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## Foreword

### By the Colonel of the Regiment

This first number of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment makes its appearance at a milestone in the history not only of the Regiment but also of the whole of the British Army.

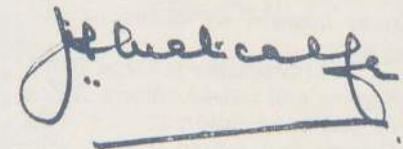
We live in times of great change. Weapons of mass destruction have altered the nature of war and the tactics, training and organisation of the Army. The tremendous cost of modern weapons demands the reduction of the size of our armed forces, and the increased mobility provided by air transport enables a smaller Army to apply its striking power quickly wherever it is needed. Thus has come about the reduction of the Infantry, involving the amalgamation of old regiments and their rebirth in a new form.

As a nation and as an Army we do not always take kindly to changes. But progress usually entails change and, if we are not lively and ready to move with the times, our efficiency and fighting spirit must wither and die. If we are serving soldiers our business is to be ready to fight. If we are ex-soldiers our duty is to help and support those still serving in fostering the spirit and traditions that we have helped to build. All of us must therefore accept changes and make the most of them.

Change does not mean the abandoning of tradition, but we should be clear what we mean by tradition and what is its value to us. Tradition is not the slavish observance of old customs for their own sake. Tradition is the whole sum of the example of service, gallantry and self-sacrifice set for us by our forebears in the Regiment over the past three hundred years of British military history. Our customs, our Colours, our battle honours, our trophies and marks of distinction are all outward and visible signs of that example, and remind us of it and help us to try to live up to it. This is the example on which we base our standards of conduct both in peacetime and in battle.

There is nothing new in amalgamation. The Army has been reorganised and regiments have been amalgamated before this. Now, in our turn we have become The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, reborn and enriched with the fighting spirit and traditions of two old and honoured regiments. There is no room for mourning over the past. Long faces and gloomy words about things not being what they were merely dampen the spirit and help not at all. We know about the past and how to use it as an example for our conduct in the future.

Long ago, in the time of Queen Catherine of Braganza and in the time of Queen Anne, we had our beginnings. And now, in the age of Queen Elizabeth II, we have been forged into a fresh fighting machine; we have come together in the comradeship of arms-alive, alert, purposeful and ready for anything.



Major-General,  
Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.



Photo: Vandyke

MAJOR-GENERAL J. F. METCALFE, C.B., C.B.E.  
Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

## Editorial

AS we go to press with this initial issue of our Regimental Journal we thank all those friends who have sent us their good wishes for the future of the Journal. We include in our thanks, particularly, the chap who told us that we need to liven-up our ideas, considerably. We are sure he is right. He ended his exhortation with the words: "We want NEWS—NOT HISTORY."

It will be our endeavour to provide our readers with both news and history. The purposes of the Journal are to keep past and present members of the Regiment informed about what the Units of the Regiment are doing, and of their prowess and achievements in all fields; to keep them in touch with their friends; and to inform them about future regimental functions.

By recording all events, however small, of regimental interest, the journal produces a valuable historical record, and a useful supplement to the regimental history. Facts and occasions which otherwise would pass unremembered are placed on permanent record. For example, in this issue are told, in their own words, the stories of a corporal and two private soldiers of their adventures when engaged on initiative tests. The accounts are of great interest to the soldiers concerned, to their friends, and to the Regiment. It is very unlikely, however, that they will ever find their way into a future volume of the Regimental History. In the pages of this journal such accounts will be read in Staff Colleges, Schools of Instruction, Messes, and in the homes of our soldiers, and will be recorded, for all time, in the archives of the Regiment.

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The following letter from Mr. P. J. Dineen has been received with the special request that it may be published in the Regimental Journal.

19th February, 1960.

DEAR SIR,

I wish to thank all officers, W.O.s, N.C.O.s and other ranks of the late Depot East Surrey Regiment for their kind appreciation shown to me in the past 22 years, also for the magnificent gold watch which was presented to me by Brigadier Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., at the last dinner of the Old Comrades' Association.

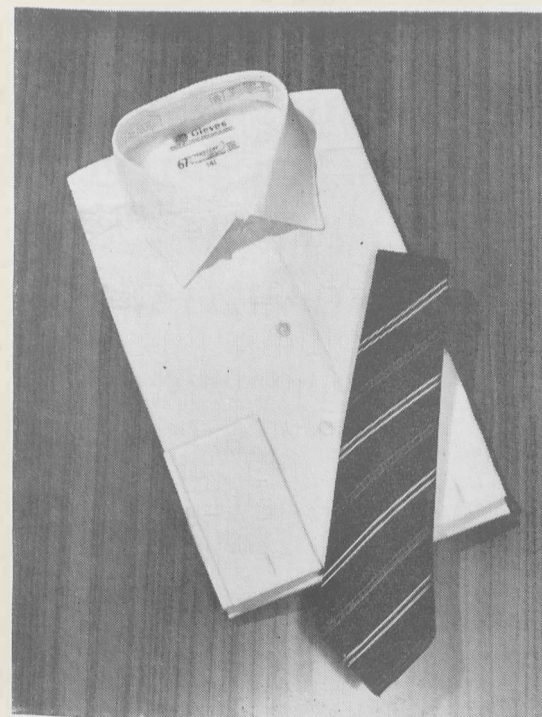
The watch I cherish very deeply. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. DINEEN (known as Jasper),  
Late East Surrey Regiment.

P.S.—Am now firmly dug in with the 6th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment (T.A.)  
125a Kings Road,  
Kingston-upon-Thames,  
Surrey.

Copy for the November 1960 issue should reach the Editor not later than 1st September, 1960.



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# Amalgamation

Decisions on the Report of the Amalgamation Committee

### Introduction

The Amalgamation Committee was formed in December 1957 on the direction of Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment, and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment.

The decisions on the recommendations of the Amalgamation Committee were made jointly by the Colonels of the two Regiments. Some have already been promulgated by other means; others of general interest are recorded below.

### Regimental Marches

It was considered desirable, while not overloading the new Regiment, to commemorate the 2nd, 31st and 70th Foot in the Regimental Marches, and also to preserve certain other traditional music of the two Regiments for playing on appropriate occasions. The following will be adopted as the Regimental Marches of the new Regiment:

- (a) Regimental Quick March: "Braganza" (ex-2nd Foot).
- (b) Regimental Quick March: "The Lass o' Gowrie" (ex-70th Foot).
- (c) Regimental Slow March: "Lord Charles Montague's Huntingdonshire March" (ex-31st Foot).

The following additional marches traditional to the two Regiments will be played at the discretion of the commanding officer:

- (a) "The Queen" (ex-Queen's).
- (b) "Life on the Ocean Wave" (ex-Surreys).
- (c) "Gang Nae Mair to yon Toun" (ex-Queen's).
- (d) "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky" (ex-31st Foot).
- (e) "Scipio" (ex-Queen's).
- (f) "Bonny Dundee" (ex-Queen's).

### Regimental Anniversaries

The following four anniversaries were considered worthy of permanent commemoration.

- (a) SOBRAON DAY (10TH FEBRUARY)  
This is essentially a Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' day in The East Surrey Regiment. It commemorates the gallant action of Sgt. McCabe who, when the officer carrying the

Regimental Colour at the Battle of Sobraon fell mortally wounded, at once snatched it up and, rushing forward, planted it on the highest part of the Sikh ramparts.

### (b) YPRES DAY (23RD APRIL)

This commemorates the fact that both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The East Surrey Regiment fought in the Second Battle of Ypres, 1915, and that the Regiment won three Victoria Crosses in that battle.

Ypres is also a battle honour of The Queen's Royal Regiment, both of whose regular battalions fought there, though only the 2nd Battalion was engaged in the second battle.

### (c) THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE

This commemorates the part played by detachments of The Queen's Royal Regiment on board certain of H.M. ships in the battle on 1st June, 1794. Not only is the direct link preserved with H.M.S. *Excellent*, the lineal descendant of Lord Howe's flagship, but also The Queen's Royal Regiment join forces with the Royal Navy on 1st June wherever they find themselves together all over the world.

### (d) SALERNO DAY (9TH SEPTEMBER)

Two Queen's Brigades comprising six Territorial battalions of the Regiment fought at Salerno. The unique historical significance of this event, coupled with the fact that the Territorials remain an integral part of the Regiment, demands that this battle should be commemorated by a regimental anniversary.

It was considered that four anniversaries were too many to be celebrated as Regimental Days, and that a distinction should be made between Regimental Days and other important anniversaries. It was therefore decided that there will be:

### (a) TWO REGIMENTAL DAYS

- (i) The Glorious First of June.
- (ii) Ypres Day (23rd April).

(b) Two other regimental anniversaries to be celebrated in such manner as conditions permit at the discretion of the Commanding Officer:

- (i) Sobraon Day (Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Day—10th February).

This has traditionally been celebrated by a Sergeants' Mess ball or comparable function.

(ii) Salerno Day (9th September).

#### Allied Regiments

All previous alliances are being continued and the following regiments are now allied to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment:

#### Previously Allied to the Queen's

The Queen's York Rangers (Canada).  
The City of Newcastle Regiment (Australia).  
The Northern Rhodesia Regiment.

#### Previously Allied to the Surreys

The South Alberta Light Horse (Canada).  
The 17th/18th Infantry Battalion The North Shore Regiment (Australia).

#### Regimental Customs

##### THE COLOURS

(a) The Third Colour of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will be retained.

(b) The Colours will be kept uncased in the Officers' Mess.

(c) A subaltern carrying a Colour for the first time will, on returning it to the Officers' Mess, provide refreshment for the Colour Party.

##### OFFICERS' MESS DINNER NIGHTS

(a) *Grace*.

(i) Grace will be said standing.

(ii) It will be said before dinner only.

(iii) When a chaplain is present he will be invited to say Grace. Otherwise the President will say it, using the words, "For what we are going to receive, thank God."

(iv) Before Grace is said the Vice-President will call for silence by striking the table with the gavel hitherto used in the Officers' Mess of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. This gavel is one of those made from the wood of H.M.S. *Defence*, one of the ships in which a detachment of the Regiment served on the Glorious First of June.

(b) *The Loyal Toast*

(i) This will be drunk sitting down, as has been the custom of The East Surrey Regiment, commemorating their service afloat as Marines. This custom also serves to emphasise the sea-going traditions of both Regiments.

(ii) Before the Loyal Toast the President will call for silence by striking the gong hitherto used in the Officers' Mess of 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. This gong was presented by 17th Battalion Australian Infantry (the North Sydney Regiment).

(c) *The Toast of "The British Battalion"*

(i) This toast will be drunk standing on 20th December annually.

(ii) It commemorates the amalgamation in 1941, before the fall of Singapore, of the battleworn 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment and 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment into what was known as The British Battalion.

(iii) It is worthy of note that the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment and 2nd Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment also fought side-by-side in the same brigade for the greater part of World War II.

(iv) In addition, telegrams will be exchanged with the Royal Leicestershire Regiment on 20th December annually.

(d) *Passing the Snuff-Boxes*

(i) When cigars and cigarettes are passed round at the end of dinner, snuff will be passed round in the snuff-boxes hitherto used in the Officers' Mess of 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment.

(ii) One of these boxes was the only piece of regimental silver saved when the troopship *Kent* sank in the Bay of Biscay in 1825.

(e) *The XXXI Huntingdonshire Salt and Salt Book*

(i) Every officer on first joining the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment will be invited on a dinner night to "take salt with the Regiment" from a special salt cellar hitherto used in the Officers' Mess of 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment.

(ii) The procedure as explained in the Salt Book will be followed, and this book will be retained in use.

#### *Sergeants' Mess Dinner Nights*

The Loyal Toast will be drunk sitting down.

#### *The Playing of the National Anthem, Regimental Marches and Retreat*

All ranks will comport themselves as follows when these are played:

(a) *National Anthem*

At all times in accordance with Queen's Regulations, except when in a Mess out of sight of the Band, when no action will be taken.

(b) *Regimental Marches*

When attending a parade all ranks will stand to attention while the Regimental Marches are played during a march past. On other occasions normal activities will continue. (Note: This procedure will also apply when "Additional Marches" are played.)

(c) *Retreat*

At a Retreat ceremony all ranks will stand to attention while the flag is being lowered. At the routine sounding of Retreat normal activities will continue.

#### Chapels

The Chapel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment will be in Guildford Cathedral and the present Queen's Chapel there is being developed as such.

The Chapels in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and All Saints' Church, Kingston, will continue to be maintained.

The cost of maintenance of all Chapels will be borne by the Colonel of the Regiment's Fund.

#### War Memorials

Rolls of Honour for campaigns between the end of World War II and the date of amalgamation will be placed in the Queen's Chapel in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and in the Surreys' Chapel in All Saints' Church, Kingston-upon-Thames, except for the memorial to officers and men of the 1st Queen's who died in Malaya in the period 1954-57, which will be placed in the Chapel in Guildford Cathedral.

Rolls of Honour for any campaigns after the date of amalgamation will be placed in the Chapel in Guildford Cathedral.

#### Museums

The Regimental Museum, including the regimental archives office, will be set up at Regimental Headquarters, Kingston-upon-Thames. The order of priority for the disposal of exhibits will be:

(a) The National Army Museum. This is

being established at the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

(b) The Home Counties Brigade Museum at Canterbury.

(c) The Regimental Museum.

(d) The Museums of the T.A. Battalions.

(e) Civil Museums in the County of Surrey.

A Museum Trust scheme, as recommended by the Ogilby Trust, will be established in order to safeguard the ownership of all relics hitherto belonging to the Queen's and the Surreys.

#### Regimental Cricket Week

When the 1st Battalion is in the United Kingdom every effort will be made to hold a Cricket Week at its station. If possible, this should be about the 1st June and should include matches against H.M.S. *Excellent* and the Royal Marines. When the Battalion is overseas it is unlikely to be practicable to run a Cricket Week, but separate regimental matches should be played against H.M.S. *Excellent* and the Royal Marines.

#### REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

During 1959, the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 19,546, which was 81 per cent. of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 52 branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 8,355 were from the Army and 42 were from The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

At some time or other, every Regular eventually returns to civil life. When this happens, looking for a decent job can be a trying and lengthy business.

This is where the National Association comes in, completely free, to help you to start right. If you are not absolutely sure of your job, get in touch with the local Jobfinder. Incidentally, he is an ex-Regular like yourself, so you will be quite at home when you meet him. He knows the employers and the vacancies they want to fill.

If, when you get home, you have forgotten, lost or have never been told the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office, or to your own Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.

# 1st Battalion

Commanding Officer .. .. .	Lt.-Col. G. A. White, M.B.E.
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R.Q.M.S. .. .. .	W.O.2 H. C. Hyde
O.R.Q.M.S. .. .. .	W.O.2 J. A. McGregor

ON 14th October, 1959, The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment became The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. This event was marked by a simple but moving ceremony at Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds. The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., took the salute at a ceremonial guard-mounting parade. There were two Old Guards, one found by 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment and the other by 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. The New Guard composed of equal numbers of Queen's and Surreys, was found by the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. The Colours of the Old Regiments were ceremonially handed to the New Regiment by Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.; this signified the passing of the spirit of the Old Regiments to be embodied in the New Regiment.

After the ceremony there was a buffet luncheon in the Officers' Mess, and in the soldiers' dining-hall a special meal was served. In the evening there was a very well-attended dance in the Vittoria Club. Pte. Monet and his assistants managed to make the club very festive for the occasion. In the shaded, smoky atmosphere, with larger than life portraits of Can-Can girls, it was possible to mistake Bury for Paris! The fact that beer was half-price, made this possibility even more probable!

Amalgamation meant more families to house; Bury St. Edmunds was full, so the Regiment had to fall back on its own resources. Blenheim Village is the result. The pioneers cleaned and prepared a site for 18 caravans by the sports field. Electric light and water were laid on and a road was made. Then the caravans themselves arrived. Caravan life with a family may not

be ideal, but it is definitely preferable to the separation and lack of privacy inherent in hostel life.—Blenheim Village is a fine example of self-help which has worked.

Before dealing with the many sporting activities of the Battalion, mention should be made of success in a different, but nevertheless important competition. In the East Anglian District and 1st Infantry Division Skilled and Safe-driving Competition, the Battalion was placed first, after meeting some stiff opposition from some fifty other units, particularly the R.A.S.C. It was nice to beat the experts at their own game. At a time when the newspapers are full of the horrors of road accidents, perhaps this form of training may help considerably in the campaign for road safety.

## Sporting Activities

Probably the major sporting achievement of the Battalion to date is that of the boxers. After several friendly contests against local teams, particularly a most entertaining evening against a Cambridge University team, the Battalion entered the Eastern Command semi-final against the 1st Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry at Colchester. The result was a convincing win for the Battalion by nine bouts to two.

On 7th January the team and supporters went to Victoria Barracks at Windsor, where the Irish Guards were our hosts. The boxing was excellent, and the excitement was tense until the end of the last round. The Battalion won by 18 points to 15. After the contest the Irish Guards Regimental Band and the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion Beat the Retreat. In spite of the fog, it was a most impressive display. Everyone was very well entertained and the Irish Guards were wonderful hosts. Luckily the fog lifted for the drive back to Bury and everyone was

## AMALGAMATION DAY PARADE—BURY ST. EDMUNDS



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The three Colonels of Regiments and the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion coming on to the Parade Ground

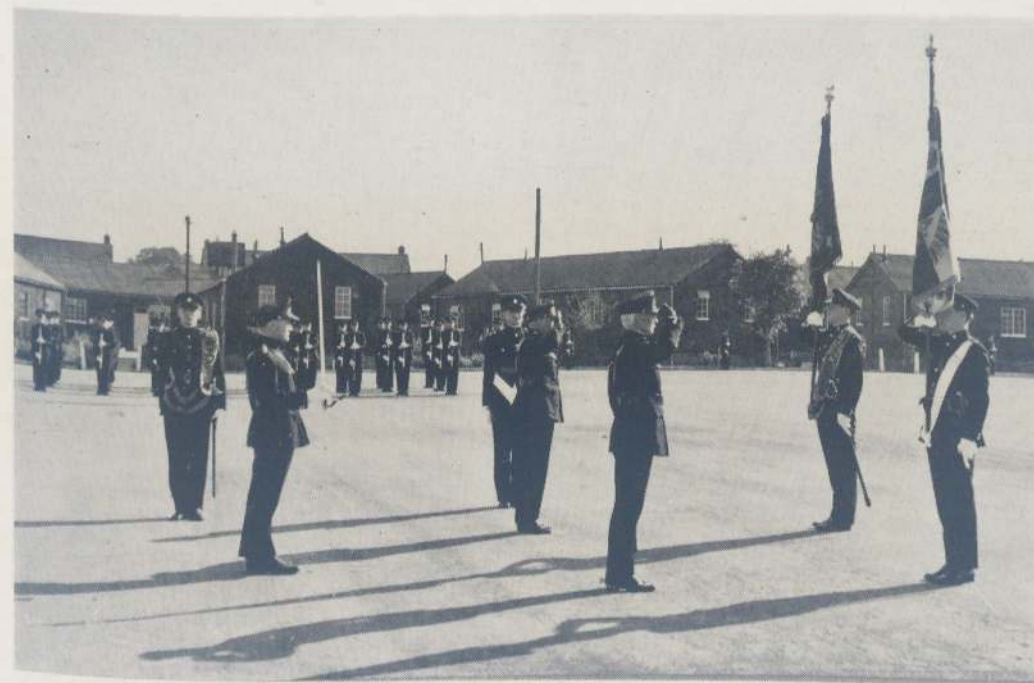


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The Colonels of The Queen's and The Surreys salute the Colours



A straight left. Cpl. Chambers v. L/Cpl. Mason  
(Junior A.B.A. Champion, 1956)

home by about 4 a.m.; a long but very enjoyable evening.

Having won the Eastern Command Competition, the team now had to fight the winners of Western Command. On 23rd January the team crossed to Northern Ireland by sea to fight against the very strong 11th Hussars' team. A Hermes aircraft was chartered from Skyways and 69 spectators, complete with four attractive hostesses, flew to Belfast.

The contest was hard from start to finish, and it was certainly no disgrace to lose by seven bouts to four to this very hard-hitting team. Great credit must go to C.S.M. Skilton who so very ably trained the team. The team consisted of the following: Bantamweight, Pte. Slaytor; featherweight, Pte. Gemmell; lightweight, Pte. Brazier; light-welterweight L/Cpl. Butler and Pte. Faulkner; welterweight, Cpl. Chambers; light-middleweight, L/Cpl. Smith; middleweight, L/Cpl. Hooker; light-heavyweight, Sgt. Gardner; heavyweight, Cpl. Cherkezos; welterweight, L/Cpl. Mason.

Although that was the end of the Army Team Competition, it was not the end of Battalion boxing, and on Saturday, 30th January, the team went to Guildford to take part in a local competition there. This of course had a bearing on recruiting, and we can only hope that a career in the Queen's Surreys appealed to some of the enterprising young boxers of Guildford. Five members of the team, Sgt. Gardner, L/Cpl. Mason, Ptes. Faulkner, Brazier and Slaytor have entered for the Army Individual Championships. They won the East Anglian Com-

petition on a walk-over and now go forward to the Command finals.

So far this season the cross-country team has been very successful. In addition to several friendly matches against local R.A.F. teams, they have reached the Army final by winning the Eastern Command Championship. They also won the 1st Divisional East Anglian District Competition on 15th December. The detailed scores of the Eastern Command finals were: 1st Queen's Surreys, 71 pts.; 1st K.S.L.I., 143 pts.; 1st Irish Guards, 147 pts.; 12th S.M.E. Regiment, R.E., 268 pts.

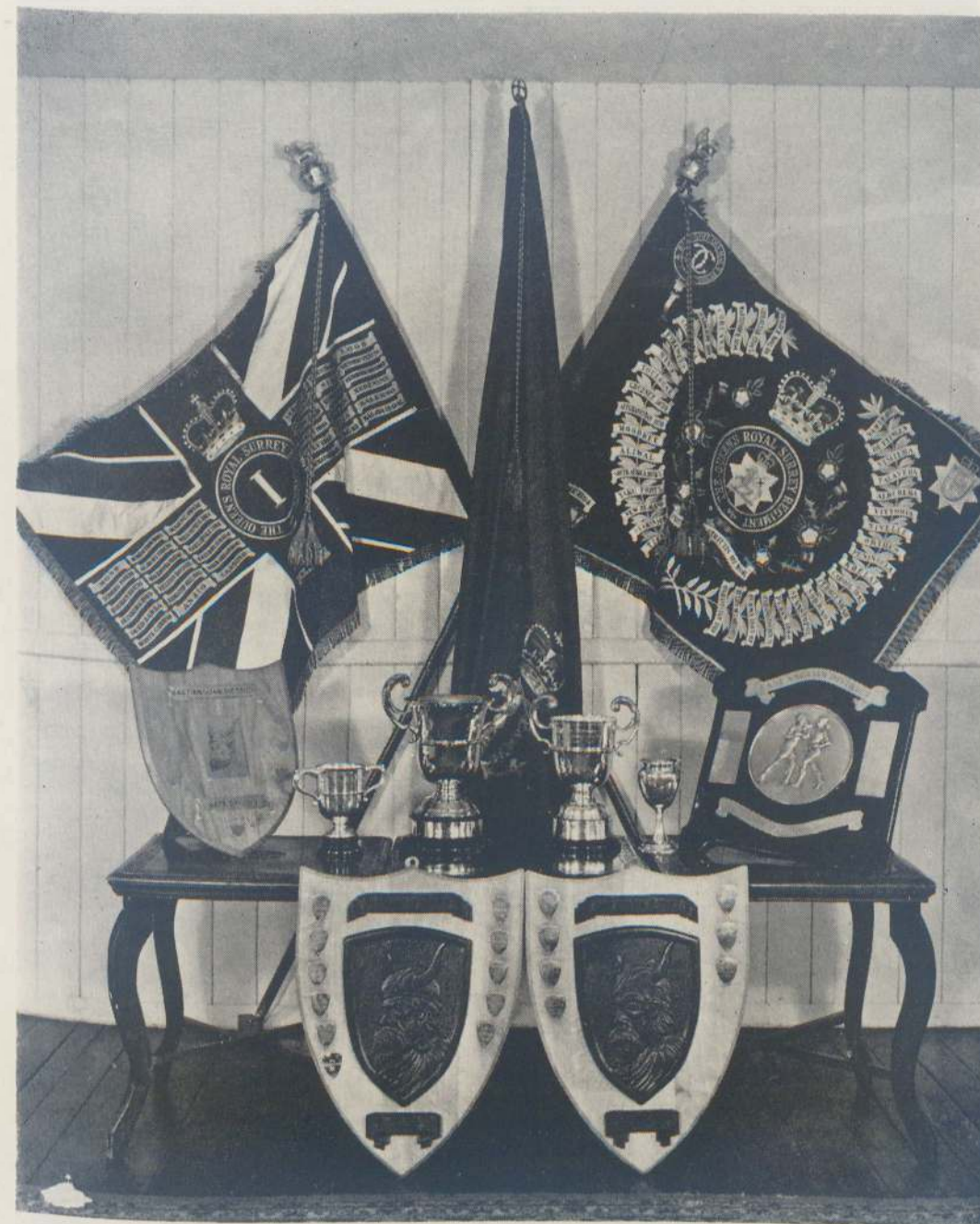
Throughout these competitions Pte. Gillett has always run superbly and his position as leader of the field has been unassailable. On 30th January he ran for the Army and was placed fourth. It was a sad loss to Battalion athletics when he finally left the Army in March. The team consisted of: Major G. G. Strong, 2/Lt. G. T. H. Kemp, L/Cpls. Collett and Paterson, Bds. Randall, Ptes. Gillett, Flahey, Tassell, Tivey and Cuthbertson.

Now that the boxing is over the main interests are in the cross-country team and the hockey team. This year's hockey team is strong and fast and is playing very successfully. In the first round of the Army Cup we beat our neighbours, The Depot, 1st East Anglian Regiment. It was a very hard-fought match in appalling conditions and the final score was a win, 3-0.

In the third round against the Depot Regiment, R.E., at Chatham, the Battalion won by four goals to one. On 24th February the team played 12th S.M.E. Regiment, R.E., in the Eastern Command semi-final at Burton Court, and won by two goals to one. Capt. Doyle is the indefatigable captain, and he is supported both on and off the field by R.S.M. Oram, who still, despite his many other duties, manages to play a very energetic and vocal game. Out of 13 games played so far, they have only lost one. They have scored 45 goals with only 13 against them.

The comparatively new Army game of basketball is now very popular in the Battalion, and this season the team has been very successful. They have won all their matches with local units of both the Army and the R.A.F., and are now well on their way to winning two championships, the Norfolk League and the Eastern Command. This sport has the advantage that it can be played either indoors or out, providing the playing surface of the ground is smooth.

## 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment



TROPHIES WON BY THE BATTALION SINCE 14TH OCTOBER, 1959

East Anglian District Safe-Driving Shield; East Anglian District Cross-Country Running Cup; Eastern Command Boxing Cup; Eastern Command Cross-Country Running Cup; Eastern Command Basketball Runners-up Cup; East Anglian District Boxing Shield; East Anglian District Basketball Shield; East Anglian District Hockey Shield



Field-firing with the new L.M.G. Pte. Dalton and L/Cpl. Smith.

### Military Training

Although the Battalion is not at present in the Strategic Reserve, we have continued to train hard. Apart from several exercises covering every aspect of war, the Rifle Companies have spent two periods of a week camping in the Stanford Practical Training area. Here they have carried out field-firing, inter-platoon patrolling and fieldcraft exercises, apart from normal Company training.

The M.M.G. Platoon, as well as others, have trained hard since amalgamation with very satisfactory results. It achieved the distinction of winning the 19th Infantry Brigade concentration, held in November by an overwhelming margin. The result of the A.R.A. Machine-Gun Cup competition is not known at the time of going to press, but the platoon are sure to be well in the running for the coveted prizes. S/Sgt. Todd, R.E.M.E., was a great help in the excellent way in which he prepared the guns before these competitions. This undoubtedly contributed a great deal to the platoon's success.

One of the arduous, but enjoyable forms of training today is an initiative test. In these tests small parties of men, carrying their rations, move entirely independently from, say, Bury St. Edmunds to Plymouth, where they have to carry out some task or other. Naturally the competitors have to be trusted not to make use of private money to pay for public transport all the way! That would make the operation pointless. So far every-

one has fulfilled the obligations of the test. They have learnt a great deal about independent action on a "shoe string" and they have enjoyed themselves. In the frightful event of a nuclear war, this type of small independent group might have a very important role to play in the location of targets for nuclear strikes. This type of early initiative training would be invaluable.

A most important part of all infantry training still is marching. In the Battalion, now, everyone marches. Periodically the whole Battalion sets out for a day in the country, and providing the weather is good, or at least reasonable, there are many worse ways of spending a day. However, in a typically British way the weather always seems to be worse than usual on route march day.

### Presentation of New Colours

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to the visit by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, who has graciously consented to present New Colours to the Battalion on 22nd April. The ceremony will take the form of a parade and service of consecration on the square at Blenheim Camp, followed by various Mess entertainments. His Royal Highness will be entertained by the officers in the Athenaeum in Bury St. Edmunds.

### Christmas Fayre

Just before Christmas the Battalion's Wives' Club ran a most enterprising Christ-

mas Fayre. The aim was to raise the £85 necessary to pay for the Children's Christmas Party. There were stalls for nearly everything one could want; clothing, toys, sweets, bottles, raffles, tombola, competitions and refreshments. The wives put in a great deal of work and initiative in creating a worthwhile show. Mention should be made of the excellent decor provided by Pte. Monet and his assistants, also the excellent stalls built by the Unit Pioneers. The fair was well attended and made a very well deserved profit of £77.

### Other Needs

The recruiting posters always speak of a "Varied and exciting life in the Army." This is certainly true of this Battalion. In February we all stood by for the impending rail strike. The Motor Transport Platoon were to have carried essential supplies, the officers to have manned movement control posts and so on.

Any national emergency involves the Army; floods, snow clearing, strikes of all kinds. In the carrying out of all these strange duties, the soldier shows his adaptability and capacity for hard work.

At the end of May the Battalion moves to the newly rebuilt Hyderabad Barracks at Colchester. It is the most luxurious barracks in this country, and contains every type of modern amenity. Everything is painted in light colours, and the old air of drabness that

used to characterise the army barracks has gone. One slight anxiety at the back of everyone's mind is the thought of "barrack damages." However, with the full-scale training programme with 19th Infantry Brigade Group, it looks unlikely that we shall be in barracks long enough to damage them too much.

Next January we move to Aden; doubtless the change in accommodation will be from the most modern to the most primitive.

The new pay increases are obviously welcome and one can only hope that they will prove to be the incentive to recruiting that the Minister hopes for. If our Regiment is to survive we must recruit. It is up to all of us individually to help in this great and vital endeavour. We can be a far greater influence in the matter of recruiting than an advertisement in the newspapers can be.

### Families

On amalgamation the number of families in Bury St. Edmunds increased very considerably. To give everyone a chance to meet, a very successful party was held in the Junior Ranks Club. Thanks to everyone's generosity there were very delicious refreshments. The many raffles were also very successful.

Probably the time when friends are most important is when one is in hospital. Even having a baby can sometimes be lonely, and it is generally agreed that Wives' Club flowers always provide a welcome link with the



SELECTING THE ROUTE

2/Lt. Aitkens, Sgt. Hannigan, Pte. Duister, and two of the Provost Staff

outside world, and show mothers that their friends have not forgotten them.

On 29th October, 1959, there was a general meeting, the main aim of which was to decide the details of the running of the club. In addition, Lt.-Col. White came with the Q.M., Capt. Kemp, and one of his staff, Sgt. Waldron, to answer questions about married quarters. These questions produced a certain amount of amusement; however, the Colonel's visit was much appreciated.

It has always been one of the aims of the club to get out and about, rather than just have a series of meetings. Outings are generally very popular, and the visit to "Brigadoon" in Bury St. Edmunds on 12th November, 1959, was no exception. Even the thick fog did not damp the enthusiasm of the party. On 4th February another party went to Colchester to see "We must kill Toni" at the Repertory Theatre. Before the programme a meal was served in the N.A.A.F.I. Club.

Always a popular item at meetings is a talk by local people on some aspect of house-keeping. We have been very lucky with our speakers and the talks on Gas Cookery, Christmas Decorations, and Electricity in the Home have all been excellent.

The Christmas Fayre has been the main event in our calendar so far. The aim was to raise money for the Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to the valiant efforts of the stalwarts, the aim was achieved beyond our wildest hopes. It would take too long to enumerate all the lovely items that were made or given. It is sufficient to say that it was a success and that both sellers and customers had an enjoyable and unusual afternoon.

The Children's Party on 2nd January was also successful. Certainly the 200 children seemed to enjoy themselves; that, is if noise is anything to judge by! We must thank the Band for their efforts, which were very much appreciated.

Everyone was very distressed by the sad loss of Mrs. Reece; she will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and sympathy go to her family in their great loss.

The aims for the future are to try and offer to the wives an opportunity to meet and talk and to get away from their families for just an hour or two. The things we can do are almost unlimited, so if anyone has any suggestions, please put them forward.

### Variety is the Spice of (Army) Life

If this quotation is to be accepted as true, it is a pity that it is impossible to run more initiative tests in the United Kingdom, as this type of training seems to appeal to all types of soldiers.

The aim of the tests was to give men a glimpse of aspects of life with which they would normally not come into contact, and to develop their own initiative and self-confidence.

No. 4 Platoon of "B" Company departed in pairs to the Portsmouth area in November 1959, and No. 5 Platoon of the same Company to Gloucester in February this year. Ptes. McDonald and Bray scored most marks in No. 4 Platoon. Not only did they achieve the journey there and back in record time, with no money available, but they also completed all the tests, including getting their photographs in the local paper and getting in (and surprisingly out) of H.M. Prison. Ptes. Twyman, Townsend, Mills and Collins were the winners in No. 6 Platoon.

No. 7 Platoon of "C" Company went off in February of this year, and the winning team, on the score of marks allotted was that of 2/Lt. K. G. Wakely, Ptes. Dunster and Johnston. This team completed the tasks in record time, but its results were perhaps not so exciting as those of others, some of whom flew in an aircraft piloted by a real Wing Commander, and actually put to sea in a submarine.

Cpl. Lees of No. 7 Platoon, "C" Company, describes his team's experiences below:

### A CHANGE IN ROUTINE

On 15th February, "C" Company went on its first initiative test of 1960. The Company was split into parties of three, the aim being for each party to see and move firstly in a submarine, secondly a destroyer or picquet boat, and thirdly a Hawker Hunter aircraft.

Each man was given ten shillings in cash and survival rations for three days, and parties were allowed to depart any time after 0930 hrs.

As N.C.O. i/c No. 4 Party, I decided that we should go firstly to Portsmouth. We hitched our first lift outside the camp gates, and from then on, thanks to the kindness of drivers, we were able to reach our destination by 1815 hrs.

After a quick meal, we pressed on to the Naval Dockyard with a view to achieving



THE DANCE BAND IN FULL SWING

C/Sgt. J. E. Thompson, string bass; Cpl. P. Cooper, trumpet; L/Cpl. T. Rothwell, tenor trombone; Bdsms. B. Packham, trumpet; Bdsms. D. Reed, alto saxophone; Bdsms. J. Bailey, tenor saxophone; Sgt. A. Hunter, alto saxophone; L/Cpl. C. Jones, piano; L/Cpl. J. Lemon, percussion; Bdsms. G. Barraclough, trumpet; Bdsms. J. Davey, tenor saxophone; Bdsms. G. Swift, baritone saxophone

our first task. We were shown around H.M.S. *Tyne*, the repair and flagship of the Fleet and moved to the other side of the dockyard to go aboard a submarine—which proved to be no easy task.

The dockyard police did not believe our story that we were on an initiative test and, in fact, thought that we were intelligence officers checking on the security of the dockyard. After interrogation, the two private soldiers accompanying me were invited to wait in the guard room whilst I was escorted to H.M.S. *Thermopylae*. The crew made me really welcome, feeding me on hot tea and chicken sandwiches and repelling all attempts of the dockyard police to get me off the vessel. I was conducted around the submarine and allowed to leave after being given a photograph of it, the reverse side of which was signed by all the members of the Seamen's Mess.

That night we slept in an old barn outside Portsmouth and at first light on the 16th we set out to complete our final task. Once again we found motorists most co-operative and arrived at R.A.F. Waterbeach, where we had a ride in a Hawker Hunter, which was quite an experience in itself.

We eventually arrived back in camp at 2045 hrs. on 16th February, tired, but pleased that we were the first party to return.

Let us now eavesdrop on the de-briefing last February of No. 4 Platoon, "B" Company. Pte. McDonald speaking:

"So we dodged in to see this Mayor, and he was pretty tickled and came across with half a sheet (10/-), so we weren't depressed. After a bit of a natter we got his laundry mark on a bit of paper and dodged out of his parlour. Our next job was to get in a battleship. Well, we managed to work our way into the dockyard after a bit of a chat with the rozzer, and not seeing a British boat we dived aboard a Portuguese one, and got the skipper's mark on another piece of paper. So we were giggling, really. . . ."

Men of No. 6 Platoon were also de-briefed. Pte. Vines speaking:

"After setting out, Rundle, Myring and myself first made for the transport cafe, seeing as we could use another breakfast, but we were soon on our way and scrounging lifts. We had to put up with a bit of Mick taking—people saying such things as: 'Oi, mate—you trying to beat Babs Moore?' or, if we were riding, asking us if we shouldn't be walking.

"Our combat kit was useful. Many people thought we were Commandos or S.A.S.—we had to tell them how many jumps we'd

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## The Regimental Depot

THE amalgamated Depot which had functioned since 1st July, 1959, took on its new title of the Depot, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment at an Amalgamation Day Parade on 14th October, 1959. At this parade the Commanding Officer, Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., read the Special Order of the Day by the Colonels of Regiments of the Home Counties Brigade in Council before the flags of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment were lowered for the last time and the flag of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment replaced them. The C.O. went on to say:

"We meet today to celebrate the formation of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, of which we are now all members. We must not look back with sorrow, but look back only to draw all that is good forward from our former Regiments. We have a wealth of tradition and loyal service to support us from The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment, whose marriage has produced The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment today. We, at this Depot, are fortunate because we know and have already experienced amalgamation working. Because of your efforts this preliminary period has worked extremely well, and I am most grateful to all of you for making our opening months run so smoothly. Now we all wear the same badge, and I look to you for continued support in the tasks that lie ahead. It is our responsibility to make the Queen's Surreys as famous and respected throughout the world as The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment have been in the past. We cannot rest on their laurels and must establish new ones of our own. In peace and war we must show devotion to duty and a high sense of the trust placed in us by the Sovereign and the Country. We must maintain our personal turn-out and standards of drill. We must strive to achieve higher standards in every aspect of military life. We are highly privileged to be founder members of the new Regiment, and we must see to it that we do our duty well. I wish you all good fortune and the will to forge a great Regiment."

Three days later the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., took the salute at the passing-out parade of the first recruits, 70 in number, destined for the new Regiment. At this parade he presented the following awards: Clasp to Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (36 years): 6081070 Sgt. L. Wright; Winning Platoon: Ypres Platoon; Winning Section: No. 1 Section (Cpl. Othen); Best Shot: Pte. D. Hunt; Best Recruit: Pte. J. Catanach; Piper Mug for inter-Section Weapon Competition: No. 4 Section Tangier Platoon.

Following an address by General Metcalfe, the parade advanced in Review Order and marched off to music by the Band of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

### Training

After the departure of the first intake, life was fairly quiet with 21 regular recruits under training. Their passing-out parade, again supported by the Camerons' Band, was held on 18th December, 1959, and the salute was taken by the Commanding Officer. This time the following awards were made: Winning Section: No. 3 Section (Cpl. A. Othen); Best Shot: Pte. T. Conway; Best Recruit: Pte. T. Sharman; Winner of the Piper Mug: No. 2 Section (L/Cpl. J. Winfield).

The New Year saw a great increase in the Depot population with intakes of 100 N.S. recruits on 7th January, and 87 on 21st January, 1960. In addition, 38 regular recruits were under training. To cope with this over-size commitment the 1st Battalion helped with the loan of Sgt. Cakebread, Cpls. Cox, Thompson, Carr and Skipp. The senior intake passed out on 19th March, 1960, when the salute was taken by Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E. This was the last parade in the Queen's Surreys Depot, for the Home Counties Brigade Depot took over the day before the junior intake passed out on 2nd April, 1960. Apart from basic training of recruits there were other diversions, and that which lasted longest was the task of clearing Arpinge Range, near Folkestone, of all live explosives. The work, which was completed on 27th November, 1959, lasted

The Staff, Regimental Depot., March, 1960



Photo: Lambert Weston and Son Ltd., Folkestone

Front row (left to right): C/Sgt. P. Todd, W.O.1 G. Mileham, Major C. F. Cole (Rtd.), M.B.E., 2/Lt. J. B. Harmon, Lt. K. R. Burnett, Capt. G. Mason, Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill, Capt. R. B. Johnson, Lt. S. T. W. Anderson, W.O.2 R. Wildgoose, C/Sgt. D. Harding, S.S.I. A. Tarple.  
2nd row (left to right): L/Cpl. R. Cross, L/Cpl. C. Smith, Sgt. V. Randall, Sgt. W. Gray, Sgt. A. Cakebread, Sgt. D. Brownjohn, Sgt. D. Hoar (A.C.C.), R. Rough, Cpl. C. Cox.  
3rd row (left to right): L/Cpl. W. Smith, Pte. K. Neal, L/Cpl. R. Stanley, L/Cpl. M. Prynne, Cpl. G. Holland, Cpl. D. Lewis, Cpl. J. Marshall, L/Cpl. W. Grimaldi, (A.C.C.), Cpl. R. Rosser, Cpl. D. Bailey (R.W.K.), L/Cpl. E. Holman (A.C.C.), Cpl. S. Huggins, L/Cpl. F. Lloyd, Cpl. J. Clark, Pte. W. Hill, Pte. S. Croydon, Cpl. F. Page, Pte. R. Hook.  
4th row (left to right): L/Cpl. J. Catanach, Pte. E. Boxall, Cpl. A. Othen, Cpl. J. Winfield, Cpl. A. Gammond, Cpl. A. Skipp, L/Cpl. P. Davis, Pte. W. Rutherford, Cpl. G. L. Will, L/Cpl. J. Will, L/Cpl. W. Bunce, Pte. G. Ward, Cpl. Carr, L/Cpl. A. Cook, L/Cpl. C. Jackson, Cpl. E. Dyer.  
5th row (left to right): Pte. H. Cooper, Pte. P. Cook, Pte. P. Smith, Pte. J. O'Connor, L/Cpl. M. Hovey, Pte. A. Loe, Pte. D. Saunders, Pte. G. Boxall, L/Cpl. E. Brasier, Cpl. A. Thompson, Pte. J. Hill (A.C.C.), Pte. P. Davies, Pte. P. Weekes, Pte. J. Murley.



Photo: Kentish Gazette

The Colonel of the Regiment, followed by Capt. R. B. Johnson, Sgt. Terry, and Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., inspecting the passing-out parade of the first recruits for the new Regiment

nine weeks, and was under the overall direction of the Adjutant, Capt. G. Mason, who made the most of the opportunity to leave his office and control the labours of the hundred men allotted to the task.

Lt. S. T. W. Anderson was in charge of Adventure Training, sponsored by the War Office, and took one party to the Lake District where they indulged in some energetic climbing. This was followed by a party of twelve in six canoes, under the same officer, paddling to Sandwich and back one week-end. A total distance of about 35 miles was covered on the River Stour and the party camped by the river for a night before completing the return journey.

The annual administrative inspection was carried out by Brigadier G. R. G. Bird, Deputy Commander, Home Counties District, on 26th November, 1959, and a "very satisfactory" report was received.

The documentation team visited the Depot early in January and the result was a grading of "very good."

#### Social Activities

A few weeks before Amalgamation Day

the Officers' Mess held a regimental guest night at which the following were guests: Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. G. A. White, M.B.E., Major P. G. Collyer.

Christmas activity started with a party in the Officers' Mess for members of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and their ladies, followed by a ladies' night in the Officers' Mess, and the corporals' dance in the gymnasium. Shortly before Christmas a children's party was held in the Three Choughs Junior Ranks Club (alias the N.A.A.F.I.) and later in the evening, the Christmas draw at the Sergeants' Mess.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

The Mess has now settled down after the reorganisation of the two Depots. There have been one or two notable evening entertainments in the true Sergeants' Mess tradition.

The 16th September, 1959, saw the farewell party of R.S.M. ("Tommy") Atkins who retired to civilian life the next day.

"Tommy" was well and truly retired that evening; a portion of his tie is still draped behind the bar and he was eventually chaired into his quarter in the early hours by a band of lustily singing members.

To celebrate the amalgamation on 14th October, 1959, a very enjoyable social evening was had, and by the end of the evening the act of joining our two Regiments had been very successfully completed.

The first Christmas Draw of the Regimental Depot was very ably organised and run by C/Sgt. Cripps and Sgt. Gray, whose efforts were greatly appreciated.

We were very pleased to have Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D., and Mrs. Snowdon and the Depot officers and their ladies with us, also R.S.M. Oram that evening. The major prize (as it is called these days) was won by Q.M.S.I. Timblich. The Quartermaster taking a lion's share of the other prizes as he also did of the Sergeants' Mess football sweep.

New Year's Eve was celebrated by a very fine ladies' dinner night, its success being due to the hard work put in by C/Sgt. Harding and his committee. A very evil-looking punch was produced to toast in the

New Year, and its punch was as evil as it looked. It is not known whether the Mess ran out of glasses, but after midnight C/Sgt. Todd's shoe was put to a very peculiar use.

The undermentioned have joined the Depot Permanent Staff since the publication of the last Regimental Journal: R.S.M. G. R. Mileham, C.S.M. Wildgoose, C/Sgt. Harding, Sgt. Cakebread, S.S.I. Tarpley (A.P.T.C.), and we extend to them all a very hearty welcome.

During this time we have said farewell to R.S.M. Atkins—retired, and C.S.M. Battrick to 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The following have passed through the Depot: R.Q.M.S. Mitchell and Sgt. Stevens, who both received the Golden Bowler, C/Sgt. Avery to F.A.R.E.L.F., C/Sgt. Knight to B.A.O.R., C/Sgt. Gibbs to F.A.R.E.L.F., Sgt. Rice to Cyprus, C.S.M. Rogers to Hong Kong, and Sgt. Sayers to Cyprus.

We wish them all success in their new appointments.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. T. Straight, M.M. (ex-C.S.M.), who is now in civilian life.



Photo: Kentish Gazette

The Colonel of the Regiment with Sgt. L. Wright, to whom he had just presented the clasp to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (36 years' service)

## SPORTS

## Soccer

The Depot soccer team has had very little success this season. Early on, while there was a large number of soldiers in the Depot, we had on paper a very strong side. Even with this increased strength, however, we were unable to win matches. Since Christmas the side has shown signs of producing better results, and although we no longer have any chance in the local league, we are hoping to win a few matches before the close of the season.

## Hockey

The amalgamated Queen's Surreys-Buffs' hockey team which was brought about by the inability of either Depot to form its own team, has had considerable success. The main problem has been shortage of numbers. When players have been unavailable we have often had to fill in with complete novices. When our full side has been available we have been a match for even major unit sides.

Lt. S. T. W. Anderson has had a particularly busy hockey season, and has managed to play for the Army (v. Old Kingstonians), Eastern Command, the 1st Battalion, and

## DEPOT PERMANENT STAFF

Commanding Officer	Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D.
Adjutant	Capt. G. Mason
Quartermaster	Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill
O.C. Training Company	Capt. R. B. Johnson
Training Subaltern	Lt. K. R. Burnett
Training Subaltern	Lt. S. T. W. Anderson
Administrative Officer	Major C. F. Cole, M.B.E. (Retd.)
R.S.M.	W.O.1 G. Mileham
C.S.M.	W.O.2 R. Wildgoose
O.R.C.S.	C/Sgt. G. Cripps
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. P. Todd
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. D. Harding
Training Sergeant	Sgt. D. Brownjohn
Training Sergeant	Sgt. R. Riley
Training Sergeant	Sgt. T. Terry
Training Sergeant	Sgt. T. Parnell
Officers' Mess Sergeant	Sgt. P. Morant
Provost Sergeant	Sgt. L. Wright
Depot Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. W. Gray
P.T. Instructor	S.S.I. A. Tarpley, A.P.T.C.
Pay Sergeant	Sgt. J. Weir, R.A.P.C.
Armourer Sergeant	Sgt. D. Reynolds, R.E.M.E.
Cook Sergeant	Sgt. D. Hoar, A.C.C.

Canterbury 1st XI. In his spare time he has turned out for the Depot team.

## Rugger

This has been run on a Garrison basis. Early in the season, 15 rugger players were hard to find and the team suffered some heavy defeats. Since Christmas, however, the team has gone from strength to strength, for example, whereas early in the season they were beaten 40-0 by 12th S.M.E., in February they won 6-0.

## The Army Art Society

Patron: H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent

The Society which exists to encourage art in the Army and sister services, is holding its 29th Exhibition during October 1960, at the Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, S.W.7.

All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

The Society is an entirely unofficial organisation and for several years very successful exhibitions have been held in London each autumn. Service artists can derive more interest from their hobby by aiming at submitting works for the exhibitions, which also give them an opportunity to compare their standard and style with others.

This year there will be two awards of five-guinea vouchers (on Messrs. Winsor and Newton) and other awards donated by well-known artist suppliers for the pictures deemed by the Committee the best, both in oils and in water colour, submitted by non-member "serving" artists.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible.

Intending exhibitors are invited to apply after the 1st of May for particulars. Applications should be addressed to: The Hon. Secretary, The Army Arts Society, Capt. A. J. Daldy, 16 King Edwards Grove, Teddington, Middlesex.

## 5th Battalion

## The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel	.. .. .	Lt.-Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.
Commanding Officer	.. .. .	Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn
2IC	.. .. .	Major R. C. H. Saunders
Adjutant	.. .. .	Major P. R. Swanson
Quartermaster	.. .. .	Capt. (Q.M.) R. J. Hall
R.S.M.	.. .. .	W.O.1 R. H. Esler
R.Q.M.S.	.. .. .	W.O.2 E. C. Whitney
O.R.Q.M.S.	.. .. .	W.O.2 R. E. Alexander

RECRUITING continues to make steady progress and we expect to reach a strength of 200 other rank volunteers within the next two or three months.

## Honours and Awards

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was presented to W.O.2 L. F. Law (P.S.I., "H.Q." Company) by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey in September 1959 and, at the same time, the Efficiency Medal (Territorial) was presented to W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) E. C. Whitney.

## T.A. Association Football Challenge Cup Competition, 1959-60

The Battalion team were runners-up in the above competition.

## Command Cookery Competition

Having won the Divisional Competition the Battalion team took part in the Command Competition, obtaining second place. A team has again been entered for this year's competition.

## Training

During February a successful and popular initiative test was held in the Haslemere/Guildford area. A dozen or so teams set off from Haslemere late on a Saturday evening and, travelling by devious routes throughout the night reached Guildford on the Sunday morning. The teams covered an approximate walking distance of 25 miles through very difficult country, and the test included a far from easy river crossing by improvised means.

A combined operations exercise is being planned with the assistance of the Royal Navy.

## Camp

This year's annual camp is being held at the Army School of Civil Defence, Millom, Cumberland.

## OFFICERS' MESS

During 1959, the Centenary Year of the Battalion, the Officers' Mess has been functioning at full pressure with a number of additional social events, the most outstanding being the Centenary Cocktail Party held at Loseley House, kindly lent for the occasion by Brigadier-General More-Molyneux - Long-bourne, C.M.G., D.S.O. Our chief guests at this function were the Earl and Countess of Munster, Lord and Lady Onslow, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. W. F. R. Turner, the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, the Mayor and Mayoress of Reigate, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. J. Y. Whitfield and Brigadier and Mrs. A. D. Miller.

During September the Mess held a Centenary Guest and Dinner Night at Queen's College, Oxford, at which the chief guest was General Ivor Hughes, other guests included several Dons and the Commanding Officer of the Oxford University Training Corps. The evening was a memorable one.

Christmas saw the annual Officers' Mess dance held this year on home ground in the Mess at Guildford. A number of guests were invited and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

A fitting end to an outstanding year.

However, in order that 1960 should be none the less memorable, a dinner was held in January at the House of Commons by kind invitation of General Ivor Hughes, the Sergeant-at-Arms, who in addition to his kind invitation, conducted those present on a very interesting tour of both the Lords and Commons. After an excellent dinner in one of the terrace rooms facing the Thames, Lt.-Col. Hugh Harris made what might be described as a combined "maiden" and "farewell" speech to us on his retirement in February this year. During March we look forward to dining-out our old Commanding

Officer at a dinner and guest night to be held at the Mess in Guildford.

We are pleased to welcome the following new officers to the Mess: Capt. D. M. Stevenson, Lts. I. L. Clarke, N. H. S. Crawford, D. G. Neville and P. D. Hollidge, and 2/Lts. J. W. Rae and J. E. A. Samuels.

We have said farewell to Major J. D. Wade, to T.A.R.O.; he has now moved to the West Country.

Congratulations to the following officers on their promotions: Capt. D. G. Wilson to Major, and Lt. C. M. Wigan to Captain.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

We have seen several changes of faces since our last notes.

Sgts. Thompson, Young, Briggs, Brunger and MacCready have left us and to these we say: "Thank you, and good luck in the future."

Our congratulations to the following members on their promotion: C/Sgt. R. E. Alexander to W.O.2 (O.R.Q.M.S.), and C/Sgt. A. D. B. Bryers to W.O.2.

It is with our sincere congratulations that we welcome our new members: Sgts. Sutherland, Lambkin, and Stewart.

Our thanks also go to our P.S.I. members who have left us on completion of their tours, W.O.2 H. Boseley and Sgt. S. Woodman, and to W.O.2 M. E. Sawyers, M.M., who has now retired.

The Mess continues to be a very happy one. Our most recent and very successful function was the Christmas draw, and our thanks go to R.Q.M.S. C. Whitney for all the very hard work he put in.

With the Battalion branching out into the sport of soccer, we are pleased to record that five members of the Sergeants' Mess were included in this successful team.

It is with much regret that we say farewell to Lt.-Col. H. M. W. Harris on his retirement, and we would like to record our thanks for the interest and help he has given us. At the same time we offer our heartiest congratulations to Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn on his promotion and assure him of complete devotion and loyalty from all members, and we trust that his tour with us as Commanding Officer will be a happy one.

### "A" COMPANY

Our P.S.I.—W.O.2 Boseley—left us after his tour of duty, and W.O.2 Adkins arrived in his place. This, however, was only a tem-

porary appointment and W.O.2 Adkins is now R.Q.M.S. at the Home Counties Brigade Depot at Canterbury.

The Company performed very well on the last big exercise near Eastbourne, erecting nearly a mile of polythene pipe and, with the aid of the local Fire Brigade and a searchlight, put out an imaginary fire in the gas works with "real" water. It rained, of course, as well, so that even the Company Commander got wet! Afterwards we were most adept at removing casualties from a stricken area.

Two socials have been held at the Drill Hall with great success, and also the annual Children's Party at which nearly fifty children were entertained to tea and a film show, and received presents from Father Christmas handed out by the Mayor of Reigate.

Recruiting has been slow but sure. Two of our members joined the Regular Army, and since they were posted to the 1st Battalion, we do not count them as losses. They are Ptes. Gilbert and Heard. We welcome back Pte. Tester who was with us in the National Service days and remained a member until 1955.

Many local firms and organisations have their own .22 rifle clubs, but never meet owing to something called a "postal shoot." We decided, therefore, to form a league which has now been operating for four months to foster shooting in the borough by means of "shoulder to shoulder" shoots. A handicap system, which allows each club to use the most unstandard rifles and ammunition, has been working well and, of course, by meeting these contacts we hope to get some recruits. The following are in the league: Fullers Earth, Home Guard, Sea Cadets, R.A.S.C., and British Legion.

We, as a Company, would like to wish this new magazine of the amalgamated Regiment every success enjoyed by the two illustrious forerunners.

### "B" COMPANY

The total strength of the Company of all ranks at the Camberley Drill Hall is now 63, and recruits continue to enlist at a steady rate. Lt. R. M. Stanley has moved to Worcester, though he remains on the strength of the Battalion for camp. The Company has been joined by Lt. N. H. S. Crawford, of Farnham, who is up at Cambridge.

The Company dinner was held on Saturday, 14th November, 1959. On this occasion

the meal was cooked by Sgt. W. H. Burnham and his cooks of the A.C.C. They served up an excellent four-course chicken dinner for 70, using the Battalion field cooking equipment. Everyone agreed that the dinner was a great success. Among the guests were Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment from the Staff College, and 14 members of the 5th Queen's Old Comrades' Association from Camberley and Farnham.

In September a new Sports Club was formed at the Camberley Drill Hall, sponsored by "B" Company. This is known as the Braganza Sports Club. Members of the Club put up a very promising performance at a tournament held at Guildford on 30th January, 1960, with 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, 1st and 2nd Parachute Battalions, and the Onslow Boxing Club.

### "C" COMPANY

The highlight of our activities has been the visit of the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey to see us performing a normal evening's drill. The attendance was not quite normal, in view of the fact that every single member of the Company managed to turn up on the same night, and in his best possible B.D. By the time Lord Munster left, no-one was in any doubt as to his keen interest in the T.A. volunteer, and certainly his visit was tremendously encouraging to all ranks.

A good start has been made this season in the T.A. Football Championship, with our Battalion team leading the Divisional finals. Next year we intend to go far, but it is worth noting that our present measure of success is due largely to the enterprise of Sgt. Lambkin and his comrades in organising a team to play throughout last year in the local league.

At the end of January, Major R. K. Asser handed over command of the Company to Capt. D. M. Stevenson on moving to "H.Q." Company at Guildford. Capt. Stevenson has recently joined the Battalion from 5th West Yorks (T.A.), and Major Asser, in some farewell remarks, pointed out that his successor, being an officer of the High Court, should find his new command instructive as well as rewarding.

Recent promotions include Cpls. Lambkin and Sutherland to Sergeant, and Pte. Dipple to L/Corporal.

Our training continues to develop, although the naval affiliations of Cpl. Cox did not succeed in getting our team across the river

obstacle in the Battalion initiative test; perhaps the element of sheer survival will become less pressing in due course, and Cpl. Clamp (less wireless set) has since been seen suspended on ropes at a considerable height.

Our Christmas social was very well supported once again, and we felt the final seal of approval was set on the arrangements when one of our younger members was heard to remark that "These cats were real crazy man!"

### "D" COMPANY

Since last going to press we have gained a number of new recruits: Lt. P. D. Hollidge who has moved into the area and was formerly with the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, and Ptes. R. Johnson, R. J. Northwood, D. R. Stubbs, and K. N. Simpson, who are new to the T.A.

We congratulate Sgt. I. Robinson on his appointment to C/Sergeant, but regret that within the next few months we shall be losing our able and hard-working P.S.I.—W. Steeles—but we wish him the best of fortune on his return to the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, and look forward to having the same understanding with his successor.

The outstanding event of the past few months to us has undoubtedly been the success of Cpl. S. J. Browning, in winning the Wigan Award for 1959. "D" Company has always been proud of its all-round high standard in the Battalion, and this year we have lived up to our record by winning the Champion Company Shield.

We are now running recruit and trained soldiers' courses and are looking forward to an intensive year's training.

In November we ran a Recruiting Week, which was successful in spite of two very foggy nights. On 10th November, 1959, we distributed over 2,000 pamphlets to local inhabitants, explaining our functions and the programme for the week.

On 11th and 12th November, 1959, we had demonstrations given by the 3-in. Mortar Platoon and M.M.G. Platoon which were a fitting supplement to our static displays and films of Battalion activities.

The climax of our week's activities was a dance which attracted quite a number of new faces and proved a great success.

We look forward to this year's training and hope we shall be able to improve greatly on our existing numbers in 1960.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Major R. K. Asser has taken over command of the Company from Major J. W. P. Llewellyn on the latter's appointment as Commanding Officer.

Since camp the Company has been very active, even the M.T. Platoon leaving their vehicles to take part in a four-mile approach march before doing the field-firing exercise on Chobham Ridges. This exercise was of particular value to the new recruits of the

Company for whom field-firing was a new experience. The M.M.G. Platoon also had the opportunity for a good shoot from Hangmoor Hill, and made the most of it, despite driving rain.

In October the Company had an excellent escape exercise in which small groups of men had to cross seven miles of country which was patrolled by the M.T. Platoon in vehicles.

Sgt. H. N. Dixon again organised the Christmas festivities with great success.

## 6th Battalion

## The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel .. .. .	Col. J. G. Bevington, T.D.
Commanding Officer .. .. .	Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, T.D.
2IC .. .. .	Major A. C. Beach, T.D.
Adjutant .. .. .	Capt. P. G. Collyer
Quartermaster .. .. .	Capt. (Q.M.) C. W. Cheeseman
R.S.M. .. .. .	W.O.1 D. Fraser
R.Q.M.S. .. .. .	W.O.2 E. Townsend

SINCE the last issue of the Journal, the amalgamation of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment has taken place. For those of the new Regiment who are not familiar with this Battalion and its location at Bermondsey we thought it would be a good idea to give a very brief outline of its origin up to the present day.

In 1794, a month after the Glorious First of June, Parliament passed an Act for the enrolment of Volunteers under the official title of "Armed Associations" to meet the warlike threats of France. Bermondsey at once responded, and two companies each of 70 men were enrolled and titled "The Bermondsey Volunteers." In 1798, when it was judged that the threat to Great Britain was even more serious, a second Bermondsey corps was enrolled and titled "The Bermondsey Loyal Volunteers." Other parishes in the neighbourhood, including Rotherhithe, also enlisted companies. The Volunteers were generally only liable to serve within their parish boundaries, but the first Bermondsey Volunteers agreed to be associated with the Militia, to go to any part of the southern counties, and if called upon to garrison towns on the south coast.

The Volunteers from the London area wore a similar uniform in all districts, and varied only in the facings. At the Drill Hall today we have a complete uniform of one of the Bermondsey Volunteers worn on a dummy known as "Mutt."

The Colours of the two Bermondsey Corps and the Rotherhithe Corps were donated by the ladies of the neighbourhood, and placed in local churches when the Volunteer movement lapsed at the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815. In 1866 the Colours were handed back to this Battalion and are still with us today.

In 1859 the Volunteers re-formed. Again Bermondsey and Rotherhithe responded to the call to arms. The Bermondsey Corps were known as the 10th Surrey and the Rotherhithe Corps as the 23rd Surrey. In 1863 these two amalgamated under the title of the 4th Surrey Administrative Battalion, which was later altered to the 6th Surrey Rifle Volunteers in 1881. At this time they wore a uniform of rifle green, and a hat with a bugle and the numeral 6. In 1883 the Battalion was again renamed the 3rd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and changed its uniform

to scarlet to conform with the parent Regiment in 1887. We also have a specimen of this scarlet uniform on a dummy called "Jeff."

During the Boer War the Battalion sent 2 officers, 4 sergeants, 6 corporals and 8 privates to South Africa as part of the City of London Imperial Volunteers, known as the Lord Mayor's Own. The Battalion was awarded the battle honour "South Africa 1900-1902."

In 1908, when the Territorial Force was formed, this Battalion became the 22nd County of London Regiment (The Queen's) and during the First World War doubled itself to become the 1st/22nd and 2nd/22nd. Both battalions saw much fighting in Flanders and the Middle East, Lt.-Col. Borton and Sgt. Harvey winning the Victoria Cross.

In 1937 the County of London Regiment disbanded, and the battalion became the 6th (Bermondsey) Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. In 1939 the Territorial Army was doubled in size and the 1st/6th and 2nd/6th Battalions formed out of this one, joining 131 and 169 Queen's Brigades respectively and fighting with the B.E.F. in North Africa, Italy, Normandy, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Space does not allow a fuller account now, but the 1st/6th Battalion liberated Ghent in Belgium in 1944, and this is still celebrated annually with the citizens of that city either in Belgium or England.

Since 1947 the 6th Battalion has been back in Jamaica Road, Bermondsey. Although it has had many changes of title, the most astonishing thread of continuity is the family name of Bevington. In 1794 one of the officers of the Bermondsey Volunteers was a Mr. Henry Bevington. From 1860 to 1899 Col. S. B. Bevington served with the Volunteers and later became its Honorary Colonel, and built the Drill Hall at his own expense in 1876. Our present Honorary Colonel, Col. J. G. Bevington, T.D., is the great, great, great, great nephew of the Mr. Henry Bevington of 1794!

We are forming a Museum at Jamaica Road and would be grateful for any exhibits which will help to illustrate our long history.

### Training

Since the issue of the last edition of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Regiment the Battalion has slowly improved its recruiting, and the graph line moves upwards all the time. This has largely been due to the efforts of Major R. O. Nebel and all ranks of "C" Company at Poplar Walk, Croydon.

The winter has been devoted to individual training, specialist cadres and company week-ends at 60 W.E.T.C. at Aldershot.

The officers, warrant officers and sergeants attended a week-end study on Battle Procedure at Bermondsey in January, followed by a T.E.W.T. in the Brighton area in March to apply our knowledge to the ground. We were pleased to welcome Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the new G.O.C. 44th (H.C.) Infantry Division (T.A.) to Bermondsey on 9th January, when he listened to part of the Battle Procedure study.

At present the Signal Platoon are engaged in an energetic course to prepare them for the summer, and Jamaica Road echoes to the efforts of Cpl. McLeon and his "Betsy" (the bass drum) as the Corps of Drums practise under C/Sgt. Elliott. The Adjutant is investigating ways of raising a small military band; any assistance with instruments, music, etc., would be appreciated.

In 1960 we go to annual camp at Millom, in Cumberland, for training in Civil Defence. We are starting to look to our knots, lashings, and first-aid in anticipation. "C" Company have built a formidable scaffold at Croydon, and unsuspecting visitors are frequently trussed, placed on a stretcher, and lowered from dizzy heights.

### Sergeants' Mess

The past year has been very successful and our functions well attended.

The main event was the Autumn Ball, which was again a great success and we were honoured by the presence of Brigadier D. R. Wilson, O.B.E.

We congratulate W.O.2 N. Smith, C/Sgts. R. Elliott, R. Chapman and J. Russell on their promotions.

Our congratulations go also to C/Sgt. Burns on the award of the British Empire Medal, an event which did not go unnoticed at the Mess bar.

### Officers' Mess

The Officers' Mess at Bermondsey has just been redecorated, and on 13th February, in a faint odour of paint, we held a regimental cocktail party at which we were pleased to welcome Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, the Colonel of the Regiment, and Col. H. R. Grace, the Home Counties Brigade Colonel.

Major D. R. G. Clement has recently left us on joining T.A.R.O.

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## 6th Battalion

### The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel .. .. .	Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.
Commanding Officer .. .. .	Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D.
2IC .. .. .	Major J. F. Sherrard, T.D.
Training Officer .. .. .	Major F. H. S. D. Branccker
Quartermaster .. .. .	Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E.
R.S.M. .. .. .	Mr. P. N. Jackson
Bandmaster .. .. .	Mr. C. Smith
R.Q.M.S. .. .. .	W.O.2 W. Messenger
O.R.Q.M.S. .. .. .	W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

**T**RAINING has continued unabated throughout the autumn and winter, commencing with a Brigade Civil Defence exercise in Sussex. This was a week-end exercise; the Battalion concentrated in Crowborough area during Saturday afternoon, and after dark was called in by the civil authorities to help in fire-fighting. The idea was that Eastbourne was blazing fiercely as the result of an air raid. The Battalion's task was to lay one mile of six-inch piping from a lake to the imaginary fires. This was carried out successfully in a torrential rainstorm with the help of a troop of the Divisional Movement Light Regiment. By 3 a.m. the Battalion was released from these duties and returned to rest in a centre in Eastbourne. At 0800 hrs. the civil authorities again asked for help—this time in rescuing casualties from a blitzed area. Over one hundred casualties were brought out of houses and factories.

The annual leadership competition was held this year on Chobham Ridges and "S" Company were the winners for the second year in succession.

In February, 15 teams of pairs took part in exercise "Brass Monkey" on Salisbury Plain. The teams assembled in the barracks on Friday night and were taken by M.T. to a R.V. near Amesbury. From there they carried out a forced march of twelve miles to another R.V., where they rested for two hours. After this, each pair cooked their own breakfast and were sent on a map-reading exercise, followed by initiative tests. After the completion of the tests they cooked an evening meal and were sent out on a compass exercise. By midnight the teams had arrived at the final R.V., where they were issued with sleeping-bags and bivouacs. The next morning, the M.T. having been suitably immobilised, the teams were ordered

to make their own way back to the barracks. The winning pair was L/Cpl. Izant and Pte. Taylor, both of Chertsey Detachment (M.M.G. Platoon).

The Battalion is to enter a team in the Nijmegen Marches which are to be held in Holland in July, if permission is given by the War Office. Last year the team marched well and were awarded a team plaque.

On the social side, the Centenary Dinner was held on 25th September, at the Griffin Hotel in Kingston, and was attended by 150 past and present members of the Battalion. At this dinner, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., presented to the Honorary Colonel, on permanent loan, the "Halt in the Desert"—a magnificent silver centre-piece.

On 13th December, the past officers of the Battalion presented a set of ten silver ash-trays to the serving officers to mark the centenary of the Battalion.

The annual Children's Party was held just after Christmas at Orchard Road Training Centre and was, judging by the noise, as successful as previous ones. The number of children grows each year—and also the noise—bless 'em! We were all very pleased that Miss Dodd, who is now at the N.A.A.F.I. at Epsom, came over to help us with the teas.

The Battalion is endeavouring to raise a Band in addition to the Corps of Drums. Mr. Smith, the Bandmaster, has recently joined us after retiring from the Regular Army where for the last eight years of his service he was Bandmaster of the Royal Scots. Anyone interested in joining the Band will be very welcome and should communicate with Mr. Smith at the barracks.

Annual training this year will be at Millom, Cumberland, from 18th June to



**KNOTS AND LASHINGS PRIOR TO EXERCISE "CONCORD"**

*Left to right: Sgt. R. Haynes, C.S.M. T. Shaw, Pte. R. Bates, L/Cpl. H. Peters, Pte. R. Atkinson, Dmr. F. Reynolds, Pte. A. Poulter, Cpl. H. Shury, Sgt. R. Frankland*

2nd July. The main theme will be civil defence.

In 1959, as in 1958, the Battalion obtained more recruits than any other unit in Surrey, but there are still some vacancies.

On 30th April, Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire handed over command of the Battalion to Major J. F. Sherrard, and it is with the greatest regret that we say good-bye to an officer who has done so much for the Battalion, and the Regiment as a whole, and who is so universally respected and liked.

Lt.-Col. Squire joined the Battalion as a second-lieutenant in January 1936, transferring to the 2nd/6th Battalion in August 1938, where he remained until October 1943. He joined the 1st Battalion in December 1943, with whom he served in Italy, being awarded the M.C.

He was demobbed in March 1946, and on 1st May, 1947, rejoined the 6th Battalion and went to Richmond as Detachment and Company Commander.

Especially, we wish to thank Lt.-Col. Squire for all he has done since assuming command in May 1957. In spite of a very full-time civilian occupation, he has never spared himself in his work as our Commanding Officer, and he has never been too busy, either during his military or civilian hours, to give sympathetic hearing to those who went to him with personal as well as military problems.

The measure of his success can be judged firstly by the fact that the volunteer strength of the Battalion has gone up from 90 to 223 during his tour of command, and secondly by the tremendous success of the Battalion's Centenary Celebrations in June 1959, which was mainly due to his planning and personal efforts.

We all wish him good luck on his retirement, and hope to see him often at Battalion and Company functions.

At the same time we all congratulate Lt.-Col. Sherrard on his promotion, and wish him a very successful and happy period of command.

#### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

On Sunday, 22nd November, the Battalion officers were invited to the Mess for cocktails. This was the first time that we have been able to invite the officers since camp, and the event was well attended by both Officers' and Sergeants' Mess members.

Thanks to the Entertainment Committee the Christmas draw was a great success. It was well patronised and it was good to see so many of the ex-members of the Regiment at this function.

The Mess is now open every Saturday evening at 2000 hrs.; this is in place of the Depot Sergeants' Mess which has closed. Sgt. Chaffer, M.M., has kindly volunteered to stand *behind* the bar on these occasions.

The Executive Committee of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Association meet on the last FRIDAY of every month, so, by and large, the Mess is now being used much more than has been so in the past.

#### HEADQUARTERS' COMPANY KINGSTON BARRACKS DETACHMENT

Company and Detachment Commander ..	Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.
C.S.M. .. ..	W.O.2 T. Shaw
C.Q.M.S. .. ..	Sgt. W. Hellier
P.S.I. .. ..	Sgt. E. Holledge

During the last few months there have been many changes in the Company.

We were very sorry to lose Capt. Ennis to "B" Company, W.O.2 Clemens to "S" Company, and Capt. Churchouse and Capt. Simpson to the T.A.R.O. Capt. Churchouse has taken a partnership in a boat-building business in the West Country, and we wish him luck in this new venture.

We welcome the arrival of W.O.2 Shaw, Sgts. Hellier and Holledge, and Lt. Roberts.

We are also losing Spencer, of the Signals Platoon, who is going to Australia. The detachment is very grateful to him for all his hard work in the canteen bar. Sgt. Haynes has again taken over bar duties, as well as producing a "fry up" on some drill nights.

Congratulations to Cpl. Taylor and L/Cpl. Peters on their promotion.

We have had a number of recruits, and one of them was Pte. Byne, the ex-Permanent Staff driver. He volunteered for the Battalion as soon as he had finished his time with the Regular Army.

#### "A" COMPANY HERSHAM DETACHMENT

Company and Detachment Commander ..	Capt. B. A. Ramsey, T.D.
C.S.M. .. ..	W.O.2 A. Grimwood
C.Q.M.S. .. ..	C/Sgt. G. Dimond
P.S.I. .. ..	Sgt. R. Frankland

Since the last edition of the Journal, "A" Company, owing to "C" Company going into suspended animation and a battalion reshuffle, has a new Company Commander and 2IC, namely, Capts. Ramsey and Cope.

Major Johnson, who has been Detachment Commander for two years, has been posted to "H.Q." Company and we wish him good fortune.

It was unfortunate that our recruiting week clashed with local political canvassing for the General Election and so had to be cancelled.

Nevertheless we have gained three new recruits, Ptes. Cameron, Pugh and Wilkinson, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

Now that the winter months are upon us, indoor training is going on apace to bring our recruits up to standard for camp. We are looking forward to a day on the ranges at Henly Park where we will test our skill at arms, and also to outdoor training in the early spring.

#### "B" COMPANY RICHMOND DETACHMENT

Company Commander ..	Major J. S. D. Wright
2IC .. ..	Capt. J. W. Ennis
C.S.M. .. ..	W.O.2 H. Coombe
C.Q.M.S. .. ..	C/Sgt. G. Hammersley
P.S.I. .. ..	W.O.2 E. S. Bartrip

Quite a lot has taken place at Richmond since our last notes.

The detachment has been changed into one Company owing to the closing down of "C" Company; this has not affected us too much as most of the Company has transferred to "B" and so stayed at Richmond. We have, however, lost the following to "D" Company: Major W. E. McConnell, T.D., Capt. S. G. O. Landen, C.S.M. P. Henman, C/Sgt. F. Hodgkin and Sgt. Hyman.

We welcome Capt. J. W. Ennis from "H.Q." Company and hope that his stay will be a happy one.

The annual New Year's Ball was held on Saturday, 2nd January, this was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Six members of the Company attended exercise "Brass Monkey," which was held on Salisbury Plain on 5th, 6th and 7th February. Although this was a tough exercise, and one or two people took the wrong turning once or twice, they all arrived back safely and enjoyed it so much that they are clamouring for another one.

#### "D" COMPANY ORCHARD ROAD, KINGSTON DETACHMENT

Company Commander ..	Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.
C.S.M. .. ..	W.O.2 P. Henman
P.S.I. .. ..	Sgt. T. G. Swift

Thanks to the effort of the entire detachment and, in particular, Capt. B. A. Ramsey and Sgt. Ramsey, M.M., the usual well patronised Christmas ball was enjoyed by all just before Christmas.

We have now lost Capt. B. A. Ramsey to "A" Company and welcomed a quintet from

Richmond Detachment comprising: Major McConnell, C/Sgt. F. Hodgkin, Sgt. O. Hyman (late "B" Company), Capt. S. G. O. Landen, and W.O.2 P. Henman (late "C" Company).

The immediate significance of this exodus seems at the moment to be reflected in a variation of bar profits depending upon whether viewed from a Kingston (up) or Richmond (down) viewpoint. Apart from that and a hasty but tasteful redecoration of the Company Office, there is little more to report about the influx, but no doubt more changes are imminent.

#### "S" COMPANY CHERTSEY AND COBHAM DETACHMENTS

Company Commander ..	Major B. W. Aldis
Cobham Detachment Commander and Acting Company Commander ..	Capt. P. Labbett
Officer Commanding Chertsey Detachment ..	Lt. P. R. H. Thompson
C.S.M. .. ..	W.O.2 T. Collins
C.Q.M.S. .. ..	C/Sgt. E. Handison
P.S.I. .. ..	W.O.2 D. Clemens

Since last camp the strength of the Company has continued to rise, with both Mortar and Machine-Gun Platoons reaching lower establishment. We hope to reach higher establishment in the not too distant future.

Winter training has gone into full swing, with the added complications that this year the Company is producing the team to represent the Battalion in first-aid in the Brigade competition.

Early in February some dozen members of

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passed away suddenly on 2nd January, 1960; Mr. T. J. Murden, M.C., who died on 7th February, 1960; and Mr. I. Stevenson, who died on 26th September, 1959.

Major Gingell was one of our vice-presidents, and since his retirement from his appointment as Quartermaster of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, he regularly attended our committee meetings. No doubt an appreciation of his services to the Regiment is given elsewhere in this Journal. He was a very staunch supporter of our Association and one of our most popular members, in fact, many of us considered him more as a personal friend than a member. We shall miss him at our future gatherings, particularly at our annual dinners when we always called upon him for the toast of "Our Guests," which



"S" COMPANY—WINNERS OF LEADERSHIP COMPETITION, 1959-60

Team; (left to right) Capt. P. Labbett, L/Cpl. M. Etherington, Pte. K. Barden, L/Cpl. C. Prewett, L/Cpl. W. Baker, C.S.M. T. Collins

the Company participated in exercise "Brass Monkey." It was enjoyed by all of them.

April will see us at Lydd again. So far we have not managed to "wing" any of the aircraft using Lydd airport, but the Mortar Platoon are willing to have a go at anything.

he gave in his so intimate manner.

Tommy Murden was also one of our popular members and never missed attending regimental and association functions so that he could talk over old times with his old comrades. He was one of the few surviving South African War veterans, and took part in the Relief of Ladysmith. He was promoted R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion in France in 1916 and gained the M.C.

"Possy" Stevenson was one of the old school and a very popular sportsman in the Regiment. Old 1st Battalion members will remember him as a stonewall defender at hockey and football. In later years his activities were mainly confined to chess, at which he excelled.

## 23rd London Regiment (T.A.)

FOR the third successive year the Regiment has won the London Territorial Challenge Cup for tug-of-war in the 56th (London) Divisional Sports. The team consisted of the following members of the Regiment: Lt. C. D. Young, C.S.M.s G. A. Hurley and J. B. Fulham, C/Sgt. H. P. Welch, Sgts. W. R. Jenkins, H. W. Shearing, W. F. A. Wilkin and H. A. Goble.

The Regiment also won the 56th (London) Division Medium Machine-Gun Cup at the annual Divisional Small-Arms Meeting in May 1959. The following members of the Regiment formed this team:—Section Commander: Lt. V. W. Blackwell. Team: Sgt. E. F. Ryder, A. J. Locke, A. G. Francis, P. Rumbles and P. J. Sanders, and Cpl. L. H. Jelley.

Both tug-of-war and M.M.G. teams were trained and coached by C.S.M. D. Coughlan.

The Regiment has revived a former custom of attending the church service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Battersea, on Memorial Sunday.

The Regiment attended the St. Mark's Church, Battersea Rise, on 31st May, 1959, on the occasion of Givenchy Day. In future this church parade will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Battersea.

The Regiment's annual administrative inspection took place on 24th November, 1959, by Brigadier J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., Commander 168 Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

Recruiting continues at a steady pace and mostly consists of the very welcome younger men. Unfortunately some of the old and tried volunteers are now being lost to the Regiment.

Sgt. Ashlin has been replaced as a P.S.I. by Sgt. Barlow, and two National Servicemen on the Permanent Staff have completed their full-time service and have been replaced on the establishment by civilian drivers.

R.S.M. Woolley continues his service for a further year to serve with the Regiment.

R.Q.M.S. Day was unable to re-engage and W.O.2 G. A. Hurley is now the R.Q.M.S. of the Regiment.

## R (Queen's) Battery

## 570 LAA Regiment, R.A. (T.A.)

ON entering the pages of the first number of the new JOURNAL OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT, we take this opportunity of wishing all good fortune to the Journal and the Editor.

At a time such as this, when The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) and The East Surrey Regiment have recently amalgamated, it might be an opportune moment to say that we (that is 570) are a similar "Territorial" amalgamation of these two Regiments. This is best described by saying that before the Territorials were formed in 1908 there were Volunteer Battalions; the Battery at Braganza Street, S.E. 17, was the 4th V.B.

of The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), and the batteries now at Flodden Road, S.E.5, and at Dulwich, S.E.22, were the First Surrey Rifles or the 1st V.B. of the East Surrey Regiment. In 1955, on the disbandment of A.A. Command, the successors of these Volunteer Battalions were successfully amalgamated into the present Regiment. We are therefore in a position to appreciate what it has meant to be amalgamated. We wish the new Regiment every success in its present role and title.

For ourselves, we are nearing camp again. In 1959 we had a late camp at Bude in September, and in May this year we shall be

on Dartmoor. It is a non-firing camp, but we shall have our guns with us, of course, and we hope for warm, dry weather.

R. (Queen's) Battery celebrated the centenary of its formation on 13th March, 1860. An account of the events held in connection with this noteworthy date will be given in a subsequent Journal.

As we enter the second century, so has a lease of fresh blood and life entered into us. And there could be no more welcome aspect in our Territorial life than this. Most of the volunteers who join us are introduced by serving members; some join on their own account. However they join, our strength at this year's camp will be at least 75 per cent., and possibly 100 per cent. greater than last year's. Another aspect that is fresh around Braganza Street is the paint. Both the Sergeants' Mess and the Canteen have been

redecorated—the first time for ten years at least, we think—and also the stores and other offices; the stores probably had not seen the painters since before the war! All this blood and paint has proved very encouraging and our spirits are much better for it. Whilst we cannot expect fresh paint for at least another ten years, we do confidently expect more young blood. We are becoming more selective too.

On the social side we again have a new lease of life. In November 1959 and in January 1960 were held the first dances in the Drill Hall organised by the Junior Ranks' Club. These were crowded, happy, orderly, and very successful. More are planned in the future. The officers held a dinner on 19th February when one of the guests was the new M.P. for Southwark, Mr. Ray Gunter; he has succeeded the Rt. Hon. George Isaacs.

## Far East Amalgamation Day Dinner

PRINCES' RESTAURANT, SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1959

In order that the amalgamation of The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) and The East Surrey Regiment could be celebrated by officers of both Regiments who were in the Far East at the time, it was decided to hold a dinner on Amalgamation Day at which the health of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment would be drunk.

As many officers and ex-officers of both Regiments as possible were invited. Unfortunately, however, many of these live in the north of Malaya and were unable to come down to Singapore in mid-week.

It was decided that the Royal Navy and Royal Marines should be represented at the dinner. Major K. E. Light, R.M., represented the Royal Marines. Rear-Admiral R. E. Portlock, O.B.E., and Capt. A. R. Aldous, R.N., were due to represent the Royal Navy, but unfortunately, at the last minute, they were unable to attend. Admiral Portlock and Capt. Aldous will be well remembered by officers of the Queen's who were serving in Malaya at that time as the Captain and Commander respectively of H.M.S. Newfoundland in 1955 and 1956.

The following attended the dinner, which was preceded by a cocktail party at Major Davies's home: Col. R. J. A. Hornby, O.B.E.,

Surreys; Lt.-Col. B. L. Flack, 1st/5th Queen's (1935-41); Major J. U. Stobbs, Queen's; Major R. J. Wilkins, Surreys; Major J. Davies, M.B.E., M.M., Surreys; Major K. E. Light, Royal Marines; Major D. W. Kirby, 1st Queen's (1944-47); Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, Queen's; Lt. G. B. Redfern, Queen's; M. J. Foster, Esq., 1st Queen's (1954-55); M. J. Hart-Wilden, Esq., 1st Queen's (1953-55).

The following were unable to attend: Major B. N. Hart, Queen's; Major H. R. F. Mason, M.B.E., Surreys; Major G. W. Rothery, M.C., 1st Queen's (1942-44). Capt. A. B. S. Faris, Queen's.

The following signals were sent and received:

TO 1ST QUEEN'S SURREYS

*"For Commanding officer and all ranks 1st Battalion. All Queen's Surreys, F.A.R.E.L.F., join with you today celebrating our Amalgamation. Members both Regiments marking occasion by Amalgamation Dinner, Singapore."*

TO F.A.R.E.L.F.

*"For Capt. J. G. W. Davidson. Many thanks your kind message. All ranks 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment send best wishes to all members of the Regiment in F.A.R.E.L.F."*

### 4th/5th Cadet Battalion The East Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer	Major C. F. Russell, M.B.E.
2IC .. .. .	Major R. E. Pounds
Adjutant .. .	Capt. D. Sweasy
Hersham Platoon ..	Lt. D. McLean
Surbiton Grammar	
School Platoon ..	Capt. E. J. Hillier
Cobham Platoon ..	Lt. C. T. Welch
Kingston Platoon ..	Lt. W. A. Barnham
Chessington Platoon	Lt. T. C. R. Woodd
Chertsey Platoon ..	Lt. W. C. Burnett

THE Battalion completed a successful 1959 rifle shooting season by winning the Frankfort Shield at the National Inter-Services Cadet Rifle Meeting held at Bisley. This, the premier team event in all cadet shooting, has now been won by the Battalion four years in succession—an unprecedented achievement.

The year marks the centenary of the Army Cadet Force, and certain events have been

organised at national level to commemorate the occasion. Among these is the display throughout the country of the banner presented to the Army Cadet Force by the Duke of Edinburgh. This Battalion had the honour of receiving the banner at H.Q. on Friday, 19th February, for safe custody for that night. The ceremony, simple but impressive, of handing over by the 2nd Queen's was attended by a large crowd of cadets from all units, and by officers, ex-officers and warrant officers, their wives and friends. Details of further events to celebrate the centenary will be published shortly.

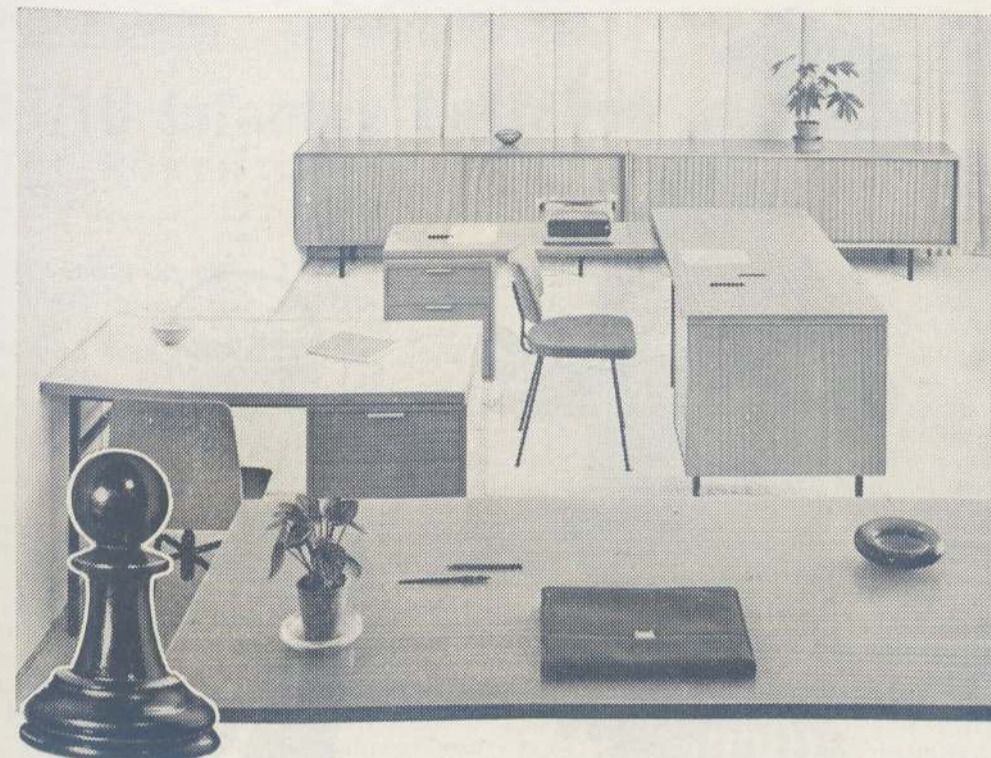
The venue for camp this year is St. Martins Plain, Shorncliffe, and the dates, 7th to 20th August. A combination of fine weather and this location should promise an enjoyable period of training, and we hope to receive visits from representatives of both the Regular and T.A. Battalions.

For the first time in years our officer establishment is now filled, but there are still vacancies for Sergeant-Major- and Sergeant-Instructors with the necessary qualifications.



4th/5th CADET BATTALION THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT'S RIFLE TEAM, 1959

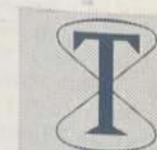
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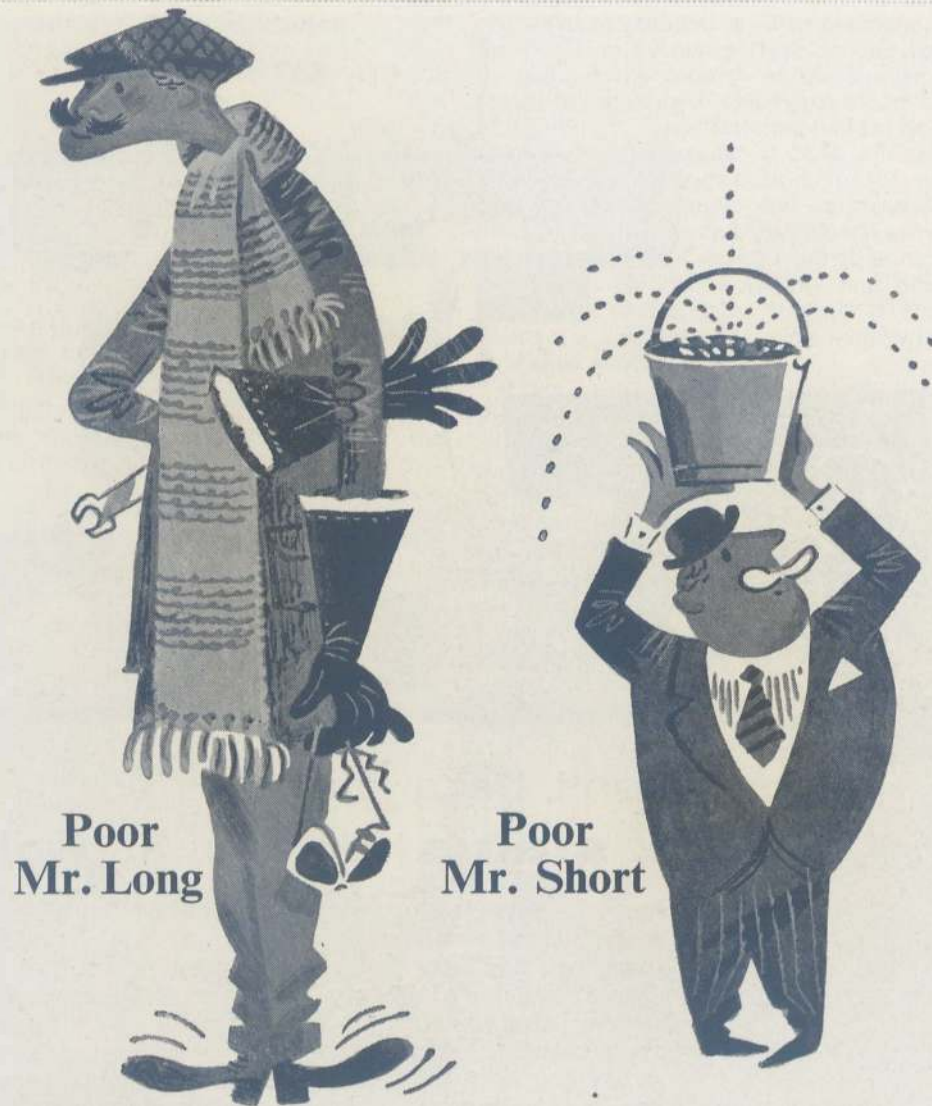


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### Allied Regiments

## 17/18 Infantry Battalion

(THE NORTH SHORE REGIMENT)

### New Commanding Officer

COMMAND of the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment) has been handed over to the previous 2IC by Lt.-Col. E. S. Marshall, O.B.E., who served as Commanding Officer for a period of four years.

The new Commanding Officer is Lt.-Col. Douglas Hugh Wade-Ferrell, M.C., who was a private soldier in the Regiment in 1940, commissioned in 1941, and who served as a Platoon Commander, Company 2IC, and finally as Adjutant of the Battalion in 1943.

He later served in the South-West Pacific Area in the 47th Battalion and received the immediate award of the Military Cross in the Bougainville Campaign when he was 2IC of "D" Company in the Mivo River Battle.

After the war, as soon as the Citizen Forces (Territorials) were reformed, Capt. Wade-Ferrell, as he then was, rejoined his old Regiment as O.C. "B" Company at North Sydney. He was later promoted Major and successively held the appointments of O.C. Adm. Company, "A" Company, "S" Company, and 2IC of the Battalion until 1st May, 1959, when his appointment as Commanding Officer was announced.

During the whole eleven years of his post-war C.M.F. service, Col. Wade-Ferrell has set an example to his officers and troops in never missing a parade of any kind by the Regiment. In fact he has given much more time than this to the Battalion.

In civil life he is a director of a real estate firm and takes a keen interest in many civil activities in his district. It is worthy of note that two of his brothers are serving officers in his Battalion and another brother is a Major in a Victorian Regiment. The Commanding Officer's eldest son is a school cadet in the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Cadet Corps.

### Allied Australian Regiment Receives New Colours

In view of the fact that the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has just

been presented with new Colours, the following account sent to us by one of our Allied Regiments of Australian Infantry is of special interest:

### Unique Ceremony for Australia

On Sunday, 7th June, 1959, the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment) was presented with a double set of new Queen's and Regimental Colours—one set for the 17th Battalion and one set for the 18th Battalion.

This was a unique ceremony for Australia, as it was the first time that four Colours have been presented to a Regiment in this country.

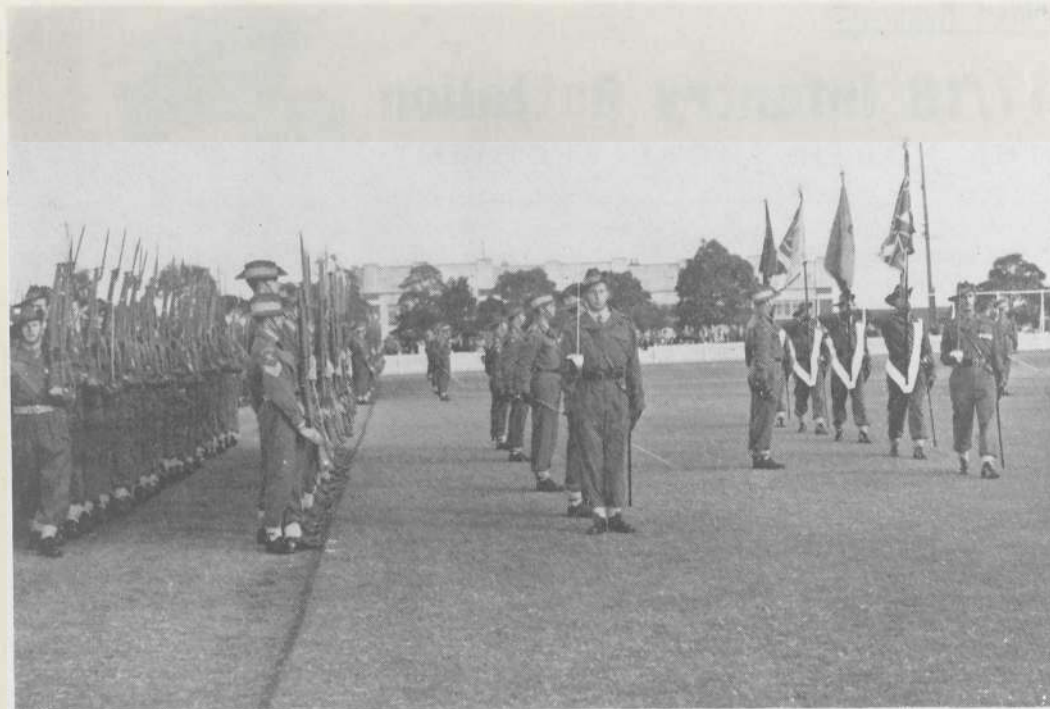
The presentation was made by the New South Wales State Governor, Lt.-General Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and the ceremony was performed at the historic Sydney Church of England Grammar School War Memorial Playing Fields at Northbridge, a suburb of Sydney.

The Regiment will be 100 years old this year, as the 17th Battalion stemmed from the St. Leonards Rifle Corps which was formed in 1860. The oldest battle honour carried on the Colour of the 17th Battalion is "SUAKIN 1885." It is hoped, as part of the centenary celebrations, to lay up the Old Colours of the 17th Battalion, which were presented in 1923, in the Garrison Church of St. Thomas, North Sydney, during 1960.

### The Parade

Firstly the Ground-Holding Company was marched on to the oval under Capt. Gus Breen, who is a Royal Military College graduate now back in civil life, and continuing his soldiering with this Citizen Force Battalion.

The Regiment's own band (Band Officer, Lt. E. J. Wade-Ferrell) was by this time in position under the Drum-Major, Sgt. K. Coleman. Throughout the whole ceremony the Band was magnificent. Very few C.M.F. Battalions in Australia are able to produce their own bands for such a ceremony, gener-



#### PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS TO THE NORTH SHORE REGIMENT

The Old Colours trooped for the last time before being marched off the parade. This picture shows the Old Colours being trooped by the Escort Company ("B" Company), through No. 2. Company, which was basically "A" Company, Manly, N.S.W.

ally having to borrow a regular band for the event.

Next the Battalion, under the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Eric Marshall, O.B.E., marched on to the oval to the tune "Boys of the Old Brigade," the Regimental March of the 17th Battalion.

The Battalion was organised into four Companies: No. 1 Company, the Escort Company, commanded by Major F. G. Travis. This Company is recruited from Gosford, New South Wales, which is about 60 miles north of Sydney. No. 2 Company, commanded by Major T. F. Wade-Ferrell which is recruited in the Manly area, a sea-side suburb of Sydney. No. 3 Company, commanded by Major K. W. Thompson consisted basically of support and administrative companies which come from the Chatswood and general North Shore areas; and No. 4 Company, commanded by Capt. D. J. Miller, another graduate of the Royal Military College now back in civil life whose troops come from the Hornsby-Upper North Shore areas.

The Battalion formed up on the inspection line, with the New Colour Party in the rear of the centre of the Battalion, and the Old Colour Party on the left of the Battalion, with sentries pacing. The Honorary Colonel, Brigadier C. E. Cameron, M.C., E.D., and the Commander 8th Infantry Brigade, Brigadier A. C. Murchison, M.C., arrived and were saluted by the Commanding Officer. The following then arrived in turn, each being received with a general salute: the General Officer Commanding Eastern Command, Lt.-Gen. R. G. Pollard, C.B.E., D.S.O.; the C.M.F. member of the Military Board, Maj.-Gen. D. MacArthur Onslow, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.; and the General Officer Commanding 2nd Infantry Division, Maj.-Gen. J. R. Stevenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

At 1500 hrs. His Excellency the State Governor arrived and was accorded a Royal Salute as the representative of Her Majesty.

The Governor, with the G.O.C. Eastern Command, and the Honorary Colonel,

accompanied by the Commanding Officer, inspected the Regiment and the Band.

After the Governor had returned to the dais the Commanding Officer gave the order "Troop," and Major Travis, with great precision led his Escort Company through the intricate movements involved to a position in front of the Old Colours.

The R.S.M., W.O.I T. N. Chad, with sword drawn, handed in turn the four Colours to the Ensigns, Lts. Pederson, Hudson, Bates and Douglass. The Escort Company presented arms to the Old Colours and moved off, performing several difficult forms at the slow march with the Band playing "Scipio" and "St. Kilda."

The Battalion presented arms as the Old Colours moved through the ranks for the last time, and then the Ensigns moved out with the Colours, which were paraded across the front of the Regiment to the melody of "Auld Lang Syne," played in slow time. As the Colours moved off the oval, they

traversed through the centre of a line of veterans from World War I (17th and 18th Battalions) and World War II (2nd/17th and 2nd/18th Battalions)—a very beautiful and moving moment.

The sky, which had been dull and overcast, burst into a rich blaze of sunlight as the Old Colours left the Battalion for the last time, which to the veterans was beautifully symbolical.

The Commanding Officer formed the Regiment into a hollow square, the microphones were placed in position, the Chaplains-General moved on to the parade, and the senior and junior Majors marched into position beside the piled drums.

The Colour-Sergeants, Sgts. Wilson, Wilton, Cross and Nankervis, moved the New Colours to the Majors for the uncasing, and then to the drums where the R.S.M. placed them reverently in position.

The service, conducted by the Commanding Officer, was completed with great perfection,



#### SEVEN COMMANDING OFFICERS

This photograph was taken at the recent Hand-over of Command parade of 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment).

They are, from left to right: The new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. H. Wade-Ferrell, M.C.; Lt.-Col. P. H. Pike, E.D.; Brigadier F. G. Galleghan, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.S.O., E.D., who was Commanding Officer when the affiliation was formed; the retiring Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. E. S. Marshall, O.B.E.; Brigadier C. E. Cameron, M.C. and Bar, E.D., who is the present Honorary Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier J. R. Broadbent, D.S.O., E.D., the first post-war Commanding Officer; and Lt.-Col. C. H. Neville, E.D.

and finally the Colours were dedicated, blessed, and consecrated. His Excellency approached and was first handed the 17th Battalion Queen's Colour by the senior Major, the 2IC, Major D. H. Wade-Ferrell, M.C., who then presented it to the Regiment via Lt. Kent. In turn, Majors J. Drummond, P. Boland and D. Cummings each handed a Colour to His Excellency, who presented them to the remaining Ensigns, Lts. Kensey, Brierly and Laxton.

The Governor's address was replied to by Lt.-Col. Marshall, who then re-formed the Regiment and ordered the march past in slow and quick time.

This completed, the Commanding Officer ordered the Battalion to advance in review order. This was perfectly executed by all ranks, the Regiment coming to a crashing halt as one man, on the 15th beat of the "British Grenadiers." A Royal Salute was given to His Excellency, who then moved to his car.

As each senior officer left the parade he was accorded a general salute and the Regiment marched off, receiving a tremendous ovation from the 4,000 guests and spectators.

## Home Counties Brigade News

OCTOBER 14th, 1959, has come and gone. The new cap badge and buttons have been taken into use and the Special Order of the Day has been read out. The Press and the broadcasting authorities have played their part. The Brigade tie has been made and is being worn. By these and other methods the fact that the Home Counties Brigade has arrived to stay has been put before the general public; now it is up to us to keep the name of the Brigade in that public's eye and to ensure that in two year's time the Brigade is chock-full of regulars.

Recruiting is very much in people's minds these days. The Brigade Colonel held the first of a series of quarterly recruiting conferences on the day before "cap badge day." It was attended by Depot Commanders, representatives from T.A. Battalions, special recruiters and other recruiting officials. Much value was derived from it and much information and help given and received. The

After the ceremony the regimental guests were entertained at the playing fields and the official guests moved off to the Lane Cove Town Hall, where they were entertained at afternoon tea in the presence of His Excellency.

From the Governor downwards, himself a distinguished soldier, all said the ceremony was one of the best ever performed by any regiment in Australia. Brigadier F. G. Galleghan, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.S.O., E.D., who was the Commanding Officer of the 17th Battalion when the alliance with The East Surrey Regiment was cemented, said "In all my years of soldiering I have never seen ceremonial better performed—I am very proud of my old Regiment."

Other former Commanding Officers, Brigadier J. R. Broadbent, D.S.O., E.D., and Lt.-Col. P. H. Pike were highly delighted by the Regiment's performance and expressed great pride in the Battalion's splendid work. Many officers who had witnessed similar ceremonies in England said that it compared most favourably with anything they had seen in the Old Country.

Brigade publicity campaign is now well and truly launched, with posters, car "stickers," calendars, blotters, beer mats, brochures, pamphlets and goodness knows what-all.

Since the last news-letter, Capt. John French (Buffs), has handed over his job of Officer i/c the Brigade Bandmaster's Unit. It is no exaggeration to say that, thanks to both Capt. French and Bandmaster Gaines, the 81 junior bandmen and drummers (seven of whom are attending the Kneller Hall course) who comprise the unit, are the well administered, effective, well known and very popular Band and Drums that they have become. The unit has gone from strength to strength since its formation nearly three years ago and is now rated as one of the best of its kind; it has done so with the minimum number of instructional staff.

Two members of the 1st Battalion Queen's Surreys M.T. Platoon, Ptes. Bowden and



### SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY

THE COLONELS OF REGIMENTS

OF

### The Home Counties Brigade in Council

On the adoption today by the Infantry Regiments of the Counties of Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex of the new badge approved by Her Majesty The Queen, the Home Counties Brigade takes its firmly established place as an integral part of the British Regular Army.

We wish to place on record our faith in the future of the Brigade; in the loyalty and devotion to duty of all ranks; and in the unity of purpose, ideals and standards of which this badge is the visible symbol.

The honoured traditions, customs and histories built up by the Regiments in the Brigade over the centuries and, in many cases, already shared, will continue.

There will be a Home Counties Brigade Depot, shortly to be established at CANTERBURY, which will in due course, serve all Regiments in the Brigade. The Commandant of the Depot will be the Brigade Colonel, who will also be responsible for co-ordinating all matters of common concern as directed by us in Council.

Officers and Other Ranks are liable to serve in any Regiment of the Brigade, but as far as circumstances allow they will serve for as long as possible in the Regiment of their original choice.

Finally, it must be the aim of all who serve in the Home Counties Brigade of the future to ensure that the Brigade is as well known and respected in its own right as is any one of the Regiments which compose it.

*W. J. French*  
Colonel, The Queen's Royal Regiment

*V. B. French*  
Colonel, The Buffs

*S. J. French*  
Colonel, The East Surrey Regiment

*L. G. French*  
Colonel, The Royal Sussex Regiment

*W. J. French*  
Colonel, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

*G. E. French*  
Colonel, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)

CANTERBURY

14TH OCTOBER, 1959

Photo by C. F. Cole

The Special Order of the Day by the Colonels of the Regiments of the Home Counties Brigade which was read to all ranks by the Depot Commander at Canterbury on 14th October, 1959

Howard, won the East Anglian District/54th Infantry Division (T.A.) skilled and safe driving competition for their unit recently. In these days, when good drivers are all too difficult to find and car crashes and mutilated bodies all too easy, the award of such prizes is much to be encouraged.

Extract from the Brigade Colonel's New Year's message:

The Brigade Depot has now opened, and amongst those filling appointments are:

O.C. Depot and Deputy Commandant ..	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews (Queen's Surreys)
Depot Adjutant .. .. .	Capt. C. L. Lawrence, M.C. (Middlesex)
Depot Quartermaster .. .. .	Capt. C. G. Rousell (Queen's Surreys)
O.C. "H.Q." Company .. .. .	Major M. R. H. Stopford (Queen's Surreys)
2IC "H.Q." Company .. .. .	Capt. J. R. Lygo (R.W.K.)
O.C. Training Company .. .. .	Major F. E. Thorneycroft (Buffs)
Subaltern Officers: "H.Q." Company (1)	Lt. R. W. Bing (Queen's Surreys)
" " Training Company (3)	Lt. A. J. Prebble (Royal Sussex)
	Lt. S. M. Boucher (Buffs)
	Lt. F. Deakin (Middlesex)

On the Brigade Headquarters staff, in addition to the Brigade Colonel and Lt.-Col. G. A. E. Keene, M.B.E. (Rtd.), who has been the R.O.3 since 1952, there will be:

The D.A.A.G. .. .. .	Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D. (Queen's Surreys)
And a second R.O.3 .. .. .	Major C. F. Cole, M.B.E. (Rtd.) (late Queen's)

It is hoped that the present R.A.E.C. Officer, Major I. C. Austin, attached to the Headquarters, will be allowed to remain.

The Depot R.S.M. will be W.O.1 G. E. Mileham (Queen's Surreys).

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# HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE NEWS LETTER No. 6

JUST over four months have gone by since sufficient inspiration of the right kind last came to the Brigade Colonel, resulting in News Letter No. 5. Although the Muse is not actually sitting at his elbow at this moment the time has obviously come when pen must once again be put to paper for another round-up of news from the Regiments and from Canterbury.

The big events, of course, are only just behind us. It may be, therefore, that the readers of this Letter will excuse a word or two about 31st March to 1st April now, though out of strict chronological sequence.

The end of a long-established unit, and particularly when that unit is a Regimental Depot, is always an occasion for regret and a certain sadness. In this instance the closure of the Royal Sussex Depot at Chichester brought to an end a long association with that

*"Changes there are bound to be before 1960 has run its course, but there is no Regiment in the Brigade which, at one time or another throughout its life, has not had to put up with such things; and each one has emerged not only unscathed but strengthened from the ordeal. The future can, in consequence, be looked upon with confidence; and the future is a bright one, just for that very reason."*

City and many will view with reluctance the prospect of no longer being able to play cricket on "The Green." For the Queen's Surreys at Canterbury, the end was perhaps not quite so hard to bear; they had been resident here for under a year, in a county not their own, and their particular regrets had undoubtedly found expression when their associations with Guildford and Kingston were compulsorily severed last year.

In the place of those two, as everyone in the Brigade knows, has arisen the Brigade Depot at Canterbury. Enough has already been said about the Permanent Staff for it to be unnecessary in this Letter to say more than to report the arrival of the great majority of them; and by the time this appears in some Journals everyone will be in position. As the Brigade Colonel said in his opening address to them on 1st April: It is somewhat unusual nowadays, and therefore all the more satisfying, to be associated with an establish-

ment which is new and growing up when so many establishments are dying or running down.

It was most pleasing to see how many Battalions and Depots were thinking of us on 1st April. Although all the numerous greeting telegrams received were answered at the time the Brigade Colonel would like to express, through these columns, his appreciation and thanks to all those who sent such kindly messages.

In the same way as so many of us are now wearing the Brigade tie or our cars the Brigade badge, so the setting up of an establishment staffed by representatives from all Regiments in the Brigade helps to foster and widen the Brigade spirit, making all concerned realise that, within the family of Regiments, we all belong to a new and worthwhile club. That spirit will be even further developed in the future as the representation of Regiments at Canterbury, due to the closing of other Regimental Depots, evens itself out; and by the inter-change, certainly for T.A. Units, of Officers and P.S.I.s. This is already happening and in all cases is going happily and well.

That the only amalgamation to take place so far within the Brigade—that of the Queen's and the East Surreys—is proving a great success is evidenced by the sporting successes of the 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Since amalgamation on 14th October, 1959, the Battalion has won the following trophies: Eastern Command Inter-Unit Boxing Trophy, Eastern Command Inter-Unit Cross Country Cup, Eastern Command Inter-Unit Basketball Runners-Up Cup, East Anglian District Hockey Shield, East Anglian District Boxing Cup, East Anglian District Cross Country Cup, East Anglian District Safe Driving Shield, East Anglian District Basketball Shield, Norfolk and District Basketball Cup.

Surely a happy augury for the Regiment's future?

And at the Depot, Lt. Anderson has been playing hockey for Eastern Command and, on one occasion, for the Army.

Other names and successes, in a variety of fields, recorded since the last News Letter and which cannot go unrecorded, include the following:

## BUFFS

Cpl. Keenan represented B.A.O.R. v. R.A.F. (Germany) at Basketball. Capt.

Edgecombe played rugger for the Army against both the Navy and the R.A.F., and was also awarded a Barbarian cap. The Depot won the Home Counties District football competition; Sgt. Nash (A.C.C.) and two cooks won the Eastern Command cookery contest; and a party of 16, under the Training Major, Major Willows, spent a very wet week in the N.W. Highlands of Scotland on Initiative Training.

## ROYAL SUSSEX

1st Battalion in Belfast were only narrowly beaten in the finals of both the Northern Ireland Command Novices and inter-unit team boxing competitions; were runners-up in the Command Cross Country championships; and won the Command Basketball Competition.

## QUEEN'S OWN

1st Battalion at Shorncliffe won the Home Counties District rugby championship and were runners-up in the Garrison football competition; had one winner and three finalists in the Eastern Command individual boxing championships; and one winner and five finalists in the Home Counties District championships. At the Depot Cpl. O'Connell, the Army boxer, has been doing well again.

## MIDDLESEX

L/Cpl. Rogers won his weight in the London District boxing championships and was runner-up in the Eastern Command championships.

To them all, as individuals or teams, the Brigade Colonel sends his congratulations and good wishes.

In another sphere it is most pleasant to record the award, in the New Year's Honours, of the Companionship of the Order of the Bath to Major-Generals Metcalfe and Talbot, respectively, Colonels of The Queen's Royal Surrey and The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiments. To them both go the congratulations of all ranks in the Brigade, irrespective of Regiment.

The Short History of the Brigade, briefly referred to in News Letter No. 5, has now appeared. The first Edition has proved to be a most readable and popular book, well written and well illustrated, and is probably one of the best bob's worth that there is today. Both the author, Gregory Blaxland, and the illustrator, Mr. Woodcock, have done an excellent job of work and both are to be warmly congratulated for their contribution

to the Brigade. The Brigade Colonel would like to take this opportunity of thanking them both and, at the same time, recommending the Short History to all ranks.

The Brigade Museum will open during the summer in the small office block which, during the occupation of Wemyss Barracks by The Queen's Surreys Depot, was used by Brigade Headquarters and which now stands empty. The prospect of having no Museum for the first two years and until Howe Barracks was ready for occupation by the Brigade Depot in 1962, did not appeal in any way to the Brigade Colonel and the building in question will lend itself admirably to the purpose on a temporary basis. Although there has been the offer of numerous exhibits from Regiments, the contents of the Museum, even in its smaller, short-term home, threaten to look rather thin on the ground. It is much to be hoped that when, as they will be invited to do, Regimental Curators pay us a visit, once the Museum is set up, they will be able to see for themselves where the gaps are and perhaps be able to fill some of them in.

The next Depot to close will be that of the Buffs. Officially they come to an end on 31st October, though the run-down will start in September; this will allow of Howe Barracks being completely empty by 1st November, the date on which the contractors are due to start the work of enlargement and rebuilding which is forecast to take 15 months to complete.

Colours presentation parades loom large in the Brigade's calendar during the coming few months and particularly in June. The lead will be given by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh when he goes to Bury St. Edmunds on 22nd April to present new Colours to 1st Battalion Queen's Surreys. The event will have become a bright page of Regimental History by the time this Letter appears in print. Then on 3rd June, 4th/5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment (T.A.), will receive new Colours on the County Cricket ground at Hove at the hands of the Duke of Norfolk.

A week later, on 10th June, H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent will be present at Shorncliffe to witness a Trooping the Colour Parade by 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and will visit 4th/5th Battalion (T.A.) the same day. Finally, on 18th June by presentations to both 4th and 5th Battalions The Buffs (T.A.), H.M. The King of Denmark will repeat, on the St. Lawrence Cricket Ground at Canterbury, a ceremony and a

visit that will bring back many memories to those who were serving in 1st Battalion The Buffs in 1955. To all those participating in these important and historic events the Brigade Colonel sends his best wishes for a successful parade and a fine day.

The Brigade Golf Meeting is this year being held under the auspices of Depot The Buffs, who have selected a little known course near Ramsgate as the venue for 25th May. The Brigade Colonel once again appeals to all who possibly can do so to cajole their employers/Commanding Officers into allowing them to play.

Two days later the Brigade Depot will have its first, small "house-warming" party, which will take the form of a Beating of Retreat by the Junior Bandsmen and Drummers, followed by a buffet supper. It is hoped in this not-too-pretentious way to introduce ourselves, and the Depot as a flourishing concern, to a variety of people from a variety of walks of life and from a variety of places.

And introducing the Brigade to the public, by all kinds of methods and in order to step up the Regular recruiting rate, is a matter which all of us have got to have nowadays in the very forefront of our minds. There is nothing to be gained by the ostrich-like approach to this problem of recruiting, by saying that "things will improve when National Service ends," or by thinking that someone will wave a magic wand and Regular recruits will pour in from all sides. Neither is there any panacea, no quick cure, to the difficulties from which the Brigade suffers. There is only one real answer: the all-out effort by all Regular Officers and Other Ranks in the Brigade to put across the advantages and prospects of a career in the Army in general and in the Home Counties Brigade in particular.

If each and every Regular would set himself the task of bringing in just one Regular recruit every 12 months, we should be "home and dry." To those readers who have struggled on to the end of this Letter and who are themselves Regulars the Brigade Colonel would like to say: Have a go!

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## Regimental Golfing Society

*Hon. Secretary: Major J. C. Drane*

A PLEASANT little ceremony took place in the course of the autumn meeting of the East Surrey Regiment's Golfing Society, held at the Richmond Golf Club, Sudbrook Park, on 29th and 30th September, 1959. A bronze plaque "to commemorate the very happy association between The East Surrey Regiment and the Richmond Golf Club, 1933-59," was presented to the Club by the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L. In making the presentation, Brigadier Roupell explained that The East Surrey Regiment Golfing Society felt that at its last meeting it would like to place on record in this manner its appreciation of the great kindness and helpfulness displayed by the Club and all its staff to the Society, throughout the period since the association first began in 1933.

Receiving the plaque, the captain of the Richmond Golf Club, Mr. R. J. G. Hope-Paterson, M.C., said how much the Club had enjoyed extending its hospitality to the Society particularly for its meetings and the periodical matches against the Royal Marines. He and the Club very much hoped that it would be possible for the same very friendly relations to continue as the Society became The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golfing Society.

The meeting was a most successful one; the attendance was very good, the weather was perfect—and some of the golf was not too bad either! The results of the various competitions were as follows:

### Medal Round

Autumn Bowl: Capt. A. Mason, 79—6 = 73.  
Glasgow Greys Cup: D. H. Dickens, 91—24 = 67.

Captain's Prize—Scratch: R. G. Garment, 79; Handicap: D. H. Dickens, 67.  
Best last nine holes—Senior: Capt. A. H. F. Baldwin, 37; Junior: D. H. Dickens, 38.  
Nine hidden holes—Senior: Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown; Junior: A. B. Carter.

### Petri Plate

Best net aggregate Spring and Autumn Medal Rounds: Capt. D. R. Froud, 74+75+149.

### Stableford Bogey

Senior: Capt. H. G. Greatwood, 37;  
Junior: D. Ford, 33½.

### Veteran's Halo

Major J. C. Drane, 37½.

### Bogey Foursomes

Capt. Froud and Carter, 3 down.

### Bogey Greensomes

R. G. Garment and Carter, 3 up.

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*Letter received by the Hon. Secretary from R. J. G. Hope-Paterson, Esq., M.C., Captain, Richmond Golf Club.*

5th October, 1959.

DEAR MAJOR DRANE,

The Committee, the members of the Richmond Golf Club and I wish to convey our most appreciative thanks to your President, Captain, Committee and members of your Golfing Society for the magnificent plaque which you so kindly presented to the Club.

As promised, on Sunday morning when there is always a good gathering, I made a short announcement explaining your Society's very generous gift and then the plaque was passed round for everyone to see and admire.

I can assure you that everyone was very impressed. Our association over many years has been a most happy one and I only hope that moving to Canterbury will not prevent you all from holding many further meetings here. You will always be most welcome.

Finally, I should like to thank you for the trouble to which you must have gone in choosing such a very delightful plaque. The design and inscription could not be improved upon.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. G. HOPE-PATERSON.

Richmond Golf Club,  
Sudbrook Park,  
Petersham, Surrey.

### OFFICERS' CLUB

The membership of the Officers' Club is rapidly approaching the six hundred mark. It is intended to produce annually a list of members and their addresses. In order to keep this up-to-date, and to ensure that all officers may be notified in good time of regimental events, it is requested that members notify immediately to the Secretary of the Club, any change of address. This particularly applies to serving officers, when they retire.

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

ON the amalgamation on 14th October, 1959, we adopted our new title The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (Incorporating The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment). Naturally we are sorry to have to part with our old title, but appreciate we have got to move with the times just as our forebears had to when the Huntingdonshire Regiment ceased to exist as such.

The amalgamation also involved a change in our presidency. We welcome Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., the Colonel of the new Regiment as our new President, and can assure him of our whole-hearted support to ensure the success of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. In saying farewell to Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., we say many thanks for the interest and support he has given to our Association during the period he was our President, and we are delighted he has accepted our invitation to become an honorary past president and thus maintain his connection with the Association.

Among our recently joined members we have been most pleased to welcome our first ex-Queen's Sergeants' Mess members, also a number of serving members of the 1st Battalion and Regimental Depot.

As no doubt this first issue of the new Regimental Journal will be read by many ex-Queen's members who have not yet heard of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association, it is thought that some brief details of the Association would be of interest.

The East Surrey Regiment has had a very flourishing Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association since 1951, and as a result of discussions which took place in connection with the amalgamation it was decided that the Association should be continued in the new Regiment, and it was agreed that the rules should be revised so that past and present members of The Queen's Royal Regiment and the new Regiment could join the Association.

The headquarters of the Association is the Regimental Headquarters, The Queen's Royal

Surrey Regiment, The Barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames. The Association is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Asst. Secretary, and not less than seven, and not more than 13 ordinary members. The R.S.M.s of Regular and T.A. Battalions are ex-officio members of the Committee, provided they are members of the Association.

The Committee is elected annually and meets in the Sergeants' Mess of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) at Kingston Barracks as often as the business of the Association requires (usually once per month).

The annual general meeting and annual dinner is usually held in London on the second or third Saturday in May.

To keep members in touch with the latest regimental and association news a Newsletter is issued about once a quarter to all members.

The main objects of the Association are to promote and foster between retired and serving members, including our Territorial Army units, that spirit of comradeship which always prevails in the Sergeants' Mess, and to assist members and their families in time of need.

Membership of the Association is open to past and present members of Sergeant's Messes of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment, including Territorial Army Battalions which are part of the former regiments or now form part of the new Regiment.

There is no joining fee. The annual subscription is 7s. 6d.

Further details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Bays, M.B.E., 11 Park Close, Dagmar Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

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It is with very deep regret we record the death of three of our founder members: Major W. G. Gingell, M.B.E., M.M., who

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## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

IF for any reason you did not receive the regimental circular relevant to the formation of the Association, the following details will be of interest to you.

On 14th October, 1959, the Old Comrades' Associations of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment were amalgamated and became the Regimental Association, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The subscription for life membership is ten shillings. If you are already a life member of either of the former O.C.A.'s, or have paid an aggregate total of not less than ten shillings to either of those associations, you are automatically registered as a life member of the new Association and are not required to pay any further subscription. If you have already subscribed a lesser total you may become a life member on payment of the balance.

The office of the Association is at Regimental Headquarters, The Barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames.

It is hoped soon, with the aid of T.A. Battalions and individual members, to establish local branches of the Association.

Details of reunions for 1960 are as follows:

### All Ranks Garden Party

At the Barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames, on 29th May, commencing at 2 pm.. All members wishing to attend are asked to inform the Secretary by 15th May. Admission to the Barracks will be by ticket only. Will those requiring lunch please state how many lunches are required for their party.

### All Ranks Dinner

At Kennards, Croydon, on 1st October. Tickets will be issued after 1st July, on application to the Secretary.

### Association Badge

A new badge of the Regimental Association is available at Regimental Headquarters, price 4s. 8d. These can be had on application to the Secretary.

### A Reminder

Join the Regimental Association without delay.

It keeps you in touch with old friends and old times.



4th QUEEN'S O.C.A. REGIMENTAL DINNER

Left to right: Col. J. H. F. Johnson, Rev. Canon W. Warren Hunt, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Col. B. L. Evans

### 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

The annual general meeting was held at Queen's House, Croydon, on Saturday, 23rd January, and was followed by our regimental dinner.

This proved to be a tremendous success, being attended by 112 members, all of whom sat down to a good meal, good companionship, and plenty of avid reminiscences extending over a period of many years—in fact, with 25 members each over 78 years of age, quite a span of memories were recalled!

The "head table" was a-glitter with the silver we treasure so much from those halcyon days between 1910 and 1939, and our Colours were in prominent display.

Guest of honour was Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel of the new Regiment, who came up with a stirring off-the-cuff speech. Also present were Major

### 2/4 Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

To at least one former battalion of The Queen's Royal Regiment—namely the 2nd/4th—the recent amalgamation is of special interest, for it was to this battalion, then at Warden, Egypt, recovering from the scars of battle sustained at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, that a large draft of officers and men of The East Surrey Regiment was sent, from the Shaft Barracks, Dover, in January 1915, as reinforcements.

Thereafter they shared the glories of the Palestine Campaign as part of the 53rd (Welsh) Division, which culminated in the fall of Jerusalem, and later achieved equal fame in France as part of the 34th (Northumbrian) Division.

Many paid the supreme sacrifice or gained distinctions, but all are shareholders of the battle honour "Palestine 1917-18," of proud memory.

Others were spared to become active members of the 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades' Association, one of the strongest and most virile associations of any non-existent battalion, whose indefatigable Hon. Secretary is Sgt. Harry Mann, of 122 Woodland Way, Croydon, to whom we pay tribute.

F. Waspe, M.B.E., the Rev. Canon W. Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon, and Mr. S. Bays, M.B.E., secretary of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Association.

We sincerely appreciated the presence of Col. B. L. Evans, T.D., D.L., our President, and Col. J. H. F. Johnson, T.D., J.P., our Chairman.

The spirit of the evening was enhanced by the Band of 565 Company L.A.A., R.A. (T.A.), under the direction of W.O.I Bandmaster F. Braddick.

The events for the coming year have been arranged and reports on these will be published in future editions of the Journal; as this article is forwarded for publication we are on the eve of a bully-beef supper and old-time sing-song, and in my next report I hope to say that it was a great success.

In conclusion, our total membership is now 350, which includes 60 life members, many of whom are also members of our parent association.

### 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Members Association

By the time these notes appear, the second reunion under the auspices of this Association will have taken place, and we hope to publish a full report in our next issue.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone of any rank who served at any time in 2nd Volunteer Battalion, 5th Battalion or the 1st/5th or 2nd/5th, in either of the world wars. Our membership in November 1959 totalled 296, and we hope by this time it will have been considerably increased. We know the names and addresses of over 600 potential members to whom we are sending particulars of the Association, but if you, the reader, are eligible for membership and have not received particulars, please write to the Hon. Secretary, "Calliope," Parkstone Drive, Camberley.

Our oldest members must be Mr. German of Farnham who served from 1895 to 1908 in the Volunteers and from 1908 to 1919 in the Territorials, and Major F. W. Smallpiece of Puttenham who also served during the same period.

Those who served with 1st/5th Battalion from 1914 to 1919 will be interested to hear

that their Orderly Room Sergeant, F. E. Stafford, is a member. When he left the Battalion in 1919 he was awarded the M.S.M. He has never resided permanently in the U.K. and is now Financial Adviser to the Government of Ethiopia. During the 1939-45 War he was gazetted Lt.-Colonel on the General List, retiring with the rank of Brigadier. He has added a C.M.G. and C.B.E. to his first war award. This must be

a most unusual combination. Mr. Stafford was put in touch with us by his old Adjutant, now Lord Spens, K.B.E., Q.C.

During the past month or two some of our members from Cranleigh have visited "H.Q." and "S" Companies of the present Battalion for a miniature range shoot and darts match at Sandfield Terrace. We would like to see more such meetings between past and present.

## Items of Interest

**COL. SIR FRANK WATNEY, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D.**, attained his ninetieth birthday on 25th January, 1960. We heartily congratulate him, and give him our best wishes for the future.

Sir Frank was commissioned in 1889 and is the well-loved President of 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A.

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The first Regular officer to be commissioned in the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment is 2/Lt. A. G. Ward, and the first Regular soldiers enlisted in the Regiment are 23736333 Pte. J. W. Bourgaize, 23736334 Pte. J. G. O'Connor, and 23736335 Pte. H. J. McCarthy, all of whom enlisted on 16th October, 1959.

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C. D. Mulady, Esq., whose son, Capt. T. D. G. Mulady, was killed on 11th December, 1958, whilst serving with the Army Air Corps in Cyprus, has presented to the Depot Officers' Mess a glass-fronted case containing his son's General Service Medal with Malaya and Cyprus clasps.

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Capt. (Q.M.) C. G. Rousell has taken over the duties of Quartermaster, Home Counties Brigade Depot.

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Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E., is retiring and taking up the appointment of Secretary, T.A. and A.F.A., for the County of Hertfordshire.

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Mr. J. H. Chenery, the storeman at Regimental Headquarters, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal. He has been in War Department employment, in a civilian capacity, for 41 years, and was formerly at the R.A.O.C. Depot, Feltham.

### REGIMENTAL COLLECT

The following is the official Collect of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to be used at all services of special significance for the Regiment:

### COLLECT

#### THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

*Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect all members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; be with them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them always with courage and loyalty, and grant that by serving Thee faithfully in all things they may be strengthened in the spirit of service to their Sovereign, their Country and their Regiment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.*

### DINNER AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

On 16th December, 1959, Maj.-Gen. Ivor Hughes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., was the host at a dinner, in honour of the Amalgamation Committee, at the House of Commons. The following were present:

Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.; Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.; Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.; Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Brigadier P. H. Richardson, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. J. R. Armstrong-MacDonnell, M.C.; Lt.-Col. G. A. White, M.B.E.; Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E.; Major A. L. Sutton, M.C.; Major R. C. Taylor; Capt. G. Mason; and Capt. P. G. Collyer.



Amalgamation Day in Singapore

### TERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1961

The tercentenary of the raising of the Regiment will be celebrated next year. The Tercentenary Committee is being reformed to consider what form the celebrations will take, and to submit a suggested programme of events.

It is hoped to include some form of ceremony on Putney Heath on 14th October, 1961, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Regiment's first muster parade held there.

### REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

Three of the stained glass windows from the Officers' Mess in Kingston Barracks have been transferred to the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral. The three panels are those depicting the Badge of The East Surrey Regiment, and the emblems of the Huntingdonshire Regiment and the 70th Regiment.

### THE REGIMENTAL JOURNAL

We invite the attention of all our readers to the Editorial Notice on page 50.

### Obituary

COL. R. G. CLARKE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.E.

REGINALD GRAHAM CLARKE died at Folkestone on 27th October, 1959, after a long illness.

Born on 21st August, 1879, and educated at Harrow School, he was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, 18th October, 1899, from 5th (Militia) Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

He served in the 2nd Battalion throughout the South African War of 1899-1902, and took part in the operations for the Relief of Ladysmith, including the Battle of Colenso. He also fought in the actions at Spion Kop, the Tugela Heights, Pieter's Hill, and the operations in Transvaal and Orange River Colony. He was Mentioned in Despatches and received the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Promoted to Lieutenant, 22nd January, 1902; Captain, 1914; and Major, 1915.

In the Great War (1914-18) he first distinguished himself in the operations during the retreat from Mons, when commanding

1st Divisional Cyclist Company, and was made Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour.

He served in France and Flanders throughout the war, and his appointments included Corps Machine-Gun Officer, 15th Corps, and Deputy Inspector of Machine-Gun Units, 4th Army H.Q., with the rank of Colonel.

He was four times Mentioned in Despatches, and was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in January 1918, and received the French Croix de Guerre.

In January 1917 he became a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, and in June 1919 was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

He was promoted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on 15th May, 1924, and was appointed to command the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, then stationed in Aldershot. He was in command of the Battalion when in April 1927 it went to China as part of the reinforcements for Shanghai Defence Force. When his tenure of command expired, in May 1928, he retired.

After his retirement he had many active interests. These included membership of the Kent Special Constabulary, and a very prominent part in the administration of pre-service units, particularly the Sea Cadets. It was for his services in connection with the latter that he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List, 1958.

"Nobby," as he was affectionately known by everyone, was the most generous of men and his many gifts to the Regiment include the famous Carlisle figures (1714-1727) to the Regimental Museum, and the Drum-Majors' Maces, in silver, to the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

He was an active and practising churchman, and a very generous benefactor to Folkestone Parish Church where he was for a number of years Churchwarden.

The funeral took place on 30th October 1959, at Folkestone Parish Church, followed by cremation at Barham. During the service a personal tribute to Col. Clarke from the Archbishop of Canterbury, expressing his great regret that he could not be present, was read by the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. W. C. Rose, former Bishop of Dover.

At the close of the service the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Cpl. S. Huggins, Depot The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Those present included Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. J. Y. Whitfield, also representing

General Sir George and Lady Giffard; Brigadier E. J. Foord; Col. H. G. Duncombe, also representing Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe; Major D. C. Snowdon; and Capt. R. B. Johnson, from Depot The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Col. Clarke's two daughters and their families at the passing of a very distinguished and well-loved regimental figure.

MAJOR W. G. GINGELL, M.B.E., M.M.

It was with the greatest sorrow and regret that we learned of the death, on 2nd January, 1960, of Major William George Gingell. He died suddenly at his home, Old Manor Cottage, East Molesey. He was 64.

He began his military career in 1912 when, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Coldstream Guards.

He fought in France in the First World War (1914-18), and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field as a sergeant in the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

In 1926 he transferred to The East Surrey Regiment and was appointed R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion and served in Hong Kong and India. He was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1931, in recognition of his meritorious service.

He was commissioned as Lieutenant and Quartermaster in 1932 and was appointed to the 1st Battalion, at Colchester.

In 1938 he went overseas to join the 2nd Battalion and served in Shanghai and Malaya. He fought throughout the campaign in Malaya in 1941-42 and was Mentioned in Despatches.

He was ordered to leave Singapore shortly before the town fell to the Japanese. The ship in which he was leaving was sunk by the enemy and he was one of four survivors. He was adrift in the sea for several days. He was then faced with an adventurous walk through the jungle, across Sumatra. His courage, fortitude, and resolute determination enabled him to reach Padang and get aboard the last ship to leave before the Japanese arrived. His adventures earned him the nickname of "Jungle" Gingell.

From 1943 to mid 1944 he held an appointment with a War Office selection board at Winchester, and was later appointed Quartermaster at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where he was seriously injured when an enemy bomb hit the hospital.

He retired from the Regular Army in 1954 and was appointed Adjutant and Quarter-

master of the 3rd Surrey Home Guard Battalion, and held that appointment until the unit disbanded.

Major Gingell was a very prominent Freemason of the Aldershot and Surbiton Lodges, and was Hon. Treasurer of Molesey Conservative Club. His keenest activities after retirement, however, were in connection with the affairs of The East Surrey Regiment, and particularly the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association.

Cremation took place at Kingston, on 7th January, 1960.

Many regimental representatives were present, and included Lt.-Col. G. E. Swinton, M.C., and Lt.-Col. E. L. L. Acton, M.C. Regimental Headquarters The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment were represented by Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., also representing Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E. The Officers' Club and Regimental Association were represented by Major F. J. Reed and Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., respectively. Mr. W. A. Dorsett and Mr. S. Bays, M.B.E., represented the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association. From the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, came Major E. Haslett-Granger, M.C., M.B.E.; Mr. E. Fowles, B.E.M.; Mr. T. Cahill; Mr. J. W. Ives; Miss A. Hardy, M.B.E., Matron of the Royal Hospital; Nurse E. Greime, B.E.M.; and two Pensioners, C/Sgt. G. King, D.C.M., and In-Pensioner R. Kemp.

6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) was represented by Major (Q.M.) J. C. Cox, M.B.E., and 23rd London Regiment (T.A.) by Capt. (Q.M.) E. J. Weeks.

The coffin was carried by a bearer party of warrant officers and sergeants provided jointly by 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and 23rd London Regiment (T.A.).

We offer our sincere condolences to Mrs. Gingell, Miss Jill Gingell, and Major Laurie Gingell, M.B.E., in their bereavement.

MAJOR C. PANNALL, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Charles Pannall died at his home in Bournemouth on 28th January, 1960, after a lifetime of loyal and devoted service to his country, firstly as a soldier and latterly as an officer in H.M. Prison Service.

Born in 1879, he enlisted as a drummer-boy in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1894.

When the Great War broke out in 1914 he was R.S.M. and was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant in 1915. He served in the 2nd Battalion in France and was wounded. A brother officer writing about him recently, said: "He was a subaltern in 2nd Queen's on the Somme in the summer of 1916. Older than the rest of us, his kindness, wisdom, and humour set us an example we will never forget."

Later he served in the Green Howards.

For his gallant and distinguished services in the 1914-18 War he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and was awarded the Military Cross.

He received a Brevet Majority in 1921 and was promoted to the substantive rank of Major in 1923.

He was Adjutant of the 22nd London Regiment from 1920 until he retired in 1923.

On retirement he entered H.M. Prison Service and held appointments as Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, and later as Governor of Camp Hill Preventive Detention Prison, Isle of Wight. In January 1932 he was sent to Dartmoor Prison to deal with a mutiny. He was appointed Governor of Dartmoor Prison in 1932 and held that post until 1945. The I.R.A. riots, 1940, took place during his term of office. He was twice injured when attacked by prisoners.

For his services as a prison governor he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

By all who knew him, Charlie Pannall is especially remembered for his very likeable disposition, strong though pleasant character, and his ready willingness to give advice and guidance to those younger and less experienced than himself.

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.

THE RIGHT REV. W. H. BADDELEY, D.S.O., M.C.

Dr. Walter Hubert Baddeley, Bishop of Blackburn, died on 11th February, 1960, at Bishop's House, Clayton-le-Dale. He was 65. Educated at Varndean Grammar School, Brighton; Keble College, Oxford; and Cuddesdon Theological College.

He was 20 when the 1914-18 War began, and served with The Royal Sussex Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment on the Western Front. He was four times Mentioned in Despatches.

He joined the 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment as a young Major in May 1918 from The Royal Sussex Regiment, having already won the Military Cross and Bar. Three months later he was appointed to command the Battalion with the rank of Lt.-Colonel, and continued in command until the end of the war. He was an excellent Commanding Officer and very well liked by everyone.

For his gallant and distinguished services in command of the Battalion he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Almost immediately after the war he took Holy Orders and in 1921 became curate of Armley, Leeds, and in 1924, Vicar of South Bank, Yorkshire.

In 1932, at the age of 38, he became Bishop of Melanesia, in the Pacific. Three years later he married Miss Katherine Thomas, daughter of the Bishop of Adelaide.

When the Japanese invaded the Solomon Islands the Bishop remained at his post in

his diocese. He took to the bush, and with a doctor and a staff of twelve ran a secret hospital for Allied soldiers and airmen, at the same time ministering to the medical and spiritual needs of the natives.

He rendered valuable assistance to the American forces, and the Japanese made strenuous efforts to seek him out and capture him. Thanks to his resourcefulness and to the loyalty and devotion of the islanders, he evaded all their endeavours.

His valuable work was recognised by the award of the United States Medal of Freedom, with Palm.

In 1947 he became Suffragan Bishop of Whitby, and in 1954 Bishop of Blackburn.

He was Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of Masons (England), and had been a sub-prelate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem since 1955.

The Bishop leaves a widow, a son, and three daughters, to whom the Regiment expresses sincere sympathy and condolences.

**List of those known and reported to have died since the last publications of the Journals of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment:**

Number	Rank and Name	Battalion	Service	Date of Death
	Lt. T. J. Wills	Queen's	1954-1957	2.10.58
	Capt. I. W. S. Symons	1st and 2nd Queen's	1915-1930	8.59
	Capt. T. C. Filby, D.C.M.	2nd and 7th Queen's	1908-1924	22.9.59
	Col. R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.E.	1st and 2nd Queen's	1899-1928	27.10.59
	Lt. J. B. Carter	2nd Surreys	1915-1923	13.12.59
	Major H. A. W. Creaghe	Surreys	1901-1927	22.12.59
	Major W. G. Gingell, M.B.E., M.M.	1st and 2nd Surreys	1912-1954	2.1.60
	Major C. Pannall, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.	1st and 2nd Queen's and 22nd London	1894-1923	28.1.60
	The Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, D.S.O., M.C.	8th Surreys	1914-1919	11.2.60
6076213	Sgt. D. V. Tozer	1st and 2nd Queen's	1908-1929	11.8.58
6102508	Cpl. A. Dewar	Queen's and R.M.P.	1940-1946	2.59
913	Pte. F. G. Cobb	C.I.V. and 2nd Queen's	1914-1919	27.7.59
	C.Q.M.S. I. Stevenson	Surreys	1903-1924	26.9.59
	Pte. A. E. Moth	5th Queen's	1912-1919	10.59
7813859	Cpl. J. W. Settle	1st and 2nd Queen's	1922-1929	2.10.59
835711	Pte. W. F. Collins	Queen's	1918-1920	1.11.59
C/306	Pte. J. E. Larbey	6th Queen's	1914-1916	19.11.59
12686	Pte. K. Wemyss	Surreys	1915-1918	30.12.59
	Sgt. C. Steptoe	5th Queen's	1912-1919	1.60
6081295	R.Q.M.S. A. H. Hogsflesh	5th and 2/5th Queen's	1923-1945	5.1.60
	Bandmaster W. H. Jenkins	2nd Surreys	1892-1932	12.1.60
	R.S.M. T. H. Murden, M.C.	1st and 2nd Surreys	1898-1921	7.2.60
6140500	Sgt. A. G. Banks	Surreys	—	9.2.60
6363	Cpl. H. A. A. Clifton	Surreys	1910-1915	3.3.60
6076176	C.S.M. A. Boxall	1st and 2nd Queen's	1905-1927	9.3.60
9725	Pte. J. Taylor, M.M.	1st and 2nd Queen's	1910-1919	10.3.60
12665	L/Cpl. A. G. Finch	Surreys	Star and Garter Home	25.3.60

## Personal Notices

### MARRIAGES

BURNETT—CHAPMAN.—On 19th December, 1959, at St. Botolph's Church, Apsley Guise, Bucks, Lt. Keith Richard Burnett, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, son of Lt.-Cmdr. M. K. and Mrs. Burnett, of Ashstead, Surrey, to Elvie Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Chapman, of Aspley Guise, Bucks.

RILEY — STEADMAN.—On 14th December, 1959, at South-Western Register Office, Sgt. R. Riley (Queen's Surreys), to Elfreda Steadman.

REYNOLDS—ALLINGTON.—On 2nd January, 1960, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Denbigh, Sgt. D. Reynolds (R.E.M.E.), to Marjorie Ann Allington.

HOLMAN—COLLINS.—On 24th August, 1959, at South-Eastern Register Office, L/Cpl. R. Holman (A.C.C.), to Charlotte Collins.

### BIRTHS

LEWIS.—On 20th December, 1959, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Daphne, wife of Cpl. E. Lewis, a daughter.

HUGGINS.—On 5th January, 1960, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Sheila, wife of Cpl. S. Huggins, a son.

HOLLAND.—On 13th December, 1959, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Margaret, wife of Cpl. G. Holland, a son.

FITZPATRICK.—On 18th December, 1959, at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, to Elizabeth (*nee* Gillingham) and Major C. S. Fitzpatrick, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son.

MERCER.—On 2nd January, 1960, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to June, wife of Major C. F. Mercer, M.B.E., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, April Penelope.

### Deaths

CONGDON.—On 13th October, 1959, at her home, "Lychways," Betchworth, Surrey, Dorothy, wife of Lt.-Col. J. L. Congdon, late The East Surrey Regiment.

RHODES.—On 16th November, 1959, at Newcastle, Co. Down, N. Ireland, Mrs. R. H. Rhodes, widow of Capt. R. H. Rhodes, late 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment.

FOSTER.—On 26th December, 1959, in Newbury Hospital, Hilda Mary, wife of General Sir Richard Foster, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

REECE.—On 6th February, 1960, at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, Blodwes, wife of Sgt. L. Reece, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

DYER.—On 23rd February, 1960, at her home, Cawood, Worplesdon, Surrey, Dorques, widow of the late Col. G. N. Dyer, C.B.E., D.S.O., late The Queen's Royal Regiment.

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Brigadier F. J. C. Piggott, D.S.O., O.B.E.	D.D.M.t., The War Office.
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## NOTICES

MILITARY ESSAY COMPETITIONS,  
1960/61

interest. Particulars are given in A.C I.s, and Notes and Information on Training Matters.

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## DETAILS OF ESSAYS

1. **Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay Competition, 1960.** Prize: £80. Closing date: 22nd June, 1960.

*Subject:* Cold War operations carried out in recent years in the differing conditions of Malaya, Kenya, Cyprus, and the Persian Gulf have proved the worth of tactics and training based on "unconventional" methods. At the same time "conventional" military operations against terrorists have had little success.

Discuss the extent to which training for all arms should be based on this type of operation and the degree to which it is applicable to limited or global war.

Discuss these problems from the Regimental Officer's point of view and give your views as to how they can best be met.

2. There are annually three essay competitions sponsored by the Army Quarterly and the Royal United Service Institution, which are approved by the War Office and published in Army Council Instructions.

3. These competitions are:

(a) The Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay Competition (sponsored by the *Army Quarterly*).

(b) The George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay Competition (sponsored by the *Army Quarterly*).

(c) The Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Prize Essay Competition (sponsored by the Royal United Service Institution).

4. The primary purpose of these essay competitions is to encourage original thought and good writing on military topics of general

General conditions for this essay competition are contained in A.C.I. 410/1959.

2. **George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay Competition, 1961.** Prizes: First prize, £35; second prize, £15. Closing date: 31st March, 1961.

**Subject:** The call-up ended on 31st December, 1960, and by 1st January, 1963, the last National Serviceman will have left the Forces, after the longest period of peacetime compulsory military service in British History.

Give your views on how the system has worked since 1945—from the stand-points of the Fighting Services, the country as a whole, and the individual National Serviceman.

3. **Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Prize Essay Competition, 1960.**

Prize: Thirty guineas and gold medal. Closing date: 16th November, 1960.

**Subject:** 1. Discuss the importance of Africa on world strategy.

OR

2. The thermo-nuclear stalemate makes a major war out of the question. The Suez operation showed that a limited war, even if successful, is bound to be a political catastrophe. The internal security of our colonies and dependencies does not call for forces of the size and complexity, particularly the complexity, that we now have. What, then, are the Services for? Discuss this with proposals on how the Services should be reshaped.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1959 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 82 of 1959.

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## The Main Regimental Events

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A free issue of "A Guide to Unit Cycling Officers" is made to all units who register a Unit Cycling Club. Additional copies are available at a cost of 1s. 6d. each.

Membership application forms and all other information may be obtained from: The Army Cycling Union, The War Office (A.S.C.B.), Stanmore Middlesex.

### 6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (Continued from page 25)

#### Sporting Activities

Our chief success has been in cross-country running. In the Eastern Command (T.A.) Championships we won the 44th Infantry Divisional Cup for the fifth year in succession. Cpl. Cleverly, who won the individual championship last year, was handicapped by a very heavy cold and came a good third.

Our footballers had an off day in the Divisional soccer competition and lost to the Divisional Column, R.A.S.C.

28TH MAY: 23rd London Regiment (T.A.) Givenchy Day Ball, The Drill Hall, Clapham Junction.

28TH MAY: Officers' Club Reunion Garden Party, The Barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames, 3.30 p.m.

29TH MAY: Regimental Association, All-Ranks Reunion, The Barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames, 2 p.m.

1ST AND 2ND JUNE: "Glorious First of June" Celebrations with H.M.S. *Excellent*, Whale Island, Portsmouth.

25TH JUNE: Croydon Millenary Pageant. 1st Battalion provides Band and Guard.

27TH AND 28TH SEPTEMBER: Golfing Society, Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.

29TH SEPTEMBER: Laying-up of Colours of 1st Queen's and 1st Surreys in Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral. At the time of going to press this date is provisional and is not confirmed.

30TH SEPTEMBER: Officers' Club Regimental Dinner. Claridges, London, 7.30 for 8 p.m.

1ST OCTOBER: Regimental Association All-Ranks Dinner, Kennards Restaurant, Croydon. 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

14TH OCTOBER: 6th Surreys (T.A.) Officers' Annual Ball. Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond.

### 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (Continued from page 15)

made, of course. One of our lads found he was describing such experiences to a bloke who had been in the S.A.S.—our hero went blood-red and put his bought beer back fast.

"It was all right going round the Gloucester Aircraft works, though—and seeing a test pilot at work specially for our benefit. No complaint at all, really. . . ."



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