, and XII Corps had a useful bridgehead across the Orne.

7th August.—We moved off from Longvilliers on the Hamars-Vallée road. This road goes south up the high east-west ridge in front of Mont Pincon, bypasses Mont Pincon on the east and then goes due south to Condé. When we reached a point a mile north of Hamars (20), orders came for us to debus and lie up until required. Just north of Hamars the ground rises sharply and was under observation of the enemy. Any move south along the road would be very unpleasant. We were under command of the Armoured Brigade. They, with 1st/7th Queen's also under command, fought their way forward to Vallée, and thence up the hill to the top of the ridge. 1st/7th Queen's carried out a fine night operation in this battle. Our left flank was very exposed and as already stated under enemy observation for the most part. There were also plenty of Germans in the thick woods on the right of the road as it wound up the high ridge. We therefore sent two companies to go and clean up the thick jungle and seize the high ground on the right of the road at the top of the hill. A third company was sent to protect Vallée from any German attack from the east. The two leading companies accomplished their task after a few hours. The job was a very strenuous one, as the woods were as thick as the Burmese jungle. When they reached their objective they linked up with our fourth company, which had moved straight up the road and got into position astride the cross roads on the top (21). The enemy with their observation used their artillery to good effect. Movement along the road to Hamars and Vallée and movement in Vallée itself brought down artillery fire all day long.

8th August.—This was the black day of the German Army in 1918, and it looks as if in 1944 it will become another black day for the Germans. Heavy attacks were made against them in most sectors. They were fought into and then clutched in the Falaise-Argentan pocket.

For our part, we made an attempt to continue our advance to Condé. The armour were to try and push on. They couldn't, in face of concealed anti-tank artillery. It was really an infantry job, but we hadn't enough infantry for the task. 1st/5th Queen's was the only battalion available, but we were only strong enough to carry out an attack with a very limited objective. It was decided, therefore, to stop trying to do any more down this road, but to concentrate on another route—that which ran over Mont Pincon. Accordingly, we got orders to move across. The most direct route was via our forward positions. This was ruled out owing to it being under observation of the enemy. We therefore had to go back through Vallée, and then via Aunay south of the hill again to Roucamps—a journey of about seven miles. We were required quickly for an attack before dark. But owing to the enemy shelling of Vallée and the roads leading into it, it was not possible to "marry up" the battalion with its transport in a hurry. We had had twenty-one vehicles damaged by enemy shellfire, and it was not healthy to march troops through Vallée. However, the reconnaissance parties went forward to Mont Pincon and had a bird's-eye view of the country over which we were to attack, and preliminary orders were given out. Our task was to pass through the battalions of 43 Division in Plessis lying at the foot of Mont Pincon to the south, and attack south astride the road with tanks in support. Our objective was some ground about a mile from the start line. The plan included a heavy artillery barrage. It was a good plan, and the attack would undoubtedly have succeeded, tired though we were. Unfortunately, it just was not possible to assemble the battalion in time before darkness fell, and the attack was called off. So we "leagured" for the night in our assembly area (22).

9th-10th August.—Plans had been changed during the night. Another division (50 Division) was to do the attack today. Our division was to help by seizing a series of objectives on the high ground to the east, thereby protecting the left flank of 50 Division. 1st/6th Queen's started first, and got its objective. The country was difficult for tanks owing to its closeness, so this first objective was not reached until about 1600 hours. Directly they were there, 1st/5th Queen's were ordered forward from our assembly area on Mont Pincon to follow them up, pass through and take the next objective about a thousand yards farther on. Our attack didn't start until about 1900 hours, because of the difficulty of the routes forward and the necessity for reconnaissance to get the infantry and tanks on to the start line. The rifle companies of 1st/5th Queen's rode down to the forming up area on the backs of the tank squadron which was to support us. Proof of our shortage of men was shown here, when all the infantry of all the rifle companies were lifted by the tanks of only one squadron. While we were getting ready to start, the enemy was shelling the ground in front with medium artillery. When the attack started, however, for some unaccountable reason the shelling stopped. We attacked with two companies up, each supported by a troop of tanks, the left resting on the Condé road. The artillery put down a standing barrage covering our left flank and beyond the objective (23). We did not expect much trouble from the enemy, and in fact got none. The only two Germans seen were quickly captured. Our only casualties were the crew of a carrier which hit a mine. The tanks gave us grand support. The country was more open than the usual bocage, and the tanks followed up the leading infantry shooting at all likely lurking places of the Germans. Such close and intimate support was naturally most popular with the troops. On arrival at the objective, we started to dig in and sent out patrols. News came that we were going out to rest and would be relieved by a battalion of 43 Division. The relief was completed by next morning, and we marched back to our rest area near Aunay-sur-Odon. We were all very tired, not having had much sleep for some days. One good night's sleep under these conditions naturally revives everybody, but more than that is required to make up for the lack of it over long periods.

We were short of men and were glad to hear that some reinforcements were on the way.

11th-15th August.—The Brigade rested and cleaned up. Our vehicles also came in for attention long overdue and proper maintenance was carried out; this was our first opportunity to do this for some weeks.

Conclusion.—Thus ended our battles in this phase of the campaign. On 16th August the

7th Armoured Division was ordered east once more and came under command of I Corps in its drive to Lisieux and the Seine and beyond.

The battles of the Falaise Gap were a great victory. We know that some of the German formations got across the Seine; but most did so without their heavy equipment. The R.A.F. and our artillery made a tremendous killing. One area, that around Trun and Chambois, bore evidence of this. The roads, lanes, hedges and woods were filled with the wreckage of M.T., guns of all sizes, armoured vehicles and dead Germans. The sight of a Tiger tank upside down on the edge of the road, with its turret and gun also upside down fifty yards away on the edge of a copse, was very impressive. The troops who passed through the area could not have wished for a more satisfying sight after so many weeks of slogging.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

THE Club members remain about 440. Three social events were held during the year:—

1. The Officers' Reunion and Garden Party at the Depot on Saturday, 16th July. The weather was beautiful, and about 120 officers, ex-officers and guests attended.

The Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion gave a display, which everyone agreed was well up to pre-war standards. It was also agreed that the arrangements and the general appearance of the Depot reflected the greatest credit on Major Freeland and the small Depot staff.

2. The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Friday, 23rd September, and the following dined:—

Colonel P. Adams, T.D.; Major N. B. Avery, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Beattie, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Capt. H. J. Belsey; Major J. G. Bevington; Capt. A. S. Blackman; Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Capt. T. G. Blumson; Colonel J. D. Boyd, D.S.O.; Major T. O. M. Buchan, M.C.; Major D. E. Bugg; Lieut.-Colonel B. E. L. Burton; Lieut.-Colonel P. B. Carroll; Capt. D. E. Champion-Jones; Major J. F. L. Clarke; Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel H. Cook, M.C.; Capt. G. H. Courchee; Capt. G. B. Curtis, M.C.; Capt. E. W. Dawson; Major F. W. H. Denton; Colonel Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, G.B.E.; Capt. E. D. Drew; Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Major H. G. de J. du Vallon, D.S.O., M.C.; Colonel G. N. Dyer, C.B.E., D.S.O.; Major D. R. Edwards; Major R. C. G. Foster, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel I. H. Freeland, D.S.O.; Major J. A. R. Freeland; Major P. C. Freeman, M.C.; General Sir George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Grimston; Colonel R. C. Halse, O.B.E.; Squadron-Leader V. C. Harvey, M.C., D.C.M.; Capt. A. J. Hoghton; Major-General I. T. P. Hughes, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.; Brigadier H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O.; Capt. C. R. Hurley; Major F. J. Jebens, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.; Brigadier M. Kemp-Welch, D.S.O., M.C.; Capt. Gerald S. Lee; Major H. C. Leon, M.C.; Major D. L. Lloyd-Owen, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel D. G. Loch; Capt. M. A. Lowry; Major-General L. O. Lyne, C.B., D.S.O.; Major R. P. Mangles, M.C.; Major W. Masterson, O.B.E.; Major A. R. C. Mott; T. D. O'Leary, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Owen, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel M. W. H. Pain; Brigadier G. V. Palmer, C.B.E., T.D.; Colonel R. Papworth, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.; Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Pope, O.B.E., T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel A. J. Renshaw, D.S.O., M.C.; Capt. G. D. Restall; Major A. N. S. Roberts, O.B.E.; Major E. G. Sandys, M.C.; Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D.; Major F. J. Snowdon, T.D.; Capt. J. S. Standring; Lieut.-Colonel J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O.; Major P. M. A. Taylor, M.C.; Capt. E. C. Thorneycroft; Rev. K. H. Thorneycroft; Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.; Major F. Waspe; Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.; Brigadier H. Wood, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel A. F. F. Young, O.B.E., T.D.

3. A Buffet Supper was held at Brown's Hotel on Friday, 17th March. In accordance with the vote taken at the dinner, ladies were included. The numbers attending were rather small, being just under 100, but everyone agreed that it was a most successful and enjoyable evening.

Two Committee meetings were held.

1. At the Army and Navy Club before the dinner on Friday, 23rd September. The following decisions were made:—

GARDEN PARTIES.—The future policy regarding guests who should be invited to attend the Officers' Garden Party was discussed. It was decided that:

- Officers' widows should be invited.
- The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, the local Member of Parliament, the Chairman Surrey County Council should be considered, but the O.C. Depot should draw up a list and submit it to the Colonel of the Regiment.
- Invitations should be decided upon and sent out well in advance of the event.

MEMBERS' LIST.—It was decided that the book containing the list of members should not be reprinted, but that the O.C. Depot should as far as possible keep an up-to-date record of addresses, etc., of members.

BUFFET REUNION.—It was decided that a Buffet Supper be held in 1950. The policy *re* members inviting ladies as guests to the function was discussed, and it was decided that the opinion of those dining that evening (23rd September, 1949) should be obtained by vote. (See Note (d) below.)

It was also agreed that at future buffet reunions no food should be served until one hour after the function had commenced.

NOTE (d). The voting at the dinner showed that members were in favour of ladies attending.

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL AND NEWS-LETTERS.—The policy *re* future publications of the JOURNAL and News-Letters was discussed, and it was agreed that the JOURNAL should be published in May, 1950, and that News-Letters should be published in January and September.

Other Ranks' subscriptions to be as follows: Annual subscription 3s., for which one JOURNAL and two News-Letters will be supplied. In the case of individual purchases the cost will be: JOURNAL 2s. and News-Letters 6d. each.

In future the pages of the News-Letter should be numbered by the printer.

JOURNAL ACCOUNT.—The debit balance of the JOURNAL Account was considered, and it was decided that the O.C. Depot be asked to kindly make a grant of £150, which he agreed to do.

CLUB COMMITTEE, WAR OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE.—Lieut.-Colonel Burton explained that he felt he would not be available to continue as a member of the Committee in the near future. It was decided that Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., should later be asked to kindly act as representative for War Office and Extra-Regimentally Employed.

DINNER.—The question of the most suitable period of the year in which the dinner was to be held was debated. It was decided to get the opinions of those dining that evening.

NOTE.—The vote showed that a dinner in the autumn was more favourable.

EVENTS, 1950

Buffet Supper.—March, 1950. Date to be decided by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Cricket Week.—11th to 17th June.

Garden Parties.—15th July, Officers; 16th July, Other Ranks.

Dinner.—October, 1950. Date to be decided by the Colonel of the Regiment.

GARDEN PARTY DATES.—The 5th Battalion represented that they were due for Annual Camp on 15th July, 1950, and that this date would be awkward. The Colonel of the Regiment when visiting the Depot on 30th November, 1949, decided that the date should be altered to 8th July for Officers and 9th July for Other Ranks.

2. At Stoughton Barracks on Tuesday, 7th March. The following points were decided:—

ANNUAL DINNER.—It was agreed that the Annual Dinner should take place in London on Friday, 3rd November, 1950.

ANNUAL EVENTS, FUTURE YEARS.—To assist the working committee to arrange events, it was decided that as a general rule the dates should be as follows:—

Buffet Reunion.—Third Friday in March.

Garden Party.—Second Saturday in July.

Annual Dinner.—First Friday in November.

COMPILATION OF ACCOUNTS.—It was agreed that in future all subscriptions received by the Officers' Club Account should be paid into one account, and that the provisions of Rule 7 of the Officers' Club should be amended accordingly.

JOURNAL AND NEWS-LETTERS.—Lieut.-Colonel F. J. C. Piggott brought to the notice of the Committee that the present expenditure of the JOURNAL Account far exceeded the income. He considered that steps should be taken to modify the expenditure as follows:—

- By producing a cheaper style of JOURNAL, which would contain less pictures and only items that would be of Regimental historical interest.

(b) By producing more news-letters each year, which should stimulate interest in the up-to-date activities of the Regiment. This method would reduce the size of the JOURNAL and would be a saving in production costs. All members of the Old Comrades Association should be sent a copy, and thus give value for money to members of the O.C.A., thereby possibly encouraging new membership.

The Chairman accepted these proposals in principle and agreed to further investigation being made by himself and the Secretary of the Officers' Club and the O.C.A.

GARDEN PARTY GUESTS.—The Committee approved the list of guests which was produced by Major J. A. R. Freeland (O.C. Depot). In future, invitation cards will be sent to all so nominated before the Officers' Annual Garden Party.

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS' LIST BOOK.—It was agreed that steps should be taken to encourage all officers of the Regiment to join the Officers' Club. Lieut.-Colonel A. F. F. Young considered that Territorial officers should also be encouraged. When the results of this have been achieved a new Members' List Book should be published, and then after every three years.

EATON HALL O.C.S.

THE following officers are still on the staff of Eaton Hall :—

Lieut.-Colonel D. L. A. Gibbs, D.S.O., Commandant, likely to complete tour of duty at the close of the summer.

Capt. C. J. D. Haswell, Instructor of Officer Cadets.

Capt. J. B. C. Palmer, Instructor of Officer Cadets.

Capt. L. W. Karn, O.C. H.Q. Company.

Attached is a list ("A") of young officers commissioned as National Service officers from Eaton Hall since 1st January this year, first commissioned to the Queen's.

Column (b) of the list shows where they have actually been posted to serve their time as National Service officers serving with the Regular Army.

Woolstencroft and Taylor were serving soldiers with the 1st Battalion in B.A.O.R. (Berlin) and went up to their W.O.S.Bs. from the Battalion.

At "B" is a list of O.Rs. on the Eaton Hall staff. Of these, Millard was, I believe, Sports Storeman when we were in the Isle of Wight. Sergt. Muskett is likely to return to Eaton Hall as an officer cadet shortly.

As to any general information about Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School. It comprises the estate of Eaton Hall, now leased to the Army for ninety-nine years. The grounds and gardens of the estate are still nearly as beautiful as they were in former days and must still be some of the most beautiful in the country. They offer excellent facilities for a unit like an Officer Cadet School, providing as they do first-class sports fields, tennis courts, squash courts, etc. The School, for its grounds, garden and environment alone, is well worth a visit if anyone finds himself in the Chester neighbourhood.

The Cadet School has an establishment of 48 officers, some 300 O.R. staff (including civilian employees), and 400 officer cadets—a figure of which it does not often fall short.

The officer cadets are posted in at approximately fortnightly intervals. The average intake numbers fifty-five and is split into two platoons. The course is sixteen weeks.

Officer cadets for commissioning in the following arms come to Eaton Hall: Foot Guards, Infantry, Royal Marines, Intelligence Corps, R.E.M.E., R.A.O.C., R.C.M.P., R.A.E.C. Of these, the Foot Guards and Infantry are in a large majority.

The course, in its practical aspects, is entirely infantry and its tactical training is based on the infantry platoon and culminates in a week at the School's Battle Camp at Okehampton on Dartmoor, where section and platoon exercises are carried out under very realistic conditions.

The course is purely a military course and deals with all military subjects that will enable the young officer, with further training in his unit, to take his place as a platoon or equivalent commander. Due to the essentially practical nature of the course, it does, it is considered, very fairly achieve this. There is no general education included in the course.

As far as it is possible within the limits of the course, the method of running the School is similar to that at the R.M.A. Sandhurst. Senior and Junior Under Officers are appointed and are given many powers. The Adjutant is from the Brigade of Guards, as are the R.S.M., all Cadet Company C.S.Ms., and two Drill Sergeants per company. A Champion Company Competition is held at periods throughout the year. This includes all practical military subjects, such as drill, shooting and assault courses, as well as the normal games. Great emphasis is laid on games in the School, and all officer cadets get a minimum of two organized games a week. This is facilitated by the number of sports fields available. There is also a good nine-hole golf course within the grounds, and the River Dee passes through the grounds close to the School.

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| 6th January, 1950 | 2/Lieut. T. A. M. Stedman, Surreys ... | 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R. |
| 21st January, 1950 | 2/Lieut. D. H. Woolstencroft, Queen's ... | Airborne Forces Depot |
| | 2/Lieut. J. N. Taylor, Queen's ... | Airborne Forces Depot |
| | 2/Lieut. T. R. Wallen, R.W.K. ... | 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R. |
| 18th February, 1950 | 2/Lieut. D. H. Franks, Queen's ... | Mauritian Guard Company, M.E.L.F. |
| 3rd March, 1950 | 2/Lieut. G. V. Hodges, Queen's ... | Nigeria Regt., W. Africa |
| 17th March, 1950 | 2/Lieut. A. S. Day, Queen's ... | 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R. |
| | 2/Lieut. D. H. Whitaker, Queen's ... | Mauritian Guard Company, M.E.L.F. |
| | 2/Lieut. A. T. Montague, Queen's ... | 1st Queen's, B.A.O.R. |

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| 6340226 | C.S.M. P. Millard (acting as a Colour Sergt.) |
| 6084058 | Sergt. J. Brown (Officers' Mess Sergt.) |
| 6088002 | Sergt. A. Poole (C.S.M. Instructor of W.T.) |
| 6104588 | Sergt. R. Muskett (W.T. Instructor. Has just passed a W.O.S.B.) |
| 5961505 | Pte. J. Mills (M.T.) |

THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS

1ST AMERICA REGIMENT

THIS, our allied Canadian Regiment, is now the 25 Armoured Regiment of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Its station is at Fort York Armouries, Fleet St. West, Toronto, with "C" Squadron detached at Aurora, Ontario.

The strength of the Regiment, one of the largest regiments of the Reserve force in Canada, is 32 officers, 3 officer cadets and 192 other ranks.

The C.O. is Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Singleton, Second-in-Command Major J. F. Westhead, and Adjutant Capt. F. S. Dowe.

Allied to the Regiment are the cadets of Scarboro Collegiate and Weston Collegiate Vocational Schools.

Sergt. L. M. Lamouroux, of the Regiment, visited England in 1949 and writes appreciatively of the hospitality he received at the Queen's Depot.

Like our Territorial Army, the training is mainly carried out at evenings and week-ends, with last year a week's camp at Petawawa in July.

The following account of the training plans for 1950 are reprinted from the very lively and well-produced Regimental paper "The Ranger," which is produced almost every month and regularly received at the Depot :—

Possibly you have been wondering what is in the pot for the coming winter and summer. Perhaps you haven't yet heard of the plans. Major Sutherland, the Chief Instructor of the Queen's York Rangers, has kindly given us the full information which we will pass on to our

readers. If there should be questions left unanswered, drop in and ask your squadron N.C.Os. or officers, who will be very pleased to give you further information.

The object of Reserve Force training is to fully train a nucleus of officers, N.C.Os. and men as specialists, so that in the event of mobilization an adequate field force would be available to the Canadian Army with the minimum of delay.

The training emphasized this year in the Regiment will be (1) Crew Commanders, both N.C.Os. and officers, and (2) Trades training for all ranks.

The system of training will be as follows:—

(a) A period of basic training, which is now known as General Military Training (G.M.T.). This is the initiation of the recruit to Army life, where he first sees the basic workings of Army organization and first begins to adjust himself mentally and physically to military life. Such basic subjects as drill, rifle, Bren, Sten and map reading are covered. The latter is of great importance, although often considered an "easy go." That was the opinion of a troop of cadets doing tactical exercise at Meaford this past summer—until the entire troop was lost for one night in the Ranges and woke the following morning when their chilly heels were being lapped by the frigid water of Georgian Bay.

(b) Basic Armoured Training. There the recruit gets his instruction on Army vehicles, marvels at their strength and size and the inner workings of same. Eventually he qualifies as a driver of Army vehicles. Following qualification the lucky fellow proceeds to introductory training on the specialist trades field of gunnery, wireless, and driving and maintenance. Joe Bloo has now been a year in the Queen's York Rangers, and as he looks back he sees just how much he has covered and how much fun it has been.

(c) Joe is now in the fortunate position of being able to make a choice, as he is starting in his second year, that is advanced trades training. Here he will choose either the trade of gunner-operator or of driver mech., tank. This special training will cover all of the second year, and Joe's head will be very full of useful information at the end of this second year.

Each year's training consists of two main parts. (1) The unit H.Q. training following the syllabus laid down by A.H.Q. Ottawa. This is broken down by the Chief Instructor into weekly training plans, which appear in the weekly orders. (2) Summer Camp. The period allotted for this is one week to be spent at Petawawa. This is possibly the most looked to part of the year, and certainly is the time when you will learn the most of your job, get to know your own fellows better and have a wonderful time. The summer camp was well attended last summer, and several applied to stay for the second week of training. From all reports, it was a "howling" success. All training is based on the supposition that you will attend camp, and to this end no effort is spared to get you permission to attend from your employer and to arrange the finest syllabus possible at camp. It is possible to qualify in your trade without going to camp, although it will take you considerably longer. However, by talking to your friends who have been there, no doubt you will fully realize the great value of attending.

A system of training has this year been inaugurated for N.C.Os., and the popular N.C.O. School is now in full swing under Capt. Davies. Having listened to several of these lectures, we can assure you that the fortunate recipients will learn a great deal and be much better qualified for the course. The system of choice for this school is on the basis of merit, and the individual man must be put up by his squadron leader. For a corporal the course consists of two parts. Part A is taken in the local headquarters during the winter each Monday evening from 2000 hrs. to 2200 hrs. An oral exam follows the course in March. Part B is taken over the period of one week at summer camp and is of the utmost importance, as allowing the aspiring N.C.O. to use his knowledge in daily contact with his men. The camp must be attended within two years of completion of the series of winter lectures at local H.Q. for qualification to be put up. Thus it behoves the N.C.O. to attend the summer camp if at all possible.

A similar course is set up for the senior N.C.Os., and again is broken down into two phases: Part C is taken in a series of lectures during the winter at the local H.Q. one evening each week. A written examination follows on the last Sunday in March. Part D is of the greatest importance and is the practical phase of training to be taken at summer camp at Petawawa over a period of one week. This practical phase should be done the summer following the lectures, but if the

man is unable to attend through no fault of his own the Part D may be put off until the following summer. This allows two years in which to complete the practical phase, but no longer. If camp is not attended in that two-year period, the lectures must be retaken in order to qualify for recommendation for promotion.

In addition, there is a Crew Commanders' Course (Charlie Charlie). This is held at summer camp, is very popular and equally difficult. The course is broken into two parts:—

(1) A straight Charlie Charlie Course.

(2) A sub-unit tactics course for qualified officers and N.C.Os. During March, April and May the local H.Q. runs a preparation course for this tactics training.

There are other courses of which space only permits mention, such as Warrant Officers' Course and an advanced Q.M. and courses for drivers, medical men and bandmen.

Winter practical training is of necessity limited by the fact that we must all earn an honest shekel to support our ever-loving spouses. Thus only week-ends are open, yet there is a beehive of activity on those week-ends. Men of "C" Squadron in Aurora are particularly fortunate in that regard and obtain a wealth of training. In addition, there are several expeditions laid on to Meaford, where men of the Regiment can prove their shooting (and fishing) skills. The Regiment goes to Meaford twice in the fall and again twice in the spring. Intelligence reports say the fall trips, known for reasons of security as Exercise "Apple," are extremely popular. In addition, a day's trades training is taken at the R.C.A.C. School at Camp Borden in the fall and in the spring.

The Regiment runs a course for officer cadets which is very popular and equally difficult. The officer cadet must complete a three-year course before he has reached the age of twenty-eight years. He is required to have his junior matriculation or the equivalent. The course is heavy and very worth while.

These, briefly, are some of the training plans and requirements to cover the present year. If you have questions in this regard, be sure to see your squadron N.C.O. or officer. You'll find they are anxious to co-operate and will help you to find the answer to further questions.

MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL NOTES

THE acquisition of new exhibits for the Museum is now a most difficult problem. The reasons are not far to seek. First, we have almost exhausted the "market"; and secondly, extant potential exhibits are in most cases very valuable family possessions, which for various reasons cannot be acquired for the Regimental Museum.

We have, however, started on some new ventures. Briefly, these may be described as follows:—

The Museum's two rooms have in so far as is possible been designed to exhibit items in chronological order. The large room contains exhibits from the earliest times to the Boer War period. The small room contains exhibits from the period of the First and Second World Wars to the present day. In this smaller room will also be found the Regimental Reference Library, containing documents about the Regiment from the earliest records to war diaries of the 1939-45 war. These records are housed in the large glass-fronted bookcase. Books can be removed for perusal at the tables provided for that purpose.

An effort is being made to bring all exhibits, especially pictures, on to the eye level of visitors.

The Regimental Collection of Medals has been placed in a glass case and arranged through the voluntary work of Capt. C. R. Hurley, to whom we express our grateful thanks. We hope to have his own very fine private collection of medals on view at the reunions in June in the same way as in 1949.

One new item of interest is the silver medal of the Battle of the Glorious First of June, 1794. This medal, together with the so-called "gold" medal, is displayed in the Regimental Collection. The silver medal is far rarer than its "golden" twin. The latter has been examined by Messrs. Spink & Son, who pronounce it to be of bronze gilt.

THE FACINGS ON THE COLONEL CLARKE FIGURES

By MAJOR J. A. R. FREELAND

IN November, 1949, the Colonel of the Regiment instituted an inquiry into the colour of the facings on the Colonel Clarke Figures in the Regimental Museum.

The following are the conclusions of the Antique Art Galleries restorer, who was responsible for the original restoration in 1938.

Prior to the 1938 restoration the facings appeared green, which colour is known to be according to Regulations for the period when the figures were painted (*circa* 1726).

The figures had been varnished heavily during their existence in Carlisle, and on removal of the layers of varnish certain changes in colour became apparent. A yellow varnish, such as that used, has properties which affect the colour of the pigment to which it is applied. For instance, in its application to the now white piping on the figures these became a yellowish gold. Similarly its effect was apparent on the scarlet of the tunics, which became a burnt red. The facings, as already remarked, appeared green, but it is beyond all reasonable doubt that they were originally the colour we now see—a definite blue. The pre-restoration green colour had come about due to the action of the yellow varnish on the original blue paint. As we learn in our younger days, yellow and blue mixed make green; although in this case the colours cannot be said to be mixed, the effect after many years of the yellow varnish on the blue paint produced the same result.

A further discovery of interest is that the original paints used by the artist were such as are now used in the house to paint doors or windows. They were, in fact, "commercial paints."

The result of the investigation proves beyond doubt that the sitters for these two portraits had blue facings. This is known to be contrary to the existing Regulations at the time. The facings were changed from green to blue by order of His Majesty, dated 17th November, 1768, and the first issue to the Regiment of tunics with blue facings was made in June, 1769 (Public Record Office Reference W.O. 3/24).

An interesting side issue is provided in the officer's Grenadier cap worn by Averell Daniel (Ensign by purchase 1757, retired as Lieutenant 1770). The colour of this cap, as evidenced today on unfaded portions, is Cambridge blue.

DRESS OF THE QUEEN'S, 1827-32

By BEAU BRUMMELL'S BIOGRAPHER

(Contributed by Capt. Donald Anderson)

THE *Life of George Brummell, Esq., commonly called Beau Brummell*, first published in 1844, was written by Capt. William Jesse, who served as a Subaltern in The Queen's from 1827 till he transferred to the 46th in 1835. In describing his first meeting with the Beau in 1832, he gives the following account of his own dress while serving in India with the Regiment. (Vol. II, pp. 72-73.)

"Though buried in India during the preceding six years, I had heard, nay read, of Brummell—his superlative taste, and unquestionable authority, in all 'that doth become a man': but the mysteries of *mufti* were to me a sealed book: when yet in my teens, my round jacket was supplanted by a full-dress regimental coat, and my ankle boots by Wellingtons. Of the perfect *contour* of a shoestring I was, alas! in utter ignorance, and I had been saved all the trouble of overcoming the difficulties of a tie by our Colonel, who, in his very laudable anxiety to preserve strict uniformity in the corps, fitted us all with glazed leather stocks, as stiff as blinkers, which were fastened with brass clasps behind, and actually forbid the use of straps to our Trowsers. In those distant regions, the only *Schneider* I had ever known was the master-tailor, and though I had frequently attended at his shop to see clothes fitted, and had verified the positions of pickers and brushes, and the precise distance between the knapsack straps on heavy marching-order parades, until a foot-rule came as handy to me as to a carpenter, I was not much enlightened on the subject of plain clothes. As to the length, breadth, or depth of whiskers, the only hint I had received was to shave them off at right angles with the ear, in other words to leave a square inch:

any thing approaching the line of beauty, any thing spherical, besides the shot, being considered wholly at variance with the spirit of General Regulations, and highly subversive of military discipline. Poor Euclid! verily thy pages have been practically illustrated in the — Regiment! to which, nevertheless, in discipline, the Guards were mere recruits."

It seems strange that Jesse thought it necessary to conceal the identity of his Regiment, when he was so evidently proud to have served in it.

SOME FINE QUEEN'S MEDALS

WITH NOTES ON THE OFFICERS CONCERNED

By CAPT. C. R. HURLEY

VERNON, HENRY CHARLES EDWARD

(This officer's name was formerly Henry Charles Edward Vernon Graham)

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| Cornet without purchase, 10th Light Dragoons | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 Dec. 1798 |
| Lieutenant without purchase | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 Oct. 1799 |
| Captain by purchase, 8th West India Regiment | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 July 1801 |
| Exchanged to 10th Light Dragoons | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 Aug. 1801 |
| Half pay, 10th Light Dragoons | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1802 |
| Captain without purchase, 26th Foot (1st Cameronians) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 Mar. 1806 |
| Major without purchase, 2nd Bn. 66th Foot (2nd R. Berks) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 June 1811 |
| Exchanged to 2nd Foot | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 Mar. 1812 |
| Lieutenant-Colonel and Inspector Field Officer of Militia in Nova Scotia | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 June 1813 |
| Exchanged to 2nd Foot, in command | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 Aug. 1815 |
| Exchanged to Inspector Field Officer, Ionian Islands | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 Nov. 1818 |
| Half pay, unattached | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 Feb. 1828 |
| Brevet Colonel | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 July 1830 |
| Major-General | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 Nov. 1841 |
| Appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 Aug. 1850 |
| Lieutenant-General | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 Nov. 1851 |
| General | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 Apr. 1859 |
| Died | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 Mar. 1861 |

General Vernon served in the Peninsula in 1808-9 as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General; subsequently in the same capacity with the Duke of Wellington's army until June, 1811. He was present at the battle of Talavera, served with the 2nd Bn. 66th Foot at Arroyo del Molino and other operations until the capture of Badajoz.

Served with the 2nd Foot at the battle of Salamanca, where he was slightly wounded early in the day and very severely at the close of the action, a ball having entered his breast and lodged near the heart, after tearing along two ribs. He returned to duty after three weeks and resumed command of the Regiment, with which he served in the various operations preceding, during and subsequent to the siege of Burgos.

In 1815 he reassumed command of the Regiment, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel Henderson, which was then stationed at Gosport. Accompanied the Regiment to the West Indies in 1816 and commanded it there until he was appointed Inspector Field Officer in the Ionian Islands in 1818.

General Vernon was awarded the Field Officer's Gold Medal for the battle of Salamanca and the Military General Service Medal with clasp for Talavera.

General Vernon was the only officer of the 2nd Foot to receive the Military General Service Medal with the single clasp for Talavera. It is interesting to notice that at the time of the battle of Talavera General Vernon was serving on the Staff and not with the Regiment, but his medal is officially inscribed with his name and gives his Regiment as 2nd Foot. It should be remembered that this medal was not sanctioned until 1848, and this lapse of time probably accounts for this error.

Only three Field Officers' Gold Medals for the Peninsula were awarded to officers of the 2nd Foot.

Lieut.-Colonel Iremonger received one for Vimiera and a clasp for Corunna. (This medal is still in possession of his family.)

Lieut.-Colonel Kingsbury received one for the battle of Salamanca. (This officer died in 1813, and the present whereabouts of the medal are unknown.)

The third award was to General Vernon, who succeeded Lieut.-Colonel Kingsbury in command of the Regiment when the latter was wounded during the action.

MUNDY, GODFREY CHARLES

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| Ensign without purchase, 54th Foot (2nd Bn. The Dorset Regiment) | ... | 25 Nov | 1821 |
| Exchanged to 2nd Foot | ... | 6 Dec. | 1821 |
| Lieutenant by purchase | ... | 28 Aug. | 1823 |
| Captain by purchase | ... | 13 May | 1826 |
| Exchanged to 43rd Foot (1st Bn. Ox and Bucks L.I.) | ... | 6 Sept. | 1831 |
| Major by purchase, half pay, unattached | ... | 31 Dec. | 1839 |
| Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, New South Wales, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel | ... | 28 Nov. | 1845 |
| Half pay, unattached | ... | 25 Jan. | 1852 |
| Brevet Colonel | ... | 20 June | 1854 |
| Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey with Honorary rank of Major-General | ... | 31 Jan. | 1857 |
| Died in Jersey | ... | 10 July | 1860 |

Major-General Mundy served at the siege and storming of Bhurtpore in 1825-26 as A.D.C. to Field-Marshal Lord Combermere, Commander-in-Chief in India, and received the First India Medal with clasp for this action.

This is the only First India Medal with clasp for Bhurtpore awarded to an officer or other rank of the 2nd Foot.

JOHNSTON, JOHN

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| Ensign | ... | 5 May | 1801 |
| Lieutenant without purchase | ... | 27 Mar. | 1804 |
| Captain without purchase | ... | 6 Aug. | 1811 |
| Major | ... | 24 Jan. | 1829 |
| Retired | ... | 16 Apr. | 1829 |

Major Johnston was captured in the transport *Lady Shaw Stewart* by the French frigate *Voltaire* in December, 1805, and released when the *Lady Shaw Stewart* was recaptured at the Cape of Good Hope. He served in Portugal in 1809-10, and also from 1811-14. Awarded the Military General Service Medal with clasps for Vimiera, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Toulouse. He was the only officer of the 2nd Foot to receive the medal with six clasps.

Returned with the last four companies of the Regiment from the Peninsula to Ireland, and then accompanied them to England. In 1816 he was with the Regiment in Barbados, where they were commanded by Lieut.-Colonel H. C. E. Vernon (*q.v.*). In 1817 Major Johnston commanded the right wing of the Regiment (five companies) on detachment at the island of St. Vincent until 1818, when he was relieved. In 1825, when Lieut.-Colonel Williams was promoted from command of the 2nd Foot to command Bombay Garrison, Major Johnston commanded the Regiment until the arrival of Lieut.-Colonel Place.

NOTES.—Major Johnston appears to have made a claim for loss of kit which he left behind in Lisbon when the Army took the field in 1809. The amount claimed was £36 13s., but was disallowed, being "inadmissible." He also submitted a claim on account of public money stolen from his tent at Echelar on 14th September, 1813, amounting to £70 7s. The Board of Claims allowed this claim in full on 26th August, 1815. A further claim was submitted for £27 0s. 6d. for losses sustained by his company in a fire at Richmond Barracks, Dublin, on 14th May, 1824. The Board allowed £20 14s. 3d. on 25th February, 1825, the deductions being in respect of articles which the Board did not consider Regimental necessities. Capt. Johnston was favourably mentioned in a report by the Inspecting Officer (Major-General Riall) when he was in command of the five companies of the Regiment at St. Vincent. He is stated to have bestowed much attention on his command, and in consequence of this the detachment was in good order, in spite of a great deal of sickness as well as the presence of a number of somewhat indifferent privates.

The details of the service of these officers have been extracted from the official history of the Queen's Royal Regiment (Vols. IV and VI) by Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., F.S.A., and from various Army lists.

The details of the family of General Vernon, C.B., were supplied by the Society for Army Historical Research.



THE MEDALS OF MAJOR-GENERAL H. C. E. VERNON, C.B.



MAJOR-GENERAL G. C. MUNDY



MAJOR J. JOHNSTON

1ST CADET BATTALION

ALTHOUGH there have been no events of great importance to record during the past year as far as this Battalion is concerned, we can look back on a year of good steady work. We have kept up our numbers pretty well, but more recruits will be welcome in all companies.

The Battalion went to camp at Cliff End, Isle of Wight, for the last week of July and the first week of August, and the camp was shared with 5th East Surreys and the Gordon Boys Home contingent. The weather was very good, and an enjoyable time was had by all those who attended. Owing to illness the Commanding Officer was unable to attend, and the Battalion was under the command of Capt. Porter during its stay in camp. Some 17 officers and 100 cadets attended for either one or two weeks.

The Annual Inspection was carried out in July by Major J. A. R. Freeland, Officer Commanding the Regimental Depot. We were very glad to welcome Major Freeland to the Battalion area, and we are glad that we got a satisfactory report. The usual Certificate "A" Exam. was held during the summer, and a very fair number of candidates passed either in Part I or Part II. On the whole, the exam. seemed to be a bit stiffer than in previous years.

In the autumn, No. 7 Travelling Wing visited Redhill and gave us a Methods of Instruction Course, and a similar course for officers was held in camp.

In January, "F" Company, Reigate, gave their Annual Display. The Company put on a very good show, which was attended by the County Commandant and the Mayor of Reigate and a large number of parents and members of other companies.

The reorganization of the Surrey A.C.F. has not affected this Battalion to any great degree, and we are glad that we still remain the 1st Cadet Battalion of the Queen's Royal Regiment.

We have lost a few officers during the year, including Major Waley and Major Laver, the Hon. M.O., and also Capt. Porter. We were particularly sorry to lose Capt. Porter's services, as he had commanded "I" Company for six years with great success. He found, however, that the calls of business were making too many inroads on his limited spare time. It was, however, with great pleasure that we learned that he had been awarded a Certificate of Merit in the King's New Year Honours List. We are shortly going to lose our Quartermaster, Major J. L. Jeffree, M.B.E., who is retiring from active work with the A.C.F. owing to calls of business. Major Jeffree has had a long connection with the A.C.F. and this Battalion in particular. To him and the other officers who have recently retired we tender our very hearty thanks for their invaluable help.

The following appointments have been made recently: Adjutant, Lieut. R. A. Coombs; Liaison and Social Officer, Capt. F. C. Martyn; Sports Officer, Capt. H. L. Goodwin; Quartermaster, Mr. K. W. Best; O.C. "G" Company, Lieut. C. W. Escott; O.C. "I" Company, Lieut. C. F. G. Richards.

SPORT

Owing to various circumstances we were unable to put in a full team for the County Sports. However, our two competitors were both successful, Cpl. Cobb winning the 100 Yards and Cadet Tierney the 220 Yards.

The Battalion football team are a rather young lot this year and have found the opposition in the Youth Division of the Redhill League rather strong this season. We got knocked out in the first round of the County Cup after a good game.

Cpl. Payne of "F" Company played for the county at football this year and scored two goals against the Middlesex A.C.F. He was awarded a county badge.

Through the kindness of Major Freeland a party of cadets under Capt. East spent a week-end at the Depot early in March. A good time was had by all, and we are grateful to Major Freeland for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements, and we hope that some of our lads will join the Regiment when they do their period of National Service.

1ST (LONDON) CADET BATTALION

THE year which has just closed saw the 1st Battalion celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. Sixty years of unbroken service as a cadet battalion of The Queen's, and it was felt by all who have the honour of serving with the Battalion that 1949 should be something to mark a great occasion. At the kind invitation of Major Cope, commanding the Depot of The East Surrey Regiment, Kingston, the Battalion had the honour of once again spending Easter week-end with the East Surreys. Good Friday, 15th April, saw 12 officers and 180 O.Rs. leaving Sloane Square and marching, following the steps of the "good Old Infantry," to Kingston Barracks. On arrival, guard was mounted and the usual competitions were held. On Easter Sunday we held a Church Parade at St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, the service being taken by our old friend, Canon Wellesley Orr, C.F. The Lawford Guard Mounting Cup was won by "A" Company (Southwark), closely followed by "H" Company (Offord Road, N.1). The Shoeburyness Trophy for the best barrack room was won by "A" and "B" Companies (under 16). The Farquhar Drill Cup went to "A" Company, with "H" Company a good second. Thanks to the good offices of Capt. J. Streeter, excellent film shows embodying training were shown on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Easter Monday saw the Battalion on the move, on their feet, to return to Sloane Square.

On 10th June the officers met at Ye Olde Cock Inn in Fleet Street to partake of dinner and to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., was in the chair, and present was Colonel L. W. Bennett, C.B.E., V.D., who was a co-founder of the Battalion in 1889. Also present was L. G. Attlee, Esq., brother of the Prime Minister. It is of interest to note that both Mr. L. G. and Mr. Clement served as officers in the Battalion from 1905 onwards.

Once again our Mr. North, B.E.M., took charge of the Massed Bands of the County of London A.C.F. at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, on the evening of 16th June, when our Corps of Drums took part.

9th July, and the Diamond Jubilee Inspection; every muscle was strained to put on the best show ever. General Sir George J. Giffard kindly agreed to be our inspecting officer, and Sir George had been informed that if it could be arranged and the weather was not too hot, Her Majesty Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, might graciously honour us with her presence.

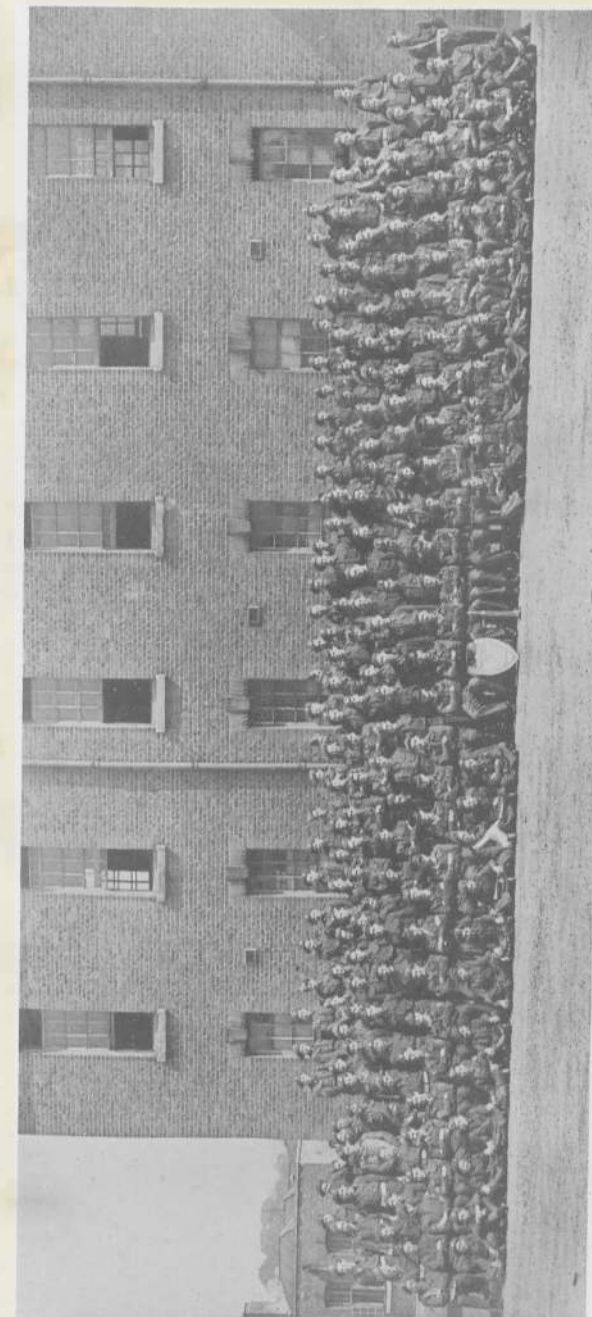
It was decided that the Regimental Colour should be trooped, and by extra parades and an excellent week-end at the Depot, Guildford, under the instruction of Major J. A. R. Freeland and his staff, we were passed fit. With the Band of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, who had just returned from Germany and in full dress scarlet, to play us past the saluting base, success was assured.

General Sir George J. Giffard carried out the inspection together with Colonel Hill, Coldstream Guards, from London District, who gave us our report. General Giffard read the following message from Her Majesty Queen Mary: "As your Colonel-in-Chief I send you my warmest congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of the formation of your Battalion, the senior cadet battalion of The Queen's Royal Regiment and the Cadet Force; I also congratulate all the prize winners, especially those who helped to win the King George V Shield and the A.C.F.A. Welfare Trophy. Lastly, I send my very best wishes to all ranks of the Regiment for their prosperity and happiness in the future. I much regret that I am unable to be present today."

The report reads: "General Sir George Giffard asked me to state that he was impressed by the bearing and turn-out of the Battalion on parade and thought the keenness shown by all ranks most notable. I very much agree with him."

We are deeply grateful to the Master and Benchers of the Temple for allowing us to use the gardens, which added much enjoyment to the occasion.

Annual Camp.—Twelve officers and 100 O.Rs. attended Summer Camp at Hertford Heath, 31st July to 8th August. The "Shoeburyness" Trophy was won by "G" Company, Islington;



1st (LONDON) CADET BATTALION (THE QUEEN'S)
JUBILEE GROUP

the Guard Mounting Cup by "B" Company, Southwark. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain Army cooks, but thanks to Mr. Tickner (who is father of three Southwark cadets), our Q.M. (Capt. G. Airs), 2/Lieut. Rider, C.Q.M.S. Dimsdale and cadets who stepped into the breach, everything went according to plan. Training, sports and swimming were carried out, and we finished with the usual camp concert.

Week-end Training.—Detachments from companies attended week-end courses at Caterham and Pirbright, where .303 practice also took place.

Shooting.—In the Army Cadet Force, Bisley, week-end we retained the Colonel Graves Challenge Cup for the best (.303) shooting team in the County of London. In the Frankfort Challenge Shield we came seventeenth, Cadet/Sergt. Davis (Southwark) being the only County of London representative in the Cadet Hundred. In the Alamein Cup we came sixth. In the County of London .22 Team Shooting League we came second. Cadet/Cpl. Anscombe ("B" Company) took second place with 95 points in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Shoot.

Capt. J. Streeter, commanding "B" Company, won the Cronk Bowl for the highest score in the County of London Officers' Shooting Match.

Boxing.—Two cadets, K. Salter and H. Hall, reached the semi-final stage of the National Cadet Championships.

Soccer.—The Battalion fought through to the final again this year, but were defeated by their old rivals, the Battersea Grammar School.

Certificate "A" Examination.—This being the basis of training in the A.C.F., much hard work is done by the officers, staff and senior N.C.Os., and the results shown reflect great credit on all concerned. Twenty passed Part II, and twenty-eight passed Part I.

Appointments.—Capt. Rowland A. Caplen, No. 3 Company (Queen's), 11th County of London, to Assistant Adjutant and Training Officer.

Under Officer A. C. Rose to 2/Lieutenant.

C.Q.M.S. F. Dimsdale, "B" Company, to R.Q.M.S.

C.S.M. Fetter to R.S.M.

J. Gosling appointed Staff-Sergeant. for duty with "H" Company on return from National Service.

Retirements.—2/Lieut. Rider transferred to Devon A.C.F.

R.Q.M.S. Back relinquished appointment owing to pressure of work.

Obituary.—It is with deep regret that we report the loss of our Honorary Colonel and Founder Officer, Colonel J. W. Bennett, C.B.E., V.D., after sixty years of devoted service to this Battalion, who died on 8th September, 1949, in his eighty-fourth year. A memorial service was held in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, 20th November.

Also the death of Sir Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., C.S.I., in his eighty-eighth year. He was Chairman for many years of the Battalion Committee and staunch supporter of the old Stepney (Haileybury) Company.

The work of the Battalion goes on, thanks to the untiring devotion and support of its officers, staff and the two Committees north and south of the Thames, to whom we are greatly indebted, together with our Battalion Committee who give the judgment of their wide experience and knowledge to the matters of importance laid before them.

2ND CADET BATTALION

CAMP

THE 2nd and 5th Cadet Battalions held a joint camp this year at Cliff End Fort, near Freshwater, Isle of Wight, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Hammond of 2nd Queen's, with Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Brown of 5th Queen's as Assistant Commandant. The result of this experiment was excellent, and the field training of the combined battalions was far more realistic than it could have been otherwise, and all ranks benefited by it enormously.

The combined bands took part in the carnival procession at Newport and received well-earned commendations from all concerned, and also received many congratulations on their excellent display from unofficial spectators. Several of them wrote appreciative letters to the authorities.

FIELD EXERCISES

On 8th October 100 cadets of the Battalion took part in a field operation with the Artists Rifles (T.A.) at Hindhead. This was a gruelling trial for boys, and they acquitted themselves well, the T.A. authorities stating that without the cadets the first part of the exercise would have been a "flop."

BAND

On Remembrance Day the Buglers and Band were in great demand. On Saturday, 5th November, the Band went to Ripley to assist the local committee. On Sunday, 6th November, the Band had a Church Parade at Old Woking Church—the annual festival of remembrance at the War Memorial in Woking—and bugles sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at Brookwood Cemetery and at Send.

RECRUITING

This goes slowly, but a new unit has been started at Lightwater, Bagshot, and so far fourteen new cadets have joined. It is hoped that a full platoon will soon be raised here.

CERTIFICATES

Four cadets gained Certificate A, Part II, and six Part I, and in addition six cadets of "E" Company have been awarded Certificate T. There are now fifty signallers in the Battalion, of whom more than half are already classified and have their crossed flags.

FIFTY-THREE YEARS IN SERVICE OF YOUTH

Just retired from active work with the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment is Capt. S. J. Dale, D.C.M., M.S.M., who has a proud record of service to youth and sporting organizations extending over fifty-three years, besides having a fine war record with the Queen's Royal Regiment, in which he won the T.A. Long Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal for gallantry in Italy and the D.C.M. for gallantry when wounded in France.

Capt. Dale's civil employment for thirty-four years was as a master at the Southern Railway Orphanage at Woking. During this time he was in charge of cubs and scouts, was an officer of the Church Lads Brigade and a member of the Volunteer Battalion of The Queen's from 1903 until the end of volunteer service in 1908, when he transferred to the 5th Territorial Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment until he was discharged with wounds as C.S.M. in April, 1919. During the Second World War he served the Ministry of Health and Surrey County Council as Clerk and Steward of the Woking War Hospital and as assistant to Sector 8, Military Registrar, for all service and allied hospital patients. He joined the Defence Volunteers and Home Guard from 25th May, 1940, to 31st December, 1944.

Capt. Dale served with the old cadets as O.C. Woking Company of the Winchester Regiment K.R.R. Cadet Corps from 1919 to 1922, when the cadets were disbanded. On the formation of the Army Cadet Force in 1942 he joined the 2nd Cadet Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment, in which he served until the present time. He was Second-in-Command, "C" Company (Woking), and then Battalion Q.M. and P.M.C.

For thirty years—from 1909 to 1939—Capt. Dale served with the Boy Scouts both as scoutmaster, examiner and member of the Executive Committee, and was awarded the Scout Medal of Merit in 1936 and the Woodcraft Badge, Gilwell, in 1938. For part of the same time this amazing man was an officer of the Church Lads Brigade from 1902 to 1912, his total service in the Brigade being eighteen years.

Needless to say, Capt. Dale never missed a camp during the whole of his service with the Volunteers, the T.A., Cadets, Scouts or Church Lads Brigade.

In what time was left for other things Capt. Dale was keenly interested in sports, and amongst other activities was from 1905 to 1908 Hon. Secretary and captain of Woking "B" Football Team, and later on referee of the Woking and District Junior Football League, 1923-30. He was also a member of many committees dealing with youth and sports.

No record of Capt. Dale's achievements would be complete without an account of this grand man's valour as a soldier, for which he was commended by the G.O.C. 41st Division, by Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, commanding V Army Corps. and by Colonel The Hon. A. L. Broderick, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment. It goes without saying that he was proficient in his professional work, and he gained certificates at the School of Musketry, Hythe, for signals, P.T., gymnastics and swimming at Umballa, India, and won innumerable trophies at Bisley.

During the 1914-18 war he served in India, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Belgium, France and Italy, and was wounded four times at Neversoda, Italy, in December, 1917, the Somme, March, 1918, Ypres, July, 1918, Menin, October, 1918. He was mentioned in despatches, was promoted and recommended for a commission on four occasions, but was unfortunately prevented from accepting for private reasons.

The M.S.M. was awarded to C.S.M. Dale (as he then was) for great gallantry in Italy, when he swam the Piavi four times to establish communications under great difficulties. The citation for the award of the D.C.M. reads as follows:—

"No. 240006 C.S.M. S. J. Dale, 10th Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment. During the operations near Menin on 14th October, 1918, although badly wounded early in the fight, he refused to be sent back and carried on with unceasing energy. He reorganized stragglers and led them forward to their final objective under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day his courage and devotion to duty were an example to all, and it was only when forced to do so by the nature of his wounds that he left the front line."

The 2nd Cadet Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment are very proud of their "Uncle Stan," whose last duty was to act as P.M.C. for the Officers' Mess of the combined 2nd and 5th Cadet Bns. The Queen's Royal Regiment at Cliff End, Isle of Wight, in August, 1949, where he worked as indefatigably as ever, and his knowledge of Army procedure was invaluable in dealing with tradesmen and storekeepers, and he could always be depended upon to keep the Mess going and to take on anybody at shove-halfpenny and darts!

Capt. Dale has now retired out of the district and lives at Derby, but we of the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment all hope that he will be able to come again to our camps for many years to come.

He is indeed an example and inspiration to all with whom he comes in contact, and an example which we hope many of those who find that they can give no time or part of their leisure to the service of cadets will emulate, not any longer making the excuse that their few years of war service is all that they can be expected to give for their country's cause.

2ND/5TH CADET BATTALION

WITH effect from 1st January, 1950, the cadet units in Surrey have been reorganized.

This has resulted in the 2nd and 5th Battalions being amalgamated to form the 2nd/5th Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Hammond, V.D., with Headquarters at Guildford. There are four companies—No. 1 Camberley, No. 2 Woking, No. 3 Farnham, No. 4 Haslemere—with platoons of these companies at Royal Albert School, Lightwater; Mayford School; Ash; Farncombe and Guildford.

As may be imagined, the three months of 1950 have been spent mainly in reorganization and consolidation, but a large and varied programme has been arranged for the rest of the year. The Battalion has had the honour of being invited to send its Band to perform at the Royal Tournament on 19th June. Week-end camps have been arranged at Pirbright Camp, and the Battalion will go for its annual camp to Yaverland, near Sandown, Isle of Wight, for the first fortnight in August.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATIONS

THE REGIMENTAL O.C.A.

MR. R. J. CLARK.—It is with the greatest regret that the Committee for reasons beyond their control have had to terminate Mr. Clark's employment as Assistant Secretary to the Old Comrades Association. Mr. Clark served as the Assistant Secretary from 13th August, 1943, to 31st March, 1950, and it is desired to place on record our deep appreciation of his work. Prior to being employed with the Association he had served for twenty-one years from 1912 to 1933, being promoted to Warrant Officer, Class II (C.S.M.). He also served again as C.S.M. from 1939 to 1943.

Mr. Clark is now employed as a clerk in the Depot Orderly Room, and we hope to have his services for a further period of years.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT, 1949

Membership.—Life Members 1,630, Annual Subscribers 617, Total 2,247, as compared with a total of 2,225 for 1948.

Loans.—The Committee has since the war been as generous as possible in making loans to enable members of the Regiment to set up in business, buy tools and for other purposes when they have been in need. The rate of repayment has been most disappointing, and the point has now been reached when the Association can no longer make loans except for very special reasons. The rules have been amended to meet this situation and to govern future policy.

Employment.—The policy of putting applicants in touch with the Ministry of Labour, the Regular Forces Employment Association and the Forces Help Society continues to be a success. Numbers placed during the year were O.C.A. 12, R.F.E.A. 214.

Reunion.—The Annual Church Service and Garden Party were held at Stoughton Barracks on Sunday, 17th July. The Reverend L. H. Bowler conducted the service held in the Gymnasium, when some 350 members were present. General Giffard, Colonel of the Regiment, took the salute at the ensuing parade. The attendance at the Garden Party showed a considerable increase, 1,250 (including members and families) being present. Weather was kind. The Museum again proved a main attraction, outstanding exhibits being the Old Colours of the 1st Battalion generously framed by Colonel R. G. Clarke, the Salerno Picture and a collection of medals, which was kindly lent by Capt. C. R. Hurley for the occasion. Sideshows and competitions proved popular. The Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion attended the service, and the Band also played selections during the afternoon, whilst the Drums beat Retreat, this being the first time at the function since the war.

Local Representatives still continue to be most helpful in stimulating interest among ex-members of the Regiment in their districts and in bringing to note cases of need. We are most grateful for their help. North London members can meet at the Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley, London, N.12, where Mr. F. H. Grou will be in attendance during the evening, first Thursday in each month.

CHARITABLE FUND

Assistance Given.—447 applications were dealt with during the year and 326 grants amounting to £1,900 0s. 5d. awarded as compared with 512, 378 and £1,936 6s. 2d. during 1948. Detail of grants is as follows:—

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| Illness—Self, wife or child | 91 | Debts, result of illness | 35 |
| Replace worn machinery (disabled) ... | 1 | Debts, business failure | 5 |
| Car for disabled | 1 | Clothing for children | 9 |
| Supplement business training grant (disabled) | 4 | Family evicted | 2 |
| Aid for totally incapacitated | 13 | Aid family, husband under sentence ... | 7 |
| Care of child, wife deserted home ... | 1 | Removal expenses | 17 |
| Accidents not due to work | 11 | Fire damage | 4 |
| | | Resettle home | 4 |

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| Completely destitute | 1 | Widows— | |
| Business grants, disabled | 4 | Aged in need | 8 |
| Clothing to take up new employment (disabled) | 2 | Clothing for children | 7 |
| Technical books for disabled | 1 | Illness | 5 |
| Invalid chair, permanently incapacitated | 1 | Emigration to join family | 2 |
| Legal expenses | 2 | Pending issue of pension | 1 |
| Clothing for emigration | 1 | Fit out child for employment | 1 |
| Accidents, pending compensation ... | 7 | Resettle home | 1 |
| Debts, result of unemployment | 24 | Repairs to own house | 1 |
| Aged in need | 27 | Funeral expenses, husband or child ... | 7 |
| Special, maternity followed by serious illness | 1 | Legal expenses | 1 |
| Funeral expenses, wife or child | 5 | Debts, result of illness | 2 |
| Replace goods lost not own fault ... | 1 | Debts, storage of furniture | 1 |
| Supplement maintenance, student ... | 1 | Supplement B.L. maintenance grant ... | 1 |
| Rehabilitation after serving sentence ... | 3 | Clothing for children for emigration ... | 1 |
| Replace clothing stolen | 1 | | |

Donations to Other Organizations amounting to £63 11s. were given during the year as approved at the Annual Meeting of March, 1949.

ALL RANKS DINNER CLUB

Membership.—Life Members 383, Annual Subscribers 374, Total 757, as compared with 625 for 1948.

Annual Dinner for 1949 was held at the Porchester Hall, Paddington, London, W.2, on Saturday, 24th September, 1949, 270 members attending. Owing to present high costs, an extra charge of 3s. 6d. was made for tickets. The Colonel of the Regiment who presided read telegrams of good wishes, one of which, from Her Majesty Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, expressed Her Majesty's delight at receiving a loyal message and conveying Her Majesty's best wishes to all ranks, past and present.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Memorial.—It has not yet been possible to complete the additions and alterations to the War Memorial in the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Guildford, partly because the award of battle honours for the last war has not been made. Preparations are proceeding.

Roll of Honour.—The Roll of Honour has been completed and bound copies deposited in the casket at the Memorial and in the Museum. A few paper-bound copies are still available for sale at £1 1s. each.

Holiday Grants.—The temporary scheme for holiday grants was continued, and 24 families were sent on holiday during the year, grants reaching a total of £138 15s. as compared with 41 families and £259 14s. during 1948. Letters of gratitude from beneficiaries show how much these holidays were appreciated.

6th Battalion War Memorial.—A grant of £80 was made to the Officer Commanding 6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment towards the cost of the 6th Battalion Memorial in Bermondsey Parish Church.

Investments.—All moneys on hand with exception of estimated amount required for additions and alterations to the War Memorial were invested, the sum of £11,800 being so dealt with. Receipts from dividends and interest will be used to promote the scheme for holiday grants.

FUTURE EVENTS

Reunions.—The Annual Church Service and Garden Party will take place at Guildford on Sunday, 11th June, 1950. Old Comrades Parade at 11.45 a.m. at Guildford Cattle Market for service in Holy Trinity Church at 12.15 p.m. Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion will play.

Garden Party will be held in Stoughton Barracks commencing at 2.30 p.m. same day. Families welcomed.

Applications for tickets, stating number required and whether lunch is required in barracks, to reach the Secretary by 27th May, 1950.

All Ranks' Annual Dinner will be held in London on Saturday, 4th November, 1950. Tickets will cost 3s. 6d. in addition to normal subscription. It is hoped to hold the Dinner in the Porchester Hall, Paddington, London, W.2, as in 1949. Applications for tickets to reach the Secretary by 21st October, 1950.

CONCLUSION

The Committee desires on behalf of All Ranks Past and Present to express gratitude to the Army Benevolent Fund for grants to the War Memorial Fund and to the Charitable Fund during the year; to the Camberley Prisoners of War Fund, the Mayor of Guildford's Fund for the Forces, the 24th London (7th Queen's) O.C.A. and many others who gave generous donations to our funds; to the Forces Help Society, the S.S. and A.F.A., Family Welfare Association, the British Legion and other Regimental and Corps Associations for collaboration in and investigation of cases in need of aid. Assistance so readily given has proved most valuable.

All subscribers past and present are earnestly requested to notify changes of address as they occur. *Do please keep in touch.*

4TH BN. THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

The traditions of their "old Battalion," the 4th Queen's, are still being maintained by the members of the Association, especially at the various meetings and functions held during the past year.

The Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Old Armoury, Mitcham Road Barracks, now the new headquarters of the Association, was well attended. Among those present were three Colonels. After the meeting tea was partaken of by the members.

The social functions held during the year have been well supported, including the annual Derby Draw, which was a great success, and the funds of the Association benefited, especially the Benevolent Fund, which is doing such great service to its members in need of help.

The Glorious 1st of June was celebrated in great style with a parade and march past of Queen's units in Croydon, comprising batteries of the 598 L.A.A. Regiment (Queen's), R.A., 3rd (Cadet) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, the 4th Queen's Old Comrades Association, and 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades Association. The parade was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Connery, T.D. Prior to the march past to the barracks the units were inspected by Colonel B. L. Evans, D.L., T.D., Hon. Colonel of the Battalion, who took the salute at the Town Hall steps. At the conclusion of the parade tea was served, followed by a social, concert and prize giving, and an address of welcome by Lieut.-Colonel Willis Hemming, R.A.

Our Annual Dinner, which was held on 1st October at the Drill Hall, Mitcham Road Barracks, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, had the biggest attendance since the war—189 members and friends. During dinner concerted items were given by the Braganza Concert Party. The Toasts of the evening were: "The Regiment," by Lieut.-Colonel J. H. T. Johnson, T.D.; "Absent Comrades," by Major A. R. C. Stiby, T.D.; "The Association," by Colonel B. L. Evans, D.L., T.D.; Response by Mr. S. B. Walker, Hon. Sec.; "Our Guests," by Mr. R. J. Kitt, 4th Queen's Club; Response by Archdeacon Tonks, M.B.E., Hon. Chaplain. Toastmaster, Mr. A. W. G. Fenner.

Armistice Parade.—The annual parade and service was well attended by our members at the Croydon Parish Church on Armistice Sunday. After the service the units attending marched past, and the salute was taken by the Mayor of Croydon, Alderman Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Gibson, accompanied by Colonel B. L. Evans, D.L., T.D., Hon. Colonel of the Battalion.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to hear from members of the old 4th Queen's who are not yet members of the O.C.A.

2ND/4TH BATTALION O.C.A. NOTES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 1949

By A. E. CUSHION, M.M.

Conducted by Old Comrade Edwin Horne, B.A., A.K.C., the ceremony at the Battalion shrine on Sunday afternoon, 13th November, touched the chords deep rooted in the hearts of the hundred or so old comrades present, as this is the last time we shall meet at Queen's House.

The ceremony opened by the reciting of the Lord's Prayer, led by Edwin, who took the lesson from the eleventh chapter of the First Book of Chronicles, telling the story of David in his dire thirst refusing to drink, because he had contributed nothing to the obtaining of the water. Having told the story, he proceeded to give the parallel by likening the "Queen's" to David, and solemnly asked all present to take themselves to task and try to "pour themselves out" in helping the less fortunate old comrades.

The "Last Post," lowered Standard, two minutes' silence, the placing of the wreath of Flanders poppies on the shrine, silence broken by our Honorary Secretary.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

The last line repeated by all (from the very depths).

"Reveille," Standard raised, relaxation. Brought to order by Edwin's final prayer: "Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen."

A simple ceremony, yes. But what memories it brings. As each year passes the solemnity of this, our own act of remembrance, reaches greater heights, largely due to the dignity with which it is conducted by Old Comrade Edwin Horne.

Thank you, Edwin. May you be spared to conduct these ceremonies for us for many years to come.

From Queen's House old comrades made their way to Mitcham Road Barracks, where tea was obtainable prior to the A.G.M., a report of which will no doubt be given by the Committee under another heading.

With my thoughts in the past and my orders (given by Ed.) in the present, can you wonder if I have failed to convey the true atmosphere round our shrine at 3.30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, 13th November? I therefore offer no apologies, but sign myself

"C" COMPANY RUNNER.

JUBILEE DINNER

Our Silver Jubilee Dinner was held on Saturday, 29th April, at the Café Royal, Croydon; in the chair, Sergt. H. Mann, Hon. Secretary. Over 140 old comrades were present. Included in the number were Colonel Sir F. D. Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., and the Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Alderman B. Monk.

After the toast of "The King" and members of the Royal Family, coupled with the name of Her Majesty Queen Mary, the Silent Toast was proposed by the Chairman.

Sergt. S. W. Vinter (Chairman of the Association), proposing the toast of "The Queen's Royal Regiment and The 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades Association," spoke on the great tradition of the Regiment and the part The 2nd/4th Queen's Battalion played in the landing at Gallipoli, in Palestine and France in 1914-18.

Replying to the toast, Colonel Sir F. D. Watney, President of the Association, said that The Queen's Royal Regiment, which went back to 1661, had a wonderful record. The 2nd/4th Queen's Battalion, when he took over command at Mitcham Road Barracks in August, 1914, had no uniforms and no rifles; and all would remember the route marches to different parts of Croydon. The success of The 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A. had been due to Harry Mann, their hard-working Secretary. Colonel Watney, who attained his eightieth birthday last January, and K. Barnes, who landed at Gallipoli aged 14½ years, then presented H. Mann (Hon. Secretary), who had held the post of Secretary from its foundation, with a gold wristlet watch (inscribed "To H. Mann

from Old Comrades in appreciation, 1950"), together with a leather wallet and £14 cash. A cheque for £25 was presented by W. Fenner on behalf of 4th Queen's Club to the Benevolent Fund of the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A., who wished the Association every success.

In reply to the presentation, Sergt. H. Mann said that the 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades Association was second to none amongst battalion Old Comrades Associations. They had their Annual Reunion Dinner, their "Shrine Service," and their Old Comrades' Journal issued twice yearly. Their first dinner was held at the King's Arms, Croydon, in 1925, at which 100 were present. They also supported The Queen's Royal Regiment Memorial Parade and Garden Party at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, each year. The Association was self-supporting, relying entirely on subscriptions from old comrades of the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A., and over the past twenty-five years had assisted nearly 200 old comrades with grants from the funds.

The toast of "The Visitors and Press" was proposed by A. Cummins.

In reply, the Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Alderman B. Monk, spoke of the tradition of The Queen's Royal Regiment, and said it was hoped to have a Queen's Battalion once again in Croydon, and said that gatherings of old comrades like this had a good deal to do with the well-being of the country, and said how very much he had enjoyed being with them tonight. (Alderman B. Monk is an Old Contemptible.)

The evening ended with community singing.

Visitors present: "Nobby" Clark, representing The Queen's Royal Regiment; the Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Alderman B. Monk; W. Fenner, 4th Queen's Club; A. Pazzi, Esq. Press represented: *Surrey Mirror*, *Surrey Times*, *Croydon Times*, *Croydon Advertiser* and *Norwood News*.

Amongst old comrades present were some from Bournemouth, Brighton, Watford, and a good number from Guildford and District.

Letters of good wishes had been received from former Chairman of The Association, Capt. R. R. B. Bannerman, M.C.; Capt. P. C. Duncan, M.C.; Major W. S. Hooker; Capt. G. Fearon; Lieut. E. Finzi; R.S.M. F. Woodward; R.Q.M.S. H. Bell; R.S.M. F. Smart; A. Benfield; J. Mason (Perth, Australia); Billy William and Norman Shears (Canada); R. Churchill and C. Chandler (Scotland).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OFFICIAL REPORT

Held at the Old Armoury, Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon, on Sunday, 13th November, 1949. Commenced at 5 p.m. In the chair: S. W. Vinter.

The Chairman, in his address of welcome to over 100 old comrades, including members from Bournemouth, Brighton and a strong contingent from Guildford, spoke of "the continued comradeship still shown by the attendance here today."

Committee present: G. Worley, J. Mann, E. Hunneybell, V. Cunningham, L. S. Green, A. J. Edwards, R. E. Russell, E. A. Rogers, G. Ebbutt, H. Mann.

Apology for absence: T. Green.

Minutes of last A.G.M. read and agreed.

Hon. Secretary reported on the future of Queen's House and the need of new Headquarters for the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A.

Proposed, T. Davidson. Seconded, R. E. Russell. "That the Old Armoury, Mitcham Road Barracks, be the new Headquarters of the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A." Agreed.

Proposed, G. Ebbutt. Seconded, W. E. Alce. "That in future ranks be omitted from the 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A. as shown in the JOURNAL and membership cards, etc., and only initials or surname be used." Voting: 8 for, 50 against. Not carried.

Proposed, J. Park. Seconded, L. J. Style. "That ranks be omitted where members wish them to be omitted." Voting: 29 for, 6 against. Carried.

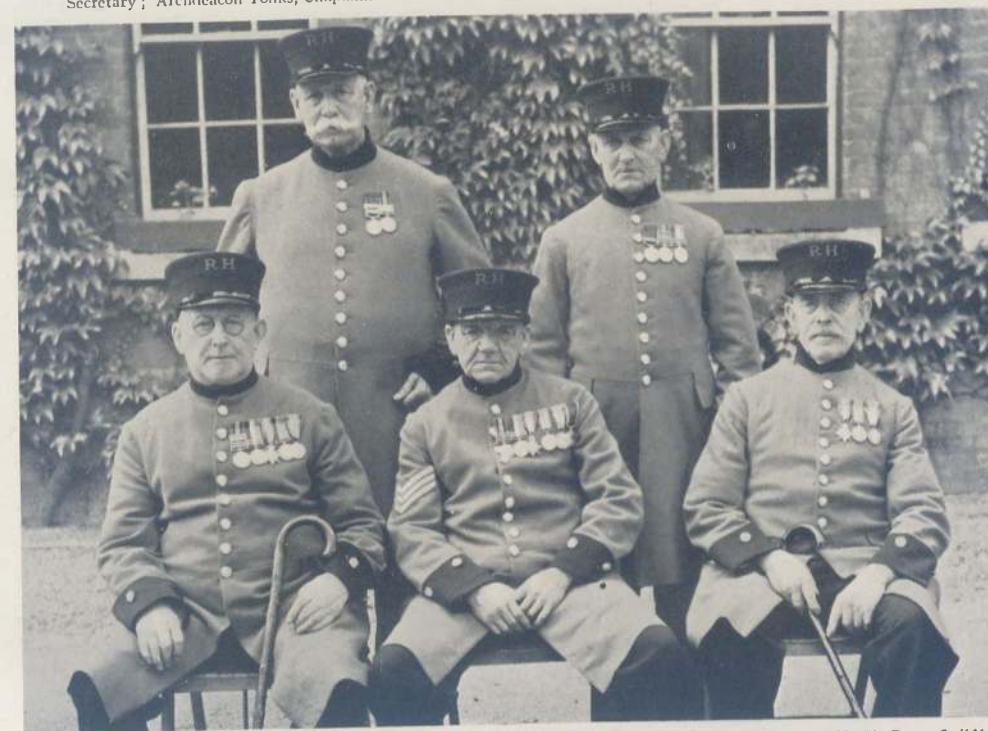
HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.—Appreciation was expressed of Edwin Horne and his efforts on behalf of the O.C.A. in trying to get permission from the Church for the installation of the shrine in St. Peter's Church, South Croydon. Over 100 attended the Annual Reunion Dinner. Fifty attended Welcome Home Dinner for Capt. Bannerman. Over twenty-five attended Garden Party and Memorial Parade Service at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford.



[Photo: "Croydon Times"]

4th QUEEN'S OLD COMRADES' DINNER, MITCHAM ROAD BARRACKS

Left to Right—Lieut.-Colonel Johnson, Association Chairman; Colonel B. L. Evans, Honorary Colonel; S. B. Walter, Honorary Secretary; Archdeacon Tonks, Chaplain.



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IN-PENSIONERS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL WHO ATTENDED THE REUNION CHURCH SERVICE AND GARDEN PARTY, 17th JULY, 1949

Standing—3617 Pte. H. C. Hole (1st and 2nd Battalions, 1891-1903), 3492 Pte. A. Auger (1st and 2nd Battalions, 1891-1903).
Sitting—5619 Pte. A. J. Wright (1st and 2nd Battalions, 1898-1910), 5890 (6078318) Pte. E. Stacey (1st and 2nd Battalions, 1899-1926), 1922 Pte. G. W. Howard (1884-98).

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Mrs. T. A. Wormald and two sons, Blackpool



Mrs. Mucklestone and daughter, Folkestone



Mrs. Estall and son, Isle of Wight



Mrs. Tilley and granddaughter, Brighton



Mr. and Mrs. Grayson and son, Bournemouth

WAR MEMORIAL HOLIDAYS

Also supported: "Battle of Britain" Parade in September and "Combined Serving and Ex-service" Parade at Croydon in November.

HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.—Balance was down to £10 at bank. The November JOURNAL production cost was £29 3s., annual dinner expenditure £55 3s. 10d., receipts £36 3s. 6d., showing a loss of £19 0s. 4d. Proposed, B. W. Boddy. Seconded, R. E. Russell. "Vote of thanks to L. S. Green on his work as Hon. Treasurer." Carried.

REPORT ON JOURNAL.—A. E. Cummins, editor of the JOURNAL, reported on the publication of recent issues and cost of production.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1949.—Chairman, S. W. Vinter. Vice-Chairman, G. Worley. Hon. Secretary, H. Mann.

General Committee. Proposed, S. Boniface. Seconded, L. J. Style. "That thirteen members be elected to the General Committee and that the thirteen members, as mentioned on voting papers—Capt. R. R. B. Bannerman, M.C., V. Cunningham, T. Green, E. A. Rogers, L. J. Style, G. Ebbutt, R. E. Russell, E. Hunneybell, J. Mann, A. J. Edwards, F. Egan, G. Tatnell, W. H. Hudd—be elected *en bloc*." Agreed.

4th Queen's Club Committee. Five members to serve on the Committee to represent 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A. Proposed, E. Hunneybell. Seconded, E. A. Rogers. "That the five members mentioned—G. Ebbutt, W. Alce, W. H. Hudd, S. Outram and G. Worley—be elected *en bloc*. H. Mann (Hon. Secretary) on Committee ex-officio."

Correspondence received by Hon. Secretary from Capt. R. R. B. Bannerman (Washington, U.S.A.), J. Mason (Perth, W. Australia), Billy Williams (Omeme, Canada), Colonel Sir F. D. Watney (President), A. Benfield (Eastbourne).

The Hon. Secretary reported H. Bell was in Ravenscroft Park Hospital, and he would be pleased to see any old comrade who would care to visit him. Proposed, A. J. Edwards. Seconded, G. Holes. "Vote of thanks to the chair."

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting terminated at 7.20 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE, 1950-51

President.—Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., 2, Egerton Place, S.W.3. Tel.: Ken 4249, Ave 1270.

Hon. Treasurer.—Capt. P. F. Wright, M.C., 22, Clare Lawn Avenue, E. Sheen, S.W.14. Pro 6241.

Hon. Secretary.—Fredk. F. Rowley, M.C., 35, Datchet Road, Catford, S.E.6.

Hon. Auditors.—

D. G. Cunningham, 32, Lismore Road, S. Croydon, Surrey. Cro 1215.

Major F. J. Snowdon, T.D., 43, S. Croxted Road, Dulwich, S.E.21. Cha 5331, Ext. 10.

The decline in membership since 1946 has not been entirely arrested. The total is now 350, consisting of 103 Life Members and 247 Annual Subscribers, and compares with 355 at the end of 1948. Obviously there is much room for improvement generally, and you can surely assist in bringing the Association to the notice of your Regimental pals on every occasion.

An increase could have been registered but for the fact that some 84 who subscribed in 1948 "forgot" to renew their annual subscription in the year just closed. A *Red Spot* will be affixed to the copy of report sent to them, and they can make ready amends for their lapse by remitting without delay—we particularly want "live" members!

It is with profound regret that the deaths of Colonel A. Faunce de Laune, Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Millner, Messrs. Jack Cannock, Dave Kirton and Bill Stanton are recorded. Also that of Mr. Borlase Smart—date not known. R.I.P.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on 19th March, and a good time was had by all of the 130 who were present—a tribute to the organizer, Mr. Tommy Bromige. It was a case of "house full," and quite a number of applicants for tickets could not be satisfied. Accordingly,

efforts have been made—without success, unfortunately—to secure larger accommodation for the function to be held on Saturday, 22nd April, 1950.

Benevolence.—Applications for assistance are, if approved, passed to The Queen's Royal Regiment O.C.A. for attention under arrangements concluded in 1947, and our appreciation is here recorded for the continued co-operation and prompt action in this important service. For 1949 payments to our members totalled £15 (two grants). We also made one grant (£2) in addition to that from the "Samuel Fund."

A useful cheque from one of our life members—his third, incidentally—materially assisted to considerably exceed the 1948 total of donations, and in reiterating our thanks we are no less appreciative of the odd shillings, half-crowns, etc., from the large number of smaller donors which add up to quite a nice sum. Contributions, large or small, under this head are always welcome!

The Entertainments Sub-Committee were again under the leadership of Mr. Tommy Bromige. They promoted a dance at H.Q. on 23rd April, but were not encouraged to repeat the function by an attendance of less than fifty, although it was quite a happy evening. A "Get Together" on 16th December was more successful, whilst it is pleasing to note that many of our members took advantage of the kind invitation to attend the Unit Social held 12th November.

By kind permission of the C.O. and the courtesy of members of the Sergeants' Mess, Friday night continues to be O.C.A. night at H.Q., and it is pleasing to note that attendances have improved. Still, there is room for a lot more, and there are many worse ways of spending an evening. So come along and renew acquaintance with old friends and meet new ones! As an added inducement it should be noted that a social "Get Together" will be held on the third Friday of each month.

In the morning of Remembrance Sunday some 120 of our members paraded at H.Q. under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Paul Adams, T.D., and along with serving members of the unit commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Hawken, M.C., cadets of 3rd (London) Bn. The Queen's with band, and members of the local branch of the British Legion, marched to the Battalion War Memorial in Kennington Park, where Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D.—our President and Hon. Colonel of the unit—assumed supreme command, and where the solemnities of the occasion were duly observed. Later Brigadier Senior took the salute at the march past. Altogether a good show!

It may not be generally known that Lieut.-Colonel N. J. P. Hawken, M.C., assumed command of the unit during the year, and it is hoped this information will encourage eligible ex-members of the 7th Queen's to come forward and assist him in upholding the traditions of The Queen's. Unfortunately, like so many other T.A. regiments, our unit is still very much below strength, and members are again strongly urged to do whatever they can to rectify this sad state of affairs.

To the Commanding Officer and to the H.Q. Staff as a whole we are indebted for their courtesy, co-operation and goodwill, and this opportunity is accepted to again formally record our warm and sincere thanks. They have an unenviable job in the surmounting of which they want all the practical help they can get!

10TH QUEEN'S O.C.A.

The activities of our Association ceased during the war because so many of our members were again on service, and although we held reunion dinners in 1947, 1948 and 1949 we are only now getting back to normal, and that with a greatly reduced membership.

We did, however, renew our old practice of making a visit to the Field of Remembrance at Westminster on 11th November last year to plant crosses in memory of our old comrades who made the supreme sacrifice during 1914-18 and those who have since passed on.

A small party attended the Armistice Sunday service in St. Mary's Church, Battersea, where our Colour is laid up, and a panel under it records the existence of the 10th Battalion in the First Great War.

Again, on 11th December, 1949, we attended the Service of Dedication and unveiling of the

memorial in St. Mary's Church to the people of Battersea, both service personnel and civilians who were killed during both Great Wars. A Book of Remembrance was committed to the Vicar by General Sir Ian Fraser, and the unveiling was made by a cadet and a veteran. The service was most impressive.

On 24th March last we held our nineteenth Reunion Dinner at the Victory (Ex-Services) Club in Seymour Street, W.2. We met under a cloud, for only just over a fortnight earlier we had lost our President, Major H. V. Shortman, M.C., who died after only a brief illness. Before sitting down to dinner the Secretary (Capt. F. W. Gilbert, M.B.E.) referred to the death of Major Shortman and that of others which occurred during the past year, including Brigadier-General H. E. P. Nash, D.S.O. (who commanded the Battalion in Germany in 1919), Lieut. T. W. Brereton, Lieut.-Colonel T. McL. Jarvis, D.S.O., another old C.O., and H. J. Whittingham; then called for a minute's silence to the memory of them and all other old comrades who have passed on. The company, numbering fifty, then sat down to enjoy a pleasant evening.

Capt. Malcolm Manson, M.D., M.C., G.M., was in the chair.

In his toast of "The Association" Mr. H. A. Turner, M.B.E., dwelt on the fact that after thirty years it was still possible to gather together so many old comrades to talk over the good old days, and he put it down to the fact that the fine spirit of comradeship which permeates our dear old Regiment was especially strong in the 10th Battalion.

We were glad to have as our guests Colonel A. B. Pasmore, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., who commanded the 12th Battalion during the last war; the Vicar of Battersea, representing the borough in which our Battalion was raised; Major F. Waspe; and Capt. A. L. Potts, Chairman of the 11th Battalion O.C.A.

11TH (S) LAMBETH BATTALION

The past year has seen a welcome revival of our social gatherings. In April we had our first post-war dinner at the Charing Cross Hotel. It was a wonderful reunion, voiced by those present as the most successful the Association has ever held. After the strain of the war years it was indeed a tonic to see so many of the old Battalion gathered together once again. A pat on the back must be given to those two lads who made the journey from Somerset to be in the family circle on this occasion. This should be an example to those living within easy reach of Town, who at the eleventh hour found that they could not be present.

In July a small party at short notice attended the Drumhead Service and Garden Party at Guildford. Owing to the inclement weather the service had to be held in the Gymnasium, but after lunch the weather improved and the programme arranged was carried out. The Drums and Fifes of the 2nd Battalion gave a musical interlude, finishing their programme by beating Retreat.

The Armistice Supper held in Brixton on the Monday following Remembrance Sunday was also a success. Our Padre, Rev. John Cawley, was in excellent fettle. His after-supper stories concerning his sojourn amongst H.M. guests at Dartmoor were very amusing and thoroughly enjoyed. We welcomed three new comrades on this evening, and we look forward to greeting them again on the next dinner night.

Remembrance Sunday saw a strong muster of the veterans and relatives attending the services, arranged to the memory of our fallen, in the Town Hall and in St. Matthew's Church. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor W. H. G. Porter, J.P., placed a wreath on behalf of the Council at the foot of the memorial window, and our Chairman placed the O.C.A. wreath in the Lady Chapel. At the services and also the social functions we were honoured with the presence of members of the Council.

Our worthy Chairman, Capt. Potts, wishes me to express his grateful thanks to all those members who replied to his appeal on behalf of the Association. As a result our financial position has been greatly strengthened. There are, however, still some of my old comrades who did not respond, and also some who earlier in the year promised to forward a subscription, but so far have not redeemed their promise. Should this ring a bell, please answer.

OBITUARY

Lieut.-Colonel W. F. O. Faviell, at Nairobi, Kenya. (Extract from the *Daily Telegraph*, 15th February, 1950.)

Major R. A. D. Spiers, 1st Battalion and I.T.C., 1938-45. Died 4th February, 1950.

Capt. R. H. Nevins, M.C., 1st Battalion, 1894-1920. Secretary, O.C.A., 1920-34. Died 17th March, 1950.

C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) W. R. A. Bunce, East Surreys and 30th Queen's, 1901-43. Died 12th November, 1949.

No. 4239 Pte. J. Edgington, 1st Battalion, 1893-1905. Died 1st February, 1950.

No. 6102549 Pte. J. T. Trusler, 1st/5th Battalion, 1940-46. Died 22nd February, 1950.

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. F. O. FAVIELL, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Colonel Faviell joined The Worcestershire Regiment in 1902 and served with the 2nd Battalion in South Africa and India. He then served with or commanded their 9th Battalion from the landing at Suvla Bay in 1915 until December, 1917. He commanded 39th Brigade in Persia, and was present at the actions around and evacuation of Baku during 1918 and 1919. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1917, and was three times mentioned in despatches. He was promoted Brevet Lieut.-Colonel in 1921. On disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of The Worcestershire Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel Faviell was transferred to The Queen's Royal Regiment, in which he served until 1927, when he was appointed to command the 1st Battalion of his old regiment in Allahabad and Shanghai.

On retiring from the Army he was appointed Major and Resident Governor of the Tower of London, a post which he held for twelve years, including the years of the war in which the Tower was the centre of the German London target area.

After the war he lived at Bagshot for some years, but had recently left for Kenya, where his son is living. Colonel Faviell was a keen sportsman, an Essex cricketer and a fairly regular Corinthian footballer. He will long be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness and consideration and as a wise counsellor and friend.

To Mrs. Faviell we extend our greatest sympathy in her sad loss.

LIEUT.-COLONEL G. E. MILLNER

A correspondent writes in *The Times* :—

"Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Millner, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., who died recently at Newbury, will be missed by a large circle of friends. He was born in Paris on 18th March, 1884, and was educated partly in France, partly at Heidelberg and partly in England, hence his versatility and knowledge of languages. After serving in the ranks of the London Rifle Brigade, he was commissioned in 1908 in the 24th Bn. London Regiment (The Queen's). From the outbreak of the 1914-18 war he served almost continuously in France in 2nd London Division (renamed 47th London Division) as a front-line regimental officer, receiving awards for gallantry and leadership at Givenchy and Messines. He subsequently commanded his battalion from 1917 to 1918 until wounded by a shell in the retreat of March, 1918. He was mentioned twice in despatches and was awarded the M.C. and the D.S.O. He joined the L.D.V. in 1940, and after serving as staff officer at Andover was appointed to command the 1st Bn. Hampshire Home Guard until it stood down in December, 1944. For his services he was made an O.B.E."

COLONEL F. E. B. GIRLING, O.B.E., M.C., B.Sc.

Colonel Francis Edward Buller Girling, O.B.E., M.C., B.Sc., who had a long and distinguished career in the Army, died in 1949.

John Girling, as he was affectionately called by his friends in the Regiment, was born in 1897. He was educated at Haileybury and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Gazetted to The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in August, 1916, he joined the 10th Service



COLONEL F. E. B. GIRLING, O.B.E., M.C.

Battalion, then in the B.E.F., France, in December of that year. From then until the Armistice in 1918 he was fighting almost continuously, being once wounded, was promoted Acting Captain and awarded the Military Cross.

From August, 1919, to December, 1922, he served as G.S.O.3 Intelligence in Palestine and Egypt, joining the 1st Battalion in 1923. Proceeding to India in 1924, he joined the 2nd Battalion in Allahabad, with whom he served until 1925, when he was appointed as A.D.C. to His Excellency Sir William Morris, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, India. In 1927 he rejoined the 2nd Battalion in Khartoum and returned to United Kingdom with that battalion in October, 1927, and was appointed Adjutant of it. Having graduated at the Staff College, Camberley, he was employed, except for a short period with the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot on the Staff, being promoted to Brevet Major in 1937. In 1939 the 2nd Battalion was ordered to Palestine, and Girling joined it.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was a Major, and was soon appointed to command 2nd/7th Territorial Battalion of the Regiment and was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel in 1940. In 1943 he was promoted Colonel on Movement Control. He saw service in France, Italy and North Africa, and was awarded the O.B.E.

The Regiment and the Army have lost a good servant, a kind, loyal gentleman. Those of us who have been privileged to be close to him for over thirty years will be happy in the memory of a grand companion and a good friend.

For his wife, sons and daughter there is widespread sympathy for his untimely death.

R. E. P.

MAJOR R. A. D. SPIERS

"Baz" Spiers was commissioned in August, 1935. He served with the 2nd Battalion for eighteen months before joining the 1st Battalion in Allahabad. He stayed there until he came home to the Depot in the spring of 1939. Soon after the outbreak of war he was struck down by an illness from which he never recovered; although he stayed in the Army during the war, he was unfit and left in 1945. He lived at his home in Devonshire until his death in January. He was married in 1939.

During the short time in which he was with the Regiment "Baz" proved himself to be a brilliant soldier—as a platoon commander he was outstanding; as Weapon Training Officer in India he organized two rifle meetings which were agreed by everyone to have gone without a hitch. He played rugger for the Battalion and twice helped the athletics team to win the high jump and hurdles at the District Sports. He played other games when he could, all of them with characteristic keenness.

As a man "Baz" was universally liked by all who met him; he impressed them all with his enthusiasm and uprightness and set a really high standard in whatever he attempted. He was intensely proud of having served with the Regiment. After retiring he was always eager to hear about the Queen's and his old friends; in spite of his indifferent health he could always remember people and events accurately until the time of his death. It was a delight to visit him and keep him posted of latest events.

With his great friend Marc Thresher, "Baz" was expected to go a long way. That both of them should have died after they had served such a short time with the Queen's is indeed a tragedy for the Regiment and also, one could confidently add, the Army as a whole.

CAPT. R. H. NEVINS, M.C.

Capt. Nevins, who died on 17th March, 1950, was a well-known personality in the Regiment. Enlisting in the ranks on 3rd September, 1894, he was R.Q.M.S. of the 1st Battalion when proceeding to France in August, 1914. Promoted to R.S.M. on 31st December, 1914, he was afterwards commissioned and appointed Adjutant of the 1st Battalion in 1916. Wounded in 1918, he returned to the Battalion and was Adjutant when it re-formed in 1920. During this period he was awarded the Military Cross and the French Médaille Militaire. After retiring in May, 1920, he was appointed first post-war secretary of the Old Comrades Association until ill-health compelled him to retire from work at the end of 1933. His passing is much regretted by all who knew him.

NOTICES

'THE ROYAL SOLDIERS DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL, HAMPSTEAD

In a secluded and old-world garden in Hampstead it is difficult to realize that the traffic of Rosslyn Hill is close at hand and that the heart of London is only some twenty minutes distant by tube. In such a setting lies the Royal Soldiers Daughters' School.

It has grown from the Soldiers' Home, which was founded in 1855 as a memorial of the Crimean War. The object of the Institution as laid down in the Trust Deed was to provide education and training and religious instruction in the principles of the Church of England for the daughters of soldiers below commissioned rank who were unable to do so themselves.

While keeping to the provisions of the Trust Deed, there have been changes from time to time indicating that the method of conducting the School has kept abreast of developments in education, so that at the present time the School is recognized as efficient by the Ministry of Education.

Girls are normally admitted between the ages of 5 and 11 years, and in the selection of candidates special consideration is given to total orphans, then children who are motherless or fatherless. Girls whose parents are living are also eligible, provided the father is disabled or incapacitated from work or is a serving soldier. Each application is considered on its merits and is placed on the waiting list accordingly.

The School has now returned to its pre-war home and accommodation is being extended. In this the historical associations of the site have not been overlooked. During the excavations on the north side of the newly acquired Vane House a 300-year-old well was discovered, which was probably contemporary with the building of the house by Sir Harry Vane. The well is being preserved. When these extensions have been completed there will be accommodation for about 150 pupils.

The School is run as a modern boarding school, and the domestic architecture and general layout are in harmony with the family atmosphere fostered within; there is no trace of the traditional associations of institutional life. Outstanding features of the School include a specially built Domestic Science Centre, and since its occupation by A.R.P. during the war a fully equipped Gymnasium.

The School has a splendid health record. This is not surprising amid the surroundings already described and with the careful attention and forethought which is exercised in all matters affecting the welfare of the School. There is a sick bay in the grounds together with qualified nursing supervision, and special care is given to dental treatment.

With the comparatively small numbers and wide age range it has been possible to arrange classes under qualified teachers, so that much greater individual tuition is given than is possible in most schools. The Oxford School Certificate for which suitable candidates are prepared will be replaced by the General Certificate of Education in due course. The School is fortunate in its benefactors, and Governors' Scholarships enable outstanding pupils to receive suitable training. There is no difficulty in finding occupation for girls leaving School.

Visitors to the School will be convinced of its worthy association with the highest traditions of the Army and of its unique contribution to the cause of education. Candidates must be recommended by Regiments, Regimental Associations or by one of the Associations which look after the interests of the soldiers' dependants or by a Governor or Life Governor. For further particulars, application should be made to The Secretary, Royal Soldiers Daughters' School. Office: 65 Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

7TH ARMoured DIVISION DINNER CLUB

c/o Lloyds Bank Limited
(Cox and Kings Branch),
Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.
November, 1949.

At the recent 7th Armoured Division Dinner the whole question of the future of these annual dinners was discussed by those present. Attendances for the last two years have been disappointingly small, and it was felt that something must be done now if they are not to fade away altogether in the next year or two.

It was therefore decided to form a 7th Armoured Division Dining Club, with a nominal subscription of 5s. per annum, for which all officers who are now serving or have at any time served with the Division will be eligible. It was felt that only by having some organization of this sort would it be possible to keep in touch with everybody concerned. Once the Club was established it would be possible to consider whether its activities could be widened.

It was also suggested that the cost of the dinner should be considerably reduced, and it is therefore proposed that next year's dinner should not cost more than 15s. as a maximum, and that only lounge suits should be worn. Other suggestions were that the dinner should be held on the evening before Alamein Day, or alternatively nearer Christmas, and that some well-known personality should be invited as a guest each year.

I sincerely hope that you will join the Dining Club, and that you will complete a banker's order for the payment of the annual subscription of 5s. (the first of which covers the period from now until 31st December, 1950) and return it to the Hon. Secretary. It is intended to hold the next dinner during 1950. We are doing all we can to get a good and representative membership both from past and present members of the Division, and it would be an enormous help if you would pass this information on to anyone you know who is eligible to join.

All applications for membership and suggestions should be addressed to The Hon. Secretary, 7th Armoured Division Dining Club, c/o Lloyds Bank Limited (Cox and Kings Branch), Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

When answering, would you also please let the Hon. Secretary know your views as to when and where the dinner should be held, as well as any other suggestions you would like to make.

L. O. LYNE

(Major-General L. O. Lyne, C.B., D.S.O.)

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THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1949

GENERAL PURCHASE FUND

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|--|-----|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Printing, Stationery and Postages ... | 3 | 14 8 | Subscriptions ... | 51 | 0 2 |
| Wages—Clerical Staff O.C.A. ... | 20 | 0 0 | Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 33 | 8 11 |
| Travelling Expenses ... | 9 | 8 11 | | | |
| Officers' Memorial Tablets ... | 37 | 1 6 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses ... | 14 | 4 0 | | | |
| | £84 | 9 1 | | £84 | 9 1 |

ANNUAL DINNER FUND

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|--|------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Buffer Reunion ... | 51 | 15 0 | Subscriptions ... | 103 | 15 8 |
| Annual Dinner ... | 68 | 1 0 | Interest—Post Office Savings Bank ... | 13 | 6 0 |
| | | 119 16 0 | Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 9 | 19 3 |
| Printing, Stationery and Postages ... | 7 | 4 11 | | | |
| | £127 | 0 11 | | £127 | 0 11 |

MUSEUM FUND

| EXPENDITURE | £ s. d. | INCOME | £ s. d. |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Purchases of Exhibits, Show Cases, etc. ... | 10 11 0 | Subscriptions ... | 102 10 8 |
| Maintenance and Repairs ... | 85 13 0 | Interest—3% Defence Bonds ... | 11 0 |
| Printing and Postages ... | 4 2 | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 6 13 6 | | |
| | <u>£103 1 8</u> | | <u>£103 1 8</u> |

ANNUAL REUNION FUND

| EXPENDITURE | £ s. d. | INCOME | £ s. d. |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Garden Party and Entertainment ... | 55 0 9 | Subscriptions ... | 70 17 10 |
| Printing, Stationery and Postages ... | 7 0 3 | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 8 16 10 | | |
| | <u>£70 17 10</u> | | <u>£70 17 10</u> |

JOURNAL FUND

| EXPENDITURE | £ s. d. | INCOME | £ s. d. |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Printing JOURNAL ... | 223 14 3 | Subscriptions ... | 171 2 2 |
| Printing News Letter ... | 12 10 0 | Interest—3% Defence Bonds ... | 2 10 0 |
| Bad Debt ... | 2 6 0 | Grant—O.C. Depot ... | 150 0 0 |
| Printing, Stationery and Postages ... | 14 8 5 | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 70 18 6 | | |
| | <u>£323 17 2</u> | | <u>£323 17 2</u> |

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1949

| £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL PURPOSES FUND: | | CURRENT ASSETS: | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 107 0 10 | £240 3% Defence Bonds, at cost ... | 240 0 0 |
| Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 33 8 11 | Debtor for JOURNALS ... | 52 3 0 |
| | <u>73 11 11</u> | Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd. ... | 545 18 1 |
| ANNUAL DINNER FUND: | | Cash at Post Office Savings Bank ... | 7 10 |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 546 13 10 | Cash in hand ... | 838 8 11 |
| Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 9 19 3 | | |
| | <u>536 14 7</u> | | |
| MUSEUM FUND: | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 197 17 0 | | |
| Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 6 13 6 | | |
| | <u>204 10 6</u> | | |
| Deduct Transfer to Regimental Picture Fund ... | — | | |
| | <u>204 10 6</u> | | |
| ANNUAL REUNION FUND: | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 3 7 0 | | |
| Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 8 16 10 | | |
| | <u>12 3 10</u> | | |
| JOURNAL FUND: | | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 70 18 6 | | |
| Deduct Overdrawn Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 62 2 8 | | |
| | <u>8 15 10</u> | | |
| | 835 16 8 | | |
| | 2 12 3 | | |
| CREDITOR— for Postage and Travelling ... | — | | |
| for Printing JOURNALS ... | — | | |
| | <u>£838 8 11</u> | | <u>£838 8 11</u> |

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts, which are in agreement with the books of account. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Club as at 31st December, 1949, and the Income and Expenditure Accounts give a true view of the results for the year ended on that date.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1950.
GUILDFORD.

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

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1949

| LIABILITIES | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | ASSETS | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| ACCUMULATED FUND: | | | ADVANCES— Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | | 625 11 0 |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 632 11 7 | | Add Advances during 1949 ... | 570 5 0 | |
| Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 199 1 10 | | | <u>1,195 16 0</u> | |
| | | 831 13 5 | Less Repayments during 1949 ... | 320 10 0 | |
| LIFE MEMBERS' FUND: | | | | <u>875 6 0</u> | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 591 0 0 | | CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND: | | |
| Add Subscriptions received during 1949 ... | 17 6 6 | | Lloyds Bank Ltd. ... | 523 13 2 | |
| | <u>608 6 6</u> | | In hand ... | 14 3 | |
| Deduct Proportion transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ... | 60 6 6 | 548 0 0 | | <u>524 7 5</u> | |
| IMPSON BEQUEST: | | | | <u>1,399 13 5</u> | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 40 0 0 | | CHARITABLE FUND: | | |
| Add Amount received during year ... | — | | Investments (held by U.S. Trustee) at cost (market value, £22,180 6s. 11d.) ... | 22,657 1 11 | |
| | <u>40 0 0</u> | | National Savings Certificates at cost ... | 180 0 0 | |
| Deduct Payments during year ... | 20 0 0 | 20 0 0 | Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd. ... | 562 19 5 | |
| | | | Cash in hand ... | 5 4 | |
| | | 1,399 13 5 | | <u>23,400 6 8</u> | |
| WAR MEMORIAL FUND: | | | WAR MEMORIAL FUND: | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 22,568 9 2 | | Investments at cost (held by S.S. and A.F.A.) ... | 11,800 0 0 | |
| Investment Reserve ... | 1,060 13 7 | | Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd. ... | 157 10 0 | |
| (Premium on Conversion of Defence Bonds) ... | — | | Cash in hand ... | 19 2 | |
| | <u>23,629 2 9</u> | | | <u>11,958 9 2</u> | |
| Deduct (Transfer to War Memorial Fund) ... | — | | ALL RANKS DINNER CLUB FUND: | | |
| Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 228 16 1 | 23,400 6 8 | 21% Defence Bonds at cost ... | 600 0 0 | |
| | | | Cash at Lloyds Bank Ltd. ... | 124 1 4 | |
| WAR MEMORIAL FUND: | | | Cash in hand ... | 16 7 | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 11,084 4 1 | | | | |
| Add (Transfer from Charitable Fund) ... | — | | | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... | 874 5 1 | 11,958 9 2 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| ALL RANKS DINNER CLUB FUND: | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 537 4 1 | | | | |
| Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... | 45 6 2 | 491 17 11 | | | |
| | <u>491 17 11</u> | | | | |
| ALL RANKS DINNER CLUB—LIFE MEMBERS: | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1948 ... | 250 0 0 | | | | |
| Add Subscriptions received during 1949 ... | 8 14 0 | | | | |
| | <u>258 14 0</u> | | | | |
| Deduct Proportion transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ... | 25 14 0 | 233 0 0 | | | |
| | | 724 17 11 | | | |
| | | <u>£37,483 7 2</u> | | | <u>£37,483 7 2</u> |

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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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 August and 1st February. 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.

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