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ALLIED REGIMENT RECEIVES NEW COLOURS

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother presenting new Colours to the 1st Battalion The Northern Rhodesia Regiment on 21st May, 1960

Foreword

By the Colonel of the Regiment

The reorganisation of our Territorial Battalions, to which I referred in the last issue of the Regimental Journal, was completed on 1st April, 1961. The fact that this has been accomplished smoothly and efficiently has been due to the cheerful, willing co-operation and the devoted labours of the Honorary Colonels, Commanding Officers and all ranks of the units concerned. To them I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for all they have done. To those Territorials for whom it has not been found possible to provide vacancies in the reorganised battalions, I would express the regret of all of us and our sincere gratitude for their past devoted services. To our two new Territorial Battalions I wish to extend our best wishes for an honourable and glorious future, founded on the traditions which they have built for themselves in the past.

Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the 5th and 6th Battalions The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) and the 565th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (T.A.) should be amalgamated with the title of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.); and that the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and the 23rd London Regiment (T.A.) should be amalgamated with the title of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).

The title and numbers were recommended after the fullest consultation between myself, Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers, who in turn consulted as many of all ranks as possible. The title expresses the essential unity for all parts of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, both regular and territorial. The unanimous wish of all ranks was that the numbers 5, 6 and 23 should not be used, in order that no impression should be given that one battalion had absorbed another. Finally, it was decided to recommend that the numbers 3rd and 4th should be adopted in commemoration of two of our old Militia Battalions.

The question of badges and embellishments await the decision of Her Majesty The Queen and will be published later.

Finally, this is our Tercentenary Year. Details of the various functions are given elsewhere in this Journal. I hope that all ranks, past and present, regular and territorial, will make a special effort to attend and make them a success worthy of the three-hundredth year in the history of the oldest English Regiment of the Line. Already this year has been marked most aptly and generously by the presentation to the Regiment by Mr. W. E. Hughes of a magnificent portrait of Queen Catherine of Braganza by Sir Peter Lely.

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

Editorial

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THERE have been complaints from several sources, both official and unofficial, that in the previous issues of the Journal the name and location of the Editor have not been disclosed. The omission was not entirely inadvertent; it is now remedied.

The period since the publication of our last issue has been comparatively uneventful regimentally and the winter has passed without any noteworthy event excepting the departure of the 1st Battalion for Aden on 4th January.

The tidal wave of military reorganisation has now reached Australia and both of our Allied Regiments there are involved. Details regarding the future of our affiliations are not yet known. We have, however, received a letter from Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor, The City of Newcastle Regiment. His letter contains much of interest and is reproduced in this issue.

Our Allied Regiment in Rhodesia, The Northern Rhodesia Regiment, received new Colours from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in May of last year. A picture of the presentation provides our frontispiece and we include an account of the parade. On behalf of all our readers we congratulate this fine Regiment and extend to them our very best wishes in these anxious days for their homeland.

We are now in the tercentenary year of our Regiment and plans are well advanced for the various functions in celebration of this historic occasion. We include a list of the main events. We also produce an account of the career of Sir Palmes Fairborne, one of the original officers of the Regiment.

Before the next issue of the Journal appears two important changes will have taken place at Regimental Headquarters. We expect to move from our present home in the Barracks to the Drill Hall in Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. It is now reasonably certain that this change will happen but it is unlikely that the actual move will be carried out before late in the year.

The other change is in personnel. Major

F. Waspe, M.B.E., who has been such an excellent secretary of the Regimental Association, will be leaving us in July, and his place will be taken by Major P. G. E. Hill. Major Waspe has, by quite a few years, exceeded the age limit laid down for holders of Retired Officers' appointments, and so, very reluctantly, is obliged to hand-over the task which he has fulfilled so well for so very long. An appreciation of his services appears in the Regimental Association notes. We wish him every happiness for the future.

In Search of Putney Heath

THERE will be a parade and ceremony on Putney Heath on the Tercentenary Day. It should be held on the spot where the original Muster Parade took place. Find it."

Such was the instruction. Find the spot.

The first step was to make contact with the Chief Ranger of the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. This was done and a meeting arranged in the Ranger's office.

Immediately, willing and helpful advice was forthcoming. The Chief Ranger, Lt.-Col. W. Whitehead, T.D., at once entered wholeheartedly and enthusiastically into the project. He suggested that the best method of procedure was to begin with a process of elimination. Old maps and plans of the Heath were studied and certain areas ruled out as, for various reasons, the original parade could not have been held in any of them. Finally, there remained only three possible sites. The Ranger said, "I suggest that we now walk the Heath."

Each of the sites was visited, examined, and discussed. The first was a triangular area of grass, bordered by the main road, at the top of Putney Hill. An unlikely spot, really, being rather too small for a large-scale Muster Parade. The second, an old cricket ground near Roehampton, was ruled out on account of its unlikely locality. On arrival at the third site we sensed, somehow, that we were home. Here was the ideal setting for a military parade. A large, flat, open stretch of heathland, surrounded by trees. Here, the Ranger explained, were held most of the military reviews in connection with London, until about the beginning of the present century when Hyde Park became the popular venue. Here, too, was the site of the N.R.A. Rifle Ranges until they moved to Bisley, also

about the turn of the century. The concrete base and stump of the gigantic flagstaff can still be seen. This, surely, was the spot.

A reconnaissance showed easy approaches for traffic and good car-parking space.

Official application was made to the Conservators for permission to hold the parade and to erect a commemorative plaque or stone on the site. Permission was given

readily, and the preliminary plans set in motion.

And so, on 14th October, 1961, past and present members of the Regiment, will again muster on Putney Heath to see Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in and of the County of Surrey unveil a lasting token on the spot where their forbears answered the first Roll Call, 300 long years ago.

A Most Gallant Officer

An Account of the career of Sir Palmes Fairborne of the 1st Tangier Regiment

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

IN this year, when we celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of The Queen's Royal Regiment, it seems right to make a record of the career of one of the original officers of the Regiment who set an example of courage, integrity and energy which should not be forgotten.

When the Regiment mustered under the Earl of Peterborough on Putney Heath on 14th October, 1661, the second company was commanded by Capt. Palmes Fairborne.

He was the son of Col. Stafford Fairborne of Newark and already a veteran as he had as a very young man greatly distinguished himself in the defence of Crete against the Turks, for which he had been awarded the right to a Turk's head on his coat-of-arms.

The Regiment had been raised to garrison Tangiers, which had been part of the dowry of Queen Catherine of Braganza on her marriage to Charles II, and it landed there, in company with three other regiments from Dunkirk, on 29th January, 1662. They found Tangiers already occupied by the sailors of the fleet. The Portuguese had only a fortnight before suffered a disastrous defeat by the Moors and were only too glad to welcome the British.

The latter, in turn, soon learnt the quality of their enemies. On May 3rd a force of 500 British attacked the Moors and drove them back but, pursuing them too recklessly, ran into an ambush and were themselves driven back to the walls of the town with great slaughter.

Capt. Fairborne does not seem to have been

engaged and there is no mention of him except in the routine lists until 1669.

Lord Peterborough, who was not a trained soldier, returned to England in 1663 and was succeeded as Governor and Colonel of the Regiment by the Earl of Tevoit, a tough professional officer. The latter at once set to work to improve the ruinous defences of the town and to cover the work personally took out strong covering forces. In 1664 this covering force was surprised and wiped out with the loss of the Governor and over 400 officers and men.

Capt. Fairborne appears to have been on leave at the time and on his return was promoted major and appointed to command one of the two regiments into which the survivors had been formed. In 1667 he was concerned in an episode which shows for the first time his firmness of character and sense of discipline.

The Irish Regiment had been dominated by several Fitzgeralds, all related and with the hot tempers of their clan. A junior member, Lt. Fitzgerald, considered he had been detailed for guard out of his turn and became insubordinate. Fairborne ordered him under arrest and was challenged by his kinsman, Col. Fitzgerald. In the duel that followed Fitzgerald was quickly disarmed. Fairborne courteously handed him back his sword upon which Fitzgerald again wildly attacked him. They were separated by bystanders. Lt. Fitzgerald was ordered to apologise and Col. Fitzgerald was removed to some other employment "for the good of the garrison."

Fairborne now seems to have gained a position of some importance in the garrison and frequently corresponded with people of authority in England. These letters, preserved in the Tangiers State papers, are very sensible documents, pressing strongly for the needs of the garrison (which were certainly urgent), generously praising any good work of other officers and subordinates and unusually free from the self-seeking so normal at that time.

There is another vivid glimpse of him in 1669 when, out riding with his wife behind him, he got news that a deserter had fled from one of the forts towards the Moors. Pausing only to allow his wife to dismount he rode towards, and almost into the Moorish positions, where they were in great numbers, overtook the man and brought him back.

Twice during this year Fairborne was specially chosen by the Governor to lead counter-attacks against enemy assaults. In both cases he was entirely successful with small loss. Again in 1671 in command of a covering party he repulsed a serious Moorish attack without losing a man.

The next few years were militarily quiet as the Moors were occupied with private quarrels, but times of great neglect and hardship to the garrison.

In 1675 Fairborne (now Sir Palmes) was appointed joint Governor in the absence of Lord Inchquin. He at once set himself to make much needed improvements to the defences both in rebuilding and rearming the works and reorganising the duties and amenities for the advantage of the scanty garrison. Conditions were abominable, pay was two and a half years in arrears and food scanty and bad. Naturally the troops became mutinous. Sir Palmes put down the unrest with a strong hand but showed clearly in his letters that he sympathised with their grievances.

In 1677, riding with his small escort of 20 men, he came on an enemy ambush which had laid up all day. The small party immediately charged and routed the Moors without loss.

In the next year mutiny again showed itself and a dozen soldiers carrying their arms approached Fairborne to protest against the punishment of a comrade. The Governor seized the leader and, on his attempting to fire, wrenched his musket from him and shot him dead. He however pardoned the rest

and, in his letter home, deeply regretted that any man should have fallen by his hand. To us his action seems harsh, but it must be remembered that they were on active service, facing a dangerous foe, and that the garrison consisted of tough professional soldiers living under very hard conditions.

In 1678 Lord Inchquin returned to Tangiers and Fairborne went on leave, his first absence for 14 years.

He returned in 1680 and was badly needed. To quote the Regimental History "with his experience, his undaunted courage, and his indefatigable industry he was a host in himself and inspired confidence in all . . ."

Sir Palmes was now appointed Commander-in-Chief under the Governor. The Moors had settled their private quarrels and again became a most dangerous enemy. They succeeded in capturing several of the forts, leaving only three in the hands of the garrison. At the council of war several members were in favour of making terms but the Governor decided in favour of Fairborne's proposition that they should fight to the last man.

Meanwhile Sir Palmes' constant appeals for reinforcements and supplies were at last having effect. Part of the Grenadier and Coldstream Guards and the Royal Scots arrived in 1680 (The 2nd Tangier Regiment. The King's Own came later, after the serious fighting was over).

Lord Inchquin left for home and Sir Palmes became both Governor and Commander-in-Chief and in September launched a full-scale attack against the Moors. The fighting went on for three days and the garrison successfully reoccupied the vital Poie Fort.

Fairborne, in his report, is as usual most generous in his praises of the subordinate officers and men of his forces.

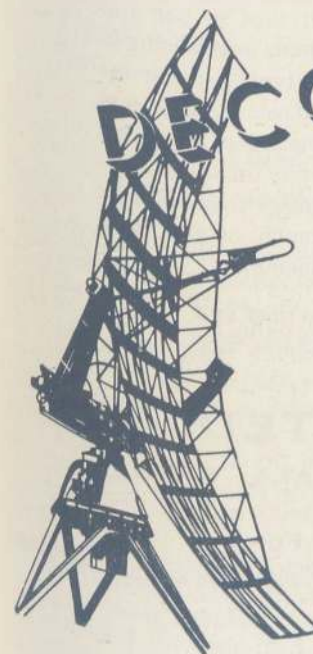
A few days later Sir Palmes was riding round the works at seven o'clock in the morning; in the words of the chronicler: "Being a man of undaunted spirit fearing nothing was riding as was his constant custom in every place of danger to alleviate the troops, and never changing his horse, the enemy knew him and firing often with a fatal shot did wound him mortally."

Two days later the whole garrison, now under the Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Sackville, made a grand attack on the enemy and, after hard fighting, were completely successful. Sir Palmes Fairborne was still alive and caused himself to be carried to a balcony



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A scheme for the erection, in Ottawa, of a Canloan Memorial has now reached fulfilment and the memorial is to be unveiled in June of this year. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has sent a donation of £10 towards the memorial. The following letter of acknowledgment has been received from the president of the Association.

1st February, 1961

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our Colonel, Brigadier The Hon. M. F. Gregg, V.C. (who is presently overseas), and our Association, I have much pleasure in acknowledging your kind contribution of £10 0s. 0d. to the Canloan Memorial, received through Lloyds Bank. Our official receipt is enclosed.

Canloan regard their British Army affiliation with pride and affection and many are still in active contact with their Regimental Associations. The splendid contributions from the British Regiments is evidence that this regard is mutual and it is also much appreciated by the next-of-kin.

We will advise you as to the unveiling date which will probably be in early June and, in any case, will forward you an illustrated report upon completion. Please convey our gratitude and best wishes to the Regiment.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) GEORGE H. BECK,
Lieut. (Ex), 7th S. Staffs.,
President.

from which he could watch the whole battle (the plan of which was his).

The effort was too great and he died shortly afterwards. Characteristically his last request was that Lt. Chautrill should be given command of his (the Governor's) Company. Col. Sackville writes he felt he could not refuse the request of "a man of such worth."

Tangiers State papers describe him as a "worthy able and brave officer who had been an officer here for near 18 years" and add that "His Majesty has not a subject in the three kingdoms of more proper qualifications for this post."

During these 18 years many noblemen had come and gone but Fairborne had remained, the real backbone of the defence.

A memorial with a long and florid tribute by Dryden was erected in Westminster Abbey.

He left a large and hard-up family.

In the Irish campaign of 1689 the Regiment had the unusual distinction of having two of its companies commanded by naval officers. One was Capt. S. Fairborne, R.N., the eldest son of Sir Palmes.

Later, as Admiral Sir Stafford Fairborne, he several times held high command in fleets acting in conjunction with the Regiment.

It is interesting that 100 years before the glorious first of June this Regiment already had some special liaison with the Royal Navy.

Regular Forces Employment Association

During 1960 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 18,411, which was 86½ 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, 7,639 were from the Army and 49 were from The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

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 The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.
Second-in-Command	Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C.
Adjutant	Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira
Quartermaster	Capt. J. W. Kemp
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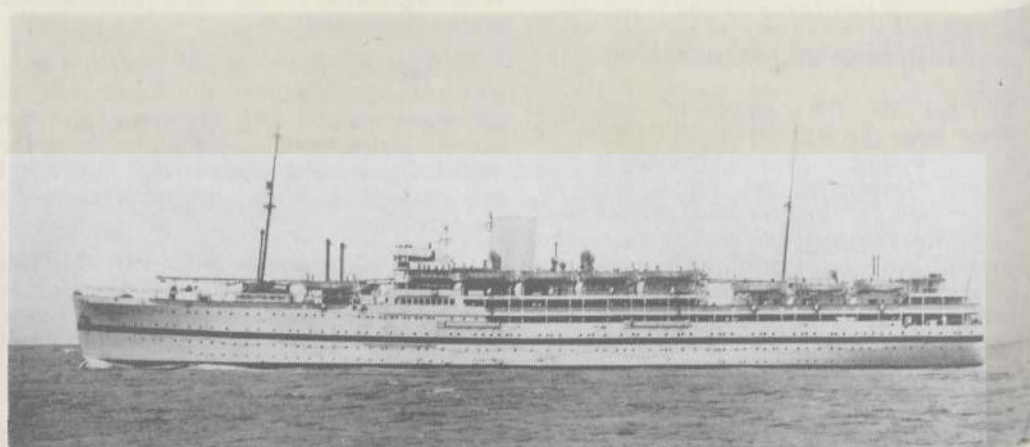
LT.-COL. G. A. WHITE, M.B.E., left us on 7th November, 1960, for the War Office, and to both he and Mrs. White we sent our best wishes. We welcomed as our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., who had just returned from the Somaliland Scouts, in which he held the appointment of Second-in-Command.

Exercise "New Year"

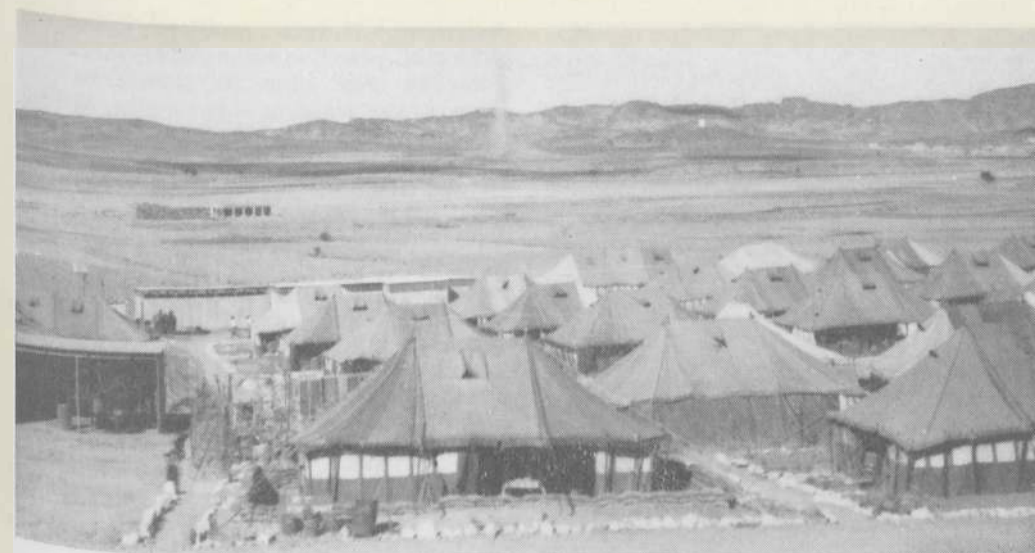
Early in November the Battalion moved to Stanford P.T.A. for the last time under the command of 19th Infantry Brigade to take part in the final exercise of the training season. Exercise "New Year" was divided into three phases: firstly to protect the Brigade in an internal security role, secondly to move the complete Brigade Group at night to a defensive position approximately 100 miles away, in an area just east of Colchester, and thirdly to prepare an atomic defence position.

The first phase proved to be highly entertaining, yet quite strenuous, and a great deal was learnt by all ranks. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment made most excellent, realistic, anti-British arabs and many a member of the units taking part was seriously worried by the enemy's hostility and downright cussedness.

Having broken up many stone-throwing type rioters, erected and manned numerous road blocks, and having captured a large number of wanted ring-leaders, we felt that we had done well but before we could "rest on our laurels" we found ourselves trundling through the night, away from Stanford P.T.A. towards Colchester. By midnight we were all firmly ensconced in the Colchester training area, and about this time the heavens opened and the rain poured down.



T.T. Dunera, in which many thousands of British soldiers, and their families, have voyaged to and from many lands. This fine ship has now ended her service and on her last outward-bound voyage she carried the First Battalion to Aden



Part of the Company Camp at Mukeiras

At first light the following day we started the third phase, and every man grabbed a shovel and dug, and dug, and dug. An hour after sunrise a monster-like mechanical shovel appeared at Battalion H.Q.; this, we understood, was to dig an atomic H.Q. Control Room. Within half an hour of its starting to excavate a cry went up: "There she blows"; the shovel had hit the water main and caused not a little confusion and anxiety. To make matters worse, the General's house, a few miles away, had rung up the local water authority complaining that the water had been cut off.

Later that same day a muddy yet cheerful Battalion returned to Hyderabad Barracks.

A few days later "B" Company, who formed the bulk of the Advance Party to Aden, moved to Southampton and the Battalion prepared itself for the same move later in the year.

"B" Company

After a comparatively swift train journey from Colchester to Southampton we sailed in T.T. Dunera on the evening tide of the 10th November. Our entraining and detraining drill held us in good stead and with the minimum of fuss we were aboard. The Company Group Commander was soon to slide on his backside from one side of the lounge to the other when the ship lurched particularly badly. We were lucky to stop and have a closer look at two Mediterranean

ports and were able to take "the liberty boat" at Malta and Cyprus. We were also very fortunate in having "C" Squadron of the 3rd Carabiniers on board, among whom all ranks made many friends. Shooting, tug-o-war, deck hockey, films and a fun fair were among the many forms of entertainment. I am glad to report that the first three places in the shooting competition were filled by teams of the 1st Battalion. A very amusing day was spent at Port Said and a good deal of money passed into the many bum-boats below. We eventually got through the Canal and into the Red Sea. We arrived in Aden on the evening of the 28th November and disembarked that night.

A week spent in the incomplete barracks at Waterloo Lines saw the Company Group marching along the beach in an effort to get their land legs again, and on the 4th December we left Aden, in convoy, for Mukeiras. This was to be the first relief of Mukeiras by land and we were all in good pioneering spirit during the two-and-a-half days journey. Apart from three trucks bogging down in the mud the 150-mile trip was uneventful until the escarpment was reached. The escarpment is a 3,800-ft. wall of rock, which at first sight appears to be inaccessible. However, we ferried up in the Land-Rovers and reached our camp in Mukeiras on the morning of the 7th December.



(Photo. by Cpl. Long)

ON BOARD THE DUNERA

L/Cpl. Turfrey, Pte. Slowe, L/Cpl. Phillips and Pte. Morgan

The British camp at Mukeiras is situated about two miles from the Yemen border. It is a tented camp and the Company Group, by dint of hard work, have improved it a lot and made it quite comfortable. We suffer of course from the fact that the camp is still officially a temporary one.

The camp is pitched 400 yards from the airstrip, which is our main contact with Aden. The town of Mukeiras, a mile away, is prosperous and has about 2,000 inhabitants. It is one of the main fruit and vegetable suppliers for Aden and, even out of the rainy season, its wadis are still green and fertile for there are numbers of wells around it. A popular programme for us is to visit the local market on Tuesdays. Just about the only people unarmed are British soldiers.

The Company get on very well with the locals—Harrison, 6th Platoon, and Hill, M.M.G. Section, are often seen talking airily in Arabic and partaking in Arab dancing with them. Major Mason gets on famously with the Naib (Governor) and is himself known by the officers in Aden as "the Naib."

We started on training straight away and soon the Company Group were doubling up and down hills on piqueting exercises with almost as much agility as the Arabs

themselves. Armed with flags, panels and bottles of petrol for Benghazi cooks the Company were soon very proficient. In January the platoons went for a 36-hour trip to Myrta, which is N.E., also on the border. For political reasons we are not allowed to show force up there, so platoons went one at a time.

Christmas was celebrated in the traditional way; the Company Commander led 20 carol singers, visiting the Field Intelligence Officer, the Naib, the Aden Protectorate Levies Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. On Christmas Eve we had a concert party. Christmas Day started by an Aden Airways Dakota buzzing the camp at 0615! One dreads to think how much rum went into that gunfire—but still breakfast was a popular meal.

A short service was held at 1000 hrs. Two football matches were played: Officers and Sergeants v. the rest, which the rest won rather easily, and our 1st XI v. Royal Horse Artillery from the other camp. Cpl. Riis and his cooks laid on a tremendous Christmas lunch and their hard work was much appreciated. In the afternoon the Naib laid on tea and Arab dancing in the square, which was well attended by the Garrison. C.S.M. Yonwin and the Company Commander joined in with the Naib and the Wahcil Naib, and very soon the dancing area was full of the Company jiving, rocking and rolling, and trying to copy the Arab dancing.

On Boxing Day we had a donkey race meeting, which was hilarious to watch, and caused untold difficulties for the Tote. The Arabs did not realise that the paying out of winnings depended on their donkeys winning. This was followed by a raffle which had been organised by the Royal Horse Artillery. The local dignitaries and the Garrison officers and sergeants gave the prizes. Tickets were bought by the town and camps and a hundred pounds was raised for the local Mission.

Football has been popular and our 1st XI played the Royal Horse Artillery four times, winning one, losing one and drawing twice. Inter-platoon competitions are being held, and a six-a-side hockey competition was also successful. Donkey polo is just as much fun for the spectators as for the teams; it is quite amazing how well the donkeys stand up to it, and also how so much effort is required to make them move at all.

As might be imagined evening entertainment is missed. Mukeiras can provide

nothing so we have organised our own. Films are always popular, and the camp repertory company have put on some sketches. Jeeves of No. 5 Platoon and Smith, No. 4 Platoon, are very enthusiastic and their platoon sketches are always good. 2/Lt. Hutt is an excellent compere, and his impersonation of the Provost Sergeant was well received. The inter-platoon darts competition has been popular—and has cost the officers and sergeants a certain amount of money.

In spite of the lack of rain and vegetation in camp, nearly all tents entered for a garden competition with enthusiasm. Cactii were gathered from the area around about and whitewash and rocks were much in evidence. The first competition was won by Cpl. Thompson's Section (No. 6 Platoon) and the second by Alexander of No. 4 Platoon, who made, with mud, a traditionally Arab garden with little walls dividing each part of it.

In spite of conditions vastly different from our one-and-a-half million barracks at Colchester, the Company have done well and have enjoyed themselves. We are certainly ready to "push Aden into the sea" on our return at the end of February.

"Auld Lang Syne"

While "B" Company were settling down in Mukeiras the Battalion were departing on Christmas leave. Much to the joy of many a Queen's Surrey Scot it was learnt on 14th December—two days after the Battalion had gone on leave—that the sailing date had been put back to 4th January. Officer Commanding rear party, Major I. D. Beattie, and his small staff set to and wrote to everyone on leave (450) and informed them that their leave had been extended, and that the sailing date had been changed. The rear party did well for on 4th January, when the Battalion paraded for the last time at Hyderabad Barracks, we were all present and correct.

After a long train journey the Battalion arrived at Southampton about 2 p.m. on 4th January and within two hours the Battalion was embarked in T.T. *Dunera* and we were moving away from the wintry sunlit shores of Southampton. On the quay stood many members of the Regiment, including Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., the Colonel of the Regiment, four former Colonels of the Regiment and many members

Wrestling on board the *Dunera*

of the Territorial Army. As we passed out into Southampton Water the Royal Marines Band from H.M.S. *Excellent* played "Auld Lang Syne" and most of us realised we were starting yet another chapter in our history, "The Regiment's first overseas tour."

T.T. *Dunera*

The *Dunera* was on her last voyage as a trooper, having completed 23 years' service for the Army, so the trip was even more memorable. We entertained ourselves in much the same way as "B" Company had a few months earlier, but we had the advantage of the Regimental Band to provide entertainment and the disadvantage of a flu epidemic which put us in quarantine and prevented jaunts ashore at Cyprus and Malta.

As with "B" Company, the bum-boats at Port Said provided a splendid afternoon's entertainment. One or two of us are still wondering who it was that sent a bucket of water down to the trader instead of the wicker basket. Within a short time everyone entered into the spirit of the game, and by the end of the afternoon, after a hard time bargaining, we all felt that we had made the most excellent purchases.



A halt in Mukeiras on the way back from a visit to the Lost City

Aden

After an uneventful journey, we sighted the lights of Aden on the evening of 20th January, and disembarked the following morning.

First impressions were, to say the least, varied; the mountainous black rocks; the curious oily aroma; the odd-looking natives; the hundreds of buildings under construction and, above all, the smart native troops, whom we later discovered to be C.S.M. Quickenden and the guides, who were standing on the jetty to meet us. For the first few days one felt rather like a sore thumb walking around with brilliant white skin, but in a very short time one did not care for there were even more recent arrivals to Aden and they were even whiter.

"H.Q." Company moved to Singapore Lines—a large rambling barracks containing R.E.M.E. Workshops and an R.A.O.C. Depot. "A" "C" and "Sp" Companies moved to Waterloo Lines barracks which are even more modern than Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester. When they are finished this month "H.Q." Company will move to Waterloo Lines and by this time we will be fully enjoying the facilities available. In the barracks itself there are an ultra-modern swimming pool, a 500-seat open-air theatre and a first-class Junior Ranks' Club—all under construction.

Most of our training has been concentrated on internal security duties and getting really fit. Route marches of anything up to 20 miles are carried out once or twice a week, and the great theory is that "an army marches on its jungle juice" (an issued lemonade powder). There are nearby field firing ranges and for tactical training the desert is only 15 minutes drive away.

Exercise "Roulade," which begins early in March, will be our first large-scale exercise, and it promises to be interesting and exacting.

Regimental Band

Having played at a great number of functions—when it had found its music—in the *Dunera*, the Band at once started practising for the Drumhead Service (29th January, 1961) and the beating of Retreat (10th February, 1961). The beating of Retreat was most impressive, and a very fitting way in which to celebrate Sobraon Day. The Band and Corps of Drums' first real public appearance was on 22nd February, 1961, when they beat Retreat in the centre of Steamer Point in the European shopping area known as The Crescent.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

On 8th February H.M. Submarine *Sea Devil* berthed at Steamer Point for four days on her outward voyage to Ceylon. Apart from a skeleton crew the submarine's complement stayed in Waterloo Lines and were duly impressed by the "Pongos." Undoubtedly, the thing that impressed them most was the beating of Retreat on 10th February. A submariner was heard to say: "This would show the Royals a thing or two."

On 16th February H.M.S. *Bulwark*, complete with her seaborne Royal Marine commandos, arrived in Aden and it is understood that already liaison visits have been carried out. It is a pleasant thought that within a month of arriving we have met the two Services with which we have so many affiliations.

Congratulatory

The Battalion provided the guard of honour on the occasion of the recent visit of Lord Louis Mountbatten of Burma to Aden.

The following letter was received by the Commanding Officer:

Just a line to thank you and your Regiment for parading the Guard of Honour, Colours, Band and Drums at Government House this morning before I left.

They were all extremely well turned out and I was very impressed by their new white ceremonial uniform.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Mountbatten of Burma.

Sport

The Battalion hockey team have already played against the Royal Marine Commandos, R.A.F. Steamer Point, and 11th Hussars, and all with a limited amount of success. It has former Battalion hockey players, Capt. M. J. Doyle, Capt. J. W. Kemp and the R.S.M. New additions to the team include Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., and Capt. D. J. Wright. The team promises to be first-class once they have settled down and become used to the rather difficult conditions here as opposed to the United Kingdom.

The athletics team is beginning to collect its old sweats. This year we will certainly be relying a great deal on more younger talent. Cpl. Chambers and 2/Lt. Russell can often be seen disappearing in the direction of Crater to help with local youth clubs athletic training evenings.

The football team, under Officer-in-charge football, 2/Lt. K. H. Baker, is slowly improving. The captain, Pte. Harman, is forming them into a team, the basis of which consists of some of last year's players, Cpl. Jackson, Pte. McKinnon and Pte. Baker in goal. The team has had plenty of practice in games against R.A.F. Khormaksar, R.A.S.C. Transport Company and 45th Royal Marine Commandos.

Other sports include polo, riding, swimming, sailing, and even fishing. Then, for the free afternoon, a climb to the top of Shamsan (2,000 ft.) is equivalent to an afternoon's sport.

At the time of going to press the Battalion is in great heart looking forward to both the completion of Waterloo Barracks and, with a certain amount of trepidation, the coming of the hot season.

Have you placed a regular order for a copy of the Journal? Why not do so now!

Regimental Museum

THE Regimental Museum is still not fully displayed owing to lack of space and a pending move to larger accommodation. However, additional exhibits continue to be placed on view each week.

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Among several recent acquisitions now on view is a book called *PEDDIE—Settlers' Outpost*, which has recently been published in South Africa and issued by the 1820 Settlers Commemorative Committee of Graham Town. In this book are the names of 41 officers, N.C.O.s and soldiers of The Queen's who were killed in action or died of wounds in the Peddie area in August, September and October 1851, and who are buried in the Peddie Military Cemetery and at the Peddie Military Hospital.

The book has been presented by a former member of the Regiment, H. E. Winder, Esq., who now resides in Johannesburg.

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The Regiment has also acquired, by purchase, the desk used by Earl Howe in his flagship, H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*, at the victory of the "Glorious First of June," 1794. With the desk is a framed picture of the captains of the ships taking part in the action, bearing on the reverse a record of the officer casualties. The record includes the name of Lt. Neville of the 2nd Foot.

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No. 1 dress uniform of the late Major C. H. Mercer, M.B.E., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, has recently been presented to the Museum by Mrs. Mercer.

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The display of medals and regimental silver in the Museum has now been considerably improved and is more accessible to view.

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The Museum Committee at their last meeting decided that only items of direct bearing on regimental history could be accepted. This policy is being adhered to strictly.

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The Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, and on Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12 a.m. It is not open on public holidays or Saturdays. It is open on all regimental occasions held within the barracks.

Home Counties Brigade Depot

DURING the period under review two important events from the regimental point of view took place. The first was the appointment of Col. M. T. N. Jennings as Brigade Colonel with effect from 1st March, 1961, and the second was the presentation of Lely's portrait of Catherine of Braganza to the Regiment. The latter is referred to in greater detail elsewhere.

In the six months to 28th February, 1961, a total of 102 Regular and National Service recruits have been posted from the Depot to the 1st Battalion. During the same period regular enlistments for the Regiment have averaged 15 per month.

At a passing-out parade on 2nd September, 1960, at which the salute was taken by Maj.-Gen. D. E. B. Talbot, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, the best recruit was Pte. G. Ewart, Queen's Surreys.

When the G.O.C. Home Counties District,



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Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. Home Counties District, presenting the prize for the best shot to Pte. W. Murray, on 25th November, 1960



Photo: G. B. Pearson

Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews, Commanding Officer, inspecting recruits at a passing-out parade on 10th March, 1961

Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., inspected the passing-out parade on 25th November, 1960, he presented the award for the best shot to Pte. W. Murray, Queen's Surreys.

On the passing-out parade of 6th January, 1961, Pte. S. Martin, Queen's Surreys, received the award for the best shot from the Inspecting Officer, Gen. Sir Lashmer Whistler, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., Colonel of The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., and Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., were present at the opening of the Brigade Museum on 25th November, 1960, by the GOC Home Counties District, Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. Among regimental exhibits is one of the footballs kicked out of the British trenches by The East Surrey Regiment and dribbled

forward as they stormed Montauban on the Somme on 1st July, 1916. The other football is at present on loan to the National Army Museum, Sandhurst.

Visitors to the Depot other than those already mentioned have been Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., Major P. R. Swanson, Major H. J. A. Moore, Mx. (Training-Major, 23rd London Regiment), Capt. P. G. Collyer, Capt. G. C. Sharpe, Capt. J. B. Ray, W.O.s. Bartrip, Esler and Morris, Sgts. Chaffer, M.M., Hannigan and Chaplin.

The Home Counties Brigade golf meeting is due to take place on 24th May, 1961, on the Canterbury Golf Club course and full details are held at R.H.Q. All officers, past or present, who have held any type of commission in the Regiment are eligible to compete.



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NEW PATTERN UNIFORMS FOR THE ARMY

This photograph was taken outside Buckingham Palace on 28th March, 1961, after Her Majesty The Queen had inspected the new pattern uniforms to be worn by the Army. The uniforms shown, from left to right, are: Raincoat, Combat Dress; W.R.A.C. Greatcoat; W.R.A.C. Walking-out Dress; Service Dress; Working Dress Overalls. The soldier on the left of the photograph is Sgt. H. T. Chaffer, M.M., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, our Special Recruiter at Great Scotland Yard

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
Second-in-Command	Major R. C. H. Saunders
Training Major	Major P. R. Swanson
Quartermaster	Major G. C. Forman
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

SINCE going to print in the November 1960 Journal, momentous events have occurred in that the amalgamation has been announced between 5th and 6th Queen's and 565th L.A.A. Regiment (ex-4th Queen's) and great strides have already been made towards final integration scheduled for 1st April, 1961. Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn has been appointed the first Commanding Officer with his Battalion H.Q. at Guildford and, judging by what has been seen of the new Battalion on the three training weekends already held, he is going to have a good command of some 450 all ranks, including a welcome addition in the form of the Band of 565th L.A.A. Regiment who have come over complete.

Although the new title and badge have not yet been announced officially, it is thought likely that the Battalion will adopt the title of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and perhaps retain the Paschal Lamb as our badge.

It is hoped to take into use the Colours which were to be presented to 6th Queen's this year as the new Colours for the amalgamated Battalions, and to have them presented either in 1962 or 1963.

Fortunately, the amalgamation has not made necessary wholesale resignations of senior ranks, but a few have had to go because of age or through lack of vacancies in their ranks. Regrets are offered by all who remain serving and we hope that those who have had to leave will still consider themselves as belonging to the new Battalion.

The last of our more serious activities in 1960 were the Remembrance parades held at all Company locations, including a Battalion parade on 13th November at Guildford where a contingent of 50 all ranks and the Corps of Drums under the command

of Major R. K. Asser paraded for the Remembrance service. The Mayor of Guildford took the salute at the Guildhall after the service as our contingent and others marched past down that well-known cobbled High Street.

The less serious activities of Christmas celebrations then commenced with all ranks' dinners and dances at Company locations and the traditional children's parties.

Training

In spite of heavy demands on the "management," energetic training continued in 1961 well supported by 6th Queen's and 565th L.A.A. Regiment. Up to the end of February the Battalion has taken part in three full weekend exercises. The first was for Young Soldiers held at Crookham W.E.T.C. on 28th/29th January and, in spite of the weather, an energetic weekend was enjoyed by all. Our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., O.B.E., made his first visit to the Battalion on this occasion. The second weekend on 18th/19th February was devoted to the annual initiative test. Each Company was permitted to enter three sections for the course. The test required a night move across country, a compass march, reconnaissance of an "enemy held" position, a five-mile forced march and a small shooting competition to finish. Fortunately the weather was cold but kind and, apart from a heavy dew, everyone was able to keep dry. Most of the teams slept in woods or by the side of hedges, but one very enterprising Corporal led his team on to Salisbury railway station and persuaded the staff to "lend" them the waiting-room. There they lit a fire and spent a particularly warm and cheerful evening. The exercise

was energetic and there were some blistered feet at the end, but everyone enjoyed it greatly.

The winning section was led by Cpl. Tester of "A" Company (Reigate) and the second by Cpl. Duncan of "D" Company (Bermondsey).

The third exercise was held at Stoney Castle Field Firing Range on Saturday and Sunday, 25th/26th February, when some 150 volunteers went through a live fire and movement training exercise. On the Saturday night there was a demonstration of night firing and an evening meal of chicken was served which was appreciated by all.

In addition to these weekends the Battalion shooting team, reinforced by 6th Queen's, has been busy practising on Henley Park Range in preparation for the annual Divisional Rifle Meeting, to be held from 29th April-1st May at Hythe. It is the intention of Major R. C. H. Saunders, the team captain, and all the members of his team to "lift" all the silver at this meeting.

Civil Defence training, too, has not been forgotten. On Sunday, 26th February, the M.T. Platoon and Signals Platoon, with 20 vehicles, were involved in exercise "Scram," a Civil Defence exercise held by Haslemere C.D.O. and involving the evacuation of families from Guildford.

Looking to the future, a trip for 90 all ranks to Belgium and the Netherlands has been arranged with a tour of the last war battlefields conducted by Professor Bernard of the Ecole Royal Militaire. Transport in the form of a minesweeper is being kindly arranged by the Royal Navy. A full report will be given of this trip in the next issue of the Journal.

Annual camp this year is to be at Dartmoor, and we will be based at Plasterdown Camp between 13th and 27th May. All are looking forward to this first annual camp from which the new amalgamated Battalion will emerge as a single entity.

History

All three units involved in our amalgamation sprang from the Surrey Rifle Volunteers and, since founding, have changed their titles several times. It is interesting to trace the principle changes since 1859.

Sport

This season we did not progress very far in the 44th (H.C.) Division Football Championships as we were beaten in the first round by 8th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment, T.A., but what an exciting battle it was! The game was played at Mill Hill on a quagmire of a pitch, so muddy that the lines were

565TH L.A.A. REGIMENT	5TH QUEEN'S	6TH QUEEN'S
2nd Corps S.R.V. (Croydon) (1859)	5th Corps S.R.V. (Reigate) (1859)	10th Corps S.R.V. (Bermondsey) (1860)
2nd Corps The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1882)	4th Corps (The Queen's) (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1882)	6th Corps The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1882)
1st Volunteer Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1883)	2nd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1883)	3rd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1883)
4th Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1908)	5th Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (1908)	22nd (County of London) Battalion The London Regiment (The Queen's) (1908)
4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) (1920)	5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) (1920)	22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) (1922)
4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) (63rd S.L. Regiment) (1938)		6th Bermondsey Regiment The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) (1937)
63rd S.L. Regiment, R.A. (1940)		
127th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (Queen's) (1942)		
598th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (Queen's) (1947)		
"Q" (4th Queen's) Battery 565th L.A.A. Light Regiment, R.A. (1955)		

obliterated. Both sides became bogged down in the mud as the tides of battle swung backwards and forwards. The lead changed many times and it was not until the final whistle that the match was decided. White, at centre-forward, earns special praise, whilst C.S.M. Cheeseman was unfortunate to damage his hand. Final score: 8th Middlesex 6 goals, 5th Queen's 5 goals.

However, a team from the new Battalion won the 44th Division Cross-Country Championship at Richmond Park, and came third in the Eastern Command Championship. Cpl. Cleverley won the Divisional competition and was third in the Eastern Command. The team was carrying on the tradition of the 6th Queen's who had won the championship in the five consecutive preceding years.

Appointments

The following principal appointments have been made for the amalgamated Battalion:

Commanding Officer ..	Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn
Second-in-Command ..	Major D. B. Pullen
Training Major ..	Major P. R. Swanson
	(Up to 1st June, 1961)
	Capt. P. G. Collyer
	(w.e.f. 1st June, 1961)
Quartermaster ..	Major G. C. Forman
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
O.C. "A" Company ..	Major D. G. Wilson
(Reigate)	
O.C. "B" Company ..	Major M. H. Prescott, T.D.
(Camberley)	
O.C. "C" Company ..	Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.
(Croydon)	
O.C. "D" Company ..	Major P. M. C. Zehntner
(Bermondsey)	
O.O. "H.Q." Company ..	Major R. K. Asser
(Guildford)	

In addition to the 36 officers to which the Battalion is entitled, authority has been given to hold for a limited period a number surplus to establishment.

Officers' Mess

To conclude a very busy and successful year the Mess held three functions in November and December. The first was to bid farewell to Capt. Ron Hall and to welcome Major George Forman and 2/Lt. Miles Hunt-Davis. We were also pleased to have with us Brigadier Nelson-Smith — Commander 131 Infantry Brigade—and Lt.-Cols. Nick Nice, Brian Gill (C.O. 565th L.A.A. Regiment) and Hugh Harris.

In December we saw away Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., and officers of the 1st Battalion

who certainly left their mark—the high kicks would have done credit to any Windmill chorus. On this occasion we also had as our guests Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.

To bring the year to a fitting close we again held our annual Christmas supper dance. This was well attended by some 50 officers and their ladies. Dancing took place by candle-light—no reflection upon the 1st Battalion. The evening finished with Major Paul Swanson demonstrating his prowess over the stove, producing excellent chicken soup at 4 a.m.

Finally in December the officers of the Battalion were again entertained in the regal surroundings of the Guildhall by our friends the Mayor of Guildford (Alderman A. Edward Jones) and leading officers and councillors of the town. This is becoming an annual event—much looked forward to by both sides.

After the hectic round of 1960 the New Year has opened very gently. We are hoping to hold a dinner in March when we will regretfully bid farewell to several departing members and welcome our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Brigade Major the Lord Alvingham to the Mess.

Our best wishes and congratulations go out to John Mackenzie on his recent marriage.

New arrival: 2/Lt. J. C. Stoddart.

Sergeants' Mess

The Mess continues to gain strength and so add to the ever-growing efficiency of the Battalion. A first-class Officers', W.O.s' and Sergeants' T.E.W.T. was held at Horsham during November, where pleasure was mixed with work. In the evening we held a dinner at Ye Olde Kings Head Hotel, at which we were delighted to have the Commanding Officer and Officers of the Battalion. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

With amalgamation looming up in front of us we have much to think about.

Of one thing we are sure, once we have settled down and our new members, whom we welcome most heartily, from 565th L.A.A. Regiment and 6th Queen's, are with us we shall lose no time in making our mark to show all, that we are, as the Colonel of the Regiment said recently, "the back-bone" of a crack unit." Unfortunately we shall lose

one or two of the older members, but they are the first to realise the need for changes in these fast-moving times.

It is to these members we end our notes by saying: "Well done. Thank you for your years of loyal support. We hope you will keep in touch."

"A" COMPANY

During November, the Drill Hall was visited on a normal drill night by Lord Munster, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, who watched us at training, and then consented to open the newly-redecorated bar by cutting a piece of red tape. He then presented C.S.M. Haybittle with an engraved pewter tankard in recognition of his long service with "A" Company.

The redecorated bar has a false bamboo ceiling, new wall lamps, and a colour scheme with a tropical garden window feature. We have yet to see anyone drinking in shorts and singlet!

Sport has been a popular pastime and our P.S.I., C.S.M. F. Firman, has been coaching us in the not-so-gentle art of badminton. Our .22 shooting team are keeping their heads above water in the Reigate Service .22 Shooting League (Organised by "A" Company), having won four of the matches. So far in the handicap section our best shot is Pte. A. Heard and in the open C.Q.M.S. J. Playford. Also, during November, Capt. R. P. Wheeler organised a coach trip, including wives and girl friends, from the Drill Hall to the Whitehall Theatre to see the farce "Simple Spymen."

Two socials have been held on Saturday evenings and, also, one on New Year's Eve. The Mayor of Reigate attended our annual children's Christmas party and saw the wonderful spread organised by the wives and helpers.

The following are some details of the amalgamation, and how it will affect "A" Company: Reigate Drill Hall will remain Company H.Q. and contain No. 1 Platoon. "C" Company, our old rivals, will join us as No. 2 Platoon. Coulsdon Drill Hall will become our Support Platoon and the members of 565th L.A.A. will man our 3-in. mortars and anti-tank guns.

The inter-company section competition was won by "A" Company in a most convincing manner and the team, which was led by Sgt. Evans, contained Ptes. A. Heard, J. Heard, L/Cpl. Burrell, Ptes. Edwards,

Gardner, Sergeant, d'Mello and Fieldus. The competition involved a test in various weapons, a .22 shoot, a forced march and assault course.

"B" COMPANY

Recruiting is still going well, and with the amalgamation the strength of "B" Company with attachments is over 100. The Camberley Company is happy to be amalgamated with the Woking Company since they have always regarded themselves as their "half-section" for training and social activities.

Over and above battalion training the two companies took part in a most successful training weekend in the Camberley area on 3rd-4th December. The Saturday afternoon was occupied with S.L.R. shooting on the R.M.A. Sandhurst range and a visit to the British Army Museum at Sandhurst. On Sunday there was a "Treasure Hunt," requiring map-craft, compass work, and common sense. The competitors left the Drill Hall in pairs with the first clue which directed them to the first check point; at each check point thereafter they found a further rhymed clue ending up at the "Jolly Farmer," College Town, of which the licensee was ex-R.S.M. Brand of the old R.M.C., Sandhurst. The pair with the best time was Cpl. M. J. Sims and Pte. D. R. Godfrey.

Cpl. Sims, who was in the 1st Battalion in Malaya, also won the Wigan Award for the best Other Rank in the Battalion below the rank of Sergeant. It has been confirmed that Cpl. Sims has been accepted for a commission in the T.A. and will remain with "B" Company. Sgt. W. H. Burnham, Battalion Cook Sergeant, was awarded a well-deserved British Empire Medal in the Birthday Honours. In the 'Kolar' Cup Competition Boy P. O'Dell made the second highest score in the whole of the 44th (H.C.) Division, T.A. This was a remarkable performance for a young man still on boy's service, and he should have a long and distinguished shooting career in the T.A.

The Company rifle meeting was held on 28th August. The Company championship was won by Cpl. J. Nugent. In a falling-plate competition "B" Company defeated "D" Company and so had their revenge for last year. In future this competition will be run on an inter-platoon basis.

On the social side the Company has run two dances; the usual "Glorious First of

June" Ball on the 4th June, the nearest Saturday, and also a Christmas dance on 17th December.

The annual Company dinner took place on 12th November and extended into the small hours. As the party finally broke up at 2.30 a.m., Sgt. Burnham remarked from behind the bar: "We are early this year. Last year we went home at a quarter to three."

"C" COMPANY

These are I fear the last notes from "C" Company as we know it, because on 1st February the Dorking Company become part of "A" Company, Reigate.

Annual training was continued until the end of the year and on Remembrance Day we had a full turnout of the Company at the Dorking war memorial.

Later in November the Company held its first annual dinner. Some 60 people sat down to an excellent chicken dinner prepared by Sgt. Burnham and his cooks from Camberley. Amongst the guests were three former Company Commanders — Lt.-Col. Harris, Major Saunders and Major Asser. We were delighted to see several old members at the dinner. The party continued for many hours and Charlie Hubbard worked full blast drawing pints of various beverages.

In December the children's party was held and 75 children, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters of volunteers, were entertained to tea and a film show. Father Christmas duly arrived and distributed the presents.

On our last night of company status we held a social and for some reason, known only to Charlie Hubbard, most of the beer was free.

In spite of amalgamation the Dorking spirit will go on and, who knows, some day "C" (Dorking) Company may rise once again like the Phoenix from the debris and flames.

"D" COMPANY

A successful takeover bid has been made for "D" Company and so, sadly, this is the last entry in the Regimental Journal for the Company (Woking) in its present form. We are however very pleased that we are to join "B" Company (Camberley), who have always been our very good friends.

We have enjoyed our training over the last few months, particularly an ambush exercise with a Royal Marine detachment. We felt we gained a points decision and

enjoyed a cold but remunerative night. The inter-section competition was held early this year, in which we were pleased to come second. Sgt. W. Gardner led the Section, which, short of experience on the assault course, made up with determination on the forced march.

In our debut in the amalgamated Regiment Cpl. Farrant led the Section in the initiative tests. Despite the fact that they stopped for three-course meals every few hours they still covered 21 miles in the allotted time and came fourth.

Our social club has been very active running dances and .22 shoots. The most successful function was a children's party for some 60 children including many guests from local welfare organisations.

We look forward to the future with pleasure and renewed enthusiasm and hope to go to camp at full strength.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Distant rumblings on the other side of the courtyard at Sandfield Terrace have presaged the changes with which we are coping, and for some time yet members of "H.Q." Company will probably bear that slightly perplexed expression which goes with "amalgamation."

The increase in our numbers has, of course, been dramatic, but with it has come a greatly increased area of responsibility, from Haslemere in the west to Bermondsey in the east. This empire must present its own special problems for a company, yet the certainty that the organism can flourish is already evident in at least one weekend we have spent in our new roles. It is vital that all ranks work to develop the new unity, and we shall have a tremendous chance with this year of camp training at company level.

If we have not wholly distinguished ourselves this winter on the "special" training laid on by Major Swanson, those members of the Company who took part in the initiative weekend now value the well-fitting boot, as well as ditch-proof clothing. For the inter-section competition, we decided to enter a team from the recruit cadre and, although penalised by the absence of a team member on the day, these young soldiers put up a very adequate performance.

Active training demands fitness, and the dual requirement of "specialist" and "basic" skills from "H.Q." Company has hitherto taken up a full two drill nights a



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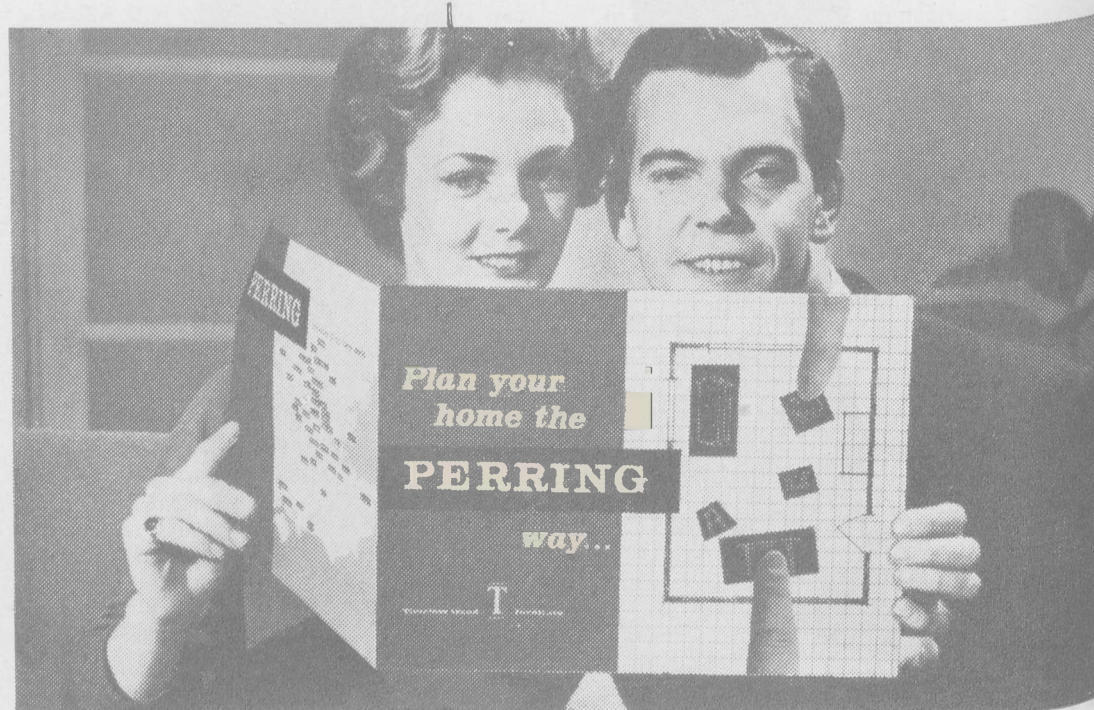
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week. This year, however, we are trying at Guildford an experiment to concentrate military instruction on Thursday nights as far as we can, and organise definite sports on Mondays. Naturally, money is crucial, but we have made a good start with basketball and sabre fencing; the equipment for weightlifting is now arriving, with boxing to follow. A proposal for indoor hockey on roller skates is being rather carefully considered. At this point, we make a powerful plea to those who have exchanged reading of these columns for active participation in sports to donate at once to "H.Q." Company any useful kit they possess.

At Christmas this year we ran our usual

festivity of functions, from the draw to the shoot in which everyone seems to win a prize. Our children's party was rated a great success, and these notes must record the deep indebtedness of the Company to the tireless organising of R.S.M. and Mrs. Esler, C.S.M. and Mrs. Homersham, and C/Sgt. and Mrs. Dixon.

We have suffered a loss in the retirement of W.O.2 Law, who gave us some first-rate service as P.S.I. His successor, Sgt. Palmer, who is known and welcome to us at Guildford, is a very busy man indeed these days. In C/Sgt. Robinson from "D" Company we have a good friend, and we wish him a full stores in his soldiering with us.

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.
Second-in-Command	..	..	..	..	Major D. B. Pullen
Adjutant	..	..	..	..	Capt. P. G. Collyer
Quartermaster	..	..	..	..	Capt. C. W. Cheeseman
R.S.M. (Acting)	..	..	..	..	W.O.1 J. Morris
R.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	..	W.O.2 W. Edwards

Amalgamation

WE must admit to very mixed emotions in rendering this last contribution of Bermondsey's Queen's Battalion to the Regimental Journal. It is, inevitably, a matter of sadness to us all that the 6th Queens are to amalgamate. The record of Bermondsey's "Queens" in two wars makes the end of our unit in its present form perhaps the sadder. But we are lucky indeed that we are to amalgamate with two old friends; one our sister Battalion, the 5th Queen's, and the other 565th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., who were once the 4th (Croydon) Battalion of The Queen's. We are confident that the new Queen's Battalion will carry on the traditions of the old units, and we look forward to playing our part in making it an efficient and happy one.

For many, particularly among the officers and senior N.C.O.s, amalgamation must,

however, mean the end of the road. We would like to start our notes on the Battalion's last six months of life by wishing them the best of good fortune for the future and saying "Thank you very much" for their work with us.

Battalion Activities

We had a very successful rifle meeting at Henley Park ranges on the 16th-17th July. The weather was kind, and refreshment, solid and liquid, freely available. Mrs. P. G. Collyer very kindly presented the prizes. Early in September, based on "60 Weekend Training Centre," Aldershot (a Victorian Cavalry barracks partially modernised), a second rifle and L.M.G. shooting weekend took place.

The weekend of 10th-11th September saw a party of five officers and 14 other ranks paying our annual visit to Ghent. On the



Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Nice, T.D.

afternoon of the 10th September our party attended small ceremonies at monuments and scenes of battles during the Liberation. On the following morning, in company with the Pipes and Drums of the Black Watch of Canada, the Band of the Belgian Navy and detachments from the Belgian armed forces, we attended a ceremony at the military cemetery at Adegem. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Town Hall, where certain officers made friends with a Belgian General, who invited them to a party on a South American warship then visiting Antwerp. Something apparently went wrong in the Belgian-South American communications, as our visiting officers were regarded by the warship's crew and officers as the representative of "The Queen" and accordingly feted! It was altogether a very successful visit.

The chief features of our autumn training were an inter-company battle in which members of the 1st Cadet Battalion The Queen's participated, and a Signals weekend. Officers attended the Brigade T.E.W.T. in

October and the Battalion Remembrance Day parade took place in Bermondsey on the 13th November. An all ranks' dance was held in September and another on the 3rd December, following the Battalion prize-giving, at which Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Divisional Commander, kindly gave away the prizes.

Our annual children's Christmas party, organised by the Sergeants' Mess, took place on the 17th December. Father Christmas arrived in a "Champ" this year.

On January the shape of our future organisation became clearer, and the Battalion was re-organised into a company group, with elements of Signals, M.T., Drums and Support Weapons at Bermondsey—the future "D" Company of the new Queen's Battalion, and under arrangement of The 5th Queen's a very successful weekend training was held at Crookham, in which members of all amalgamating units took part. Despite weather being unusually "inclement" training was particularly enthusiastic, and everyone realised the far greater possibilities open to us with larger numbers of men, and all felt it to be an excellent beginning to our new life.

For the record, we list Company and Battalion appointments as at 31st December, 1960, immediately prior to our reorganisation.

"A" COMPANY (BERMONDSEY)

Company Commander	Major W. I. H. Faulder
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. J. L. Hughes
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. Dorey
P.S.I.	Sgt. F. Askey
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Beckett

"C" COMPANY (CROYDON)

Company Commander	Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. S. McKinstrie
C.S.M.	W.O.2 R. Thorpe
P.S.I.	Sgt. T. Nickson
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. R. Chapman

"SP" COMPANY (BERMONDSEY)

Company Commander	Capt. M. C. A. Mott
Second-in-Command	Capt. J. D. Blumson
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. Dando
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. M. Burns, B.E.M.

"H.Q." COMPANY (BERMONDSEY)

Company Commander	Capt. A. H. LeQ. Clayton
Second-in-Command	Capt. P. J. Dorey
R.S.O.	Capt. B. Bowen
R.M.O.	Capt. B. Robinson
	(R.A.M.C.)
M.T.O.	Capt. F. B. Davis
C.S.M.	W.O.2 N. Smith
P.S.I.	W.O.2 L. Piper
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. R. Elliott
	(Also i/c Drums)

Museum

We have started our own unit museum at Bermondsey and have already built up a small but interesting collections of souvenirs, photographs, trophies and uniforms of 6th Queen's, 22nd London, 3rd (Volunteer) Queen's and our original ancestors, the 10th and 23rd Corps Surrey Rifle Volunteers. Sgt. Morgan has devoted a great deal of time to the museum's arrangement, and research into the history of various exhibits.

Officers' Mess

We held a buffet supper before the all ranks' dance on the 24th September, when we were very pleased to have the Mayor of Bermondsey as our guest.

Five officers went to the Trafalgar Night dinner in the Wardroom of H.M.S. *President*. We always value this honour very highly, being the only non-Naval guests at an essentially naval "family" occasion.

We held a small party before the annual prize-giving on the 3rd December, when we were very glad to welcome Maj.-Gen. Gleadell once again to the Mess. On the 4th February, 1961, we invited officers of 565th L.A.A. Regiment and the 5th Queen's to an amalgamation cocktail party. This, we felt was a great success, and we were very glad to have the chance to meet informally.

David Hughes' wedding took place on the 29th October and his many friends here and overseas sent him their best wishes. We send our congratulations to Leo Walters, Tony Cooper and their fiancées on the recent announcement of their engagements.

We would like to end this note by saying how grateful we all are to Major Peter Zehntner for his work in running the Mess so well and for so long.

Sergeants' Mess

The period began with a change of R.S.M.s in the unit, and we had regretfully to say farewell to W.O.1 D. Fraser after a period of three years. We were very fortunate however in that his successor is another most popular member of the Mess, C.S.M. J. Morris, whom we warmly congratulate on his promotion to acting R.S.M. It was also a great pleasure to us to see W.O.1 Fraser receive his Quartermaster's Commission.

Two of the most successful social occasions held in the Mess during the period were an Amalgamation party, at which members of

the Sergeants' Messes of the other units forming the new Queen's Battalion were our guests, and our annual dance at which the guests included Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., O.B.E., Mr. R. J. Mellish, M.P., the Mayor of Bermondsey, and members of the Borough Council.

We were pleased to welcome Sgt. F. Askey to the unit and the Mess in place of Sgt. Greeves, whose tour of duty with the unit ended in December.

Recruiting

The indications that the end of National Service will bring more recruits to the Territorial Army continue to grow. Seven recruits reported to Bermondsey in the first six weeks of the New Year. Croydon continues to recruit well.

Cross-country Running

We are pleased to report that, in the Eastern Command and 44th (H.C.) Infantry Division (T.A.) cross-country championship held at Richmond Park, on Sunday, 19th February, we achieved the following results:—

EASTERN COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams: 1st, 10th Parachute Regiment "A" team; 3rd, Queen's Battalion.
Individuals: 3rd, Cpl. Cleverly, Queen's.

44TH (H.C.) INFANTRY DIVISION (T.A.) CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams: 1st, Queen's Battalion for sixth consecutive year.

The team was as follows with their placing in the Eastern Command field:—

Cpl. Cleverly	3rd—1st in 44th Div.
Sgt. Blackeby	13th—2nd in 44th Div.
Pte. Buckle	29th
Pte. Temlett	35th
2/Lt. Rae	41st
Capt. Blumson	46th
Sgt. Nickson	56th
2/Lt. Dobrski	61st
Pte. Taylor	65th

Non-running team captain and trainer:
S.S.I. Griffiths, A.P.T.C.

Our congratulations to all the participants and in particular to S.S.I. Griffiths for his hard work and encouragement over the years.

Personalities

It was very good news to hear that our former R.Q.M.S. Townsend was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours. R.Q.M.S. Townsend joined the unit (then



R.Q.M.S. E. F. Townsend, M.B.E.

the 22nd London) in May 1929. He was appointed R.Q.M.S. of the 1st/6th Queen's in 1940, and re-appointed R.Q.M.S. of the 6th Queen's in 1949. He took part in the Battalion contingent lining the route of King George V's silver jubilee drive in 1935 and for the funerals of King George V and King George VI. He was in the coronation procession of our present Queen. He is a founder member of our O.C.A. and a very active one. We send him our warm congratulations.

All ranks at Bermondsey and Croydon wish to take this opportunity of thanking our Commanding Officer, Col. Nice, who retires on the amalgamation, for his many years of devoted service to the Battalion. Col. Nice has served with the 6th Queen's in peace and war, with only a few short interruptions, for 20 years. He joined as a private in 1941 and was promoted sergeant in 1942. After a period at O.C.T.U. he rejoined the 1st/6th Battalion in January 1943 and served continuously with the Battalion until the end of the war. He rejoined in 1947 on reformation and was appointed to command in 1958. Few Territorial officers

can have given so much to one unit as he has given to us, serving in all ranks from private to commanding officer, and we would like him to know how much we have valued his leadership. We shall miss him very much and hope that he will interest himself in the future of the new Queen's Battalion and its activities for many years to come.

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6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

Special Order of the Day

By Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.

Kingston-upon-Thames

17th November, 1960

I am sure All Ranks will welcome the news that we, The 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) are to be amalgamated with the 23rd London Regiment (T.A.), who are old friends with whom we have much in common.

We are both units of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and both units who have a splendid record of service which we shall be proud to share and inherit.

With every confidence for the future I call upon All Ranks of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) to maintain the great traditions of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and the 23rd London Regiment (T.A.) so that the Amalgamated Battalion will always be a worthy successor to the two present Battalions and an outstanding unit of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

T. MacD. BAKER (Colonel),
Honorary Colonel, 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. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.
Adjutant-Training Officer	Capt. J. B. Ray
Quartermaster	Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E.
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Lt. W. Messenger
R.S.M.	W.O.1 E. S. Bartrip
R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 A. Grimwood
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

ON 1st February, 1961, the Battalion left 131st Surrey and Sussex Infantry Brigade (T.A.) and came under command of 47th (London) Infantry Brigade (T.A.). Whilst we are sorry to leave the Brigade, with which we have had many years of service and which has been the "Surrey" Brigade in peace and war, we realise that changes are inevitable and look forward to our future in 47th Infantry Brigade and service in that Brigade as an amalgamated battalion 6th Surreys/23rd London Regiment. At the time these notes were being written the Battalion was busy preparing for amalgamation with the 23rd London Regiment,

and by the time the Journal is published the amalgamation will be complete.

The Battalion has already started to reorganise in preparation for the amalgamation, but the appointments shown are those held before the reorganisation commenced.

Battalion H.Q. and "H.Q." Company, after 11 years in Kingston Barracks, have already moved to the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. Two other drill halls have been closed and two new ones, Sutton and Leatherhead, are to come into the Battalion area.

Permanent Staff, Home Counties Brigade Depot, January, 1961



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Despite the preparations for amalgamation, training and other activities have continued.

The Battalion leadership competition took place on Salisbury Plain at the beginning of October, and at the end of that month the Commanding Officer and a party of 30 all ranks visited the R.A.F. at Lyneham.

The party was very well received and looked after, and were fortunate enough to go up in a Comet which was on a training flight.

The annual children's party took place early in January. The quietest time during the party was when the children were eating the excellent food provided by Miss Dodds and Margaret, who are now back at the N.A.A.F.I., The Army School of Civil Defence at Epsom.

The 6th Battalion past and present all

ranks' dinner was held at the Griffin Hotel on 3rd February. Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., the Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.; Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B. (Honorary Colonel of the 23rd London Regiment); Mr. L. V. Powell, LL.B., Town Clerk of the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, and Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., commanding 47th Infantry Brigade, were our guests. Our own Honorary Colonel and some 90 past and present members of the 6th, 1/6th and 2/6th Battalions were present, including six former Commanding Officers.

Her Majesty The Queen will be visiting Kingston-upon-Thames on 24th March and a detachment of the Battalion will be on parade. This will probably be the last time the 6th

Battalion, or any part of it, takes part in a parade.

A team of the Battalion and The 23rd London Regiment has already started training for the divisional rifle meeting which takes place at the end of April.

The Regiment will again be represented in the Nijmegen Marches this year, as permission has been granted for the new Battalion to represent the 44th Division by sending a team to Holland in July.

It is a sad thought that this is the last time that there will be any 6th Battalion entry in the Journal, and it is equally sad that there will no longer be a unit of the Regiment in the old Surreys Barracks. The parade grounds, playing fields and gymnasiums have been very useful to the Battalion and we

received considerable help from the Regimental Depot when it was in the Barracks.

However, nothing but good can come out of the amalgamation of the two battalions, even though it means parting from old friends and familiar places.

We look forward to the future with great confidence, and hope that we will still be visited by past members of the Battalion.

The amalgamated battalion is going to annual camp on Dartmoor on the 13th May, and for once it will be in huts instead of under canvas.

Officers' Mess

In October the annual officers' ball was held at the Richmond Hill Hotel and was

well attended; the guests included the Mayors of Kingston-upon-Thames, Richmond, Malden and Surbiton. In November the Mess entertained the officers of the 23rd London Regiment (T.A.) to cocktails and in January we attended a party given by them in the Officers' Mess, Clapham Junction.

The ladies of the Battalion were guests at a dinner night held in the Mess on 31st December and we had a very enjoyable evening.

The last Sunday morning cocktail party in the barracks was held on the 5th February.

We welcome 2/Lts. Cameron, Sinclair and Thompson to the Mess on receiving their commissions.

Sergeants' Mess

In November and early December the Mess prepared for the Christmas draw, and on a cold Saturday evening in December members of the Mess, their friends, and a number of officers crowded into the Mess for this traditional event.

It was a great success and it was good to see so many old friends. Everybody who found time to eat enjoyed the food provided by Sgt. Haynes and his cooks.

It is said that the honours for winning the most prizes went to W.O.2 Davies and Sgt. Hellier.

We have had many comings and goings in the past four months. W.O.2 Crowther joined us from the 1st Battalion and W.O.2 D. "Clem" Clemens left the Army and is now with the W.D. Constabulary at Colchester and we wish them both good luck. We also congratulate Sgt. Andrews on his promotion and welcome him to the Mess.

Whilst we are looking forward to joining our friends in the Sergeants' Mess of the 23rd London Regiment, we are very sorry that the amalgamation will mean that we will also be bidding farewell to the Bandmaster, R.Q.M.S. Grimwood, C/Sgt. Handison and Sgt. Johnson.

R.Q.M.S. "Gripper" Grimwood and C/Sgt. Handison have given the Battalion and the Mess many years of loyal and faithful service and they will be greatly missed.

We are hoping that at camp this year Dartmoor will not provide any mountaineering activities such as those in which we took part last year.

Please make a note of the date:

Final Copy for November 1961 issue should reach the Editor by 1st September.

"H.Q." COMPANY

KINGSTON BARRACKS DETACHMENT

Company Commander ..	Capt. A. J. Cope
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 T. Shaw
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. A. Burgess
P.S.I. ..	Sgt. E. Holledge

Since the last issue of the Journal the Company has been training hard, and we have been rewarded with some new recruits.

Our Company dinner was held on the 20th January in the Company canteen and we were especially pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D., R.S.M. and Mrs. Bartrip and Sgt. and Mrs. Chaffer.

Unfortunately, many Battalion officers were at the 23rd London Regiment's cocktail party that evening and the Commanding Officer was attending the Divisional Commander's exercise.

We are now moving to Portsmouth Road T.A. Centre, where there are good facilities for evening training for both the M.T. and the Signals Platoon, but in many ways we will miss the barracks.

"A" COMPANY

HERSHAM DETACHMENT

Company Commander ..	Capt. B. A. Ramsey, T.D.
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 J. White
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. G. Dimond
P.S.I. ..	Sgt. A. Cakebread

Since camp, training has continued with our small but active Company.

An interesting exercise was carried out in the Hindhead area before Christmas, when members of the Company faultlessly completed a difficult cross-country map-reading exercise including coding and decoding wireless messages.

We congratulate Pte. Tigwell on gaining his marksman's badge for the rifle.

After camp we welcomed Capt. Walton of the Lancashire Fusiliers, who was posted to us for out-of-camp training, and also Pte. Kewish.

We congratulate 2/Lt. Cameron and 2/Lt. Sinclair on being granted their commissions.

The drill hall in Molesey Road, Hershams, the home of "A" Company for nearly 30 years is amongst those that must close under the reorganisation. The sound of marching feet and the clink of glasses will no longer be heard from the drill hall, and we are sure that many old Surreys will be sorry to hear that the doors have been closed for the last time on "A" Company of the 6th Battalion.

This sad occurrence was not allowed to pass without recognition. On Twelfth Night

an enjoyable farewell party was held by the serving members and their families. The Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, Quartermaster, Lt.-Col. Squire and other members of the Battalion were also present.

Members of the Company are being dispersed throughout the Battalion but they will take with them the keenness and good spirit that has always been present in "A" Company.

"B" COMPANY

RICHMOND DETACHMENT

Detachment Commander ..	Major J. S. D. Wright
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. J. W. Ennis
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 H. Coombe
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. G. Hammersley
P.S.I. ..	Sgt. W. Hellier

In the plan for the reorganisation and amalgamation of the Battalion, Richmond Detachment is being reduced to a Rifle Platoon, and the Drums are moving to Portsmouth Road.

In 1859 the 9th Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps was raised in Richmond under the command of Capt. Morgan-Yeatman and within a few months had enlisted a hundred volunteers. In the following years it became well known in the area for the shooting ability of its members. At the beginning of World War II the detachment formed the nucleus of the 2/6th Battalion. Whatever the future holds for the Battalion Richmond will continue to play its part in providing volunteers.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have held several social functions, including our New Year's Ball. The latter event was well attended and we were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Richmond and several members of the Council. We have welcomed Ptes. Hobbs, Simpson and Walsh as new recruits.

Pte. Mohan is to be congratulated on being a marksman in both L.M.G. and rifle and Pte. Beckingham on achieving this distinction with the rifle. Pte. Parmenter is congratulated on becoming a father; we hope he is not losing too much sleep.

"D" COMPANY

ORCHARD ROAD DETACHMENT

Company Commander ..	Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. S. G. O. Laden
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 P. Henman
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. F. Hodgkin
P.S.I. ..	Sgt. T. Swift

"The wind of change . . ."

Amalgamation means the closing of

Orchard Road Detachment, which we and generations of Surreys have held in sentimental regard for a great number of years. However, the Company will continue with its H.Q., and part of it at Portsmouth Road T.A. Centre, and a detachment at Sutton. We wish good luck to Capt. Landen, who will be going to Richmond, and welcome Capt. Ramsey and 2/Lt. Sinclair, who will soon be joining us.

Winter training has aimed, not at producing one or two experts in a specific field, so much as at producing a good team reasonably proficient in all basic subjects. The indoor obstacle course has taught us numerous lessons and the all-night march over Salisbury Plain in atrocious weather taught the value of team spirit and demonstrated a remarkably high morale. We have been very active with evening training and the Company was given the task of producing a first-aid team to represent the amalgamated battalion in the divisional competition.

Participation in the hardening marches for Nijmegen in which some hope to make their third pilgrimage; training with the Battalion rifle team, a home-made "falling plate" adapted for the miniature range; a welter of paper submerging the Company Office and burying the Company Commander, have together kept all members of the Company busy during the winter. Our volunteer strength has risen to an unprecedented "high."

We feel that we have been able to keep up the Detachment's reputation for hospitality. We have run two dances, one of which was the last Orchard Road ball held in December.

We also feel that our training and normal activities will continue in the new home in Portsmouth Road and look forward to an equally busy future.

"S" COMPANY

CHERTSEY AND COBHAM DETACHMENTS

Company Commander ..	Capt. P. Labbett
M.M.G. Pl. Comd. and	
O.C. Chertsey Detach.	Lt. P. R. H. Thompson
3-in. Mortar Pl. Comd. ..	Lt. P. Gentles
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 T. Collins
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. E. Handison
P.S.I. ..	W.O.2 D. Crowther

Major B. Aldis, who went on extended leave in January 1960, has now had to go to T.A.R.O. and we say good-bye to him with real regret. During his tenure as Company Commander the strength of the Company

rose from about a dozen to the very respectable figure of about 65. This was due to no small extent to his own very hard work and example.

Chertsey Detachment held their annual dance in November and this was a very great success. Unprecedented numbers of the British Legion were shepherded in by Cpl. Izant, and the hall in general and the bar in particular were soon crowded. By 9.30 p.m. the area was officially declared to be a drought area and emergency supplies were sent in by a pre-arranged pipe line from the pub opposite. There is a rumour that dancing also took place, although definite proof of this cannot be found.

Recruiting continues at a reduced but steady rate and both detachments average

about 30 all ranks. The Company (Chertsey Detachment) won first place in the Battalion leadership competition exercise on Salisbury Plain. The exercise took place at the same time as the disastrous floods which swept Wiltshire in the autumn. Only determined free-style swimming in the hours of darkness enabled Lt. P. Thompson to bring his team through to a well-deserved win.

Notice

The Battalion archivist is Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D. Any member of the Regiment who has records, photographs, or items of interest relating to the 6th Battalion and wishes to donate them, should send such items to Lt.-Col. Squire at the following address: c/o T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

23rd London Regiment (T.A.)

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Quartermaster
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R.Q.M.S.

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Lt.-Col. W. H. A. Robinson
Major G. Y. Strawson, T.D.
Major H. J. A. Moore
Major E. J. Weeks
W.O.1 T. J. Mutter
W.O.2 G. A. Hurley

TO write one's own obituary is always a sad thing. In this case we lose a title first adopted by the Regiment in 1908 and a Regimental Headquarters which has been at Clapham for over 80 years. Nevertheless, it is not the complete end. On the 1st May we join with the 6th Battalion to form one new battalion whilst still retaining two company groups at Clapham. The amalgamation committee has done its work, resolved all the major problems, and now disbanded itself. Inevitably, there was heartache, particularly in the unenviable selection of those who would have to depart. To them go our grateful thanks for all they have done in the past and our hope that they will continue to support the Regimental Association and all regimental functions.

Now for the future. The Regiment is already re-cast into two rifle company

groups under the command of Majors Mitchell and Conran. With this new organisation both interest and training incentive has increased greatly. This, we hope, in its turn will lead to a successful recruiting drive. We go to camp on 13th May as an amalgamated battalion by which time the shaking-down process will be well under way and ready to be consolidated once and for all during that fortnight. It has been a rush, but the problems are nearly over and out of the fog of paper war is beginning to emerge a rejuvenated and vigorous battalion. The chance is there and it is up to those remaining to seize it.

In comparison with amalgamation activities, all other efforts pale into insignificance, but they should be recorded if for no other reason than to give credit to those concerned.

Our series of winter training lectures and activities ended in January. It has been run on a regimental basis under the direction of Major Hall and was generally felt to have been of value. It took the shape of an Officers' and senior N.C.O.s' cadre, advanced and recruit training. A series of week-end range practices and exercises was also held. The small bore shooting is now well under way. We were joint fifth in the divisional major units championship and have entered for a variety of decentralised shoots. Great credit is due to the team for the time and effort spent in practice which has resulted in a good performance against such experts as Queen Victoria's Rifles, Sharpshooters, and the London Fire Brigade.

Remembrance Day was commemorated in the traditional manner with a ceremonial parade which was also attended by members of the Cadet Company, Regimental Association, Burma Star Association, and the two local branches of the British Legion. The contingent, some 200 strong, marched to St. Mary's Church, Battersea, at which the Lesson was read by the Mayor of Battersea, who also, accompanied by the Honorary Colonel, took the salute at the subsequent march past. On return to the drill hall the Territorial Decoration was presented to Majors Strawson and Pickering, and the Territorial Efficiency Medal to W.O.2 P. J. O. Walker. After the parade had dismissed, a luncheon party was held in the Officers' Mess. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Battersea, the Deputy Lieutenant of the County, and the two Members of Parliament for Battersea with their ladies.

Sergeants' Mess social activities have included their annual dinner and Christmas draw. A final ball is now being planned. In the Officers' Mess a farewell cocktail party was held for H.Q., 168th Brigade, The London Scottish and The London Irish, with whom we have been closely associated for so long. Shortly afterwards the officers held a cocktail party for the officers of 6th Surreys. This was a return match for one they had kindly given us. A ladies' guest night was also held in February. In this connection the officers will always be grateful to Sgt. and Mrs. Manson and members of the Battalion who assist at these functions and without whom they could not possibly be held.

In December, Mobiloil Company of Great Britain kindly presented to the Regiment a

very fine piece of silver in recognition of the help we have given to their rifle club. The presentation was made to the Commanding Officer by the chairman of Mobiloil at a representative gathering of all ranks in the Officers' Mess.

The annual regimental children's Christmas party was held on the 7th January. Some 120 children attended. The drill hall was transformed into a magic cave and the great efforts of the Quartermaster and his Permanent Staff team were amply rewarded by the enjoyment of those who came.

Finally, let us revert to the thought uppermost in everyone's mind—amalgamation. Regiments come and go; they are not lightly to be discarded or forgotten. New ones arise combining the best of the old. Clapham Drill Hall, given to the Regiment by Lord Wandsworth, will retain some mystic quality. From it went forth a contingent to the Boer War, three battalions to the Great War 1914-1918, and two tank regiments to the 1939-1945 War. In all, twelve hundred and eleven failed to return. Their names are inscribed on the Rolls of Honour in the entrance to the Drill Hall. They are the ones particularly to be remembered in this the last contribution to the Regimental Journal by 23rd London Regiment (T.A.).

All Saints Church Kingston-upon-Thames

Chapel of the East Surrey Regiment

On 15th December, 1960, at a simple ceremony in the East Surrey Chapel, six "kneelers" for the chapel were blessed by the Rev. T. G. Nash, C.F. These "kneelers" are the gift of Mrs. Blunden, wife of Major A. C. Blunden, late The East Surrey Regiment. She had been making them for the previous two years. They are in the regimental colours of The East Surrey Regiment and bear selected battle honours commencing with "Gibraltar 1704-5."

"R" Battery

265 LAA Regiment, R.A. (T.A.)

IN previous issues of the Journal this account appeared under the title of "R" (Queen's) Battery, 570th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), which Battery was based at 71 Braganza Street, S.E.17. It now appears under this new title, and is submitted from 4 Flodden Road, S.E.5. This requires an explanation.

It is a very sad story, and has been brought about by the current T.A. reorganisation and "stream-lining." For the sake of the record it must be given, so here it is. Following the T.A. reorganisation of 1955, when A.A. Command was abolished, 622nd (Queen's) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.) (who were the successors to the 7th (Southwark) Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, and before that the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's)), was amalgamated with 570th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (F.S.R.) (T.A.). The Regiment thus formed took the lower number and was therefore titled 570th. Each regiment became two batteries, "P" and "Q" and "R" and "S." In the current reorganisation 570th Regiment is reduced to one L.A.A. Battery of 265th Regiment. Thus, what was originally two regiments is now one L.A.A. battery and all the history and traditions of those regiments continues in the present "R" Battery of 265th L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.).

There is, however, another most important fact which we must record and we do so with the deepest regret. The Battery now formed was initially told that it would retain two of its three drill halls. In fact, it now only occupies the Flodden Road drill hall. This means that 71 Braganza Street has had to be vacated. The unit first took possession of this site, then called New Street, in 1865. It was largely rebuilt in 1936-7. All agree it is a very compact, efficient and pleasant drill hall. It goes without saying what a tragedy it is that the unit has been compulsorily ejected from Braganza Street; the street itself was renamed in 1938 in honour of the unit. It breaks a link in the chain after 96 years' occupation; it breaks the very close, important and personal link between the Borough of Southwark and the unit.

Happily, Flodden Road, Camberwell, which has hitherto been the home of the First Surrey Rifles, is no great distance from Braganza Street. It now becomes the home of both "sides" of the old 570th Regiment. One close link that we do intend to maintain with Southwark is that with St. Mary's Church, whose clock it will be recalled we restored in commemoration of our centenary on 13th March, 1960. Furthermore, the Colours of the former Queen's Battalion, which we still hold, will be laid up in St. Mary's; they were received at Windsor on 19th June, 1909.

All our possessions have now been removed to Flodden Road. The Museum we had at Braganza Street is also there. The latter is at present in packing cases until we decide what to do with it, but it will probably be reopened in our new home.

Like so many other units this reorganisation has struck down some of our senior serving members. The majority of the Battery will, we hope, soon resettle at Flodden Road. The new Battery Commander is Major P. H. Dunstone, formerly Commander of "R" Battery at Braganza Street. Amongst those whom we are sorry to see go are the only three remaining members who served at Braganza Street before the war; B.S.M. G. Paisley, B.S.M. G. Crick and L/Bdr. S. F. Payne. Their combined service totals over 70 years.

All the foregoing makes, and indeed is, very sad reading. The unit at Braganza Street has now suffered within five years two shattering body blows, of which far the worse is the present one whereby the drill hall is taken away from under us. It is now in the possession of the 17th (London) General Hospital, R.A.M.C. (T.A.); a "mixed" unit of 1,200 beds. They are truly fortunate in succeeding to such a fine drill hall and have every right to be proud of it.

To move to more cheerful news we are happy to say that our centenary ball in the Manor Place Baths, on 19th November, 1960, was an outstanding success. There were over 400 present, amongst whom were innumerable Old Comrades and many other friends. This ball, the culmination of our

centenary celebrations, was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Southwark, our Brigade Commander, and many more, all of whom enjoyed the evening and the striking cabaret turns. The credit for this successful evening goes to Sgt. E. H. Leddell, who worked so hard on it, and to all who attended and thus ensured its success.

Speaking of the centenary we are particularly pleased about two facts in this extraordinary past 12 months. Firstly, that our centenary clock appeal was successful; the object of this was that the clock of St. Mary's should be restored as a public sign of our centenary of volunteer service. Secondly, we are especially grateful that all the centenary arrangements and celebrations

have been carried out before the present reorganisation took final effect; in fact, whilst we were at 71 Braganza Street.

We have now left Braganza Street; the actual date was 10th February. It marks the end of an epoch. Although we are now in being at Flodden Road, there is no point in denying that it will never be quite the same. We cannot now carry the subsidiary title of "Queen's" as the present Battery is the rightful successor of both Queen's and First Surrey Rifles. We go forward therefore as the inheritors to two very distinguished Volunteer and Territorial Regiments. Mindful of and honouring our glorious past, we continue in our new form hopeful of further happy and useful service.

Army Cadet Force

1st Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Regiment

Commanding Officer	Major W. H. J. Sale, M.B.E., M.C.
2IC	Capt. J. H. Patterson
Detachment Commanders:	
Selhurst Grammar School	Lt. C. F. Wells
Redhill and Reigate	Capt. C. H. Wilson
Dorking	Lt. R. A. M. Newton
John Ruskin Grammar School	Capt. K. G. Maggs
Wallington	Lt. P. Tween
Queen's House	Capt. L. H. S. Bishop
Sharpshooters	2/Lt. B. Soper
Sydenham Road	Capt. L. H. S. Bishop

A number of important changes have taken place in the Battalion since the last issue of the Journal. Battalion Headquarters have moved from Reigate to Croydon and now function in the palatial T.A. Centre in Sydenham Road. A new detachment has been formed there making the number of detachments in the Battalion up to eight.

Partly due to this extra detachment, but more positively, we believe, the result of our intensive training programme, our numbers have increased by one third to over 300 Cadets. If this increase is the result of our training programme, the upward trend is likely to continue, for the Battalion policy of carrying out large-scale exercises with the help of the T.A. has been intensified for the period up to the 1961 annual camp and will include a four-day exercise at Easter, a

three-day exercise at Whitsun, and at least three other two-day exercises with the T.A. between Easter and July 30th, when the Battalion proceeds to Fingeringhoe, in Essex, for a fortnight's camp. In addition, we have arranged for 14 week-ends at the Outward Bound Centre at Gatton, Reigate, and two week-end visits to the Royal Armoured Corps at Lulworth and Bovington.

Shooting is not being neglected either and, besides having detachment practices at Ash Ranges, the Battalion shooting teams are putting in a lot of time at Bisley, and are determined to better their fine achievements of last year. Further to our successes which were reported in the last issue, we took part in the National Inter-Services Cadet Rifle Meeting at Bisley in October, where the following laurels were added to our collection:

Cadet D. Smith was third in the Cadet hundred and won the Rifle Brigade trophy and champion shot Army Cadet Force. "A" team were third in the Montgomery of Alamein trophy and Cadet/Sgts. Martin, Shaw and Oliver achieved Cadet hundreds in addition to Cadet Smith.

All these extra activities are organised at Battalion level, so allowing the Detachment Commanders to concentrate on their normal training programmes in the huts.

A further innovation has been the formation of what we call the 21A Club. It has

been found extremely difficult in recent years, with the advent of the mixed youth clubs, to retain the interest of the older Cadet after he has passed his Certificate "A," Part II, and this club is designed to fill this need.

All Cadets are eligible for membership when they become established Cadets, and this we estimate to be when they have passed the Certificate "A," Part I, examination. They may then remain as members until they are 21, irrespective of whether they continue to serve in the Battalion or not. A lad may have to leave the Battalion because of studies, or if he leaves the area; or perhaps he had joined the T.A. or the Regular Army; we can still keep in touch with him through the club.

The club is captained by a junior officer, himself under 21. It is run by a committee of senior Cadets who are divided into four sub-committees catering for sport, social activities, social service, and military training. There is also a younger members' committee who have a representative on each of the sub-committees so that the needs of the younger element are not overlooked. The adult influence has been kept to an absolute minimum. The C.O. is, of course, the chairman, and the vice-chairman is an officer

1st Cadet Battalion



CADET D. SMITH

Rifle Brigade Cup

Champion Shot of Army Cadet Force



L/Cpl. D. Money receiving 2nd prize, 500 yds. individual, from Field-Marshal The Lord Wilson of Libya



1st CADET BATTALION
THE QUEEN'S ROYAL
REGIMENT TEAMS AT
NATIONAL INTER-
SERVICE CADET
MEETING AT BISLEY

Left to right: Sgt. D. Martin (Capt.), Sgt. T. Shaw, Sgt. J. Oliver, Cadet P. Finch, L/Cpl. D. Money, Cadet R. Clements, C.S.M. R. Burton, Cadet D. Smith

Sgts. Martin and Shaw holding Canada Cup won by Surrey

specially appointed to give guidance to the committee as requested. No other adult is allowed to interfere unless asked by the committee for advice or assistance in some particular project.

At the moment the club's activities include a driving/maintenance course, an advanced signal course, basket-ball, table tennis, darts, billiards, snooker, etc., and there is an excellent canteen with a juke box to help the atmosphere. On certain nights, the Cadets are allowed to invite their girl friends along.

In due course, by means of the sub-committees, it is hoped to introduce many more attractions. One of the responsibilities of the Military Sub-Committee is to organise expeditions as for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, with the assistance of the Training Officer.

The Club opened on 9th January and, at the time of writing, is making good progress. We hope to be able to give a further report in the next issue of the Journal.

2nd Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment

On 1st November, 1960, Major C. W. Summers, T.D., formerly Commander of "D" Company, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, from 1947-51, took over command of the Battalion from Major J. MacKay.

Since camp the Battalion has been involved in the usual sporting events and we are pleased to say, without we hope appearing to be smug, that we feel we have done moderately well.

Boxing

In the county boxing, in Class "X," No. 6 (Sheerwater) Platoon were runners-up to

4/5th Surreys; in Class "A," No. 8 (Bagshot) Platoon and No. 6 (Sheerwater) Platoon tied; and Class "C" was won by No. 8 (Bagshot) Platoon.

Football

No. 4 (Woking) Platoon have fought their way through to the final of the inter-detachment football, which will be played on 19th March.

Lts. A. J. Thornton and M. P. H. Williams and Sergeant Instructors Parsons and Roberts have recently joined the Battalion.

Training is now in full swing and a special training programme has been organised to substantially increase the numbers of Cadets holding Certificate A, Part I, and week-end courses are being run for candidates for Part II. A very successful 48-hour scheme was

recently arranged and organised by Cadet/Sgt. May of No. 9 (York Town) Platoon.

Just before Christmas we had the privilege of handing over the Duke of Edinburgh's banner on behalf of the Army Cadet Force to the Commandant, Frimley Park Cadet Training Centre, for safe keeping. Commander of the guard of honour was Cadet/S.M. O'Callaghan of No. 1 (Guildford) Platoon and the banner bearer was Cadet/Sgt. May of No. 9 (York Town) Platoon.

Cadet/S.M. O'Callaghan, who hopes to obtain a commission in the regular army, has since been appointed a County Commandant's Cadet. We are very pleased about this as it is the first award of its kind the Battalion has ever received, and the Commandant presented the badge at Battalion H.Q. on Tuesday, 7th March.

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. Sweasey
Surbiton Grammar School Platoon ..	Capt. E. J. Hillier
St. Paul's School Platoon	Capt. D. McLean
Leatherhead Platoon	Capt. R. B. Kitchen
Hersham Platoon ..	2/Lt. J. N. Hypher
Kingston Platoon ..	2/Lt. M. J. Boxall
Chessington Platoon	Lt. T. C. R. Woodd
Cobham Platoon ..	Lt. J. C. Welch
Chertsey Platoon ..	Lt. W. C. Burnett

At the time of writing this report the Battalion once more finds itself involved in the throes of reorganisation and the dominant question which all are asking is: "What is going to happen to us?" Unfortunately we cannot yet answer the question in every case but we do know:

(a) that the Hersham Platoon must leave its present drill hall and move into the hatted accommodation adjoining Battalion H.Q. at Walton;

(b) that the Kingston Platoon, at present housed in the Barracks, will disappear. We hope that most of its members will migrate to the existing platoon at Portsmouth Road but, as this platoon has not



Cadet/Sgt. Pettitt receiving the Duke of Edinburgh's Banner from the Mayor of Kingston-upon-Thames

yet been placed under command of the Battalion, a somewhat difficult administrative problem may arise, the more so as the accommodation at Portsmouth Road is not adequate to house both Platoons together;

(c) that a new platoon will be formed shortly at Leatherhead under the command of Capt. R. B. Kitchen and will occupy accommodation in the T.A. Drill Hall there;

(d) that Battalion H.Q. will move to new quarters at the Portsmouth Road Drill Hall, Kingston.

The winter months have been devoted mainly to consolidating the basic lessons learnt in training during the summer camp, in spite of the weather. It is pleasing to record the very considerable enthusiasm with which Cadets willingly spend a week-end under canvas or in huts, often in appalling conditions of weather, for the sole purpose of taking part in open-air military exercises. Most of the platoons have at some time in the past few months spent a week-end at the A.C.F. Training Centre, Haslemere, and some have regularly provided Cadets to assist in T.A. or Civil Defence exercises.



BATTALION SHOOTING TROPHIES, 1960
4/5th Cadet Battalion The East Surrey Regiment

Doubtless those Cadets who took part in the 6th Battalion exercise on Salisbury Plain wish to tell their own story of the "Flanders" conditions but space does not, unfortunately, allow it. Suffice to say that they came through with colours still flying, as indeed did the Battalion Section which won the Surrey A.C.F. patrol competition in conditions more suitable for frogmen's pursuits than for a military patrol on ground reconnaissance. That these open-air exercises in winter are beneficial, however arduous they may be, is shewn by the recent results of the Certificate "A," Part II, examination where the Battalion achieved a 100 per cent. pass. Part I results were, however, not so good and by past standards can be accounted disappointing, but it may well be that we are asking a little too much from recruits not yet 15 years of age.

We were privileged once more to take into custody the Duke of Edinburgh's A.C.F. Centenary Banner prior to its being laid up permanently at the National Cadet Training

Centre at Frimley Park. An impressive ceremony at the Portsmouth Road Drill Hall on the evening of 9th December was attended by some 70 official guests and approximately 150 Cadets, their parents, and friends. We were particularly pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston, the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Malden and Coombe and the chairman of Walton and Weybridge Urban District Council and Mrs. Seaman. It was also fitting that we should have had on parade with us C.S.M. Edgeley of the Welsh Guards, who has done so much to assist the Battalion in camp and otherwise over the past two years. We were indeed grateful to Lt.-Col. Cantlay for having so kindly placed the drill hall at our disposal.

At the Inter-Services National Cadet Rifle Meeting at Bisley the County of Surrey were the winners of the Canada Cup. Sgt. Hawckett was among the four Cadets selected to represent the county in this competition.

We were also runners-up in the Earl Roberts competition which extends to all Commonwealth countries and were awarded the Jeudwine Trophy.

In other spheres of sporting activity we can record:

(a) that Hersham Platoon were winners of the junior county swimming championship;

(b) that Chertsey Platoon won the junior county boxing championship;

(c) that L/Cpl. Vanderwort of Chertsey Platoon fought his way through to the London District boxing finals where, eventually, he was given a walk-over.

We have recently said good-bye to Lts. Callow and Barnham, who have left the service of the A.C.F. after nine and seven years, respectively, of loyal service and hard work. On the credit side we welcome Lt. Berry to the Battalion and we are also pleased to record the return of Capt. Ray Kitchen after a few years of assignment elsewhere. He is now turning his hand to the task of organising a new platoon at Leatherhead.

Capt. J. Rapley and Capt. E. J. Hillier have been awarded the Cadet Long Service Medal for 12 years of continuous service. We congratulate them both on a most creditable performance.

Finally, an item of, perhaps, unusual interest. Of the 30 officers and S.M.I./S.I.s in the Battalion, 26 are ex-Cadets of whom 16 actually served in this Battalion.

Bequest

MAJOR W. S. HOOKER, M.B.E., T.D.

A clause in the will of the late Major W. S. Hooker reads as follows:

"I give to the Colonel for the time being of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, The Barracks, Kingston, Surrey, the sum of £250 free of duty in recognition of the fine comradeship I have enjoyed during my service and interest in the Regiment. And it is my desire but without imposing any trust that the said sum should be used by the said Colonel in his absolute discretion for the benefit of the Regiment and/or its Old Soldiers."

The Regiment is extremely grateful for this kind and generous bequest.

Main Regimental Events

24th May—Home Counties Brigade Golf Meeting at Canterbury.

25th and 26th May—Cricket versus H.M.S. *Excellent* at Canterbury.

3rd June—Officers' Club Reunion. Cocktail Party, Kingston-upon-Thames.

4th June—Regimental Association Reunion. Garden Party, Kingston-upon-Thames.

17th June—Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association Annual Dinner, Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea.

24th June—5 Queen's Reunion, Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.

22nd July—Home Counties Brigade Depot "At Home," Canterbury.

27th and 28th July—Cricket versus Royal Marines at Canterbury.

29th July—5 Queen's "At Home," at Guildford.

3rd and 4th October—Regimental Golf Society — Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.

7th October—Regimental Association Tercentenary Banquet, Criterion, Piccadilly Circus.

14th October, 3.30 p.m.—Tercentenary Parade and Ceremony, Putney Heath.

14th October—Officers' Club Tercentenary Banquet, Dorchester Hotel, London.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association
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much more comfortable than those of our day. There must be many old members of the Regiment who can recall their first voyage in a troopship. The writer certainly remembers his in S.S. *Kildonan Castle*, way back in 1919, when the 1st Surreys went to Russia. Who can ever forget being a mess deck orderly in a rough sea, trying to carve up a sirloin of beef with the ship dipping and rolling; or the mad scramble down on the hammock deck at 6 p.m.; and not forgetting the grand free-for-all in the troops' wash-house first thing in the morning!

Allied Regiments

South Alberta Light Horse

WE are very pleased to hear that our Allied Regiment, The South Alberta Light Horse, has regained its regimental status, and we congratulate the Commanding Officer, whom we have known as Major N. R. Ray, on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

We reproduce the following relevant and interesting News Release:

Local Militia Unit Regains Regimental Status

The South Alberta Light Horse (R.C.A.C.), based in Medicine Hat and which perpetuates military units dating back to the North-west Rebellion of 1885, has regained its regimental status after being designated an Independent Squadron for over one year. The effective date was officially declared as of 1st December, 1960.

The Regiment came into being in 1954 during a period of drastic reorganisation of Reserve Forces. It replaced the 68th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the 41st Anti-Tank Regiment, and The South Alberta Regiment formerly located here under the command of Lt.-Col. B. McKenzie.

Regimental Headquarters of the S.A.L.H. and one squadron were Calgary based while outlying squadrons were located in Strathmore and Medicine Hat. Subsequently troops were also established in Standard, Gleichen, Bassano and Brooks.

Squadron Status

In 1959 regimental status in Calgary was dropped and with the exception of "A" Squadron, based in Medicine Hat, Alberta, the other squadrons and outlying troops were absorbed into The King's Own Calgary Regiment. "A" Squadron became an Independent Squadron reporting directly to 22nd Militia Group Headquarters in Calgary. Major N. R. Ray, E.D., commanding the Squadron, was determined to regain the prestige of regimental status for the unit as well as the city which has long enjoyed the benefits of a regimentally-based unit, The South Alberta Regiment. The squadron immediately undertook an intensive recruit-

ing programme, overhauled all administrative functions and training programmes with the result that in a little over a year the increase in numbers taken on strength of the unit warranted reinstatement of a full regiment.

History

The S.A.L.H. perpetuates the Rocky Mountain Rangers of 1885, The Alberta Mounted Rifles and the 15th Alberta Light Horse of the First World War. Upon the reorganisation of Militia Units in 1954 Lt.-Col. P. W. Higgs became the founder of the new regiment and he in turn was succeeded by Lt.-Col. C. D. Williams. Major N. R. Ray, E.D., now in the process of being raised to Lt.-Col. rank, thus becomes the third Commander of the Regiment.

The present unit establishment is under one roof at Patterson Armouries in Medicine Hat and possesses Regimental Headquarters, elements of Headquarters Squadron, two fighting squadrons with the third and final squadron shortly to be activated if recruiting continues at the present rate. The Regiment is making a preliminary survey of the town of Bow Island for the possible recruitment of two troops there with the thought of basing a full squadron there eventually in keeping with the problem of national survival training.

The following is a precis of the Commanding Officer's Diary of Unit History for January 1961:

Lt.-Col. P. W. Higgs was elected as president of the A.U.S.I. in Calgary. Lt.-Col. Higgs was the first Commanding Officer of S.A.L.H.

The Young Soldiers started training on 7th January and 107 attended the first parade.

Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray attended Area Commanders' conference at Edmonton from 20th to 22nd January.

The Command Chaplain paid an official visit to the Unit on 26th January and ex-

pressed himself as quite favourably impressed with the Unit.

The diary ends with the following entry: 31st January. Cpl. B. D. Miller (Bonny),

Canadian Women's Army Corps, came through orders from Western Command for her Corporal's substantive rank. Presented chevrons to her personally. She quite thrilled.

Presentation of Colours to the 1st Bn. The Northern Rhodesia Regiment

NEW Colours were presented to the 1st Battalion The Northern Rhodesia Regiment by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Nkana, Northern Rhodesia, on the 21st May, 1960.

Prior to the Queen Mother's visit to Rhodesia there had been disturbances in the copperbelt, culminating in a fatal assault upon a European woman and her children. Some doubt was therefore expressed as to the wisdom of continuing with The Queen Mother's programme and of holding this parade in the heart of the Copperbelt. It was, however, decided to adhere to the programme and, in fact, Her Majesty's tour probably did much to restore confidence and to re-affirm loyalties. The parade went off without hitch or hindrance.

The Queen Mother arrived at the Scrivener Stadium at 9.15 a.m. and was received by the Honorary Colonel, Col. N. O. Earl-Spurr, O.B.E. After Her Majesty had inspected the guards the old Colours were trooped—and marched off parade for the last time. These Colours had been presented to the Battalion by the Acting Governor of Northern Rhodesia at Lusaka in 1938, when the Commanding Officer was Lt.-Col. W. A. Dimoline, M.C., now the Colonel, Commandant of The King's African Rifles and The Northern Rhodesia Regiment.

A noticeable feature of the troop was the splendid equipment of the Regimental Band and Drums. Firstly one noticed the Silver Drums which were presented to the Battalion by the Northern Rhodesia Government in 1957 in recognition of the Battalion's successful tour in Malaya in 1954-56. They had been handed over to the Battalion by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at Lusaka in 1957, during her previous visit to the Federation. Also seen on parade for the

first time were sets of silver fanfare trumpets and bugles which had recently been presented by the British South Africa Company and the Northern Rhodesia Copper Mining Companies to mark the 16th anniversary of the Regiment. The Regiment traces its history back to 1900 when it served under the British South Africa Company as the Barotse Native Police. Finally, there was the Drum-Major's sash which, together with the Colour belts worn by the officers detailed to carry the new Colours, had been presented by the European Ex-Servicemen and Women of Northern Rhodesia as a token of gratitude to their African comrades-in-arms.

The new Colours were consecrated by the Bishop of Northern Rhodesia, The Right Reverend F. O. Green Wilkinson, M.C., M.A., and then presented to the Battalion by Her Majesty.

In her address to the Battalion Her Majesty recalled the history, traditions and achievements of the Regiment and called upon the present and future members to serve and protect their Colours as their predecessors had done before them. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. F. D. Slater, in his reply, assured Her Majesty of the loyalty and affection of the Regiment and promised on behalf of all ranks that the new Colours would be protected with their lives. He then presented Her Majesty with a silver statuette of a crested crane, the regimental insignia.

After the guards had marched past with the new Colours flying, the parade advanced in review order, and the Royal Salute was given, followed by three cheers. Her Majesty then left the parade amid cheers from the large crowd which had practically filled the stadium.

After the parade a reception was held in the grounds of the White House, the residence

of the general manager of Nkana Mine. Here the officers, past and present, and their wives had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty.

It was an impressive ceremony from start to finish. A letter of appreciation was received by the Commanding Officer from the Private Secretary to the Queen Mother in which he wrote:

"Her Majesty was immensely impressed by the smartness and bearing of the troops of your Regiment who were on parade,

and felt that she had never seen a presentation of Colours better carried out."

The Northern Rhodesia Regiment is allied to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. The Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was represented at the presentation ceremony by Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, D.S.O., O.B.E. The latter, besides being a former Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion The Northern Rhodesia Regiment, was the Adjutant of that Battalion when the old Colours were presented in 1938.

City of Newcastle Regiment

From Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor, Training Depot, Lindsay Street, Hamilton, Newcastle, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Forgive me for not having written to you sooner advising you of the reorganisation of the Australian Army as it affects our Unit, but I was waiting until I had finalised the complete disbandment of the City of Newcastle Regiment before doing so.

The City of Newcastle Regiment 2nd Infantry Battalion has now been disbanded. In the State of New South Wales they have formed three Citizens Military Force Infantry Battalions with a new organisation and they are styled: 1st Royal New South Wales Regiment, 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment and 3rd Royal New South Wales Regiment.

All these Regiments are a part of 1st Division, which is a mixture of regular Army units and Citizens Military Force Army units.

In the stead of the 2nd Infantry Battalion the City of Newcastle Regiment, we have raised "C" Company, the City of Newcastle Company, which forms a part of the 2nd Royal N.S.W. Regiment.

One of the sad parts of the reorganisation is that with the disbandment of the 2nd Infantry Battalion City of Newcastle Regiment all affiliations with United Kingdom and Canadian Regiments cease.

However, in the City of Newcastle Company we are keeping alive most of the old traditions that were enjoyed in the Regiment and would be pleased to hear regularly from

your Regiment with which we have had a very close tie in the past.

At present committees are being formed with a view to making decisions as to affiliations of the newly-formed Regiments with United Kingdom and Canadian Regiments and to date no decisions have actually been made.

Incidentally, my new posting is Deputy Commander of 2nd Royal N.S.W. Regiment and I am figuring in all these committees at present considering these matters.

You will be pleased to learn that the Newcastle component, which is the City of Newcastle Company, is one of the largest of the sub-units in the State and arrangements are just being completed to form a second Company in the area.

I forecast that it will be only a short while before we will be having a Regimental Headquarters in Newcastle and I will advise you of our progress in future correspondence.

Whilst the above is very sketchy I think I have outlined the main essentials and you will appreciate the reorganisation as it affected my old Regiment.

For your information I might mention that Major A. J. Fox is the Company Commander of the City of Newcastle Company, which still occupies the Training Depot, Lindsay Street, Hamilton, that being the old Headquarters of the City of Newcastle Regiment.

I have been reading with interest your

Journal and am very impressed with the progress of your Regiment. It is a very-well-produced Journal and you are to be complimented on it.

Should there be any other information that you would like, sir, do not hesitate to request it and I will write you later on as developments in our reorganisation are completed.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) F. P. CONNOR.

Regimental Golfing Society

IT may not be generally known that in his will the late Major A. G. Heales, the founder and first secretary of the Golf Society, made provision for a "Heales Memorial Trophy" to be presented for competition to the Society.

The Society has most gratefully accepted this bequest, and the trophy is now in the possession of the committee, and will be competed for at the spring meeting 1961 and subsequent meetings.

The secretary writes: "This provision on the part of 'Halo' adds one more to the long series of his kind and generous actions by which, from its earliest years, the Society has benefited. His memory will always be revered in the Society, both as the perfect secretary for many years, and subsequently as the wise and patient counsellor, always ready to help the committee and the secretary in any difficult problems, and also as the loyal and devoted member, for whom no undertaking on behalf of the Society was too arduous.

"Farewell, 'Halo,' and thank you for everything."

AUTUMN MEETING 1960

The autumn meeting was held at Sudbrook Park on 27th and 28th September, 1960. There was a good attendance, and we were blessed with two perfect days, which is certainly worth recording in such a dismal summer and autumn as 1960 produced. The Richmond Club looked after us well; we ate, drank, and played golf (with some of us it was "golf") with zest and energy and, to coin a phrase, "a good time was had by all."

RESULTS

MEDAL ROUND:

Autumn Bowl: Lt.-Col. G. A. White (73).

Glasgow Greys Cup: Major J. C. Drane (76).

Best last nine holes (Seniors): Major C. H. Dickins (38).

Best last nine holes (Juniors): S. J. Petzing (35).

Hidden holes (Seniors): Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown.

Hidden holes (Juniors): Major J. C. Drane.

Petri Plate (Spring and Autumn Aggregate): S. J. Petzing (145).

STAPLEFORD BOGEY—(Seniors): Capt. H. C. Mason (31½); **(Juniors):** S. J. Petzing (29).

VETERAN'S HALO: Capt. H. C. Mason (34½).

BOGEY FOURSOMES: Lt.-Col. G. A. White and Major R. C. Taylor (4 down).

BOGEY GREENSOMES: Major C. S. Fitzpatrick and H. P. Mason.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

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Photo: C. F. Cole

Sir Peter Lely's portrait of Catherine of Braganza after restoration and cleaning by Mr. G. Pryse-Hughes Junior, of Bury Street, St. James's, W.1



Photo: C. F. Cole

Col. M. T. N. Jennings, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Mr. W. E. Hughes and Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews with Sir Peter Lely's portrait of Catherine of Braganza recently presented to the Regiment by Mr. Hughes

Gift to the Regiment Portrait of Queen Catherine of Braganza

THE Regiment has recently acquired a portrait, by Sir Peter Lely, of Catherine of Braganza.

The painting is the generous gift of Mr. W. E. Hughes, of "Seven Stones", Broadstairs, who, on learning of the Regiment's close association with the subject of the portrait, offered the picture to the Regiment. This extremely kind gesture was gratefully accepted.

The picture, which measures 7 ft. by 5 ft., was handed over by Mrs. Hughes to Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews, who accepted it on behalf of the Regiment. The presentation took place on 27th January, 1961, at Mr. Hughes' residence. He was unable to be present himself owing to illness. After the presentation officers of the Home Counties Brigade Depot and their wives were entertained by Mrs. Hughes. Also present were Mr. A. E. Cooper, M.B.E., M.P., Mr. L. M. Thomas, M.B.E., T.D., M.P. for Canterbury, and Mr. W. Rees-Davies, M.P. for Thanet.

During the month of March, on instructions from Mr. Hughes, the painting was restored by Mr. G. Pryse-Hughes, of Bury Street, London.

On 24th March, 1961, the Officers gave a party in the Depot Officers' Mess in honour of Mr. W. E. Hughes. During the evening Mr. Hughes, accompanied by his wife, unveiled the picture. Amongst those present were Major-Gen. and Mrs. J. F. Metcalfe, Lt.-Gen. Sir Arthur and Lady Dowler, Brig. and Mrs. C. D. Armstrong, Col. and Mrs. M. T. N. Jennings, the Mayor of Canterbury and Mrs. T. McCallum, Mr. A. E. Cooper, M.B.E., M.P. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. G. Pryse-Hughes, senior, and Mr. G. Pryse-Hughes, junior.

The picture is at present in the Officers' Mess at Home Counties Brigade Depot, where it will remain for the time being.

On behalf of all members of the Regiment we extend sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. W. E. Hughes for his magnificent gift.

Home Counties Brigade News

LETTER No. 8

THE weeks and the months roll all too swiftly by and the Brigade Colonel has suddenly realised that another of his periodical intrusions into the pages of certain regimental journals is already overdue. That it is the last from this particular pen is now a certainty.

As there is such an air of finality about this particular letter it will do no harm to kick it off by reviewing the Brigade's position from the most important standpoint of all, that of recruiting.

There is no doubt that all concerned in the recruiting effort have done, and are continuing to do, a fine job of work for the Brigade; there is equally no doubt that the posters, pamphlets, ashtrays, shaving mirrors, beer mats, book matches, paper weights and other gimmicks thought up by certain people at the Brigade Depot and produced by a variety of other people elsewhere, have also played their part; but there is also no shadow of doubt that we cannot at this juncture sit smugly back and say that our troubles are behind us. In spite of the improvement shown there is still no cause for complacency, and not one single one of us can afford to relax the efforts he has been making in the past. Unless those efforts are continued, and a steady flow of regular recruits into the Brigade Depot is maintained by all regiments, there is no doubt that the Brigade will be in a pickle by the end of 1962 when the last National Serviceman returns to civilian life.

The more recruiters there are "on the ground," round and about in the four counties, and in London, the more regular recruits there will be forthcoming. It is a false economy, and a sure way to failure, not to have as many Officer/N.C.O.s as can possibly be made available for this vital duty. It is a MUST for every Regiment in the Brigade.

Among recent events are the arrival of the 1st Battalion The Buffs from B.A.O.R. and the opening of the Brigade Museum. Of the former it need only be said that, as they disembarked at Folkestone Harbour at an early hour, on a cold, grey, wet November morning, they did so under their present name for the last time. They have now

amalgamated with their next-door-neighbours at Shorncliffe, 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. The name of the new Regiment, The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment, has already been announced and is already well known within the Brigade; amalgamation, in short, has virtually begun and there is no doubt that, as with the other amalgamation in the Brigade, it will prove a great success. It has been announced that Major H. B. H. Waring, M.B.E., will command the new Battalion for the first year of its life, in succession to Lt.-Col. Dendy.

The Brigade Museum was officially opened on 25th November by Maj.-Gen. Paul Gleadell, G.O.C. Home Counties District, before a large representative gathering which included Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe, Maj.-Gen. Talbot, Col. Ogilby and Brigadier Thurburn of the Ogilby Trust, the Brigade Historian, Major Blaxland, Regimental Museum Curators, and representatives from all 1st Battalions, Depots and R.H.Q.s. Gen. Gleadell declared the Museum open by pulling aside a Brigade flag draped over a finely-made board on which had been painted, in gold, the names of the 46 Brigade recipients of the Victoria Cross.

The Museum is now an established part of the Depot and of the Brigade; it contains a variety of extremely interesting and historic exhibits from all the six Regiments which originally formed the Brigade. It is therefore worthy of a visit by anyone who comes to Canterbury and it is also worthy of everyone's consideration as to how he or she can help to fill some of the gaps which undoubtedly there are in the collection. It is much to be hoped that further exhibits will be forthcoming; they will all be most welcome.

A buffet luncheon to all our guests followed the opening ceremony, after which there was a passing-out parade with the salute taken by Gen. Gleadell; rain unfortunately began falling heavily during lunch and the parade had to be held indoors.

Maj.-Gen. Talbot took the salute at the previous passing-out parade at Canterbury, early in September, and was more fortunate with his weather.

As was mentioned briefly in the last News Letter, Lt.-Col. Mike Lowry has now taken over command of 1st Queen's Surreys in succession to Lt.-Col. Tony White. The Battalion sailed for Aden at the end of the year and the best wishes of all ranks in the Brigade went with them. The only other change of command to be announced is that of Major Francis Morgan (Buffs), who will succeed Lt.-Col. Ian Battye in command of 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) in May 1962.

The new Brigade poster will shortly be on the hoardings. Like all such recruiting aids it has taken many months, much thought, numerous "mock-ups" and a lot of money to produce. The *motif* of the silhouetted figure of the infantryman has been carried forward from the original "This is the Life" poster and he is to be seen looking down onto a foreshortened map of our four counties. "These are the Counties" carries on where "This is the Life" leaves off, and Mr. Woodcock, the Brigade Museum Curator, is to be congratulated on his original

drawing for this, our second venture into the realms of the advertising world. There can be little doubt that, by that medium as well as by many others, the Brigade must continue to put itself in the eye of the public, because it is the public we rely upon for our professional soldiers of the future.

The new Brigade Colonel, in succession to the present writer, is Col. M. T. N. Jennings, of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to whom go warmest congratulations. If he receives from all in the Brigade anything approaching the kindness, consideration and help which his predecessor has had during the last two and a half years he will have nothing to complain about.

As the end of his tour of duty as Brigade Colonel approaches and as he prepares to terminate his active service in the British Army, the Brigade Colonel sends to all ranks in the Brigade his best wishes for their personal happiness and success in the future. The future of the Brigade lies largely in their hands; it will be watched by him with keen interest and lasting affection.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

The past six months have not been very eventful so far as the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Association is concerned, and that accounts for our contribution to the Journal being shorter than usual.

We have been pleased to welcome a few more ex-Queen's members who have recently joined us, one of whom is Mr. R. J. Williams. He is residing in Toronto, Canada, and is our one and only member in the western hemisphere. Our total membership remains at 237 as, unfortunately, three members have resigned and two have been removed from membership.

Mr. D. Clemens has had to resign from his office as vice-chairman of the Association on taking up residence in Colchester on his discharge from the Service. Mr. D. L. Boorer is officiating as vice-chairman until the 1961 annual general meeting.

Now that the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) has moved its Headquarters to the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, on amalgamation with the 23rd London Regiment (T.A.), we have had to sever our connection with Kingston Barracks, which has been the home of The East Surrey Regiment since 1876. We held our last committee meeting in the barracks in January 1961. With the consent and co-operation of the 6th Surreys we shall now be holding our committee meetings at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road.

Our chairman and secretary were among the many representatives of the Regiment who went down to Southampton to wish *bon voyage* to the 1st Battalion on its departure for Aden. Troopships of today are certainly

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THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

IN this, our Regiment's tercentenary year, special functions have been arranged in celebration.

On Sunday, 4th June, 1961, the all ranks reunion garden party will be held at the barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames, beginning at 2 p.m. Wives and children will be very welcome. For those who wish to have luncheon before the garden party begins cold luncheon will be available from 12.30 p.m. All those requiring luncheon are asked to inform the Secretary, at Regimental Headquarters, by 25th May, giving the number of lunches required.

On Saturday, 7th October, 1961, the all ranks Tercentenary Banquet will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets are 10s. each and applications for them should reach the secretary by 9th September, 1961.

Saturday, 14th October, 1961, is the three hundredth anniversary of the first muster parade of the Regiment, held on Putney Heath on 14th October, 1661. A parade and ceremony will be held on Putney Heath in the afternoon. Full details in connection with this occasion will be circulated in due course.

We hope that all members of the Association will give these functions their full support.

The chairman and members of the committee of the Regimental Association express their thanks to the following for their valuable assistance during the past year.

- (a) All members of the Association for their subscriptions and other assistance.
- (b) The Army Benevolent Fund for donations to the Charitable Funds.
- (c) Regular and Territorial Army Battalions for their subscriptions.
- (d) The 24th London Regiment O.C.A. for their donation of £21.
- (e) The 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (First World War) O.C.A. for their donation of £10 to the War Memorial Fund.



MAJOR F. WASPE, M.B.E.

At a recent All Ranks' Reunion Garden Party

- (f) The Regular Forces Employment Association for placing 49 men of the Regiment in employment.
- (g) S.S.A.F.A. and the Forces Help Society for their very helpful co-operation.

The following sums have been expended from funds during the year:
Charitable Funds—£1,865 5s. 2d., on grants to assist in individual cases.
Holiday Grants—£501.

Major F. Waspe, M.B.E.

Half a century is a lot of time, by any standards; when considered as a portion of man's allotted span it amounts to an adult lifetime. Such is the measure of devoted service given by Major Waspe to the Regiment.

"Buzz," as he is affectionately known to us all, joined the Regiment in 1908 and from then until today has given himself to its service 100 per cent. Fifty-three years.

Those of us who served with him remember well his sterling qualities as a soldier. The efficient young N.C.O. in France and Flanders, from Mons to the Armistice; the steady, reliable, and smart Warrant Officer of the years between the wars, and the ideal Quartermaster in peace and war. We have all, however, come to know him during the last 15 years as the perfect custodian of the affairs and welfare of the Regiment's old soldiers. His complete and sympathetic understanding, enthusiasm and cheerful personality have endeared him to all members, past and present, of the Regiment, and to their families.

We often hear it said that "'Buzz' is never rattled." This is true. Whether supervising rations or ammunition under enemy shellfire and bombing, or organising donkey-rides and prize-giving in the less-hostile atmosphere of ice-cream and rock cakes, we have seen "Buzz" often harrassed, always busy, but never rattled.

Anyone who pays him a visit, in search of advice and guidance, is certain of a warm and friendly reception and helpful willing service. One has often heard chaps say, when leaving after a visit to his office: "Thank you very much, sir, I'm very glad I came." What better testimonial could one want.

We wish him many happy years ahead in his retirement.

Thank you, "Buzz," from us all.

4th Battalion

The Queen's Royal Regiment

Old Comrades Association

The Association continues to be in very good heart.

Seventy-two members attended the first regimental dinner of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association at Kennards Restaurant, Croydon.

Seventy members were on parade on Remembrance Sunday; this number would have been greater had it not been for a great deal of sickness. Perhaps the most memorable thing connected with this parade was the letter our secretary received from dear old Bertie Lemon prior to the day. "I will be on parade on Sunday," he wrote. He was, however, absent from that parade, having answered Roll Call on that final parade of all, at the age of 82. To those who knew him best this was a most fitting exit for a Queen's man and a Scots Guardsman.

The usual Christmas shoot at Queen's House was quite a success—45 members



The Colonel of the Regiment chatting with members of the 4th Queen's O.C.A. at their Annual Reunion Dinner at Croydon on January 14th, 1961

competing. Amongst the prize-winners were Messrs. Mortimer and Thorpe.

The annual dinner of this Association was held at Queen's House on Saturday, 4th January. It was a highly successful and enjoyable occasion, although the numbers present could have been more satisfactory. Two most entertaining discourses were provided by Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe and Lt.-Col. Gill, the latter giving some highly interesting facts of the origin and history of the 4th Queen's.

The General's remarks, in a very diverting and trenchant speech, regarding "illegal ties" prompted the tame poet (who is ever at the writer's elbow) to prattle:

"I've worn this tie through Peace and War and Strife,

'Twill serve, I think, the remnant of my life,

And, despite the General's orders and the praise he did accord it

The new tie is not for me, I really can't afford it."

Seriously, though, we are with the General to a man in his forward-looking outlook for The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and can assure him of our unfailing loyalty and support.

2/4 Battalion

The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

The past year has been a very active one for our Old Comrades' Association. Our reunion dinner last April was well attended, more than 125 members being present. The guest of honour was Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E. Our shrine service at the Parish Church, Croydon, in November also drew a gathering of over 100 people.

In addition the Association has been represented at eight different functions connected with the Regiment and our sister O.C.A. the 4th Queen's.

A contingent with Standard paraded at Croydon's Millenary Pageant celebrations, and our Standard and Escort were on parade at the official armistice celebration in Croydon.

Our president, Col. Sir Frank Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., celebrated his 91st birthday in January 1961 and a

congratulatory telegram was sent to him from the O.C.A.

The Association has suffered a loss by the death of Major W. Sidney Hooker, M.B.E., T.D., on 31st January, 1961, at Kitszbuhl in Austria, following an operation. Although aged 70 he was a very keen and active member of the O.C.A. and attended all our functions and those of the Regiment. He was greatly respected and well liked by all, and we shall all miss his genial personality.

He was educated at Charterhouse and first commissioned in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1908. He served during both world wars in France, Belgium, Germany, Palestine and India. He served from 1945 to 1948 on the Control Commission for Germany, and for five years after the war was a magistrate in Western Germany.

Our two major functions this year will take place in April and November. The reunion dinner is on 29th April, 1961, at Grants of Croydon, and our Shrine Remembrance Service at the Parish Church, Croydon, on Sunday, 19th November, 1961.

5th Battalion

The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Members Association

A message from Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment:

"This is a very special year in the history of the Regiment and as the regular Battalion has been posted to Aden and will not be in the country during 1961, the responsibility for celebrating this year in a fitting manner will largely devolve upon the Territorial Battalions. It is, therefore, up to us all, past and present members of the Regiment, whether they be Regulars, Territorials or those who have been privileged to serve with the Regiment at any time, to attend and support all the various activities arranged.

"It must be appreciated also that the 'wind of change' has overtaken the Territorial Army once again, and that this year the amalgamation of the 5th Battalion with the 6th Battalion and 565th L.A.A. Regiment Royal Artillery (the old 4th Battalion) is taking place and will be completed by 1st May, 1961.

"I would ask all members, therefore, to ensure the success of this amalgamation by their loyal support. The scheme has been happily completed by the Regular Battalion, and it is up to us to show that this integration, which raises many problems, can be just as successfully carried out by the Territorial Army."

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The 1961 reunion will take place at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, on Saturday, 24th June. As this year marks the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Regiment it is proposed to have a dinner instead of the usual form of reunion we have had in the past.

Full details, with application forms for tickets will be sent to all members at the end of May or early June but we would like to tell you a little about the plan now.

The serving members of the Battalion have undertaken to cook and serve the meal, so all we have to do is to buy the food. We aim to provide a meal costing about 7s. and we obviously cannot do that on the annual subscription of five shillings, or two pounds for life membership. We are therefore going to ask members to pay at least 7s. 6d. if they are annual members and 2s. 6d. if they are life members and are coming to the dinner. If they are not coming naturally the subscription for annual members remains at 5s.

The 1959 and 1960 reunions showed a small profit but this will certainly not cover the additional cost this year so the committee confidently hope that members who can afford to do so will pay generously for their dinner tickets. It is also realised that some of our older members, perhaps living on small pensions, may find the extra charge beyond them. If that is the case will they please write direct to the Hon. Secretary, whose address is: "Calliope," Parkstone Drive, Camberley. He will treat the letter as confidential and will do his best to see that the writer does get to the dinner.

Another point the committee ask you to bear in mind is that there will be no admittance without a ticket, which must be bought in advance. Usually about 40 members pay at the door. We have never run out of beer but we cannot take the risk of running out of food and we must cater for certain numbers only. If members turn up at the door without tickets we cannot run around taking food off plates to feed

them; we shall not have any to spare, nor will there be any room for people to prop up the bar whilst the others eat.

We hope for a record attendance, but please give the organisers a chance. Buy your ticket well in advance and pay generously for it!

Please do not write in for a ticket until you get the application form. If you have changed your address since the last reunion and this News Letter has been forwarded on to you, let the secretary know your new address so that you can be sure of getting an application form.

Regimental Tercentenary

As all good Queen's men know, the Regiment was raised in 1661 and the first parade took place on Putney Heath on the 14th October that year.

To celebrate the tercentenary the Regiment, both serving and past members, will parade on Putney Heath on Saturday, 14th October, 1961. A plaque to commemorate the event will be unveiled.

We hope that this Association will be well represented on this historic parade and full details will be sent to members nearer the time. If numbers warrant we shall arrange coach transport for our members and their families. The time of the parade will probably be 3 p.m., so it may mean leaving West Surrey about mid-day.

Membership

The committee take the view that if old members of the Battalion(s) have not joined this Association by 24th June then they are no longer interested in their old Regiment, so we shall only send details of the parade to life members and to those annual members who have paid their subscription since 1959 inclusive.

At the time of writing our membership stands at 344 comprising 107 life members and 237 annual members.

Members may obtain a list of members with addresses if they will send the Hon. Secretary 2s. to cover cost of production and postage.

Visit to the Johann Van Oldenbarneveltdt

In 1942 2/5th and 2/7th Queen's embarked at Liverpool in the *Johann Van Oldenbarneveltdt*, a splendid Dutch liner, which had been converted into a troopship for service in the Allied cause. She was manned

entirely by Dutch seamen, under the command of Capt. Broere. In this ship the two Battalions and various other troops journeyed in convoy to Bombay, transhipping there a week or so later for their destination in Iraq.

The *Johann Van Oldenbarneveltdt* was packed to capacity and at night it was not easy to traverse the mess decks. During daytime every inch of the ship was used for some form of training. Capt. Broere and the ship's company did all in their power to make the voyage comfortable and happy.

When the Battalion left the ship at Bombay they arranged for a piece of regimental silk to be embroidered by the Royal School of Needlework with our regimental insignia to be presented to the ship as a token of gratitude for safe conduct. This was completed in due course and Capt. Broere himself visited the Regimental Depot to receive it. This token has had a place of honour in the ship ever since.

Early in 1960 Brigadier A. P. Block (O.C. 2/7th Queen's in 1942) learned that the *Johann Van Oldenbarneveltdt* would be calling at Southampton in the summer and got in touch with the Royal Netherlands Shipping Line. As a result a reunion took place on board the ship, at the invitation of the owners, and parties from 2/5th and 2/7th went down by coach to Southampton on 8th July and were entertained to lunch on board. The ship had called for only a few hours to embark passengers before proceeding on a luxury world cruise. The shipping company had made special arrangements to welcome the party and had thoughtfully brought Capt. Broere, from his retirement in Holland, accompanied by his wife, to meet his old "passengers." The party spent a most enjoyable two hours on the ship and left replete with good fare and many happy memories revived. Those of 2/5th Queen's who made the journey were Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield (C.O.), Major F. C. Edwards (O.C. "H.Q." Company), A. W. Gadsdon (Adjutant), C. P. Benton (Signals), G. B. Lane (O.C. Anti-Tank), W. K. Roadnight (R.S.M.), J. Dunkley (Anti-Tank), A. Steadman (C.S.M., "H.Q." Company) and L. W. Gibbs (Orderly Room).

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

This Association was formerly 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) O.C.A. The new title was adopted at the general meeting held on 17th February, 1961.

During the year, 43 new members have been enrolled.

Social evenings held on the second day in each month at the Braganza Street T.A. Centre were well attended and, without doubt, highly successful.

The annual reunion dinner was held on 5th March, 1960, at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street. The president presided over a happy gathering of 79 members and guests who enjoyed an excellent dinner. "Absent Comrades" were feelingly remembered in the toast proposed by Mr. E. H. Leddell, the toast of the Unit was efficiently dealt with by Major P. H. Dunstone, R.A. (T.A.), and Lt.-Col. Paul Adams, T.D., was in good form in proposing the toast of the Regiment. Our warmest thanks and appreciation are extended to Mr. E. W. Jones, M.B.E., J.P., for kindly arranging the light music during the dinner.

A very successful reunion was held at Northampton on 24th September, 1960, 80 members and guests from the Midlands and 43 from London participated in a most enjoyable evening.

By the kind invitation of the Mayor of Southwark, this Association was honoured in providing six members in company of members of the Council, in representing the Borough of Southwark at the armistice celebrations at Courbevoie, near Paris, on 10th-14th November. The delegation received a very warm and cordial reception and participated in the ceremony of the Kindling of the Flame on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the pilgrimage to various memorials to the fallen. The delegation were also invited to a number of banquets arranged by the Mayor of Courbevoie and Ex-Service Men's Associations, at which they were winced and dined in a typical French manner.

The Remembrance Sunday combined parade of the O.C.A. and The Queen's Battery was attended by 66 members including representatives from Northampton. The Remembrance Service was held in St. Mary's (Newington) Church, Kennington Park Road. The combined parade, together

with the relatives of the fallen, filled the church to capacity. Following the service, a dedication to the fallen was read at the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park and wreaths were laid.

Association of 12th (Bermondsey) Bn., The East Surrey Regiment

This Association, formed by First World War members of the 12th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, has now disbanded.

On disbandment the assets of the Association were divided between a number of societies. In accordance with the expressed wish of the members the sum of £10 was donated to the War Memorial Fund of the Regiment.

We are extremely grateful for this generous donation to our fund, which is used to provide holidays for old soldiers of the Regiment and their families.

Items of Interest

THE Borough of Mitcham recently called for suggestions for this summer's floral motif in Tamworth Farm Recreation Ground. The design chosen was that submitted by Mr. Robert Smith, who served for 28 years as a Regular and Territorial soldier in The Queen's. Mr. Smith's floral scheme is the badge of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, and will consist of about 21,000 plants. It is very fitting that our badge should be displayed so prominently in our tercentenary year. Mr. Smith is to be very heartily congratulated on his initiative and success. He is an active member of The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association.

When H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited Bury St. Edmunds last year he renewed his acquaintance with Major F. Waspe. His Royal Highness recalled the occasion, in 1943, when they had worked together in the stokehold of the steamship *Empress of Russia*. The liner was on a troop-carrying voyage from the Middle East to the United Kingdom, via the Cape. Prince Philip, then a midshipman in the Royal Navy, and Major Waspe were in the same watch engaged in anti-aircraft duties. When the ship put into Puerto Rico for coal the

Chinese stokers deserted the ship. The anti-aircraft watches volunteered to stoke the boilers. This duty they performed, apparently, with complete efficiency.

T.T. Dunera, after many years' service as a troopship, has now retired. The sum of £30, from her games fund, has been received at Regimental Headquarters, as a donation to the Regimental Association.

The following soldiers of the Regiment were awarded their Army Boxing Colours after the match between the Army and the Royal Air Force. Ptes. B. Brazier, lightweight; P. Faulkner, light-welterweight; and J. Pellant, light-heavyweight.

Mr. Ernest Albert Franklin, who served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1908 until 1932, has been admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-pensioner. He held the rank of Company Quartermaster-Sergeant. His three brothers also served in the Regiment.

The following is an extract from the News Letter of The Friends of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

"It is always sad to hear of the disbandment of a 1914-18 Old Comrades' Association but in this particular case the loss has been a gain to the "Friends." The Association of the 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion East Surrey Regiment has donated £10 to the Endowment Fund—part of the balance of funds available for distribution. We are most grateful for this contribution."

Obituary

BRIGADIER G. R. PRENDERGAST

GUY ROUTH PRENDERGAST died suddenly, at Chichester, on 23rd November, 1960. He was 70.

Educated at Cheltenham and Sandhurst, he was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant in The Royal Munster Fusiliers in March 1911, and served in Burma.

In the Great War 1914-1918 he fought in the Gallipoli campaign and was severely wounded. He was Mentioned in Despatches for his gallant leadership of a platoon in the capture of a stubbornly-defended Turkish redoubt.

In 1919 he took part in the Archangel Expedition and for his services in the operations on the Dvina he received the Russian Order of St. Anne, with swords.

When The Royal Munster Fusiliers were disbanded in 1922 Capt. Prendergast transferred to The Queen's Royal Regiment.

After a three-year secondment with The King's African Rifles, in Uganda, he served with the 2nd Battalion of The Queen's in the Sudan.

He joined the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong in 1927 and served with that Battalion in Malta and North China.

He was promoted to the rank of Major in January 1928 and was Commandant of the British Legation Guard in Peking in 1931-1932.

In May 1934 he retired and, with his wife, took a flower farm in Cornwall.

When war broke out in 1939 he was recalled immediately and went to France with the advance elements of the British Expeditionary Force. He was with the last troops to leave Dunkirk in 1940.

During the following two years, as a Brigadier, he was occupied in the organising and training of Pioneer Corps personnel in beach-landing duties. He took part in the landing in North Africa in 1942, and later served in the Burma campaign.

He spent the final year of the war on the Staff at Lord Louis Mountbatten's Headquarters in the Far East.

The Prendergasts settled in Chichester in 1957. Guy Prendergast was very widely travelled and was exceptionally knowledgeable about many subjects. He devoted the last few years of his life to local British Legion activities and was chairman of Chichester South Ward Conservatives and a member of the Connoisseurs' Society.

The funeral took place at Chichester on 29th November, 1960. Those present included Brigadier and Mrs. H. G. Veasey; Col. and Mrs. H. G. Duncombe, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. J. Sullivan, Lt.-Col. J. F. K. Ponsford and Major L. H. Fairtlough.

To his widow we extend our very sincere sympathy and condolences.

COL. B. D. OGDEN, M.C., T.D., D.L.

With deepest regret we record the death, on 27th March, 1961, of Bernard Donald Ogden. He was 74.

A very staunch and distinguished Volunteer and Territorial officer, he enlisted in a Volunteer Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment about 1905 and later served in a Volunteer Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment.

He was commissioned soon after the outbreak of war in 1914, and served in France with the 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, and was wounded. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Company Commander in 1917. In October, 1918, he received a Bar to his Military Cross for outstanding leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire.

After the war he continued in the Territorial Army and served in 5th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. He commanded the Battalion from 1934 until 1938, when he was transferred to the Reserve.

When war broke out in 1939 he was recalled from the Reserve and commanded 9th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in Northern Ireland.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in the County of Surrey on 11th December, 1941.

He was by profession a schoolmaster, and took a very active interest in youth organisations. He commanded in turn a Cadet Battalion and a Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

On his retirement he went to live in Sussex and there commanded a Home Guard battalion.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his three daughters in their bereavement.

MAJOR W. S. HOOKER, M.B.E., T.D.

The Regiment lost a very loyal and devoted member by the death of Walter Sydney Hooker. He died on 31st January, 1961, while on holiday in Kitzbühl, Austria. He was 70.

He served throughout the Great War 1914-1918 in 2nd/4th Queen's in France, India, and Palestine and was Mentioned in Despatches for gallant and distinguished service in the attack on Jerusalem in 1917.

He was a very keen and active Territorial

officer and served with the 4th Queen's and 24th London Regiment until 1925.

From 1925 he was actively associated with the Boy Scout movement and was Commissioner of the Worthing district from 1925 to 1934 and Assistant Commissioner for the County of Sussex from 1934 until the outbreak of war in 1939.

As a member of the Reserve of Officers he was recalled immediately and was in France within a few weeks of the beginning of hostilities.

He returned to England after Dunkirk and later commanded a special Young Soldiers' unit, and then served on the Staff at H.Q., British Army of the Rhine.

In recognition of his meritorious services he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire on 1st January, 1946.

From 1946 to 1950 he held an appointment with the Control Commission in Germany, after which he was for a year bursar at Hurstpierpoint College.

In 1952 he became a company commander in the 5th Sussex Home Guard Battalion.

"Hubble-bubble," as he was affectionately known, will be missed sadly as a very enthusiastic and regular supporter at all Regimental occasions.

Cremation took place at Salzburch, Austria, and a memorial service was held at Christ Church, Worthing, on 15th February, 1961. At the memorial service Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., was represented by Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., who was accompanied by Mrs. Duncombe, and those present included Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., and Mrs. Whitfield; and Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

MAJOR C. H. MERCER, M.B.E.

It was with the deepest regret that we learned of the death of Hugh Mercer, in Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, on 23rd January, 1961. He had been ill for some considerable time.

When war broke out in 1939 he was serving as a Territorial soldier in the London Rifle Brigade. In 1940 he was commissioned in the Indian Army and served with the Baluch Regiment in Burma until he became a prisoner-of-war in February 1942.

After the war he transferred to The East Surrey Regiment and served with the 1st Battalion in Greece, Libya and Somaliland.

From 1952 to 1954 he was attached to the Royal Air Force for ground liaison duties.

He was an enterprising and adventurous chap and his spirit of adventure led him to volunteer for duty with 22nd Special Air Service in Malaya from 1955 to 1958. For his meritorious service in these operations he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

His next appointment was as Training Major to 23rd London Regiment (T.A.), which he held from 1958 to 1960.

At the time of his admission to hospital he was serving as Second-in-Command in 21st Special Air Service (Artists), T.A.

Cremation took place at Putney Vale on 30th January, 1961, with military honours. The coffin was carried by eight officers, four from The Queen's Surreys and four from the Special Air Service, and was followed by a Warrant-Officer of the Special Air Service as pall-bearer. The firing party was found by 22nd Special Air Service and a drummer from the Home Counties Brigade Depot sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

The Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., was represented by Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., and the many Service representatives included Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Hon. Colonel 23rd London Regiment; Lt.-Col. W. H. A. Robinson and Major J. Moore, 23rd London Regiment; Capt. P. G. Collyer, 6th Queen's; Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E., and Capt. J. B. Ray, 6th Surreys; Major F. J. Reed, Regimental Headquarters, Queen's Surreys; Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews, Home Counties Brigade Depot; Capt. P. Wilson, 22nd Special Air Service; Major C. L. D. Newell, M.B.E., and Capt. P. de la Billiere, M.C., 21st Special Air Service (Artists), T.A.

The service was conducted by The Rev. Brian Whiting, C.F., Chaplain 21st S.A.S. (Artists) (T.A.).

The Regiment mourns the loss of a very promising officer and offers deep and sincere sympathy to the widow and family.

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR

J. C. BALNE

Mr. J. C. Balne, who was believed to be the oldest surviving member of the Regiment, died on 10th February, 1961.

He was ninety-four.

He enlisted in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1888 and served in the

1st Battalion throughout its foreign tour from 1891 to 1910, and returned to England with the Battalion in December of that year as Regimental Sergeant-Major.

He was a very keen member of the Regimental Association and took an active interest in all regimental events up to the time of his death.

R.Q.M.S. H. PERKINS, D.C.M.

Henry Perkins died on 1st November, 1960, after a long illness.

He served in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment from 1898 until 1919, and was in the Band for his first few years. He was with the 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar, Bermuda, and South Africa.

He served with distinction throughout the Great War 1914-1918 and attained the rank of Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

On behalf of all members of the Regiment, past and present, we offer sincere condolences to the widow.

MR. R. J. CLARK

Ralph John Clark died, after a long illness, at his home in Stoughton, on 30th March, 1961. He was 69.

"Nobby" was very well known to two generations of The Queen's.

He began his soldiering in 1912 when he enlisted in The Royal Fusiliers. He transferred to The Queen's during the 1914-1918 War. He served in the campaigns in France and Flanders and East Africa.

The greater part of his service was spent in the 2nd Battalion of The Queen's in which Unit he became a C.S.M., and fought in the campaign in Waziristan. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.

After his retirement he was for a time Assistant Secretary of the Old Comrades' Association and was employed in the Orderly Room of the Regimental Depot at Stoughton Barracks until its closure in December 1959. He will be well remembered as the very enthusiastic secretary, coach, and trainer of the Regimental Depot football team.

The funeral service took place at Stoughton Church on 4th April, 1961. Among Regimental representatives present were Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E., Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Foster, R.S.M. C. H.

Esler and ex-R.S.M. W. Coldman.

The Regiment extends deepest sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Clark and her family.

MR. G. E. C. DIXON

George Dixon died at his home in Aldershot on Good Friday, 31st March, after a short and severe illness. He had suffered ill-health for many years past. Despite this handicap he took an active part in all Regimental affairs whenever it was possible to do so. He joined the Queen's in 1919 and served with the 2nd Battalion in India and the Sudan until his discharge in 1937. He will be remembered during those years primarily as a clerk in the Battalion Orderly Room and later as Education Sergeant, Cook Sergeant, and finally as Officers' Mess Sergeant. He was a good sportsman and an exceptionally fine hockey player, and represented the Regiment on many occasions with distinction. On leaving the Army he entered the Civil Service, and at the time of his death held the appointment of Cashier, Army Pay Office, Aldershot District. He was extremely popular with all ranks and his passing will be mourned by all those 2nd Battalion friends who served with him.

The Regiment extends deepest sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Dixon and her family in their bereavement.

Personal Notices

Deaths

DENTON.—On 9th November, 1960, at Chickenden, Berkshire, Christabel, wife of Major F. W. H. Denton, late The Queen's Royal Regiment.

PONSONBY.—On 4th February, 1961, at Anstey, Beatrice Maud, widow of Brigadier H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., late The King's Royal Rifle Corps and The Queen's Royal Regiment.

BIRTHS

DAY.—On 27th June, 1960, at Colchester, to Jeanette Frances, wife of Pte. D. Day, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Andrew David.

AMIES.—On 1st September, 1960, at Drayton Hall Maternity Home, Middlesex, to Gloria Ann, wife of Pte. P. Amies, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, David Philip.

LOATES.—On 27th September, 1960, at Military Hospital, Colchester, to Pauline Violet, wife of Cpl. F. Loates, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Jeremy Edward.

GARDNER.—On 29th October, 1960, at Bury St. Edmunds, to Kathleen Jennifer, wife of Cpl. D. Gardner, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Kim Michele.

REDFERN.—On 13th November, 1960, at Taiping Hospital, Malaya, to Maureen, wife of Capt. G. B. Redfern, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Susan Claire.

ATCHINSON.—On 17th November, 1960, at Colchester, to the wife of Cpl. W. Atchinson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Susan Ann.

BROMIGE.—On 18th November, 1960, at Colchester, to Mary, wife of Sgt. A. Bromige, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Alec Paul Stuart.

ST. AUBYN.—On 13th December, 1960, at Tenterden, Kent, to Helen, wife of Major J. R. A. G. St. Aubyn, late The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son.

HEASMAN.—On 29th December, 1960, at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Doris, wife of Pte. B. Heasman, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Paul Stephen.

HARDING.—On 20th February, 1961, at Canterbury, to Janet Rita, wife of W.O.2 D. Harding, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Kevin John.

LEES.—On 11th March, 1961, at Shorncliffe Military Hospital, to Doreen Joan, wife of Cpl. F. Lees, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Karen Lesley.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

ARMSTRONG.—A marriage has been arranged between Jacqueline, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. C. D. Armstrong, and Capt. John Mayo, Royal Artillery, to take place on 1st July, 1961.

MARRIAGES

STIFF—FUNSTON.—On 27th December, 1960, at Holy Trinity Church, Aylesbury, Lt. Richard Stiff, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Jean Margaret Funston.

DAVIDSON—KNAPP.—On 4th January, 1961, at St. Lawrence Church, Seale, Surrey, Capt. John Gerald Walker Davidson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Jennifer, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Knapp.

BARROW—NIELSEN.—On 8th April, 1961, in Denmark, Lt. Peregrine de Symons Barrow, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, only son of the late Major D. de S. Barrow, M.C., and Mrs. D. Barrow, to Janne Westergaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, of Kgs Lyngby, Denmark.

ANDERSON—QUESTED.—On 29th April, 1961, Lt. Stuart T. W. Anderson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Anderson, of The Grange, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, to Diana, only daughter of Mr. C. L. Quested and the late Mrs. Ethel Quested, of Chequer Court, Ash, Canterbury.

**List of those known and reported to have died
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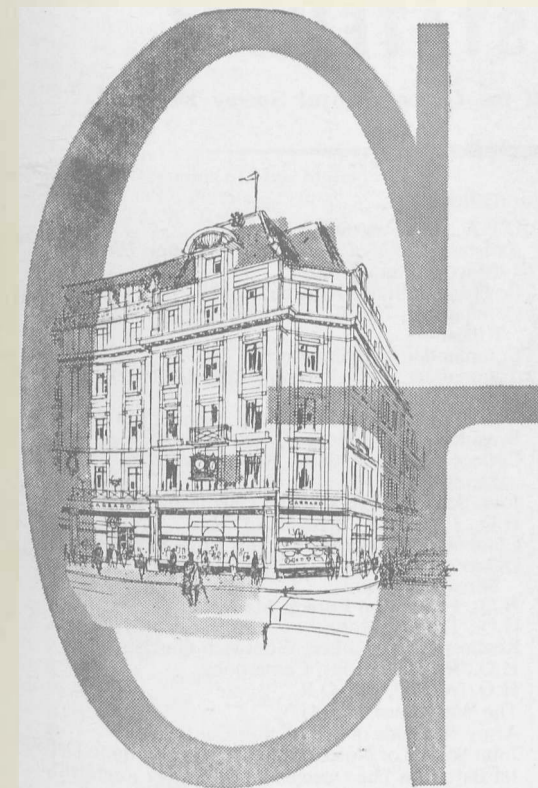
Number	Rank and Name	Unit	Service	Date of Death
	Lt.-Col. S. D. Brancker	Surreys and R.A.S.C.	1899-1919	21.10.60
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