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## Foreword

### By the Colonel of the Regiment

In celebrating the three-hundredth anniversary of the Regiment's formation, it is opportune to remind ourselves of the traditions that have made it great and famous and which we have inherited from many generations of our forebears. What are these traditions, and what can we learn and how can we benefit from them? I suggest that, broadly, they are pride in its best sense, discipline, loyalty and self-sacrifice.

Pride in our Regiment and in ourselves (in other words, self-respect) ensures that, individually or collectively, we will do our level best in any task we are given, we will never be satisfied with second best, and we will never let down the high reputation of the Regiment which is in our care. It is this form of pride, even in this materialistic age, that will make a man do a good job for the job's sake and not for what he can get out of it.

Discipline has gradually evolved from blind unreasoning obedience, imposed by fear, towards an intelligent and willing conformity to recognised standards of conduct. True discipline is self-discipline. Only when self-discipline fails is it necessary to impose it. The Regiment teaches what is right and wrong, and thereafter it is up to the individual so to discipline himself that he maintains the correct standards of conduct in all circumstances. In battle it is this quality of self-discipline that makes a man obey and fight and hang on in the face of adversity, loneliness and fear.

Loyalty has many aspects and makes great demands on us. There is loyalty to our Queen and country, loyalty to our Regiment, loyalty to our superiors, loyalty to our comrades, loyalty to our families and, if we are in a position of command, loyalty to our subordinates. It is noteworthy that all these have one essential ingredient in common, which is thought for others rather than for ourselves. When some of these loyalties conflict, as they often do, our training in knowing right from wrong and our self-discipline in doing what is right will show us which to put first.

Self-sacrifice and devotion to duty are exemplified for us many times in our long history. A soldier's duty nearly always entails some degree of self-sacrifice, whether it be in putting the job before his own convenience in everyday life or in making the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his life in battle. This is the supreme soldierly quality, and the degree of self-sacrifice a man is prepared to make in the cause of duty is the measure of his standards of self-respect, self-discipline and loyalty.

Now, at the onset of the nuclear age, the Regiment is embarking upon the fourth century of its existence, and it faces what may prove to be the most difficult task in its history--to help in the prevention of war. Only by attaining the highest standards of efficiency and readiness for both nuclear and conventional war can it play its part in discouraging attack. This intensive preparation for a war which should never happen will demand of us the highest military standards and qualities. If we follow and uphold our traditions, these will not be lacking in this Regiment.



#### TERCENTENARY

#### THE REGIMENTAL MONUMENT

Unveiled on Putney Heath by The Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., Her Majesty's Lieutenant in and of the County of Surrey, on 14th October, 1961

(See article on page 179)

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

## Editorial

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AT the time of going to press we are within a few days of the Regiment's Tercentenary. We shall not, unfortunately, be able to include in this issue an account of the parade and ceremony on Putney Heath; we hope, however, to produce a photograph of the Regimental monument as our frontispiece. A full account of the historic occasion of the unveiling ceremony will appear in our next issue.

The move of Regimental Headquarters, prophesied in our last issue, has not yet taken place. The office accommodation in the new location is now almost ready for occupation; the very considerable works service essential

to convert the prospective Museum and store site has, however, not yet begun, and it is not anticipated that any physical move will happen before well into the new year.

Major P. G. E. Hill arrived at the end of July and is now installed as a member of the staff at R.H.Q. He is no stranger to the neighbourhood, having commanded the Depot of The Surreys in these barracks from 1950 to 1952. His last appointment before retiring was with H.Q. Troops, Malta.

We include an account of a visit, paid by Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., to our very active Allied Regiment, The South Alberta Light Horse, at Medicine Hat, Alberta. An account appears, also, of that unit's Exercise "Boomerang."

With extreme regret we record the death of one of the Regiment's holders of the Victoria Cross, Capt. A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes. We include an Obituary written by Lt.-General Sir Arthur Dowler, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.L.



EXHIBITION OF WINDOW DISPLAYS

The Queen's Surreys stand at the Exhibition of Regimental Window Displays, at the Victory Club, London, on 3rd May, 1961. The Exhibition was opened by the Secretary of State for War. The stand was previously displayed in the windows of Messrs. Hector Powe, Ltd., in Regent Street and Victoria Street, London

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## Tercentenary

*The Monument, Step by Step*

A YEAR has passed since active planning was set in motion for commemorating, permanently, the Regiment's first parade on Putney Heath in 1661.

It all began with the idea of a small plaque to be affixed to a building or wall on or overlooking Putney Heath, and a family gathering of the Regiment. A sub-committee was formed to examine and report on the possibilities.

The scope of the project developed and expanded with considerable rapidity. A visit to the Chief Ranger on Wimbledon Common resulted in the abandoning of any idea of a plaque affixed to a wall or building. It was thought that any such plaque would be removed, at an early date, by non-regimentally minded persons.

The idea was then conceived of a parade and service on the site of the original Muster Parade. The parade to be combined with the unveiling of some sort of commemorative plaque, or stone. After considerable research the probable site was located.

Now began the planning of the details of the parade and the designing of the plaque or stone. Plans were at first based on erecting a plaque or stone in the centre of the area selected for the parade. This was the base of the gigantic flag-staff which had stood there for many years; the remains of the concrete foundation were still there.

Suggested designs for the stone were called for, with estimates. Some of the designs were rather fantastic; so also were some of the estimates. The term now used was "marker stone" and the article visualised was about the size of, and resembled, a large milestone.

The scope had already broadened a good deal. From the original conception of a plaque on a wall and a family gathering, we were now contemplating a fair-sized stone, and a parade with about 700 spectators.

One Saturday morning, the sub-committee, accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, visited the site for a reconnaissance and outline planning. An impromptu football

match was in progress with one of the coat-and-hat goal posts almost exactly where it was planned to put the stone. This, obviously, would not do, and all began to look round for a more suitable site. It was the Colonel of the Regiment who saw it. "There, on that mound. It would make an excellent setting for a Regimental Monument." All agreed. "I believe that we must go much bigger with our ideas on this," said the General, "A really worthwhile monument on that mound would be just what we want."

And so it was that R.H.Q. in close liaison with the stonemasons, Memorial Crafts, Ltd., of Kingston, set about designing the monument. The suggested design was submitted to the Regimental Committee, and approval was given. This work was put in hand immediately and progressed steadily.

Meanwhile, under the efficient and energetic supervision of the Chief Ranger, Lt.-Col. Whitehead, T.D., the mound was cleared of tufts, pot-holes, bushes, and even trees. The whole area of the parade ground received a cutting and levelling treatment, and many other measures were taken to render the locality as suitable as possible for the occasion.

The Monument is now in position. An imposing and dignified token. It is of white Portland Stone and stands 8 ft. in height and is 3 ft. broad. It bears the Regimental Badge, beautifully carved. The carving was done by an Italian carver in the employ of the stonemasons. He copied the Badge from a collar-badge placed under a magnifying glass. The carved Badge measures about 18 in. from the top of the crown to the lowest point of the star.

So we have progressed, from a plaque and a family gathering, to a Regimental Monument to be unveiled by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in the presence of more than 2,000 spectators, with our Regular and Territorial soldiers on parade, with the Colours.

*A picture of the Monument appears on page 176 of this issue.—Ed.*

# 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
R.S.M.	... .	W.O.1 P. J. Collman, M.B.E.

ALL ranks of the Battalion congratulate the Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., on his recent marriage and welcome Mrs. Lowry to Aden.

In May the Commanding Officer, 21C, Major Fitzpatrick and the Regimental Band started a series of recordings on Regimental History and marches. By the end of the month these recordings were edited to form a half-hour programme which was broadcast by Aden Forces Broadcasting Association.

The Royal Navy have been frequent visitors to Aden and parties of all ranks have been on board the following ships, H.M.S. *Saintes*, H.M.S. *Camperdown*, H.M.S. *Cavendish*, H.M.S. *Centaur*, H.M.S. *Victorious* and H.M.S. *Bulwark*.

In May 2/Lt. H. G. D. Smith had an unusual trip with the Royal Navy when he disappeared with members of his platoon on a R.N. landing craft to dump ammunition in the Gulf of Aden. He and his platoon completed the task in record time.

In accordance with tradition the Battalion entertained the Navy on the Glorious First of June, and were able to return some of the Navy's hospitality. At the same time we took great pleasure in beating a Naval XI in a very exciting cricket match. The result of the match was held in the balance until the closing overs of the game.

In July Major Roupell and 20 members of the Battalion went to sea for eight hours aboard the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Centaur*. This visit gave people the opportunity of experiencing conditions afloat apart from the visits to ships in the harbour.

The Kuwait crisis in June/July meant that the Battalion had many unexpected jobs to perform. The immediate job on hand was to re-establish the Transit Camp which had suffered during monsoon winds. Once this was completed the Battalion provided be-

tween 60 and a 100 men each day to deal with the troops and freight which were staging at Aden. Having worked round the clock for a fortnight everyone was pleased to get back to normal duties.

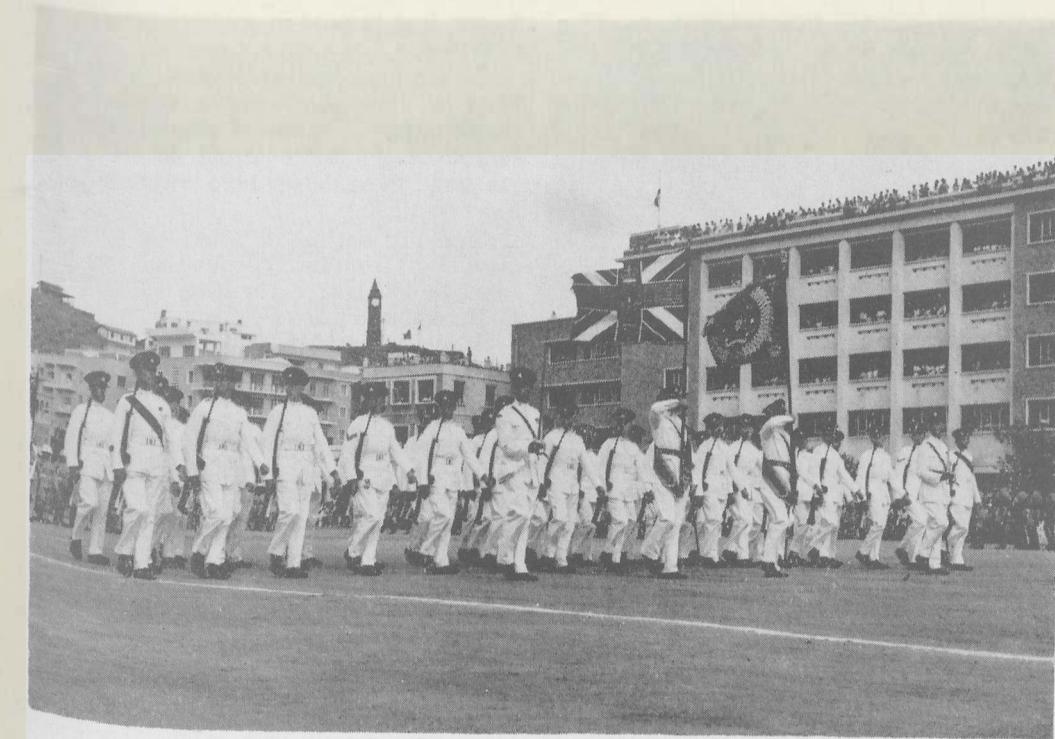
Letters of congratulations on the good work done by the Battalion were received from the Commander-in-Chief and G.O.C.

The Battalion was represented in Kuwait by Major C. S. Fitzpatrick (Movements), and Sgt. Rippon (Movements Staff), Pte. Baker (M.T.) and Pte. Taylor (A.C.C.). Our representative in Bahrain was Lt. P. C. Aitkens who appears to have been, amongst other things, a hotel manager.

The M.T. Platoon has recently had its C.I.V. and the unit vehicles were graded "good," only missing "excellent" by a few points. The unit weapons have also been inspected by R.E.M.E. and were graded "excellent."

Entertainments out of duty hours offer a wide scope, besides the usual swimming, cricket, tennis and hockey (rugger too, in the cool season). People can also try their hand at deep sea fishing, rock climbing, riding, sailing and for those who aspire to loftier ideals, gliding.

Throughout the hot weather each company in turn has run a platoon camp out in the desert about 25 miles from Little Aden. Here the Platoon Commander has been able to administer and train his platoon under exacting conditions. The presence of field firing areas near the camp has enabled each platoon to fire all its weapons and to carry out minor tactics. "A" and "B" Companies were the first, and the latter were fortunate in having a Section of the Independent Field Troop R.E. attached to each platoon. This enabled them to concentrate on mine warfare and demolitions, and some interesting train-



GUARD OF 1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT  
Guard Commander: Major D. J. Wright. Ensigns: Lts. Ridger and Aeworth

ing was achieved. At present "C" Company are just commencing their camps.

At the camp cinema during the showing of "Ferry to Hong Kong" it was discovered that Hong Kong has over 150 bars and night clubs. Many members of the Battalion are looking forward to the move next year.

### Officers' Mess

Since the last edition of the Journal we have moved over to our new Mess in Waterloo Barracks. This is a great improvement, and we now enjoy the luxury of air-conditioned living accommodation.

Throughout the hot weather we have continued to hold Guest Nights once a month, and have had great pleasure in entertaining amongst others the following: Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir Charles Elsworthy, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.; G.O.C., Major-General R. N. H. C. Bray, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Chief of Staff, Brigadier R. C. MacDonald, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Commander Aden Garrison, Col. J. H. Pallot; G.S.O.1,

Lt.-Col. J. H. Hickson, M.B.E., M.C.; A.D.M.S., Lt.-Col. J. E. Miller, M.C.; Commanding 45 Commando Royal Marines, Lt.-Col. L. G. Marsh, M.C.; Commanding 11 Hussars, Lt.-Col. J. A. Crankshaw, M.C.; Commanding 11 Hussars, Lt.-Col. P. D. S. Lauder.

On completion of Exercise "Roulade" in March we entertained Brigadier J. H. Tailyour, D.S.O. and officers H.Q. 3 Commando Brigade, 42 and 45 Commandos Royal Marines to cocktails before lunch on Sunday, 12th March.

We celebrated the Glorious First of June in great style again this year. Cricket was played in the afternoon against a side organised by H.M.S. *Sheba* and in the evening we entertained 13 Naval officers to dinner. Our senior guest was Capt. P. D. S. White, R.N., now with the Planning Staff H.Q. Middle East, and he replied to the speech by the Commanding Officer. Other guests were the Captain of H.M.S. *Cavendish*, Capt. A. R. E. Evans, R.N. and his Gunnery Officer Lt.-Commander D. P. Pain and Lt. A. D.

McLauchlan. The Chief-of-Staff to Flag Officer Arabian Seas, Commander G. R. M. de la Pasteur and the Resident Naval Officer, Commander K. Alan Williams, were also present.

This was followed by a large cocktail party on 3rd June, which was attended by 150 guests.

We were honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Johnston and Lady Johnston. It is interesting to relate that his brother, Capt. Robin Johnston, served with the 2nd Queen's in Burma during the war. Other guests present were His Highness the Sultan of Lahej, Sir Charles and Lady Elsworthy, the new G.O.C., Major-General J. A. R. Robertson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. and members of the Legislative Council.

On 7th July, we entertained R.S.M. F. B. Oram and the Warrant Officers to dinner and presented the R.S.M. with a silver cigarette box on his departure to the 4th Battalion, where we wish him and Mrs. Oram every success. The evening was unfortunately marred by the absence of the Commanding Officer in England.

Major I. D. Beattie has presented the Mess with a fine stand for a seating plan on Regimental Guest Nights, and this has been much appreciated. We are hoping that we may see him over from Kenya in the near future.

Every month the Band has played in the Mess on Sunday morning and has enabled us to entertain many friends and is a very popular occasion. At the last one on 6th August, we welcomed Lt.-Col. and Mrs. M. A. Lowry back from U.K., and we presented them with a silver salver as a wedding present. In doing so we wished them every happiness and good fortune.

Now that the hot weather is coming to a close, our activities will increase, and we have a heavy programme in December with a large cocktail party and Tercentenary ball. We are glad to report that all our Regimental silver and property arrived from England in good shape, and that the silver candelabra which we wired for electricity have been a tremendous success out here.

#### Sergeants' Mess

It seems to have been some time since we wrote any notes for the Journal, but we will

do our best to send in regular contributions in future.

We are now well established in our new Mess in Waterloo Barracks, which is very comfortable. There was some delay; the contractors forgot to install the bar! We can stand most things but a Mess without a bar—NEVER!

Since our arrival in Aden we have had many visits from the Navy on their way to or from the Far East. The Petty Officers from H.M. Submarine *Sea Devil* were a particularly lively lot. Several Mess members went aboard the *Sea Devil* for "sippers," but by the time C.S.M. Les Wilson, Sgts. "Slim" Leach and Fred Isaacs had settled in the P.O.'s Mess, there wasn't room enough to lift an elbow.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated in the traditional manner, with a fun fair, donkey races and polo. The Sergeants' team reached the final of the donkey polo and played against the officers. Both teams spent more time off the donkeys than on them, and the result of the game is still a debatable point.

A social evening was held on 1st June, and a ball on 3rd June. The officers and their ladies were present with many other guests and we enjoyed their company. Entertainment is somewhat limited in Aden and the Saturday night socials help to fill the gap. C/Sgt. Jack ("Rubber Legs") Warner is the reigning ballroom dancing champion.

On 7th July, the W.O.s were invited to the Officers' Mess for dinner. This was the first time that the W.O.s had been privileged to dine with the officers and it was an evening that will long be remembered for the excellence of the dinner and hospitality.

We have at last received the photo of Col. White. It is a bit on the large side, but with a few structural alterations to the Mess we managed to hang it above the bar.

Sgts. Ted Butler and Jim Anderson are back with us again after serving with the Sultan of Muscat's Forces. They were relieved by Sgts. Dick Speakman and "Mo" Jennings.

The Sergeants' Mess was represented in Kuwait during the recent crisis by Sgt. Bill Rippon. However, it didn't take him long to sort out the trouble and he is now back with us.

By the time these notes are published, R.S.M. F. B. Oram should be well established with 4th Queen's Surreys. We hope he

enjoys his tour with the T.A. and that he can still afford his occasional gin and tonic. We trust also that he managed to get all those watches through the eagle eyes of the customs; honestly, you were ticking like a meter when you left here. The best of luck to you, and look after that leg.

Sgt. Jenson (R.A.P.C.) who has been with us for a number of years has also returned to the U.K. being almost time-ex, and Sgt. Cooper of the Band has decided to give the Brigade of Guards Band a trial. We wish them both the best of luck.

R.S.M. P. Collman arrived at the beginning of July and we hope he has a happy and successful time with the 1st Battalion. Since R.S.M. Collman's arrival Bandmaster W. Snowden has decidedly gone "off form" at snooker.

Sgts. John Vodden, Fred Rickman and Sid Lee have also joined the Battalion since its arrival in Aden, and of the very latest arrivals, many congratulations to Sgt. Lane on the addition to his family.

#### Exercise "Roulade"

Only some five weeks after our arrival in Aden, the Battalion took part in a major exercise which was held in the desert between Ras Ara, a promontory lying 80 miles to the west and Little Aden. The exercise was designed primarily to practice assault landings both by sea and air from an aircraft carrier on to ground held by enemy forces. The Battalion's contribution was a complete Company ("C" Company) to act in an independent role, a proportion of the enemy forces ("A" Company) and the entire control staff. Other units who took part were "C" Battery R.H.A., 3 D.G., 11 H., 42 Cdo. and 45 Cdo., Royal Marines and various supporting arms. Friendly forces were under the Command of Brigadier Tailyour, Commander 3rd Cdo. Brigade, who had with him his complete Brigade staff. Eight ships of the Royal Navy were directly involved, including H.M.S. *Bulwark* who sailed from Singapore with 42 Cdo. R.M. on board.

The Control staff, which was virtually Battalion Headquarters complete, augmented by officers from other units, set up shop in the desert (but fortunately near the sea) two days before "D" Day, and awaited the first sea landings to be made by 45 Cdo. at dawn on



Sgt. Riley

Saturday, 4th March. These were successful, a beach-head was established and the enemy withdrew towards the mountains. The next landings were made by helicopter with the task of seizing the well at the village of Dar Am Umer on which all friendly forces were to depend for their water supply for the next few days, while further landings were made by 42 Cdo. to the north. The enemy fought tenaciously but were eventually driven off, and the advance continued over very difficult country until the airstrip was reached in the salt flats some 25 miles to the east.

It was at this stage that "C" Company 1st Queen's Surreys was launched into battle. The entire Company, under the command of Major Curtis, was heli-coptered on to the eastern end of the salt flats, and they then carried out a relief in the line, 45 Cdo. being withdrawn temporarily into reserve. From then on until the exercise ended on 10th March, the Company was constantly on the move, making several rapid approach moves across the desert, and acquitting themselves extremely well in the many actions that took place. As can be imagined, the enemy also had a very lively time of it, and the efforts of

"A" Company made the exercise a great success.

From the Battalion's point of view Exercise "Roulade" was our first proper sally into the desert, and the lessons learnt were innumerable. The "going" over much of the area is extremely difficult, and sand-channels and shovels were much in demand, while tactically, after some 18 months in U.K., many new techniques had to be put into practice for the first time. The desert heat, too, took its toll, but casualties were in fact commendably few.

All in all, it was an extremely valuable and enjoyable exercise, and it was particularly pleasant to work in such close contact with the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, with whom several old friendships were renewed.

#### Cricket

To date 16 matches have been played, of which the Battalion has won eight and lost eight. The game against the Royal Navy on the Glorious First of June was won in typical "Glorious First" style by three runs.

L/Cpl. Shambrook (R.A.P.C.), Pte. Warner and later in the season Pte. Price have batted well. The discovery of Pte. Price as a batsman of many strokes—and an average of 70 in four games—was a very welcome one. Cpl. Slater, Pte. Harman, Pte. Warner and L/Cpl. Barclay have all bowled with great determination and success.

The following have played regularly for the Battalion: the Commanding Officer, Major G. Mason, Lt. S. J. Petzing, 2/Lt. K. H. Baker (R.A.E.C.), Cpl. Slater, L/Cpls. Barclay, Blisset, Shambrook and Appleton, Ptes. Warner, Price, Byhurst and Harman.

#### Boxing

Shortly after our arrival in Aden, a selection of individuals was made to form an Aden Combined Services Team to meet Kenya A.B.A. in Nairobi. The Battalion was well represented by the following boxers: Pte. Connor, L/Cpl. Hardy, Cpl. Chambers, L/Cpl. Richardson and L/Cpl. West. Dmr. Davies, L/Cpl. Barclay and Pte. McMullen were also selected for supporting bouts. Aden lost this match 8-2 but this result in no way paints a true picture of the clean hard hitting bouts which delighted the 1,400 spectators. In most cases the result could have gone either way. We hope to reverse many of the results when the Kenya A.B.A. visit Aden in December for a return match.

We congratulate Capt. Hare on his recent appointment as Command Boxing Officer. At the same time we also congratulate Pte. Brazier who now holds the Army, I.S.B.A. and A.B.A. titles, and who represented England in the recent European Championships. We hope to see him back with the Battalion before the Kenya team arrive.

A Battalion Boxing Club has now been formed, and although the only "gymnasium" we boast is a small stretch of desert, the Club is flourishing and we have some very useful members in training for next season.

Since the last publication of the Journal we have had to say goodbye to many promising boxers and we take this opportunity to wish them every success with their civilian clubs.

#### Water Polo

Unfortunately both the major and the minor units leagues were cancelled after the Kuwait crisis. Before this the Battalion team had played six matches, winning three and losing three. The standard of play has improved from the start, and it has been a pity that for the time being the competition has lapsed. The team consisted of Sgt. Lockwood (Captain), Sgt. Fulker, Ptes. Catanach and Sharman, Dmr. Jenner, Ptes. Ing and Jillings. Dmr. Titchener, Pte. Brown and L/Cpl. Turner have also represented the Battalion. We hope to have further news in the next edition.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander .. Major C. S. Fitzpatrick  
C.S.M. .. .. .. W.O.2 H. Skilton

On arriving in Aden "H.Q." Company moved into the old barracks in Singapore Lines whilst the remainder of the Battalion moved into its new home in Waterloo Barracks. The advantages of living a mile away from the rest of the Battalion were more than offset by the indifferent living conditions and the Company as a whole were only too pleased to move into Waterloo Barracks in March. Unfortunately quite a few bedbugs decided to accompany us—despite every endeavour to get rid of them—and an intensive campaign has had to be waged against these pests ever since as they too seem to approve of Waterloo Barracks and are reluctant to leave.

In May, the Battalion reorganised and "H.Q." Company absorbed the M.M.G.

Platoon and the Assault Pioneers from "S" Company.

The M.M.G. Platoon has been rechristened the Reconnaissance Platoon and spend as much of its time as possible away from barracks. It is expected to adopt a swan as its mascot any time now.

The Assault Pioneers spend much of their time loading stores into aircraft to resupply the Company group in Mukeiras. They have recently received reinforcements and will soon be learning once again how to build things up and then blow them down again.

The old hands of "H.Q." Company such as the M.T., Signals, Cooks and various staffs have all been busy. Most peoples ambition is to work "Aden hours," i.e. work half a day and sleep the other half, but not very many actually achieve this.

The Band who have been living with us have still not got their practise room although it is very nearly complete. As it is some way from their barrack block the thought of having to use it may not be too popular with some bandsmen whose "petrol feet" are particularly bad, but most of the Company although, or perhaps because, they are so musical, rather relish the idea of silence as a change from individual practise.

Many of us have got up to Mukeiras with the Company Group there and most people, once up there, are reluctant to come back again unless it is to go on leave to Kenya. The coming and going within the Company has been very considerable, and as aircraft often take off at literally five minutes notice, keeping track of everyone has presented no small problem.

In the sporting world we won the inter-Company water polo match and were runners-up in the inter-Company swimming competition, and are looking forward now to the start of the football and hockey season.

Perhaps the best thought of all, however, is that by the time the next lot of notes come to be written we shall all have left Aden and will, with a bit of luck, be able to report on the amenities of Hong Kong.

#### M.T.

The M.T. Platoon continue to have plenty on their plate. The continuous round of administrative journeys has been relieved by Adventure Training runs to the Isle of Perim and to Mukeiras.

On 28th June, "A" and "C" Companies were changed over at Mukeiras by a road

convoy, and a good time was had by all; driving up and down the escarpment in their land rovers, "Jesse James" acting as Marshal.

July found us all at full stretch driving at all hours of the day and night during the Kuwait troop movements. Pte. Baker went to Kuwait as a driver with the H.Q. which are set up there.

We now find ourselves trying to get as many as we can on leave to Kenya, to feast their eyes on greenery once more instead of the sand and rocks of the Colony.

L/Cpl. Rogerson, Ptes Baker, Peck and Madeleine, are now at Little Aden carrying out trials on a new fighting vehicle.

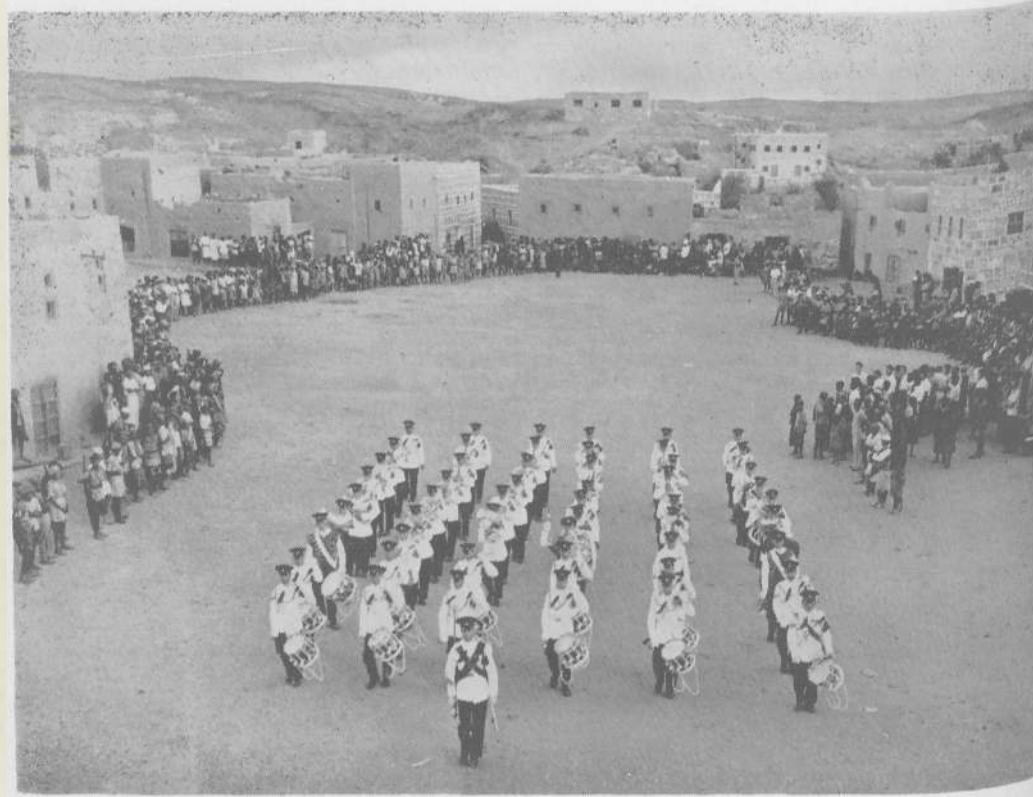
#### The Band

Bandmaster ..	Mr. W. Snowden, L.R.A.M.,
	A.R.C.M.
Band Sergeant ..	C/Sgt. Thompson

These being the first Regimental Band notes compiled since amalgamation, and much having already been written and said in the welding together of the two Battalions, to write in the same vein for the two Regimental Bands would be only a reiteration of the main theme, which would become boring. Let it be said that harmony is a combination of sounds that are pleasing to the ear, and the amalgamation of the two bands has accomplished that purpose.

Since leaving the United Kingdom the Band's activities have been varied, interesting and sometimes frustrating. From the time of embarking at Southampton in January, to disembarking at Aden, much time was spent in the dark depths of the ship's baggage hold, shifting the entire baggage load (frustrating) looking for instruments and music. Rehearsals, concerts, dances and lifeboat drill (varied) kept the Regimental Band completely occupied during the whole voyage. The interesting parts were of course the introduction to many for the first time to a voyage in a troopship and the foreign countries seen without the tourist guide. To ensure that all had a full quota of troopship life, Band L/Cpl. Rothwell introduced the 'flu which ensured the entire ship's personnel remaining aboard until the ship's arrival in Aden.

Our tour of service in Aden has found us functioning in much the same way as in U.K. except for the extra heavy demand made on the dance band and the added duties of internal security.



The Regimental Band beating the Retreat at Mukeiras

The military band has been called upon to perform at cocktail parties and dinners, which included a performance at the Governor's House on the occasion of the visit of the Colonial Secretary. Parades at which the military band added that essential final touch, were the administrative inspections of every unit stationed in Aden, with the notable exception of the R.E.M.E. admin. parade, when for some strange reason the Band arrived after the parade was over. Among the notable parades were the Guard of Honour provided for Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Queen's Birthday Parade and the opening of the new barracks, which we now occupy.

The dance band has now played in every place that has the need for their services, including boat trips around the harbour, when one is left wondering whether it was the Q.M.'s steering, the drinks supplied, or the roll of the boat that made Bdsm. Swift look sickeningly for terra firma.

As is customary when a Bandsman has completed his service, it is with regret we say *bon voyage*, and it is *bon voyage* to Sgt. Pete Cooper ("The Monk") and Bdsm. Gaskin and wish them every success in the future. A welcome is extended to Bdsm. O'Neill and Fletcher, who have recently joined the Regimental Band.

The future activities of the Band have already been planned as far ahead as January 1962, and these plans include a visit to U.K. on the occasion of the Tercentenary Celebrations and parade at Putney Heath (it is surprising how many band personnel live so close to Putney). Trooping of the Colours takes place on our return to Aden, ensuring once again that our activities are varied, interesting and sometimes frustrating.

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#### "A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major W. G. R. Ambrose
Second-in-Command	Capt. M. E. Girling
Platoon Commanders	Lt. D. J. C. Dickins 2/Lt. H. G. D. Smith 2/Lt. C. Russell
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. Burstin-Wilson

Shortly before the reorganisation of the Battalion, there was considerable speculation as to who would have to leave the Company. In fact, no one did. Instead, we welcome Mr. Dickins and our Support Platoon.

On 27th June, we left Aden for Mukeiras. As no aeroplanes were available, we went by road. At 9.30 a.m. our convoy of 39 vehicles waved goodbye to the 2IC and the Adjutant, and moved off along the beach towards Shugra. We suffered no difficulties on the way, except for the occasional mechanical breakdown and bogging down. At Shugra we camped for the night on the disused airfield. The preparation of an Arab ration goat "on the hoof" caused some surprise to those of our soldiers who witnessed it for the first time.

At 6.30 a.m. on 28th June, we set off for Laudar where we were very kindly accommodated by the Company of Aden Protectorate Levies, and at 6 a.m. on 29th June, we left Laudar for the bottom of the Thirah escarpment, where land rovers were to ferry us up and "C" Company down.

Promptly at the appointed time, our No. 3 Platoon met O.C. "C" Company at the top of the escarpment, after a most interesting ascent. For those readers who do not know it, the narrow mud track winds steeply round hairpin bends for a climb of 3,000 ft. Everything went smoothly, however, and the Company had lunch in camp.

In Mukeiras, our main task has been to get the camp up to "A" Company standard. This has entailed a great deal of tent pitching. Few of us will go on a camping holiday after this. We have not played games as much as we would wish, due to heavy rain, but at the time of writing the weather is drier and we have been able to catch up with our league games, donkey polo and our regular football



BAND AND DRUMS, MUKEIRAS

Left to right: Baker, Dennett, Rogers, Sgt. Richardson

fixture against Laudar City United. This is the only event which sometimes causes inter-racial feeling to run a little high. Fans in Britain who advise the referee to see an optician could learn much from Laudar.

We have now broken the back of our tent pitching and look forward to getting out into the country and training, until we hand over to "B" Company a perfect camp and hope that their stay in Mukeiras will be as happy as ours.

#### "B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	Major G. Mason
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. D. Abbott
Platoon Commanders ..	Lt. S. J. Petzing Lt. P. C. Aitkens 2/Lt. D. H. Hutt 2/Lt. C. Reeves
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 K. Yonwin

Our last days at Mukeiras were spent on both business and pleasure and probably we remember best the luxury of a C.S.E.U. show with Tom Mennard and Rita Noble. The actors were delighted with the stage which Sgt. Lockwood and No. 6 Platoon constructed for them out of rocks and sand. We were also entertained by the Regimental Dance Band who courageously ventured to the sharp end and actually completed two days "active service"!

We rejoined the Battalion on 1st March, and there was lots to do and get to know. However, we soon mastered our I.S. duties and drills. Our knowledge stood us in good stead when the Colonial Secretary visited the Colony early in May and the Company stood-to in case of disturbances.

The Company did well at sport, L/Cpls. West and Barclay flew to Kenya to box for the Battalion and did very well. The Company soccer team won the inter-Company soccer competition with maximum points. Eight of the Company players, L/Cpls. Matthews and Beavan, Ptes. Hall, Larbey, Finch, Cook, Hone and McKenna, also Ptes. Reed, Diles and Howton were selected for the Battalion athletics team in the inter-Unit athletic competition. Sgt. Lay, Reed and Diles were selected for the Army team which beat the R.A.F. for the first time.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated in an appropriate manner by holding a Battalion swimming gala in which "B" Company were the victors. The Company victory was mainly due to our strong swimmers and divers, particularly Sgt. Lockwood

(No. 6 Platoon), Ptes. Ing and Jillings (No. 5 Platoon), Sharman and McKenna (Support Platoon), but such a competition could not have been won without a very good bunch of second string swimmers and enthusiastic support from the Company.

In spite of the never ending guards and fatigues, a good deal has been achieved on the training side and we have also been able to grant leave to an average of five men per month to visit the leave camp in Mombassa. In early May the Company changed to the new Infantry Battalion Organisation and welcomed members of our new Support Platoon (a mortar and anti-tank section) who were posted in from "S" Company.

In July, Lt. Petzing and members of No. 5 Platoon set out on the first "Adventure Training" journey into the Protectorate and made for the Isle of Perim. Contrary to popular belief, the fact that they never arrived at their destination was really no fault of theirs as the winds were so strong that no Arab ship's captain could be bribed to sail them to the Island.

#### WE CONGRATULATE

We would like to congratulate the following members of the Company on their promotion: Lance-Corporal to Corporal, Cruse, Steadman and Lyon; Private to Lance-Corporal, Pickford, Emery and Jeeves.

#### WE WELCOME

We welcome the following new members to the Company: 2/Lt. G. C. Reeves, Sgt. Lay, Cpls. Carr and Steadman, L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Burnett, Brooks, Cook, Dawkins, Doe, Gardiner, Goddard, McMullen, McKay, Price, Sharman, Summerskill, Squires and Wood from "S" Company, Cpl. Allen, Ptes. Adamson, Ayres, Cahalane, Dugdale, Ebbens, Holness, Larthe de Langadure, Newham, McLean, Sambrooke, Townsend and Wolfe.

We specially welcome Ptes. McLean and King who have signed on from National Service as regular soldiers—may many more follow their example.

#### WE SAY FAREWELL TO

We say farewell to the following who have left the Company and wish them the best for the future: 2/Lt. D. Burgess, Ptes. Minto, Mathiot, Markham, Gloster, Buckthorpe, Hall and Roake.

#### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander ..	Major P. G. F. M. Roupell
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. J. G. F. Naumann
Support Platoon Commander ..	Lt. P. A. Gray
Platoon Commanders ..	Lt. K. G. Wakely
No. 7 Platoon ..	2/Lt. D. W. Ringrose
No. 9 Platoon ..	Lt. A. C. Ward
No. 8 Platoon ..	2/Lt. M. R. Kinloch
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 H. Boseley

In January the Company arrived in Aden and was met by our Advance Party of 2/Lt. Wakely, L/Cpls. Dahl and Parry, and Pte. Hands. We moved straight into the recently completed Waterloo Barracks.

We started our training in Aden by practising I.S. Drills, using this period to become generally acclimatised to the heat. We then started training in the desert, a new experience for most members of the Company. This period culminated in Exercise "Roulade," a major exercise in which "C" Company were under command of 3 Commando Brigade. During the exercise the Company were moved ashore by helicopters from an aircraft carrier, another "first" for many members of the Company.

On 14th March the Company moved to Mukeiras, a place fully described in the last Journal. We were struck by the delightful climate of the 7,000-ft. high plateau. Energies and spirits rose at the prospect of three

months away from Aden and the R.S.M., and beer drinking became a serious sport in the evenings. Serious training in mountainous conditions became the order of the day and much time was spent field firing with both infantry and Support Platoon weapons.

Despite somewhat primitive conditions of the camp at Mukeiras, all members of the Company thoroughly enjoyed their stay there and an extension of our stay was most welcome. We should have returned to Aden on 14th May but in fact we did not get down until 28th June, when we made the journey by road.

On our return to Aden, we were at once involved in the Kuwait crisis. For us this was a series of fatigue parties, loading aeroplanes, moving ammunition and putting up tents at the Transit Camp, the latter a frustrating experience as they usually blew down again within minutes. However, matters soon returned to normal and we have just begun our Platoon camps, on the coast beyond Little Aden. This gives each Platoon Commander an opportunity to look after and train his Platoon on his own and away from the distractions of life in barracks in Aden. Since constructing the camp, No. 8 Platoon have gained considerable experience in how to live in sand storms and winds of up to gale force. An interesting side line was to find



Ptes. Brice and Perks of "C" Company

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that a parked 3-tonner will sink up to 2 ft during a windy night.

During the past few weeks we have been experimenting in operating in the desert with our leading Platoon mounted in stripped down land rovers. The influence of the Long Range Desert Group soon became evident and we found ourselves champing at the bit in the initial stages of the Commanding Officer's Exercise "Rumble II" when we found ourselves being overtaken by a camel train! The first morning of the exercise was spent in a sand storm of considerable violence which reduced all means of communication to a minimum—not an unnecessary word was spoken. During the afternoon the wind dropped and the Corps of Drums proved an ever present enemy. We reached our final objective about an hour before light and were revelling in the joys of being able to talk without taking three mouthfuls of sand with each sentence, when up came another storm of equal violence from the opposite direction. The exercise ended after an attack by the Corps of Drums shortly after first light. After an encouraging if not altogether laudatory summing up by the Commanding Officer we returned to barracks sandier and wiser men after a most valuable and, in retrospect, enjoyable exercise. On our side in the exercise were the Recce Platoon and Battalion H.Q., commanded by our sand-blasted "Seagull," who in addition to his Adjutantal duties was acting as 2IC, I.O., R.S.O., M.T.O., Q.M.—and his own assistant.

## TRAINING COMPANY

On the reorganisation of the Battalion on to the New Establishment in May 1961, "S" Company was disbanded and Training Company was formed with the old "S" Company H.Q. personnel.

Training Company has a staff of two officers and eight other ranks only and is responsible for running Continuation Training of new drafts from U.K., N.C.O.'s cadres, and for conducting user trials on new equipment. At the moment the Cobra Man Pack Drill, intended to assist the soldier in digging, and the new A.P.C. are under trial with the Company.

# Home Counties Brigade Depot

DURING the six months under review the Regimental representation at the Depot has diminished as a result of retirements and postings. The first to go was Sgt. L. Wright. After 38½ years in the Regiment he has retired and is now employed by British Railways at Canterbury where he and his wife live. He enlisted in the Queen's in 1922 and has seen service in India, Khartoum, Hong Kong, China, Malta, Malaya and Germany. He had the unusual experience for an old soldier of handing in his kit to his son-in-law R.O.M.S. D. Adkins, also of the Regiment, before leaving the Depot.

Next to go was Major M. R. H. Stopford who handed over command of "H.Q." Company on 21st April to take up a civilian appointment. He and his family now live in Berkshire.

In May, Sgt. J. Morant, who had been

Officers' Mess Sergeant at Canterbury, was posted to the School of Infantry, Warminster.

Next to leave was Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D. He is now 2IC of the 5th Battalion The Ghana Regiment stationed at Tamali, Ghana. He is accompanied by his wife and family and at the time of writing is preparing to move to the Congo for service with the United Nations Forces there.

In August 1961, Sgt. A. Cakebread left with his family for B.A.O.R. for service with 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

Bandmaster E. Gaines who has been Bandmaster at Canterbury for the past five years has now retired and is Bandmaster at Harrow School.

In the sporting sphere Pte. Brian Brazier, whose home is at 7 Cuthbert Road, West Croydon, distinguished himself by becoming



Col. M. T. N. Jennings, Brigade Colonel, inspecting recruits of Caen Platoon, 19th May, 1961. The Platoon Commander is Lt. S. T. W. Anderson. *Photo: Kentish Gazette*



RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS' SERVICE

Sgt. L. Wright handing in his kit to his son-in-law, R.Q.M.S. D. W. Adkins

the Amateur Boxing Association Light Welterweight Champion on 28th April. He then represented Great Britain in the European Amateur Championships at Belgrade in June but was outpointed by Ljubisa Mehovic of Yugoslavia.

In June, Lt. R. W. Bing and three N.C.O.s of the Regiment, Cpl. J. Winfield, J. Marshall and F. Lloyd, with four Junior soldiers took four canoes to Ostend from where they paddled to Ypres to join in certain ceremonies there with the Salient Circle, an Association of World War I veterans, who fought at Ypres. The party was away from Canterbury for a week.

During the six months under review 109 men enlisted in the Regiment and after training at the Depot, 82 were posted to the 1st Battalion. At a final parade for recruits on 30th March, Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews presented the award for the best shot to Pte. A. Ebbens. On 15th June, he made a similar award to Pte. D. Wildman and another to Pte. D. Prior as best recruit. Pte. P. Williams was the best recruit on the final parade held on 29th June.

On 27th July, the Inspecting Officer, Lt.-Col. J. Tillcard, T.D., 4th Buffs (T.A.),

presented the Best Shot Award to Pte. D. Waters.

On 25th August, the best shot, Pte. D. Waite, received his award from Major P. G. V. Bellers, The Middlesex Regiment.

The Depot held its first "At Home" on 22nd July and more than 3,000 visitors attended. Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., came as Representative Colonel. One of the events was the medium machine gun dismounted action competition. The placings were: (possible 60) 1, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), 53 points; 2, 4th Battalion The Buffs (T.A.), 45 points; 3, 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), 41 points.

The Depot Messes acted as hosts during the visits of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines for the Regimental cricket matches on 25th and 26th May and 27th and 28th July, respectively.

Apart from members of the Regimental cricket teams mentioned elsewhere in the Journal, visitors to Wemyss Barracks have included: Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.,

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## 3rd Battalion

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

ON EASTER SATURDAY, 1961, THE 3RD BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT WAS FORMED BY THE AMALGAMATION OF THE 5TH BATTALION AND THE 6TH BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT AND 565 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A., PART OF WHICH WAS ONCE THE 4TH BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

Honorary Colonel	Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.
Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn
Second-in-Command	Major D. B. Pullen
Training Major	Major P. G. Collyer
Adjutant (T.A.)	Capt. J. R. Gill
Quartermaster	Major G. C. Forman
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Capt. R. W. Strutt, M.M.
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
Chaplain	Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, R.A.Ch.D.
R.M.O.	Major J. Attenborough, T.D. (R.A.M.C.)
	Capt. B. H. B. Robinson (R.A.M.C.)

Units are in use although only the senior Colours will be carried on parade.

### Battalion Activities

The new Battalion presents everyone of us with a challenge to make a very special effort. We have tried to rise to an occasion which we think is a great one. We are very conscious that our new Battalion is the direct heir of all the previous Queen's Territorial Battalions, which had a record unsurpassed by any Regiment in the Army. We are immensely proud of this heritage and grateful to our parent Units. We hope they will think that we are worthy successors.

Our new Battalion officially came into being on 1st April, 1961, but the three Units had been training together in the new organisation since January, and by Amalgamation Day much of the hard work had been completed. We would like to start these notes with a very warm expression of thanks to three officers no longer with us who gave so much time, energy and thought to seeing that we began well, Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice of the former 6th Queen's, Lt.-Col. B. Gill of 565 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and Major P. R. Swanson, our first Training Major. Nothing was ever too much trouble for any of them and we are sincerely and lastingly grateful!

Until the presentation of new Colours to the Battalion the Colours of all three previous

### Commanding Officer's Battlefield Tour

Over the Easter weekend a party of 90 officers and men spent a most enjoyable few days as the guests of the Royal Navy and the Belgian and Dutch Armies visiting battle-



"AT HOME," GUILDFORD, 29th JULY, 1961

L'Adjutant R. Baejens, who was attached to 1st/6th Queen's in 1944, with Capt. A. H. Le Q. Clayton and Sgt. W. Mills

fields in the Low Countries. We were taken to Ostend in our old friend, H.M.S. *Plover*, and moved from there to the Ecole Royale Militaire in Brussels. There, on Easter Saturday morning we held a small parade to mark our Amalgamation Day. We then followed the route of the famous dash of XXX Corps from Beringen to Nijmegen, turning off once to visit the village of Schindel which was defended by our predecessors, the 1st/5th and 1st/6th Queen's against German counter attacks. From Nijmegen we went over the famous bridge to Arnhem where we saw the historic dropping zone fields and the Airborne Museum. Respects were paid at the Military Cemetery, and C/Sgt. Newman was able to revisit the precise spot where he served while covering the withdrawal in 1944. This was an outstandingly interesting weekend, not only for Major Nebel who bought a parcel of eggs in Brussels, and unknowingly dropped one on the floor of a bus thus delighting Belgian bus passengers who thought a British Major had laid an egg, but also for the younger soldiers who, through actually seeing fields, hills and houses that were hotly contested, formed a much better idea of how a battle is actually fought. We were most

grateful to our Belgian Army guides who made the tour so fascinating.

#### Annual Camp

Annual Camp was held at Plasterdown, near Tavistock, from 13th to 28th May and we were very fortunate in that the sun shone for almost the entire time. A very sad event took place when through an accident Pte. George Taylor was shot in the head and received a wound from which he subsequently died. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and children in their tragic loss. We were all very glad to have our Honorary Colonel, Col. Kealy with us for five days at camp.

We were fortunate in having two helicopters attached to us which enabled most members of the Battalion to be given practical training in their possible use. One-hundred members of the Battalion spent a very interesting day at sea in the frigate H.M.S. *Chaplet*, and a further few were able to spend a day in the air with Shackleton aircraft of Coastal Command. Full opportunity of the superb training areas on Dartmoor was taken for a variety of field firing exercises; many soldiers were able to fire the new rifle for the

first time. Training throughout camp was run by Companies, and the emphasis in this our first year was on weapon training and handling, fieldcraft and section and platoon tactics. Much of our work was entirely new to the ex-Gunner members of the Battalion. Many members of the Battalion greatly enjoyed "having a go" at the R.M. Commando School Tarzan Course. We had another stroke of luck in that our anti-tank sections were able to train on two Mobats loaned to us by The Lancashire Regiment. A successful motor-car rally was held on the mid-camp weekend, despite the fact that the officers were struggling against the effects of a previous evening's Guest Night. At the end of an agreeable two weeks a tired but sunburnt Battalion returned home.

#### At Home

The Battalion is very proud to continue the friendly link with the Belgian City of Ghent formed by the 1st/6th Queen's in the Liberation Operations of September, 1944, and continued subsequently by 6th Queen's T.A. We were very glad to have eight members of the Belgian Resistance to our "At Home" at Stoke Park on 29th July, which was opened by the Colonel of the Regiment. Once again we were lucky with the weather, a good crowd attended to watch a variety of Army displays, to which we contributed a Support Weapon competitions and Band and Drums displays. We are now in the midst of preparations to take a party to Ghent in

September, where our Band and Drums will Beat Retreat, the Salute to be taken by the Burgomaster. We are also looking forward to the Tercentenary Celebrations.

#### Sport Shooting and Competitions

As we mentioned in the last issue a team drawn from our three parent Units won the Home Counties Divisional Cross Country Championship. Our next success was winning the Home Counties Divisional First Aid competition at Shorncliffe, when the Divisional Commander presented the Team Leader, Major R. O. Nebel with the Competition Shield. We completed the hat trick by winning the inter-Unit Championship at the Home Counties Divisional Rifle Meeting on 1st May. The G.O.C.'s "Twenty" included five men from the Battalion, and Major P. G. Collyer and C.S.M. Guest were 1st and 2nd respectively in the Parker Hale competition.

We repeated our successes at the 47th Brigade Weapon's Meeting and at the Surrey Rifle Association Meeting, where the Battalion won the Bellhaven Team Championship, C.S.M. Guest won the Centenary Tankard and the Watney Cup, and in the Officers' Challenge Cup, Major Saunders was the winner with Major Collyer, Capt. Brookes and Lt. Dorey all tying for second place.

At the T.A. Athletic Championships, L/Cpl. J. Herd won the Hop, Step and Jump, breaking his own record, and was second in



ANNUAL CAMP, 1961  
Combined Band and Corps of Drums, 3rd and 4th Battalions The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.),  
beating Retreat on Plymouth Hoe, Whit-Monday, 1961



ANNUAL CAMP, 1961

Combined Corps of Drums, 3rd and 4th Battalions, beating Retreat in Tavistock

the Long Jump, 120 yards Hurdles and High Jump.

#### Officers' Mess

P.M.C. ... Capt. N. J. Napier Ford  
Mess Sergeant ... Sgt. E. J. Rolfe

The first Dinner Night of the new Battalion after amalgamation was held in Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on 8th April. We were very glad to have with us Capt. W. H. C. Frend, a Fellow of the College, a former Queen's Officer who used to be on the staff of 131 Brigade. The Mess at Camp presented a fine sight, with all six Colours of the Battalion, the best of the silver and the 18th Century Volunteer prints from Bermondsey on the walls. The P.M.C. presented the Mess with oil paintings copied by himself from originals in the National Portrait Gallery of Queen Catherine of Braganza and King Charles II. Two Guest Nights were held at Camp. At the first we were very glad to have as our guests the Colonel of the Regiment, the G.O.C. 44 Home Counties Division, Major-General P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Brigade Commander, Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Cols. Nick Nice, Brian Gill and Hugh Harris and Col. Geoffrey Bevington.

The Mess held a luncheon and a tea party on the occasion of the Battalion "At Home" on 29th July. Those present included the Chairman of Surrey County Council and Mrs. Ripley, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bermondsey, and the Assistant Belgian Military Attaché and Madame de Grelle.

The new Battalion intends to keep the former 6th Queen's link with H.M.S. President, which was greatly valued by them.

The Bermondsey Mess is being kept as an alternative Battalion Officers' Mess where we intend to hold Mess functions from time to time. A dinner of past and present Bermondsey officers was held on 28th July, when we were very glad to see Col. Bevington with us again. We bade farewell to Brian Robinson and David Hughes, who are off for a year to the United States and Rhodesia respectively.

#### Sergeants' Mess

With the amalgamation completed the Mess has settled down extremely well.

It is with much regret that we have had to say farewell to a few members from the Mess of the 6th Battalion and 565 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and the 5th Battalion. Our sincere thanks and good wishes go with them.

We must also welcome all those who have been promoted into the Mess, and trust their stay will be a long one.

A very successful camp was enjoyed by all. The Mess being extremely happy with very favourable comments being received as to the way the Mess quickly started working as a team.

A most enjoyable Guest Night took place when the Commanding Officer and officers of the Battalion visited us. We were very pleased also to have as our guests the pilots of the helicopter aircraft.

All members also agreed that a most

enjoyable evening was spent when we were entertained by the officers.

Being so widely dispersed as we are as a Battalion, it is most difficult to get together as often as we would like to.

The Mess is running a Ball in October and an even bigger Christmas Draw in December, which if camp is a guide to how well the Mess can show itself, then both evenings should be a great success.

To all ex-members of the amalgamated Messes we extend our hearty greetings and say keep in touch, and you are always most welcome.

#### Band and Drums

<i>Band:</i>	Mitcham Road, Croydon
<i>Drums:</i>	London Road, Camberley (part)
	Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (part)
<i>Band President</i>	Major P. D. E. O'Connor
<i>Bandmaster</i>	W.O.1 W. Braddick
<i>Band Sergeant</i>	Sgt. R. A. Gould
<i>Drum Major</i>	Drum Major W. H. C. Lyons

We would like to say how very glad we are to welcome the entire Band of the former 565 L.A.A. Regiment which has come to us on amalgamation. They have enormously enhanced our Battalion life, and we are very proud of them. They have given a number of concerts in the Battalion area, at Croydon, Rotherhithe, Camberley, and during the "At Home" at Guildford, and under the expert guidance of Mr. Braddick have gained wide admiration. They practice on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings at Croydon, they are just over 30 strong, and have many first-grade musicians.

The Corps of Drums trains at Camberley under the Drum-Major and at Bermondsey under Sgt. MacLeod. They combine on one Sunday a month with the Band, and they now number 15. Both the Band and the Drums were able to spend the whole camp period on music practice—they had to, for the Commanding Officer had directed that their immediate target following the amalgamation was to Beat Retreat at Torquay, Plymouth and Tavistock.

For public occasions such as Beating Retreat our Band and Drums have frequently combined with those of the 4th Battalion, making on some occasions a total of between 50 and 60 musicians on parade, a remarkably fine spectacle. Retreat was Beaten in Torquay, and before a critical but appreciative crowd, on the Hoe at Plymouth. Camp concluded with the Beating of Retreat

in Tavistock, and shortly after the Unit's return from camp, a similar ceremony took place at Camberley.

The Regiment as a whole has cause to thank our Band for their attendance at less than 48 hours notice at the O.C.A. day at Kingston on 4th June. On the Thursday evening, the Band were informed that the Marine Band scheduled to appear could not do so, and they were asked to help. Although it was the weekend immediately after the return from camp a very high percentage turned out and their music was much appreciated.

#### H.Q." COMPANY

Sandfield Terrace, Guildford  
Wey Hill, Haslemere

Company Commander	Major R. K. Asper
Second-in-Command	Capt. M. Wigan
Signals Officer	Capt. B. Bowen
M.T.O.	Capt. T. Parsonage
I.O.	Capt. A. H. le Q. Clayton
C.S.M.	W.O.2 J. Homersham
P.S.I.	C/Sgt. A. Palmer
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. L. Robinson

The Company is centred at Guildford, with part of the Signals Platoon at Haslemere. Other parts of the Company are at Bermondsey, where attached to "D" Company are part of the Signals Platoon, part of the M.T., the Regimental Police and the Int. Section at Stonecot Hill, Sutton.

The M.T. Section started off camp with a very ambitious exercise taking them in convoy round Cornwall. Sgt. Reeve led the Battalion team in the Brigade M/C trials when we gained fourth place.

The Int. Section suffered a misfortune at camp when Sgt. Doyle hurt his back on an exercise necessitating a period in hospital. However, he is now back again with us. The I.O. is to be seen in all uniforms from No. 1 Dress to denims, carrying an important-looking briefcase. Rumour has it that it contains nothing more secret than Dubonnet. The Signals Section train at Bermondsey and Haslemere under Capt. Bowen. They have had a number of rural weekends practicing their mysteries.

2/Lt. Hunt Davies led his Recce Platoon team to victory in the Support Weapons competition at the Battalion "At Home," after a successful debut at Canterbury the previous weekend when they won the competition at Home Counties Brigade Depot.

**"A" COMPANY**  
Chart Lane, Reigate (H.Q.)  
West Street, Dorking

Company Commander	Major D. G. Wilson
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. J. L. Hughes
C.S.M.	W.O.2 F. Cheesman
P.S.I.	W.O.2 F. Firman
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Playford

The Company now feels really amalgamated after a very successful camp; old rivals who joined the new team are anxious to show their combined prowess. We are unique in being the only Rifle Company to be spread over three drill halls.

Recruiting has been above average. L/Cpl. Dawson won the C.O.'s award for introducing the most new members to the Battalion during the last six-monthly period.

During training before camp, "A" Company teams led by L/Cpl. Tester and Sgt. Evans respectively won both the Section Initiative Test and the inter-Company Section competition, covering weapon training and assault course and shooting.

At camp after one or two forced marches, the Company came to the conclusion that Dartmoor was best travelled over by helicopter. All the same we so much enjoyed the R.M. Commando Assault Course at Bickleigh that we had to ration the rides on the "Death Leap." Unfortunately, Pte. Gardiner accidentally fell and broke his wrist but he has now recovered and is with us again.

One of the unexplained mysteries of camp was how on the last night the Main Gate Guard provided by "A" Company were found to be eating the remains of the supper provided by the Officers' Mess to members of the Sergeants' Mess. Some of the comments made, we felt, were unkind.

After camp the Company has been engaged on rifle classification weekends. At the Brigade Weapons Meeting, Pte. Coombes and C/Sgt. Playford came second in the L.M.G. pairs.

We arrange sport monthly at each drill hall in turn; Cpl. Tester has also been keeping us busy at basketball.

**A Reminder**

Contributions for the next issue of the Journal should reach the Editor by 1st March, 1962.

**"B" COMPANY**  
London Road, Camberley (H.Q.)  
Walton Road, Woking

Company Commander	Major M. H. Prescott, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. B. Robinson
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. J. Guest
P.S.I.	Sgt. H. P. Putman
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. H. W. Edgington

The amalgamation of Camberley and Woking into one Company has now been successfully completed and we are functioning as one Company team. In February the Company were pleased to act as host to the new Battalion for one weekend's training. We were able to supply the troops with chicken for dinner which we felt was a good start to the "New Look" T.A. The Company has been taking its proper part in all Battalion activities; the successes of C.S.M. Guest in shooting competitions are noted elsewhere.

The Company's June Ball was held on 4th June, and we were very glad to welcome many officers from other companies.

The Company enjoyed their two weeks on Dartmoor despite some stiffness after marching and blistered hands through "digging" into Moorland granite. We particularly enjoyed the Marines' Tarzan Course, and the spectacle of Lt. Herd falling in the water obstacle!

**"C" COMPANY**  
Queen's House, Poplar Walk, Croydon

Company Commander	Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. R. E. C. Brookes, T.D.
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. Fuller
P.S.I.	W.O.2 J. J. Morris
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Russell

The Company has been very pleased to welcome the former members of 565 L.A.A. Regiment and would like to start its notes by thanking them for their enthusiasm in changing over to Infantry.

While at annual camp the Company staffed a Tavistock Tavern, providing the inn-keeper with very skilled labour, over the mid-camp weekend. This was an arrangement very satisfactory to everyone.

The Company is entering a team for the Middlesex Tough Training competition; many members of the Company are training in the hope of being selected.

We are trying to arrange most of our evening training to take place out of doors in the summer months, and are concentrating on



ANNUAL CAMP, 1961  
Men of "C" Company jumping from a helicopter on Dartmoor

training such as map-reading and 30-yards range firing, with worthwhile results.

We provided side shows at the Brigade Weapons Meeting and the Battalion "At Home" and are becoming specialists in this art.

We are proud to report that Sgt. T. Langridge, A.C.C., attached to this Company has been presented with the Meritorious Service Certificate. He has over 40 years' service, and his son is also serving in this Company.

**"D" COMPANY**  
2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (H.Q.)  
Farringdon House, Stonecot Hill, Sutton

Company Commander	Major P. M. C. Zehntner
Second-in-Command	Capt. J. D. Blumson
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. Dorey
P.S.I.	W.O.2 L. Piper
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Beckett

We now have an enlarged Company group at Bermondsey with our Support Platoon at Stonecot Hill. The organisation of Bermondsey as a Company has proved very hard work particularly as the new wing of our Jamaica Road premises has been turned over to another unit. However, the Company has been well represented in all Battalion activities and shooting successes.

The "D" Company team, led by Cpl. Leo Duncan came second in the Battalion Initiative Test in January, and another "D" Company team distinguished itself at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

The Company spent two weekends on Milton Ranges engaged in rifle and Bren classification; the first of these will long be remembered by those taking part as admirable training for a Siberian winter campaign. We have been very glad to welcome to "D" Company a number of officers and men from the former 565 L.A.A. Regiment, and we are most grateful to them for the willingness and enthusiasm with which they have taken up infantrymen's work. Training takes place on Tuesday evenings at Bermondsey and Thursday evenings at Stonecot; Thursday is a sports and .22 shooting evening at Bermondsey, where S.S.I. Griffiths keeps us all on our toes.

Members of the Bermondsey detachment, including L/Cpl. Dolling, Sgt. Mills and Sgt. MacLeod, acted as hosts to our friends of the Belgian Resistance during their visit. We took them to Portsmouth for a visit to H.M.S. *Victory* and a frigate, and we held two small social evenings for them.

The Bermondsey detachment has two N.C.O.s with the longest service in the Battalion, Sgt. J. Bryan and Sgt. H. Reeve.

**Conclusion**

We hope these notes will have shown readers that we are a Battalion trying to make a real success of our training, sport and social activities but we are not complacent. Our recruiting has kept pace with our losses, but we would wish it to add to our strength. We

therefore conclude this report of our activities with a personal appeal to all present and former Queen's Territorials to try in this our Tercentenary Year, to each bring us one recruit! We would then be a really strong Battalion.

#### STOP PRESS

##### Ghent

Men of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) have just spent a weekend, which was unforgettable, in the Belgian city of Ghent. Ghent was liberated in 1944 by two of the 3rd Queen's Surreys parent Territorial Units—the former 6th and 5th Queen's—in co-operation with men of the Belgian Resistance Movement. The former 6th Queen's formed a link with the Resistance Group—"La Sarcelle"—a link which the 3rd Queen's Surreys is maintaining.

The Battalion party, under the command of the Commanding Officer, numbered just over 90, including the Band and Corps of Drums. They were very comfortably accommodated in a Belgian Army Cadet School at St. Denis.

On the Saturday afternoon the Battalion party paraded with the local branch of the British Legion and Resistance Group members at the Memorial to the 1,148 members of the Ghent Resistance Movement who fell in the war. Then, headed by the Band and Drums, the detachment marched through the city to the Place d'Armes, where the Band and Drums beat Retreat, and the Band subsequently gave an open-air concert.

##### THE CEREMONIES

On the Sunday morning, ceremonies took place at the city's war memorial and the statue of King Albert, after which the Battalion party marched to the Cathedral Square, where the echoes of British military marches resounded splendidly in the narrow cobbled streets. Outside the Town Hall the Band and Drums played for the march past of the British Legion branches of Northern France and Belgium.

The Battalion party was next invited into the splendid late mediaeval Town Hall's "Salle de la Pacification," where the Treaty, known as the Pacification of Ghent, was signed in 1576 bringing a truce to the religious wars raging at that time.

Travelling with the Battalion party was a

small group of former members of 6th Queen's, including their last Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, T.D.—who served with the 1st/6th Queen's during the liberation operations. The Burgomaster of Ghent presented Col. Nice, on behalf of the Battalion, with a fine statuette of Philip of Alsace, a late 12th Century Count of Flanders and the builder of Ghent's enormous castle. Col. Nice, in turn, handed this statuette to the present Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, who expressed the thanks of serving members of the Battalion. The Band and Drums then played the Belgian and British National Anthems, after which champagne and cigars were dispensed. Many newly-joined Territorials were able to feel and experience something of the history of the Queen's Surreys and the regard in which the Regiment is held. All were very deeply impressed.

##### THE BRITISH LEGION LUNCHEON

Then followed a luncheon given by the British Legion at which the Vice-Chairman of the British Legion, Major The Rt. Hon. Lord Carew, was present as a guest and who also attended the ceremonies in the Town Hall. Afterwards many members of the Battalion either watched a procession of flower-decorated floats or strolled around the old city sightseeing.

Six members of the party—all of "D" (Bermondsey) Company—were awarded the Medaille de l'Armee Secrete (the Belgian Resistance Movement's medal) by the President of "La Sarcelle"—M. Albert Fassin.

"La Sarcelle" has recorded a message of greeting to the whole of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on the occasion of the Regiment's Tercentenary next month. The message expresses the admiration of Belgians for the achievements of the various Battalions of the Regiment in both World Wars.

The British Military Attaché, Brigadier P. R. Ashburner, M.C., was present throughout the weekend's celebrations.

The Battalion party arrived home early on Monday morning very deeply moved by the friendship and hospitality shown to them by their Belgian friends in Ghent.

As a result of their performance during the weekend, Lord Carew has requested the Commanding Officer to consider sending the Band and Drums to Ostend during Whitsun 1962, to take part in an important British Legion ceremony.

#### More 3rd Battalion Successes

##### Shooting

The visit to Ghent was not the only activity undertaken by 3rd Queen's Surreys during the weekend 2nd and 3rd September. At Pirbright, nine members of the Battalion took part in the inter-Divisional Shooting competition for the Kolar Cup. Eight of these men, through their excellent shooting, were selected for the Divisional team of 16. Those who took part were Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D., Sgt. T. G. Shuff, Lt. P. J. Dorey, Sgt. W. Burnham, B.E.M., Pte. P. O'Dell, W.O.2 H. J. Guest, Cpl. J. P. Nugent and Sgt. F. J. Burrows and Pte. M. J. Smith.

##### Middlesex "Tough Training" Competition

Twenty-four teams from the Greater London Area took part in a "Tough Training" competition organised by the Middlesex Territorial Association which started at Pirbright, on Saturday, 2nd September. They had to ford a canal, cross a river in collapsible boats, take part in a rifle shooting match, do a seven-mile forced march and finally go over an assault course. The finishing point was at Alexandra Palace, over 60 miles from the starting point. The competition was organised in two parts, prizes being awarded for the winners of the overall competition and for the winners among units outside the County of Middlesex.

A team entered by 3rd Queen's Surreys consisted of Lt. A. B. Daly, Sgt. G. H. Levy, L/Cpl. C. Anderson, Ptes. A. G. J. Brooks, J. Guest and J. E. Luff, from "C" Company at Croydon.

This team won the competition for "other Counties," gaining 707 points with a margin of 60 points over the second team. Third Queen's Surrey's team represented Surrey. In the overall competition the Battalion team came third with only 14 points less than the winners.

##### Sport

*T.A. Cross Country Championships:* 44 (H.C.) Divisional Championship, Winners; Eastern Command, Placed Third.

*T.A. Athletic Championships:* L/Cpl. Herd, J. S., "C" Company, Croydon. T.A. Champion. Hop, Step and Jump (breaking record which he previously held). 2nd, High Jump; 2nd, Long Jump; 2nd, 120 yards Hurdles.

##### Military

*First Aid:* 44 (H.C.) Division Champion Unit, Winners, 1961; Brigade First Aid Champion Units, Winners, 1961.

*Shooting:* 44 (H.C.) Divisional Championships, 1961: Champion Unit, Winners; Rifle March, Winners; Falling Plate, Winners; S.M.C., Runners-up.

*Bisley:* 3rd in China Cup Championship (representing 44 (H.C.) Div). Major Saunders, C.S.M. Guest, Pte. Smith selected for T.A. 50.

*47 Brigade Championships (Weapons' Meeting):* Major Unit Championship, Winners; Minor inter-Company Championship, Winners ("B" Company); Match 1 S.L.R., Championship, Winners; Match 4 Ambush Championship, Winners ("H.Q." Company); Match 3 Fire and Movement Championship, Winners ("H.Q." Company); Match 5 S.M.C. Championship, Winners ("D" Company); Match 6 Falling Plate Championship, Winners (Perm. Staff); Match 2 L.M.G. Championship, Runners-up ("A" Company); Match 8 Energa Championship, Runners-up ("D" Company).

*Greater London Area T.A. Tough Training Contest:* Winners of "Guest" units (the team represented Surrey); 3rd placing in overall competition out of 24 teams competing. Team: Lt. A. B. Daly, "C" Company; Team ("C" Company, Croydon): Lt. A. B. Daly, Sgt. Levy, H., L/Cpl. Anderson, C., Ptes. Brooks, A., Guest, J., and Luff, J.

#### Home Counties Brigade Depot.

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Majors M. J. Mitchell, P. G. Collyer, Capts. J. V. Warner Johnson, E. J. Best, Lts. P. de S. Barrow, C. E. J. Allanson, M. G. Hunt-Davies and D. C. Burgess.

Another visitor to Canterbury was Major Derrick Turner of the R.A.S.C. Officers' School, Aldershot. Prior to transferring to the R.A.S.C. he was in The Queen's Royal Regiment and served with the 1st Battalion at Singapore in 1947.

## 4th Battalion

# The Queen's Royal 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 G. Y. Strawson, T.D.
Adjutant	..	..	..	Capt. J. B. Ray
Quartermaster	..	..	..	Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E.
R.S.M.	..	..	..	W.O.1 F. B. Oram
R.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	W.O.2 G. A. Hurley
O.R.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

THE last Journal carried the final notes from the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment and the 23rd London Regiment prior to amalgamation. In those notes both Battalions mentioned that they looked forward to the "Amalgamated future" with confidence, and that the Battalion formed from them would be a happy and successful one. It is now possible to say—IT IS!

The Amalgamation period from November to April was marked by a tremendous river of papers and " returns " which flowed gently into various in-trays in Battalion and Company offices—relentless and awe-inspiring. All struggled magnificently under the surface and eventually emerged successfully to find themselves not only amalgamated but also at Annual Camp, 13th to 27th May.

Camp was early, and close on the heels of Amalgamation, but in retrospect this was an excellent thing. It gave the Battalion the chance of settling down as one unit, and for all members to get to know one another. It was in fact a most enjoyable fortnight and a great deal of hard and successful training took place amidst the magnificent scenery of Dartmoor. The weather, curiously, was superb.

Besides field firing, exercises, and normal field training, the Battalion spent one day with the Royal Navy, and went to sea in two frigates. An advance to contact exercise with helicopters was also held and was most useful. It was a good camp.

It is pleasant to record the first successes of the Battalion in various competitions. 4th Queen's Surreys team won the 47th (London) Infantry Brigade Motor Cycle trials, and the L.M.G. competition at 44th (H.C.) Division

"A" Platoon of "A" Company, at Richmond;  
"C" Company, at Chertsey, Cobham and  
Leatherhead; "D" Company, at Kingston  
and Sutton; Battalion H.Q., "H.Q." Com-  
pany and the Corps of Drums, at Kingston.

As a result of amalgamation it was regrettably necessary for some members of both former Battalions to leave, being surplus to establishment. The 4th Battalion wishes them all the very best of luck in the future, and it is hoped very much to see them at future social functions.

Nijmegen March, 1961

This year it was decided to send a team from the 4th Battalion to take part in the four day marches in Nijmegen, Holland. This followed the success of the team which went there in 1959 from the T.A. Battalion before the amalgamation. The team this year consisted of a hard core of old members of the previous team together with some new and young blood.

Permission was granted early on in the year to send a team, and immediately the R.S.M., Mr. Bartrip, prepared a very full and tough training programme. It was a very hard job to ensure that the required standard was achieved, but under his expert eye we were, whilst in Holland, in excellent shape. We will always remember with aches in our feet Mr. Bartrip's favourite phrases of "Get dressed and on the road" or "two minutes to go." They always seem to be uttered when one was about to have the second cigarette or the extra mug of tea. Sgt. Hyman was often heard to say how very quickly you can go off people.

Training commenced in February, and a complement of about 35 marchers were interested but after pounding the roads, this number soon became a respectable 15. Once again Richmond Park became an excellent area in which to do the early and shorter marches, but soon new and more interesting routes had to be explored. By the time the training period was over there were very few roads, lanes, villages or towns in the Surrey area that had not been tramped upon by the tough leather soles of the Queen's Surreys team.

Camp this year was at Dartmoor, and we utilised the middle weekend, which was a Bank Holiday, to attempt to march as much of 100 miles as was possible. We were rather envious of the other members of the Battalion having the weekend off, but we achieved our

aim and all felt very fit at the end. It was no easy task scaling the precipitous sides of the Tors. One wit in the team suggested that we should take toggle ropes whilst climbing.

The day before we left for Holland the team congregated at Portsmouth Road drill hall for the all-important documentation and the very complicated system of higher finance, changing pounds into guilders. After the work there were a few farewell drinks. The next day dawned and at about the same time we left the drill hall for Liverpool Street Station, and then on to the boat. The crossing was by no means smooth, and a certain Corporal certainly had a very sad colour.

We arrived in Nijmegen and after much swopping of accommodation settled ourselves in on straw mattresses. Sunday and Monday were free and everybody took the opportunity to see some of the sights of the town and the countryside. On Monday, in the large sports stadium there was a flag raising ceremony. The flags of the 18 countries taking part are raised accompanied by the relevant National Anthem. There were 68 British military teams taking part this year and one member from each team was selected to march round the arena in the British contingent. Cpl. Partridge, our tame Australian, was selected by popular vote to represent our team. However, it took some persuading to make him leave his abo' guide Wollum Bulla behind.

The total number of marchers, both military and civilian, from the 18 countries was 13,551; this was not a record but nevertheless many feet walking.

We commenced the first of the four days 25 miles in fine fettle and feeling very confident. The pace was perfect, and it was not long before other teams and several civilians thought so as well and tagged on at the end of the team. For the whole of the four days the team was in excellent voice and whistle, the vast Dutch crowds of spectators who were ever present even at four in the morning, always appreciated the songs and the two flowing moustaches. Moustaches in Holland went out in 1860.

Here one must say a word in praise of our two cycle orderlies, Sgt. Swift and Cpl. Peters, who were always there when needed. Eight brews of tea per day was their commitment and at no time did they fail to have the kettle going when we arrived. They were even asked if our team would accept transfers



The Mayor of Kingston upon Thames, Councillor  
Miss D. L. Tapping, J.P., inspecting the Nijmegen  
Team on its return from Holland

as we were so well looked after. A thank you from the team to the two hardest worked orderlies in Holland.

It was soon evident that our training was standing us in good stead, and we earned the reputation of being the smartest team in the whole of the marches. On many occasions our halting was watched with awe and on several stops we were greeted with a good round of applause.

At various points along the routes each day commercial firms donated gifts to the marchers to make the long way back to Nijmegen a little shorter. Amongst these numbered drinks of various types, sweets, soups, chewing gum, and free boot repair service. A high light of each day's march was the spraying of the team with eau-de-Cologne.

The march continued over the interminable cobbles which certainly tend to make the feet complain bitterly. Eventually the last day arrived and we were only 25 miles from the much coveted individual medal and team plaque. The day started on a very wet note, but as the team left the crowds were beginning to take their seats. However, the day became sunny by the time we neared Nijmegen on the return journey. It was evident that the crowds were going to be huge, and so they were, and each one had a cheer for the marchers. Each member of the team received a bunch of flowers on the march into the centre of Nijmegen and one or two of the more dashing members managed to collect more than once bunch.

The march over, and the medals and plaque collected, the team went off and cleaned up; then a celebration dinner.

On the Monday after a safe return the team was inspected by the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Miss D. L. Tapping, J.P.

#### "A" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. A. R. Mitchell
C.S.M.	W.O.2 R. Anderson
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. D. Stuart
P.S.I.	W.O.2 P. Amos

The Company got off to a good start by arriving at Camp this year, the strongest of all the rifle Companies in actual numbers. Camp was also the first opportunity for the Richmond Platoon to meet the rest of the Company from Clapham, and a very cordial meeting it became.

We had a good camp but were always unfortunate in getting the one transport vehicle

without a canvas cover and in order to ward off the effects of the chill winds on the way to Okehampton we naturally took to singing. The words of some of these songs rather upset Pte. Richards who considered them "very rude." So to please him, the tone of the songs was changed but the refrain was always the same "For those in peril on the sea—pause—xxxx them! These immortal words have now become the Company's rallying cry.

Camp ended with a wonderful party in the British Legion Hall at Yelverton. It is a great pity that no photographs of this party are available. It is known that one was taken of Cpl. Bates in the final stage of his strip-tease but it is probable that the sight of his hairy body was too much for the lens of the camera. A good deal of the singing was pretty "solid" including a version of the Quartermaster's stores amended to apply to various members of the Company, but mention must be made of the pleasant singing and guitar playing of Pte. Chue.

We did spend a certain amount of time on training as well and Pte. Mohan was ceremoniously presented with a bounty on qualifying as the dead eyed Dick of the rocket launchers. Before the end of camp, well earned promotion was awarded to the following: L/Cpl. Beaumont to Corporal; Ptes. Brazier, Norton and Willgrave to Lance-Corporal. Pte. Lee has since been recommended for his first stripe.

We entered a full team for the inter-Company Swimming championship and won all the major events. Particular praise must go to a very-stylish free-style swim by Pte. Chue, who found a bath temperature of 75° just warm enough after the heat of the Far East, and to L/Cpl. Brazier who won the water crossing race. Not content with winning that, he proceeded to swim a length of the bath in battle order.

Unfortunately we did not fare so well in the Battalion rifle meeting a fortnight later. Three of our marksmen were unable to turn up. However, we did quite well and congratulations are due to Pte. Chue for winning the cup for the best shot in the Company. The weather was perfect even if the day was spoilt by the cynic who remarked, as the Company Commander collected the Company swimming cup. "They can't fight but they can at least swim—Oh well, that will come in handy if there's another Dunkirk!"

A social committee has been formed with

L/Cpl. Willgrave in the Chair. They have already run some very pleasant functions and their intention is to have these gatherings once a month at the Clapham and Richmond drill halls alternately. Any member of the Battalion and any friends are welcome. For details, please ask L/Cpl. Willgrave at Clapham. The next big event planned is a grand ball at Clapham drill hall on 28th October.

We have unfortunately lost a few members since camp but a number of very keen newcomers have taken their place and it is hoped to make up another Rifle Platoon at Clapham fairly soon. A warm welcome goes out to them. Let us hope that they have a long and enjoyable stay in the Company—bless 'em!

#### "B" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major D. H. Conran
C.S.M.	W.O.2 S. Walker
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. Locke
P.S.I.	Sgt. R. Barlow

"Bravo" 4th Queen's Surreys, it sounds as though it were a pat on the back for a Battalion effort, and so it is. This Company having settled down after the throes of amalgamation, have knitted into a well-drilled team. The emphasis on "Company Training" prior to camp was shooting, and the effort proved worth while, for "B" Company won the Field Firing at camp by a handsome margin.

We then proved to be the best team from 4th Queen's Surreys in 47 Brigade shoot, failing only by two points to become Brigade champions, and that with one of our best shots, Sgt. Jenkins, unable to make it. We are feeling quietly confident towards the Battalion Shooting competition on 27th August.

Everyone came back from camp several shades darker, and several pounds lighter. We don't know exactly what happened to Baskin but everyone for weeks kept calling him "Toggle."

We would like to congratulate L/Cpls. Yeldham, Marshall and LeFevre on their recent promotions.

Finally a sad note. We have lost the services of that "Prince of Sergeant-Majors," C.S.M. Coughlan, who has left for civilian life. His cheerfulness will be a loss to the Company. We never did find out who was "A" and who was "G" with him and Sgt. Barlow.

#### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. S. D. Wright
C.S.M.	W.O.2 T. Collins
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. G. Dimond
P.S.I.	W.O.2 D. Crowther

#### CHERTSEY DETACHMENT

Since the last issue of the Journal the Detachment has become part of "C" Company in the new Battalion. At the moment the M.M.G. are still based on Chertsey and we hope it will be possible for them to remain. We congratulate Sgt. Stebbings on the award of the Territorial Efficiency medal and are sorry he has had to transfer to the Territorial Reserve. We hope he will continue to come and see us from time to time.

The M.M.G.s were lucky to have plenty of ammo for field firing at camp this year and some real practice was done. They also took part in the 3rd Battalion's Open Day at Guildford.

The Company as a whole is beginning to settle down and camp helped in this respect, where we won the night patrolling exercise.

We would, however, still like to have many more recruits in all three Detachments.

#### COBHAM DETACHMENT

Little of a spectacular nature has happened since the last note was written. With re-organisation in April we found ourselves as the Support Platoon of "C" Company and as we thus retain our 3-in. Mortars, training has not altered much.

Camp at Plasterdown was most enjoyable, and all the Support Platoons were training together in one cadre. Our live shoot on Dartmoor was, as is now customary, followed by a heath fire of mammoth proportions, which took a lot of putting out. Our standing as Mortarmen is unknown, but as firemen we are fast earning a reputation.

Congratulations to Pte. Bunch, a new recruit, on winning the L.M.G. pairs competition with C.S.M. Collins at the Brigade Rifle Meeting in July.

#### LEATHERHEAD DETACHMENT

We have again taken over this Detachment from the Royal Artillery on amalgamation and hope that any members of the 5th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) who were here pre-war will call in to see us.

We started off on 1st April, 1961, with one officer and one Sergeant and are extremely pleased to state that we now muster 22 all ranks with recruits joining us steadily.

A dance was held on 1st July, 1961, and we were pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., and Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D., together with Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E., our Q.M. and other guests. Another will be held on 16th September, 1961, and we are hoping for even greater success.

Training has begun in earnest and we hope that we shall soon be showing the older detachments a thing or two in every way.

#### "D" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major W. E. McConnell
	T.D.
C.S.M.	W.O.2 P. Henman
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. F. Hodgin
P.S.I.	Sgt. T. Swift

Many of us met as a Company for the first time when Sutton Detachment was officially opened on 13th April. The ex-gunners remained somewhat suspicious despite their new badge until camp when a motley collection of us, hardly knowing the designation of our new unit, eventually arrived at Plasterdown camp in late May.

We little appreciated it at the moment of arrival but it was the best thing that could have happened on the formation of a new unit. Within a few hours we settled down as an integrated company and within a few days we overcame the Dartmoor elements to win by a substantial margin our name as Battalion march champions; the five teams from the Company all arriving in the first six places. A few days later, led by 2/Lt. Fairhead, the Company did well enough over a long and damp route to come second in the patrolling competition; this time, with the aid of the weather, overcoming an enemy composed of young regular soldiers whose ears had frozen sufficiently to deaden the sound of our approach. The Company thus established a high morale which was evident in all of its subsequent ventures.

The post camp period has been so heavily committed to Battalion functions, classification and annual holidays, that no further training outside the T.A. Centre has been attempted. The majority of the again successful Nijmegen team was drawn from the Company and our congratulations on their achievement which is reported elsewhere can

be taken as read. It is hoped that the Company will become experts in some other military sphere for 1962 anyway, and leave others to win their laurels and blisters in Holland.

P.S. At the time of writing this it is observed that we have other talents besides marching; the Company Commander has the highest recorded score for L.M.G. in the Battalion. It is also observed that his old Platoon Sergeant, was by pure chance, in the butts when this happened.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Company and Detachment Commander	Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. Coombe
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. Francis
P.S.I.s	Sgt. E. Holledge
	Sgt. P. Dent

After "H.Q." Company of the 6th Surreys moved to Portsmouth Road T.A. Centre in February, a start was made on forming the future "H.Q." Company of the amalgamated Battalion. Many changes took place in the following weeks, and members from the 23rd London Regiment greatly increased the strength on 1st April. A number of these had already been to Kingston several times in March.

Capt. Pearson became Signals Officer and C/Sgt. Hammersley and Sgt. Burgess returned to the Platoon. C/Sgt. Shaw took on his new duties with the M.T. under Capt. Cullum and Capt. Ennis and Sgt. Rumbles took up their duties in the "I." Section.

W.O.2 White arrived to form the Assault Pioneers. W.O.2 Figgins, Sgt. Haynes and their cooks soon made their mark by winning the Brigade Cookery competition. W.O.2 Figgins, Pte. Carr and Pte. Rowley were in the Battalion team in this competition.

R.Q.M.S. Hurley soon settled down and W.O.2 Coombe and C/Sgt. Francis found that there was plenty of work to be done in Company H.Q.

By the time we went to camp the members of the Company were settling down in their various jobs. Camp completed this process; everybody worked extremely well together and showed an excellent team spirit.

Cpls. Wetton and Taylor, L/Cpl. Leavey and Cpl. Peters (Cycle Orderly) were members of the Battalion team which took part in the Nijmegen marches.

We congratulate Cpl. Tolfrey, L/Cpls.

Duckett, Dawton, James and Pearce on their promotion.

We have welcomed the arrival of several new recruits in the last few months, but in the near future Sgt. Holledge is being posted. He, and Sgt. Dent have had a great deal of work with the various moves, preparation for camp and the amalgamation. We will be sorry to see him go.

It is hoped to hold some social functions before very long, but the main social event this year will be Portsmouth Road Detachment All Ranks Dance on 9th December, which will be run by "H.Q." and "D" Companies.

#### W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess

It was fortunate that annual camp came so soon after the amalgamation of the two former T.A. Battalions, as both Messes had the best opportunity of getting to know each other during the two weeks at Plasterdown. Nor was the "Breaking the Ice" restricted to the Sergeants' Mess, for we were entertained in the Officers' Mess and were delighted to welcome them at a social evening when the majority of our members had re-

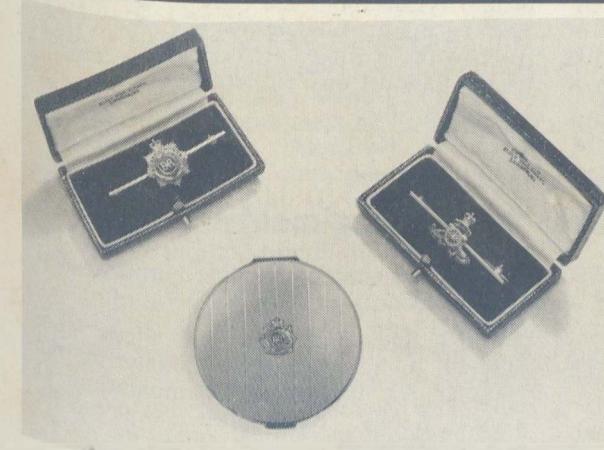
covered their equilibrium after traditional hospitality.

Our boat race team came a very close second, being beaten by the proverbial whisker—no names, no Sgt. Barlow. Honours were even, so we think, by our victory over the officers' team during the Battalion Swimming Meeting on 19th August.

Postings and demobilisation have taken their toll of many of our members: W.O.1 Bartrip, C.S.M. Coughlan and Sgt. Hellier have joined the ranks of the "Golden Bowlerites." W.O.1 Mutter has left us to join the Trucial Oman Scouts, and Sgts. Cakebread and Newman-Knot have returned to duty with the Regular Army. We wish them every success in their new ventures.

Many of the older members of the Battalion will remember R.S.M. F. B. Oram, who served with the 6th Surreys from 1953-56. We are delighted to welcome him back to the fold after five years with the 1st Battalion. We hope his stay will be both long and happy.

Finally, we tender our sympathy to Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard on the death of his father on 13th August.



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## “R” (Surrey) Battery

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

Formerly 21st London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles), the 24th London Regiment and 7th (Southwark) Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment

Battery Commander . . . . .

Major P. H. Dunstone

4 Flodden Road, London, S.E.5

SINCE our last report our title has been finally settled; and with the addition of the word “(Surrey)” it is now as described above.

We have had a late camp this year starting on August 26th, and at the time of writing we are at Manorbier in South Wales. This has given us the summer to amalgamate, consolidate and begin to recreate after the tragic “streamlining” set in hand by the War Office. As fully forecast by ourselves, the result expected officially has not come about. We had three drill halls, and we now have one; we had a strength of 230, and we are now 120. The spirit of those who remain is high in spite of the difficulties we have encountered. We have had a number of weekends, two of which were Regimental ones. The Andrew Cup, still continuing of

course in the Battery, has been won by B.S.M. C. H. Morris, and the Giblin Cup by Gunner W. E. Owen.

After our ejection from Braganza Street we have very deeply considered the matter of the Colours we hold of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's), later the 7th (Southwark) Battalion, Queen's Royal Regiment. The outcome is that we have thought it best to lay them up in St. Mary's Church, Newington, and this will be done on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November. This decision was not lightly taken; but in all the circumstances of the Battery as it now is, we think it the wisest course, and our Old Comrades' Association (The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association) are fully in agreement. The last public showing of the Colours took place at the Regimental Association Tercentenary Banquet on 7th October.

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

Commanding Officer	Major W. H. Sale, M.B.E., M.C.
2IC . . . . .	Capt. J. H. Patterson
Administration . . . . .	Capt. L. H. S. Bishop
Selhurst Det. . . . .	Lt. C. F. Wells
Redhill/Reigate . . . . .	Capt. C. H. Wilson
Dorking . . . . .	Lt. R. A. M. Newton
Wallington . . . . .	Capt. P. Tween
John Ruskin . . . . .	Capt. K. G. Maggs
Queen's House . . . . .	2/Lt. D. Burrows
R.A.S.C. . . . .	2/Lt. J. Wilkinson
Sharpshooters . . . . .	U/O M. Simmons

THE Battalion .303 Shooting teams have continued to shoot well and have added the Jeudwine Aggregate Trophy, the Thorne Falling Plates Trophy, The Welsh Guards Snapshooting Trophy, the John Perring Deliberate and the Surrey A.C.F. Snapshoot-

ing Trophies and about a dozen other awards to their record.

Cadet Sgts. Fentiman and Shaw were selected to represent the County at the National A.C.F. Athletic Championships at Cardiff in July. Sgt. Fentiman was second in the 100 yards.

The intensive training programme of the Battalion has been carried out in full and we are deeply indebted to our parent T.A. units and to the Westminster Dragoons for their valuable co-operation in using our Cadets in their weekend exercises. Those, together with our own adventure weekends have kept us fully occupied, and, that it was well worth while, was evident at annual camp, where we were able to carry out two weeks of really

winner, Cadet Cpl. B. Playford of Redhill/Reigate Detachment.

The 21A Club mentioned in the last issue continues to flourish and has now acquired its own radiogram and a large quantity of physical training equipment including a full size trampoline. A large number of passes in recent Certificate “A” examinations has ensured a considerable increase in membership, for, as mentioned before, a cadet must hold at least Part I before he can join.

The Battalion has purchased a 13-seater bus which has proved most useful in transporting shooting teams, carrying advance parties to weekend and annual camps and so many other purposes that we wonder how we ever managed without it.

The new Training Year is already under way and the first weekend exercise takes place on 9th and 10th September, when we shall assist the Royal Sussex Regiment (T.A.) in repelling an invasion of frogmen on Shoreham Harbour.

#### 2nd Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

These last few months have been very satisfactory in many ways. Cadet Sgt.-Majors O'Callaghan and May, and Cadet Sgt. Perry were each awarded the County Commandant's Badge, an honour which we have not had for some time. Eleven out of 13 Cadets passed Certificate “A” in August; Cadets Crowcroft and Hockley each obtained a Credit, again something we have not had for about five years. Thirteen Cadets passed Certificate “A” Part II at the last Board, which is encouraging.

In sport the Battalion won the County Soccer Cup; No. 4 (Woking) Platoon won the Battalion Soccer Cup. No. 9 (York Town) Platoon won the County Cross Country Run. No. 3 (Haslemere) Platoon won the County Interior Economy Shield. No. 8 (Bagshot) Platoon were joint winners of the County Boxing Cup and No. 4 (Woking) Platoon did very well in the County Swimming Cup.

The County Patrol Competition was held at Haslemere in which we came second. Cadet L/Cpl. Robinson did an excellent job

as Patrol Commander, having to take over at the last minute.

Annual Camp was held at Fingeringhoe, near Colchester this year. The weather was not too unkind; training was interesting and all Cadets who attended said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Capt. D. Parsonage, 3rd Queen's Surreys, was attached to us for camp and we are very grateful to him for the enthusiasm he showed and the hard work he put in.

In the out of camp period some platoons have run initiative tests. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is being run by Capt. Heathcoat-Hartrop. There have been frequent visits to Ash Ranges but unfortunately our shooting still leaves a lot of room for improvement.

S.M.I. I. Maybury, T.D., and S.I. A. Easton, have been commissioned. Cadet C.S.M. May, and Cadet Sgt. Warren have become Sergeant Instructors. Cpl. B. Smith, 3rd Battalion Queen's Surreys, has joined us as a Sergeant Instructor and is appointed an Under-Officer.

## 5th Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

### Battalion Headquarters

The Cottage, T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey

Commanding Officer . . . Major L. I. Raven-Hill  
Adjutant . . . Capt. D. Sweasey

### "A" Company

Commander . . . Capt. R. B. Kitchen  
Leatherhead Platoon . . . Capt. R. B. Kitchen  
Chessington Platoon . . . Lt. A. Willoughby  
Cobham Platoon . . . Lt. L. Field

### "B" Company

Commander . . . Capt. J. Rapley  
Walton Platoon . . . Lt. J. N. Hyper  
Chertsey Platoon . . . Lt. W. C. Burnett  
St. Paul's School (Addlestone) Platoon . . . 2/Lt. C. Russell

### "C" Company

Commander . . . Capt. D. McLean  
Surbiton Grammar School Platoon . . . Capt. E. J. Hillier  
Kingston Platoon . . . Lt. M. J. Boxall  
Sutton Platoon . . . Lt. Lenihan

### Change of Command

Since the last edition of the Journal our Commanding Officer, Major C. F. Russell,

M.B.E., has left us and taken up the appointment of Deputy County Commandant, Surrey A.C.F., and we congratulate him on his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel. We have also welcomed his successor, Major L. I. Raven-Hill, an old friend of the Battalion and formerly the County Training Officer and late Royal Marines.

### Shooting

Our teams have again fared well in spite of many changes. Amongst our successes we have won the Team Championship in the Home Counties District Rifle Meeting.

We are all indeed grateful to Capt. D. Sweasey and Capt. J. Rapley for the time and patience they devote to the coaching of the teams.

### Sport

We have done reasonably well in this field having sent two Cadets to the National Athletics at Cardiff.

### Annual Camp

This was at Fingeringhoe during August. The theme of training was based on the then situation in Kuwait and Cadets trained and lived as Infantry Platoons. Throughout the period of the 14 days camp the Battalion trained for a total of eight days and four nights. No Cadet was left in doubt as to the meaning of The British Infantry Platoon. The general opinion on camp from all ranks was "the best ever" and the credit must go to the Officers, S.M.I.s and S.I.s for the splendid untiring work they put in.

### Re-designation

We have now been re-designated 5th Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. We shall carry forward into our new Battalion all the traditions of both our old and new Regiment.

### Training

We now look forward to our winter programme and the new Certificate "A" syllabus which comes into force on 1st January, 1962 (tested on and after April).

We have taken part in a combined exercise of the 4th Battalion and R.M.V.R. at Newhaven and we look forward to taking part in the Amalgamation Parade of the 4th Battalion on 15th October, 1961.

Our affiliated unit is also running M.T., Signal and N.C.O. courses during the winter. The C.O.s of both our Battalion and the 4th

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## Allied Regiments

### South Alberta Light Horse MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

Commanding Officer . . . . . Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray, E.D.

### Extracts from Unit History, 1961

ONCE upon a time in the old South Alberta Regiment there were lots of Chiefs and few Indians. The "Chiefs" used to hold a "pow-pow" around the furnace of an evening and bitterly complain about having nothing to do and all the time in the world to do it.

Things have changed now in the South Alberta Light Horse and today we have too few "Chiefs" and too many Indians with more and more coming all the time. Each officer of the Regiment is doing at least three major jobs at the same time and still being involved in promotional courses.

### Strengths

The Unit strength is fluctuating rapidly these days. Exercise "Cleanout" is in full swing, weeding out non-effectives and getting them off the rolls and out of our hair. New recruits are coming in to replace the drop-outs and in addition the interest of the fair sex in "things militaire" is on the up-grade with many applications for C.W.A.C. Our problem today is too many C.W.A.C. for too few vacancies. Approval for a Platoon from the R.C.A.S.C. in Drumheller is firm and all that remains now is the actual authority for the arrival of the Platoon here so that we can fill it up.

The month of May started off with a rush to the local druggist for "tranquillisers." On 1st May, the Hon. Douglas Harkness, Minister of National Defence, confirmed his acceptance to be present at Exercise "Boomerang" to be held here on 12th and 13th May.

### Preamble to Exercise "Boomerang"

The parade which you are about to witness, is in all actuality, the Annual Inspection, normally carried out by the Area Commander of all Regiments under his command. The

South Alberta Light Horse is but one of these Regiments.

Up until 24th September, 1954, Medicine Hat had enjoyed the honour of being the Regimental Headquarters of the South Alberta Regiment, but due to a reorganisation of Militia Forces at that time, this famous Regiment, was amalgamated with the 68th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment and the 41st Anti-Tank Regiment (S.P.) to form the South Alberta Light Horse Regiment (R.C.A.C.) with Headquarters in Calgary. The former South Alberta Regiment was thus reduced to one Squadron of this latter Regiment.



SOUTH ALBERTA LIGHT HORSE  
EXERCISE "BOOMERANG," 13th MAY, 1961  
Col. D. Harkness, Minister of National Defence for Canada inspecting the Guard of Honour

On 1st February, 1959, a further re-organisation of Militia Regiments took place and the entire South Alberta Light Horse with the exception of "A" Squadron based in Medicine Hat was absorbed into the King's Own Calgary Regiment (R.C.A.C.) based in Calgary.

"A" Squadron, thus became the sole surviving sub-unit of the South Alberta Light Horse which in part perpetuates the South Alberta Regiment, long famous in Medicine Hat, and with a distinguished war record in World War II, as the 29th Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment, serving with the 4th Canadian Armoured Division. The South Alberta Regiment in turn perpetuates the famous 31st Battalion C.E.F., and carries their battle honours.

A vigorous recruiting campaign was undertaken at once, and with the loyal co-operation of the officers and N.C.O.s, coupled with the energetic support of the Regimental Association, the Squadron grew in strength and prestige until the Army authorities again granted an activated status of the entire Regiment, with effect 1st December, 1960.

This programme today, thus marks the official celebration of the restoration of Regimental Status to this City.

The majority of the troops on parade have undergone two years training in National Survival Operations, and are equal to any task given them in case of a National Emergency, whether it be from an act of nature or due to an unfriendly power. Their role is to assist in the maintenance of Civil Law and Order, and rescue or evacuation of injured persons within any "target" area of destruction.

You may well be proud of them.

Lt.-COL. N. R. RAY, E.D.,  
Commanding Officer.

Exercise "Boomerang" which gave official celebration to the return of Regimental status to the South Alberta Light Horse in the city of Medicine Hat went off very well. Distinguished guests included General G. Walse, G.O.C. Western Command (who took the annual inspection of the Regiment in place of Brigadier Ross—due to the presence of the Minister), Brigadiers Ross and Gregg, Brigadier "Swathy" Wotherspoon who had a ride in his original "Half Track" of war day vintage, plus Lt.-Col. A. F. Coffin (2IC South Alberta Regiment Overseas), Lt.-Col.

P. W. Higgs and Lt.-Col. C. D. Williams, first and second Commanding Officers of the South Alberta Light Horse respectively, and last but certainly not least, the Regiment was honoured with the presence of Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, England. Col. Mans fitted in very nicely and was the life of the party.

A formal Mess Dinner was held on Friday, 12th May, in the Officers' Mess at which 71 officers and guests were seated. Col. Williams presented a personal gift to the Commanding Officer of a miniature full dress agurine of a Hussar of the 15/19th King's Royal Hussars.

The parade and inspection was held at 2 p.m. downtown and turned out a very creditable affair. Following the inspection, an informal buffet dinner was held in the Officers' Mess attended by 167 persons, whilst a formal dinner was held at the Sergeants' Mess. Both Messes were transported to the drill hall at 9 p.m., where a Regimental Dance was held for all ranks. The dance started off with a Grand March, led off by the Colonel's Lady and the Minister, whilst the Commanding Officer and the sister of the Minister followed. Dancing did not take effect until the marchers were 32 abreast. The march itself was quite colourful.

In all, some 300 troops were on parade, including the Army Cadets, sponsored and wearing South Alberta Light Horse Colours. Over 2,000 meals were served during the celebrations.

One nice touch was that Major H. Sorenson, Officer Commanding "B" Squadron was appointed Aide-de-Camp to the General for the ceremonies and did a very creditable job of it indeed.

The situation relating to Bow Island sub-unit seems to be firming up quite nicely and with this in mind, recruiting commenced on 15th May. Some 23 citizens of Bow Island drove to Medicine Hat for documentation and all were completed within two hours. Following Thursday the Bow Island contingent were back to commence a bit of training prior to camp.

Trade qualification courses went on apace during the month and our record at the end of this training year will indeed be an enviable one.

#### Band

The Band proceeded to Moose Jaw on 26th May to take part in the Festival of Bands, placing third in Marching and fifth in Band

competitions. The winning Bands were 80 in number followed by two 35-piece Bands. We came next with a 25-piece Band authorisation.

#### Camp

Pressure from the highest to the lowest for attendance at camp was brought to bear with some result. Over 100 have now signed for either the one week camp or the six week camp. Other Regimental officers and N.C.O.s are proceeding on summer call-out or attachment to various other camps.

The Commanding Officer took part in the Cenotaph parade held by the Canadian Legion, and also attended in uniform the opening ceremonies of the Bi-Annual Legion convention which was held here on 27th, 28th and 29th May.

#### Training

The month of June saw the South Alberta Light Horse turning into the home stretch for the 1960-61 Training Programme. Trade Tests were the "Order of the Day" on each and every parade. The month end saw the completion of 37 separate and distinct courses with 481 personnel securing qualifications in Trades, Specialist and Promotional courses.

#### Aftermath of "Boomerang"

Many compliments were still coming in during June, for the sterling performance put on by this unit.

#### Transfers

The Unit Chaplain, Capt. J. L. Paterson is being transferred to Calgary. A church parade was held in his honour on 11th June. A Regimental farewell to Capt. Paterson was held in the Sergeants' Mess and a presentation made to him.

#### Camp Preparations

The unit was busily engaged in preparing itself for summer camp. Typical of army paper war, there were more returns to submit, nominal rolls, etc., than there are personnel attending camp. The Regiment will travel by D.N.D. buses, leaving here 0930 hours, 1st July, 1961.

#### Officers

Major R. Ainscough, formerly 2IC 18 Field Regiment was taken on strength and

given "A" Squadron to Command. Lt. H. Gunderson was taken on strength and becomes unit P.R.O. w.e.f. 1st July, 1961.

#### Pay Parade

Pay Parade was held on 22nd June, 1961, and all training ceased. Following Pay Parade the officers and N.C.O.s gathered in the Sergeants' Mess. A quiet evening was enjoyed, during which liquid refreshments were taken in due moderation. To ensure safety in driving home practically everyone waited until broad daylight.

#### Fall Training, 1961

The Regiment is already laying plans for Fall and Winter training and our hopes are fixed on an increased allotment of time for Corps training so badly needed in training the Unit in fighting conventional warfare.

Although the Regiment officially stood down in the latter part of June following completion of trades training courses, a great deal of work was in progress in preparation for the unit to proceed to the 1961 Militia camp held at Sarcee, Calgary.

Headed by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray, E.D., a total of 118 All Ranks proceeded to Calgary for the summer concentration of militia held under the auspices of 22 Militia Group Headquarters. A total of 72 personnel were in attendance at the one week Survival Operations camp at Sarcee, whilst 43 militia personnel of the South Alberta Light Horse, training under the Young Soldier Training Plan were dropped off at Currie Barracks to undergo their six weeks' training—four weeks at Currie and two weeks at Camp Wainwright.

With the exception of one half-day utilised in Corps Training, the Survival Camp at Sarcee was devoted to National Survival Operations in the formation and deployment of three mobile survival columns—these columns operationally merging into two columns in the field and moving on "Greggsville" which had been "hit" by a 5-megaton atomic bomb in theory. Two exercises were involved, one termed "Con-Fusion" (to straighten out the bugs in the second exercise) and the second termed "Gon-Fission."

The camp was quite enjoyable in all respects and the final day was highlighted by the retirement of Brigadier H. T. R. Gregg, C.D. from Command of 22 Group and his replacement by Col. W. A. Howard.

Sixteen C.W.A.C. personnel of the South

Alberta Light Horse were also at camp and four of these remained for another week at camp held by 23 Militia Group who moved in as we moved out. The C.W.A.C. were mainly employed as drivers, wireless operators and switchboard operators.

Two new Lieutenants were added to the officer strength of the Regiment. Mr. L. Eckroth coming to us from Cadet Services (Army) and Mr. J. Anderson coming to us from the Sea Cadets, having retired from that Corps after serving his term as Commander. Nine applicants for Commission rank were in process of completion during the month by Capt. D. R. Broadfoot. A Selection Board was asked for and, if successful, these candidates will be taken on strength this Fall and undergo Provisional Second-Lieutenant training. With the growth of the rank and file of the Regiment, officers are badly needed.

Advance information on the Fall, Winter and Spring training plan for 1961-62 indicates increased emphasis placed on conventional types of Corps training for those having completed Survival Training courses. To this end, the administrative and training officers were already working on Fall plans for such training, with an eye out for additional A.F.V.s and equipment by which Corps training could be implemented.

Authorisation for two troops of "C"

Squadron to be transferred from Medicine Hat to Bow Island was received. Some 27 personnel are already taken on strength, the Bow Island troops and a recruiting programme is under way to secure double this strength by December 1961, and thus authorise a complete Squadron to be placed at that point. Surprisingly enough, a request was received for permission to parade each Wednesday throughout July and August by the Bow Island personnel, even though no financial recognition would be allowed for such parades. R.S.M. T. Buchanan undertook to proceed each Wednesday to Bow Island to assist in this training which will be of a basic nature.

As usual there is no let-up in the vast quantity of "paper" which arrives during stand-down, and the administrative element worked hard during July to keep abreast of the bump, so as to have clear decks for Fall. It is becoming increasingly apparent that additional call-out assistance is required if the Unit is to be able to cope with the increasing strength anticipated. A recruiting drive is planned for August so that documentation, etc., can be processed while the Regiment is in recess for the summer, in order to have this phase of activity in hand by 31st August, prior to commencement of Fall training.

of North America. As far as the eye can see the country is utterly flat, a fertile desert only broken occasionally by great mounds thrown up by some glacial eruptions in the distant past. It was Spring at this time and therefore difficult to imagine the Prairies under their winter blanket of snow. However, conjuring up this vision made one of the standing Canadian jokes easier to understand, namely, that there are more Prairie farmers than Americans in Florida during the winter.

My welcome in Medicine Hat was almost embarrassingly friendly. I had heard tell of Western Canada's traditional hospitality and here it was illustrated in an outstanding manner. It is occasions like this that bring home the true value of our alliances with Regiments in different parts of the Commonwealth.

I was especially proud to represent the Regiment at a historic ceremony, the parade to celebrate the regranting of Regimental status to the South Alberta Light Horse. Only a few years before when the Militia in Alberta was reorganised the S.A.L.H. found themselves reduced to squadron status at Medicine Hat. Then, at a time when in common with their Territorial Army counterparts in Britain the Militia Regiments of Canada were having considerable difficulties over recruiting, the S.A.L.H. managed to increase their strength from 37 to over 300. The reward for this tremendous effort was the regranting of Regimental status. The salute at the parade was taken by Mr. Harkness, the Federal Minister of Defence, and it was a particularly happy occasion for him as during the Second World War he commanded one of the Regiments absorbed by the S.A.L.H.

Everyone I met showed great interest in the doings of the Queen's Surreys and there was much reminiscing over the happy times spent at Kingston during the Second World War. There was especial concern for the fate of the Buffalo Head presented to the Depot Officers' Mess of the East Surrey Regiment in 1940. One of the donors, Harold McBain, explained how the head was consigned to England as part of the G1098 of the Calgary Highlanders! I was able to assure everyone that in spite of recent upheavals the Head was still very much in evidence. In fact I recalled how as a member of the then "rival firm" it had regarded me with positive hostility during some of the more intense discussions of the Amalgamation Committee held in the Kingston Mess.

In the S.A.L.H. Headquarters Officers'



AT MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA, 12th MAY, 1961

Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray, E.D., Commanding Officer of South Alberta Light Horse. The cigarette box in the photograph was presented to the South Alberta Light Horse by The East Surrey Regiment

## A Visit to The South Alberta Light Horse

BY LT.COL. R. S. N. MANS, M.B.E.

WHEN Lt.-Col. Rod Ray invited me to attend the reorganisation ceremonies of the South Alberta Light Horse last April, I was not optimistic about being able to make the journey. After all London to Moscow and back for the weekend is not a trip to be undertaken light heartedly and this is equivalent to the distance separating Kingston, Ontario, where I am stationed with the Canadian Army Staff College from Medicine Hat, Alberta, the home of our allied Regiment. However, the Royal Canadian Air Force came to my rescue in the shape of our Air Force member of the Directing Staff. He had some flying hours to put in and agreed to use them by taking me across Canada.

Directing Staff pressure was exerted upon an Air Force student on the course to persuade him to act as co-pilot and the complement was completed by an officer cadet going to Winnipeg for a wedding.

We flew in a five-seater Beechcraft, a splendid aircraft for light flying but a trifle cramped for trans-continental expeditions. Experienced pilots say that they can sense an aircraft's behaviour by the effect on the more tender parts of their anatomy; by the time we landed at Winnipeg I knew exactly what they meant.

The second part of the flight afforded me the unique opportunity of seeing the Great Prairies of Western Canada, the vast granary

Mess at Patterson Armouries, Medicine Hat, one corner of the ante room is devoted to a display of buttons, badges and titles of The East Surrey Regiment and to photographs of the presentation of the Buffalo Head. I am happy to say that a set of insignia of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has now been presented to the Officers' Mess, so that the continuity of the alliance is demonstrated in pictorial fashion.

The R.S.M. and all members of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess of the S.A.L.H. asked me to pass on their very best wishes to all their sister Messes in our Regular and Territorial Battalions. I was interested to see that Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the Regiment wear the East Surrey button as the top button of their No. 1 Dress.

During the weekend I was told many versions of how the town of Medicine Hat got its name but certainly the most attractive was that related by Lt.-Col. Ray. Apparently





Photo: Kent Messenger

**CRICKET TEAMS—QUEEN'S SURREYS v. H.M.S. "EXCELLENT" 25th and 26th MAY, 1961**  
**Seated:** Major M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E., Lt. C. S. Cochrane (R.N.), Major I. D. Beattie, O/A Beaumont (R.N.), Major J. W. Sewell, Lt.-Cmdr. C. Parsons (R.N.), Capt. G. C. Sharpe, Musician Wade (R.N.), Major R. C. Taylor, O/A Harrington (R.N.)  
**Standing:** Cpl. D. Clarke, Lt.-Cmdr. D. Branwood (R.N.), Cpl. R. Cross, Cpl. J. Winfield, 2/Lt. B. M. Thompson, Musician Spencer (R.N.), Lt. S. T. W. Anderson, Chief O/A Potter (R.N.), Lt. R. W. Bing, Lt. D. Butler (R.N.), P.O. Jeal (R.N.), A.B. Fisher (R.N.), O/A Craydon (R.N.), A.B. Dance (R.N.), Pte. D. Walters, Mr. W. L. Allen, A.B. Thorburn (R.N.)

two being missed, had no difficulty in getting the runs. For the Regiment, Crawford bowled well in both innings with little luck.

#### Match Details

Versus H.M.S. *Excellent*—played on 25th and 26th May. Result: drawn.

#### THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

##### First Innings

Cpl. Cross lbw Fisher	31
Cpl. Winfield b Spencer	27
B. M. Thompson c and b Fisher	6
Pte. Walters b Fisher	23
Major J. W. Sewell c and b Fisher	50
Capt. G. C. Sharpe c Butler, b Beaumont	0
Lt. S. T. W. Anderson b Fisher	6
Lt. R. W. Bing not out	6
Major I. D. Beattie not out	0
Major R. C. Taylor did not bat	—
Major M. J. A. Clarke did not bat	—
Extras	7
Total, for 7 wickets declared	157

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Spencer	11	—	35	1
Fisher	16	2	60	4
Cochrane	6	—	30	—
Beaumont	7	1	25	2

Second Innings				
Cpl. Cross c and b Fisher	18			6
Cpl. Winfield lbw Fisher	6			
B. M. Thompson b Fisher	28			
Pte. Walters b Spencer	36			
Major J. W. Sewell c Fisher, b Cochrane	12			
Capt. G. C. Sharpe c Fisher, b Spencer	8			
Lt. S. T. W. Anderson c and b Beaumont	1			
Lt. R. W. Bing b Beaumont	0			
Major I. D. Beattie not out	24			
Major R. C. Taylor c Butler, b Beaumont	—			
Major M. J. A. Clarke did not bat	5			
Extras	—			
Total, for 9 wickets declared	144			

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Spencer	12	1	28	2
Fisher	13	1	28	1
Cochrane	4	—	18	3
Beaumont	5	—	40	3

#### H.M.S. "EXCELLENT"

First Innings				
Harrington b Thompson	0			
Wade b Walters	14			
Claydon st Anderson, b Thompson	14			
Jeal c and b Walters	14			
Parsons b Sharpe	—			1
Cochrane b Thompson	—			2
Potter c Anderson, b Walters	—			20
Fisher b Thompson	—			7
Beaumont not out	—			12
Butler not out	—			9
Spencer did not bat	—			20
Extras	—			20
Total	—			135

Total ..... 135

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Walters	5	1	17	1	Salter	15	5	44	—
Sharpe	10.5	—	34	3	Coutler	17.5	5	44	6
Thompson	15	4	41	6	Blackmore	—	—	—	—
Cross	4	1	8	—	Robinson	14	—	68	1
Taylor	2	1	7	—	Sayers	13	5	23	3
Winfield	3	—	25	—	Lovell	2	—	7	—

#### Second Innings

Harrington b Sharpe	—		12
Wade b Walters	—		2
Claydon st Anderson, b Thompson	—		10
Jeal c and b Walters	—		40
Parsons b Sharpe	—		1
Cochrane b Thompson	—		2
Potter c Anderson, b Walters	—		20
Fisher b Thompson	—		7
Beaumont not out	—		12
Butler not out	—		9
Spencer did not bat	—		20
Extras	—		20
Total, for 8 wickets	—		135

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Total, for 5 wickets declared	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Walters	10	4	19	3	—	—	—	—	—
Sharpe	14	3	33	2	—	—	—	—	—
Thompson	17	—	65	3	—	—	—	—	—
Versus Royal Marines—played on 27th and 28th July. Result: Lost by 10 wickets.									

#### THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

First Innings				
Cpl. Winfield b Coulter	—		12	
H. I. C. Lawrence hit wkt, b Robinson	—		30	
Capt. G. C. Sharpe b Sayers	—		11	
B. A. Hoffman b Salter	—		0	
Pte. Hallpike c Phillips, b Coulter	—		20	
Major J. W. Sewell c Leach, b Coulter	—		19	
Lt. R. W. Bing c Lee, b Salter	—		0	
Pte. Harman c Sayers, b Coulter	—		3	
Lt. S. T. W. Anderson b Salter	—		7	
Pte. Crawford not out	—		0	
Pte. Lee b Coulter	—		0	
Extras	—		9	
Total	—		111	

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Total, for 0 wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts
Salter	12	3	31	3	—	—	—	—	—
Coulter	19	7	33	5	—	—	—	—	—
Blackmore	4	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robinson	9	1	30	1	—	—	—	—	—
Sayers	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Extras	—				—	—	—	—	—
Total, for 0 wickets	—				90	—	—	—	—

Second Innings				
Cpl. Winfield b Coulter	—		4	
H. I. C. Lawrence b Sayers	—		9	
Capt. G. C. Sharpe c and b Coulter	—		2	
B. A. Hoffman c and b Robinson	—		37	
Pte. Hallpike b Sayers	—		2	
Major J. W. Sewell c Sayers, b Coulter	—		36	
Lt. R. W. Bing b Sayers	—		0	
Pte. Harman c and b Coulter	—		33	
Lt. S. T. W. Anderson c Harmer, b Coulter	—		58	
Pte. Crawford not out	—		0	
Pte. Lee b Coulter	—		7	
Extras	—		5	
Total	—		193	

#### OUR ADVERTISERS

Would readers kindly mention this Journal when replying to advertisements which appear in this issue.

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

ON Saturday, 22nd April, 1961, an Association Dance was held at the T.A. Centre, Clapham Junction, at which members entertained their wives and guests. This was our first attempt at running a major social function and was considered a great success. It was arranged primarily because no Annual Sergeants' Mess Ball would be held in view of the 1st Battalion serving in Aden, and our T.A. Battalions being in the throes of re-organisation.

Among the official guests were Major-General J. F. Metcalfe and Mrs. Metcalfe, and Lt.-General Sir Arthur and Lady Dowler.

It was a very gay and enjoyable evening, highlighted by the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Metcalfe by Miss Susan Driscoll, granddaughter of our Treasurer, on behalf of the Association.

The success of the evening was due in no

small part to the R.S.M. and members of the 23rd London Regiment Sergeants' Mess, also Major E. J. Weeks and his staff for their very valued assistance and co-operation. Arrangements for the dance were in the capable hands of Mr. D. L. Boorer and his sub-committee.

Our Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner for 1961 were held on the 17th June, 1961, at the Headquarters Club, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

Mr. W. A. Dorsett, our Chairman, presided at the meeting. As usual the Agenda for the meeting was mainly of a routine nature so we must assume that our members are generally satisfied with the way the Association is managed by its Committee! The appointment of Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., as an Honorary Past President of the Association was unanimously confirmed. (Unfortunately this was omitted from the Agenda for the 1960 A.G.M.) Brigadier Roupell was president of the Association



Photo: "YVONNE", Wembley Park

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION DANCE

Mrs. J. F. Metcalfe receives a bouquet. With Mrs. Metcalfe are seen Mr. W. A. Dorsett, Mr. D. L. Boorer, Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard and Lt.-General Sir Arthur Dowler

from 1954 to 1960 by virtue of his appointment as Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment.

Mr. W. A. Dorsett was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. D. L. Boorer was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Association. The Chairman mentioned that he regretted to announce that this would probably be the last year Mr. Bays would be our Secretary as he had intimated he wished to give up the office in 1962.

The Attendance at the Annual Dinner was not so large as last year. None the less a very enjoyable evening was spent by the 81 members and guests present. The Association guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, Major A. L. Sutton and two members of the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Marines, Eastney. We were all sorry that Lt.-General Sir Arthur Dowler could not be with us this year, this being the first one he has missed.

The Toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by the Colonel of the Regiment and replied to by our Chairman. The main theme of Major-General Metcalfe's speech was the importance of recruiting and appealed to members to help recruit for the Regiment and assist in ensuring that the Regiment is kept up to strength. He also gave a resumé of the 1st Battalion's activities in Aden. Major A. L. Sutton proposed the Toast of "The Association" and Mr. S. Bays suitably replied. The guests were welcomed by Mr. A. H. Adams in a very witty and entertaining speech. Lt.-Col. G. E. Swinton replied on behalf of the guests.

Our membership remains fairly steady at 240. We would welcome some more enquiries from ex-Queen's Sergeants' Mess members.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of two more of our older members, namely Mr. W. P. Coulson who passed away on 9th August, 1961, and Mr. G. Oram who passed away on 26th August, 1961. They were both in their 82nd year. Mr. Coulson was an old stalwart of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) which he left in 1928 with the rank of C.S.M. after 28 years service. He started off his military career in 1898 in the old Surrey Militia. As a matter of interest to old East Surreys, he was the gentleman who for many years, when he was with Messrs. Gaydons attended at Kingston Barracks every Friday midday to wind up the Barrack Square clock.

Mr. Oram ("Peachey" to all East Surreys) joined the Regiment in 1897 and served until 1932. He will be remembered by most of our members for his activities as Provost Sergeant of the 1st Battalion. No doubt many old East Surreys will remember helping to create the Regimental Badge on the hill at Lo Wu Camp, Hong Kong, under his guidance during what should have been their leisure time.

### 5th Cadet Battalion

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are working together to make "Affiliation" mean something.

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We wish C/Sgt. D. McLean (St. Paul's Platoon) and Cpl. Crook (Surbiton Grammar School Platoon) every success in their careers.

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# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## Summer Reunion

THE Summer Reunion was held in Kingston Barracks, on Sunday, 4th June, 1961. More than 500 attended.

During the afternoon races were held for children, and for the mothers and fathers.

The following is the list of prizewinners:

*Girls under 8 years of age:* 1st, Susan Galley; 2nd, Paula Galley.

*Girls 9-14 years of age:* 1st, Kathleen Barrier; 2nd, Joyce Major.

*Boys under 10 years of age:* 1st, Robert Rolfe; 2nd, Alan Doncaster.

*Boys 10-15 years of age:* 1st, Terry Lucas; 2nd, Christopher Burgess.

*Mothers' Race:* 1st, Mrs. Doncaster; 2nd, Mrs. Minney.

*Fathers' Race:* 1st, Mr. Wilshaw; 2nd, Mr. Major.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. J. F. Metcalfe.

Throughout the afternoon music was provided by the Band of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) under the direction of the Bandmaster, Mr. F. Braddick. This was a very creditable performance, particularly in view of the fact that the Band received very short notice of the occasion and took the place of the Royal Marines Band which had been called away for essential duty elsewhere.

At the close of the afternoon the Colonel of the Regiment presented a silver rose bowl to Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., as a memento of Major Waspe's 53 years devoted service to the Regiment.

Major Waspe retired at the end of July, and his place as Secretary of the Regimental Association is taken by Major P. G. E. Hill.

## Tercentenary Banquet

This was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, 7th October, 1961; 480 attended.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, brought home from Aden for the Tercentenary celebrations, played during the evening.

Grace was said by The Rev. Patrick Tracey, who served as a Sergeant in the Regiment before being commissioned in the Indian Army.

The Toast of Absent Comrades was proposed by Capt. H. Cator, V.C., M.M.

The Toast of the Regiment was proposed by Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., to which the Colonel of the Regiment replied.

## 4th Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Regiment

#### Old Comrades Association

On 4th July, at The Royal Oak, Caterham, a gathering of some 40 Queen's men of that area made real history and made the inn ring with their reminiscences and good companionship. From Croydon, Messrs. Dennis, Fenner, and Organ were privileged to be present and we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Col. B. L. Evans, T.D., to whose generosity and enthusiasm the whole glorious evening was due. It was indeed an occasion which will long be remembered—Colonels and Captains, Majors and Sergeant-Majors, Sergeants and Privates—we were all that night just Queen's men re-united.

On 31st July, at Queen's House, thanks to the indefatigable Joe Dennis and Bill Fenner, another memorable gathering of the 4th Battalion old members was achieved; these cannot happen too frequently and it was good to see so many old friends. It was good, also, to hear the snatches of Hindustani, Arabic, French and plain Anglo-Saxon!

On 27th August, three coaches of members and their families had an outing to Brighton—well over 100 had a lovely day and acknowledge with thanks the great work of the organisers—particularly Messrs. Chapman and Langley.

To conclude, and to indicate that all our activities are not in pursuit of pleasure alone, we would notify those on high that all of us are eagerly looking forward to 14th October, on Putney Heath, when we hope to show that, in spite of the disabilities of advancing years—"Once a Queen's man, always a Queen's man."

## 5th Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Regiment

#### Old Members Association

To mark the Tercentenary of the Regiment, members of the 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Members' Association held a dinner at the Territorial Army Centre, Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, on Saturday, 24th June. The Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, presided, and was supported by Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, Brigadier G. V. Palmer, Cols. C. R. Wigan, L. C. East and H. G. Duncombe, Lt.-Cols. H. M. W. Harris and J. W. P. Llewellyn, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Each of these officers had at one time or another commanded either the 5th, 1/5th or 2/5th Battalions.

The dinner was regarded as "a family affair" and there were no guests. It was well supported by members of the Association, many of whom travelled considerable distances to attend. After the Loyal Toast, Col. Kealy, in a short speech thanked the Permanent Staff and Volunteers of 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for making the function possible. He said that the meal had been cooked and served by volunteer members of the Battalion under the very efficient direction of the Quartermaster, Major G. C. Forman. On behalf of the Association Col. Kealy expressed his thanks. The Chairman then said that he felt sure members of the Association would like to know that in its new form and title the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, formed from an amalgamation of 565 L.A.A. Regiment Royal Artillery, 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment and 6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, had got off to a very good start. He said that the proof of this was to be seen behind him where on display were trophies won by the Battalion since amalgamation on 1st May. The Battalion had won 44th Division First Aid Championship, the Divisional Cross Country Running Championship and they were also the Divisions' Shooting Champions. At the 44th Divisional Small Arms Meeting, the Battalion and many individuals, distinguished themselves, whilst only last week at the Surrey Services Meeting at Bisley, they became the

Surrey Services Champions and won many individual awards. It was now hoped that the Battalion would meet with success at the Territorial Army Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley and in the Territorial Army Decentralised Competitions which would be fired later in the year. Col. Kealy said that he had spent several days with the Battalion in camp and he could assure the old members that the new Battalion was a worthy successor to the old. Training was intense but varied. It has changed a great deal since some of the old members were serving. Practically every member of the Battalion had flown in a helicopter, many had flown in planes of Bomber Command and others had been to sea with the Royal Navy. On Saturday, 29th July, in Stoke Park, Guildford, the Battalion would be having an "At Home." This was carrying on the tradition of the Depot. The public would be able to see modern weapons, there would be displays and, of course, military music. Col. Kealy then asked members of the Association to drink to the toast of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. This was enthusiastically received.

The remainder of the evening was spent in reminiscences, many old friends met once again and it appeared to be generally agreed that the dinner had been a great success.

Mr. W. Presland, now living in Great Yarmouth is most anxious to contact his old Sergeant, Mr. Trueman, of Leatherhead, with whom he served in France. Can anyone tell the Hon. Secretary the latter's whereabouts?

## The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

(Formerly 24th London Regt.  
(The Queen's) O.C.A.)

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Col. W. R. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., who died on 10th June, 1961, after a long illness, aged 85. After service with the Royal Marine Light Infantry, during which he took part in the Boxer Rising campaign, he commanded 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) from November, 1910, and took the Battalion to France in March, 1915. He left the Battalion in May, 1916, to command an Officers' Training School in France. Col. Simpson was the

first President of the Association, an office he held for nearly 28 years which says much for the deep interest he took in the activities and welfare of the Association.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held in the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, on 4th March, 1961; 112 members and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner. Among the guests were, Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, T.D., 6th Queen's, Lt.-Col. Fordyce, T.D., 1st Surrey Rifles Association, Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., and Major H. A. Wood, M.B.E. (R.A.M.C.), 17th (London) General Hospital, T.A., the new "tenants" of Braganza Street T.A. Centre, to whom we are grateful for permission to continue our long "residence" at the Centre. We were also very pleased to welcome once again, Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. The Chairman, Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., said it was most gratifying to see such a large attendance particularly of 7th Queen's members, some of whom had travelled from Cornwall, Somerset, and Northampton. He much regretted that the recent reorganisation of the T.A. had resulted in The Queen's Battery having to move to a new H.Q. at Flodden Road, and as a consequence, discontinue the title "Queen's," a loss, both the Battery and ourselves felt very deeply. Despite this, the Battery, which now bears the title (Surrey), still maintains the close ties and active interest in the Association, which is very encouraging for the future.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, the Association once again combined with the now "R" (Surrey) Battery in the service at St. Mary's (Newington) Church, Kennington Park Road, during which the Colours of 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) 7th (Southwark) Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment were laid up. We are grateful to Major P. H. Dunstone, R.A. (T.A.), O.C. "R" (Surrey) Battery, for his kindness in making the arrangements for the ceremony and his usual co-operation with the combined parade. After the church service, the parade marched to the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park where a Dedication to the Fallen was read and wreaths laid.

The unqualified success of the Northampton reunion last year encouraged the organisers to arrange another on 23rd September, 1961. This was attended by a large number of London members.

### Officers' Club The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

The membership of the Club now totals 587, which shows an overall increase of 18 since this time last year. In fact, 34 officers joined the Club during the period.

On 3rd June, 1961, the Tercentenary Cocktail Party was held on the lawns in front of the Old Officers' Mess at Kingston Barracks, and was attended by 220 officers and their families. Fortunately, there was no rain, but there were some anxious moments for the organisers during the morning, and several 'phone calls were made to the G.P.O. weather service before deciding whether the party should be held under cover. The Band of the Royal Military Academy played during the evening.

The Tercentenary Banquet was held at the Dorchester on Saturday, 14th October, 1961. Regimental guests attending were The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., Lt.-General Sir Ian H. Riches, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.M., Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., R.N. and Sir Denis Truscott, G.B.E., T.D. The Band of the 1st Battalion, brought back from Aden for the Tercentenary celebrations, played during the banquet.

### The Regimental Chapel

The Regimental Chapel, in Guildford Cathedral, is now used daily for services and private prayer.

An important addition is being made to the Chapel. A gate is to be placed in the archway in the West wall of the Chapel. This archway provides the means of access to the organ loft stairway. The gate is similar in pattern and design to the main grilles of the Chapel, being of wrought iron in blue and gold, and bears the Regimental Badge of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

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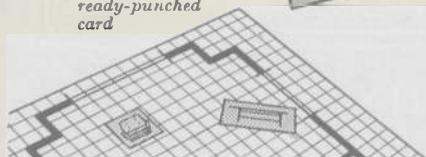
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## Items of Interest

THE medals of the late Capt. A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes, V.C., have been entrusted to the Regiment, by Mrs. Fleming-Sandes for her life time. Afterwards, in accordance with her husband's wish, they will be offered to the Regiment in perpetuity. They consist of the Victoria Cross, the 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Order of the Nile.

During Capt. Fleming-Sandes service in the Sudan the medals were stolen from his bungalow. The case in which the medals had been kept was subsequently recovered. It then contained only the Victoria Cross. The thief had evidently discarded the little bronze cross as being of no apparent value. The war medals and the Order of the Nile were never recovered and were replaced. "All that glitters is not gold."

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Mr. George Pearson Steggles, formerly a Sergeant in The Queen's has been admitted to the Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

### Obituary

#### A. J. T. FLEMING-SANDES, V.C.

SANDY was a man of such genuine and unassuming modesty that it would never have occurred to him that his life was a shining example of all that lesser men strive to achieve. Yet all who knew him, of whatever degree, race or creed, will cherish his memory all their lives and be strengthened by it. So too can succeeding generations draw inspiration from the story of the most kindly and simple of men who lived his life for others and never counted the cost to himself.

His life was one of complete devotion to the task in hand. He simply did the job which lay before him to the best of his ability, quietly and with unswerving adherence to what he believed to be right. And so on 29th September, 1915, as a Second-Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, he did just that—and was awarded the Victoria Cross:

"For most conspicuous bravery at Hohenzollern Redoubt, near Vermelles, on 29th September, 1915. Second Lieutenant Fleming-Sandes was sent to command a Company which, at the time, was

Mr. R. Barsotti, formerly Bandmaster of the 2nd Queen's and now Director of Music, Metropolitan Police, was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire, in the Birthday Honours List.

We congratulate him on behalf of all members of the Regiment.

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Those who knew Sgt. Patrick Tracey in the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, will be very interested to hear that he was in April of this year appointed Vicar of Edlesborough. He was commissioned in the Indian Army during the war. He left the Indian Army in 1948. He entered Salisbury Theological College in 1954 and was Ordained at Worcester in 1956.

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During the Annual Camp of the 3rd and 4th Battalions at Plasterdown, Dartmoor, an unexpected reunion was held of ex-Far East Prisoners of War, which for some of them was their first meeting since the move of the 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment into action at Jitra, Malaya in 1941.

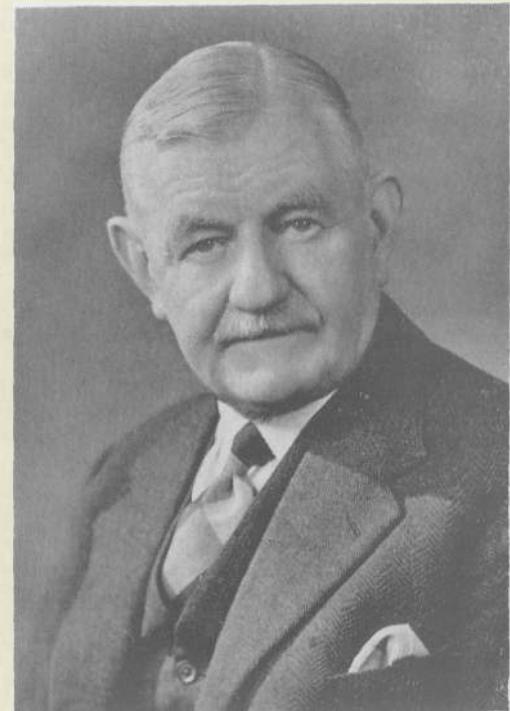
in a very critical position. The troops on his right were retiring, and his own men, who were much shaken by continual bombing and machine-gun fire, were also beginning to retire owing to shortage of bombs. Taking in the situation at a glance, he collected a few bombs, jumped on to the parapet in full view of the Germans, who were only twenty yards away, and threw them. Although very severely wounded almost at once by a bomb, he struggled to his feet and continued to advance and throw bombs until he was again severely wounded. This most gallant act put new heart into his men, rallied them, and saved the situation."

A telegram of congratulation from the Battalion, which he received in hospital shortly afterwards, caused him real embarrassment.

Sandy was born at Tulse Hill Park on 24th June, 1894. From 1907 to 1913 he was at King's School, Canterbury, and of him the Headmaster has written "One of the best, noblest and most single hearted of men; the School and the Old Boys can ill spare him."

On 5th August, 1914, the day after the declaration of war, he at once enlisted in the Artists' Rifles and landed in France with the 1st Battalion in October. He was commissioned into The East Surrey Regiment on 9th May, 1915, and joined the 2nd Battalion in Belgium. While recovering from the severe wounds which he had received at the Hohenzollern Redoubt he was an instructor with an Officer Cadet Battalion at Trinity College, Cambridge, and it was not until October 1918, that he was fit enough to rejoin the Regiment in France. As 2IC of Major A. L. Sutton's Company in the 1st Battalion, it was characteristic of him that only with difficulty could he be restrained from taking on all the less attractive duties which fell to the many officers with the Battalion at that time.

In January 1919, he was demobilised and became a master at Copthorne School, Sussex, but finding that fighting was continuing in various parts of the world, he insisted on being recalled. For a short time he served with a brother officer in the War Office until he was accepted for the Sudan Civil Service and appointed to the Education Department at Khartoum. Sandy served the Sudan for 25 years until he retired in 1944 on reaching the age limit. Of this period it has



A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes, V.C.

been said of him that "no one member of the Sudan Administration did more to build up its great tradition of public service by unostentatious devotion to duty and by personal example."

In 1924, after five years at Gordon College, Khartoum, he was seconded to the Political Department and after attaining high honours in the Bar Examinations, was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1927. Shortly afterwards he was appointed a District Judge, and in 1932 he became a Province Judge. To him fell the task of carrying out an extensive "settlement" of White Nile lands in preparation for the opening of the Jebel Aulia Dam, registering titles and deciding disputed claims. It was hard and laborious work performed under conditions of considerable hardship and was an acknowledged masterpiece of industry and competence. With characteristic thoroughness every problem, however tedious or difficult, was faithfully tackled and he never hesitated to give decisive judgements which left no loophole for subsequent argument.

It was in 1932 that Sandy married Miss Dorothea Weeks. He could have received

no greater blessing that this partnership with a gentle and loyal lady, beloved by all who knew her. She truly "followed the drum, and where she was, there was home."

From 1935 until his retirement in 1944 he was a Judge of the High Court, first in Gezira Province and then in Khartoum, from time to time acting as Chief Justice. From 1942 to 1944 he was also Judge Advocate General of the Sudan Defence Force. The most considerate of men, his patience and unfailing courtesy to all earned him deep affection and esteem throughout the Sudan. It was in keeping with his high standards that he became an expert in the Arabic language, since this enabled him always to hear every case in the vernacular in fairness to the accused and to avoid any suspicion of misinterpretation. He was never satisfied until he had unravelled all the complications and misunderstandings surrounding a case and, if he had to inflict a heavy sentence, he invariably explained most carefully to the prisoner his right of appeal and indeed urged him to exercise it.

After his retirement from the Sudan Sandy was appointed Chairman of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal for England and Wales and in this, his last task, he laboured with the same devotion and skill until he was forced by ill health to give up work in 1958. This had entailed frequent travelling and absences from home at a time when a lesser man might have felt entitled to some relaxation, but his disciplined character and inflexible standards dictated otherwise.

And so, after little more than two years, Sandy died suddenly on 24th May, 1961. He modelled his life on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and followed its teaching in a most devout and humble manner to the end, to the benefit of all who came in contact with him. Perhaps Sandy could have no better epitaph than these words written of him by a brother officer, himself a holder of the Victoria Cross:

"It would be hard to find a better example upon which a young man might model his life."

#### COL. W. G. SIMPSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.

With very deep regret we learned of the death of Col. William George Simpson, at Cambridge, on 10th June, 1961, in his 85th year.

He began his service in The Royal Marine Light Infantry in 1895 and served in several ships, including H.M.S. *Arethusa*, on the China Station during the Boxer Rising in 1900. He received the China General Service Medal.

Retiring from the Royal Marines in 1910, he joined the Territorial Army and in 1911 was appointed Commanding Officer of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's), and commanded the Unit until 1916 when he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

For his services in the Great War 1914-1918 he was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George and of the Distinguished Service Order, and was four times Mentioned in Despatches.

He was Honorary Colonel of the 24th London Regiment, later the 7th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, from 1920 to 1946, and was the first President of The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association and held that office for 28 years.

#### L.T.COL. A. V. PETRI, O.B.E.

With great sorrow we record the death of Lt.-Col. Arthur Victor Petri, who died at his home, Ramwick Cottage, Woking, on 9th September, 1961.

Born on 24th September, 1893, he was commissioned in The Leinster Regiment, from the Special Reserve, on 19th November, 1915, and served in the Great War 1914-1918.

On 2nd September, 1922, he transferred to The East Surrey Regiment. He commanded a Boys' Technical School from 30th September, 1923, to 30th September, 1924, and was Adjutant of the 5th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from 1st October, 1924, to 30th September, 1928. He was promoted to the Brevet rank of Major on 1st July, 1937, and to substantive Major on 1st August, 1938.

He served for several years in the 2nd Battalion of The East Surrey Regiment.

In 1946 he retired, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He was a very keen supporter of the Regimental Golf Society. At every autumn meeting of the Society, a match is played for the Eclectic Plate, a trophy which was presented by him.

The Regiment expresses sincere condolences to his widow, daughter and son.

#### L.T.-COL. H. W. BOLTON, D.S.O., M.B.E.

HERBERT WILLIAM BOLTON died in St. Peter's Hospital, Weybridge, on 5th May, 1961. He was 79.

He enlisted in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1900 and served in the South African War.

He fought in France in the Great War 1914-1918, and received his commission in 1915. He was seconded to the Machine Gun Corps in the rank of Captain, and was promoted to Major in 1916. In December, 1917, he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and commanded 55 Battalion The Machine Gun Corps until that unit was disbanded in 1919.

He was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and was three times Mentioned in Dispatches.

After the war he commanded a company of the 1st Battalion The Machine Gun Corps, in Ireland, until he retired in 1922.

In 1928, he rejoined The Queen's as Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the 4th Battalion (T.A.) and in 1934 became a Major, for the third time in his career. For his meritorious services he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire, in 1938.

When war broke out in 1939, he joined the Pioneer Corps. His age precluded him from service overseas and he served as a training officer at Lancaster Castle.

The Regiment mourns the passing of this very distinguished member.

#### MAJOR P. G. SMITH, T.D.

Patrick George Smith died in the Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on 5th September, 1961. He was 71.

"P.G.", as he was affectionately known, was an exceptionally devoted and loyal member of the Regiment, and will be sadly missed on future Regimental occasions.

Enlisting in The Queen's in 1908, he served in France in the Great War 1914-1918. Between the wars he served in India and the Sudan with the 2nd Battalion. He was R.S.M. of the 22nd London Regiment (T.A.) for three years.

He was discharged in 1933. He joined the Territorial Army and was appointed Quartermaster, with the rank of Lieutenant, in 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) in January, 1934, and went to France with the Battalion in the British Expeditionary

Force on 2nd April, 1940.

He retired to civilian life after the war and was employed in the Inland Revenue Department until 1955 when he became curator of the Regimental Museum at Stoughton Barracks. He held this appointment until the Museum was closed, on amalgamation, at the end of 1959. For the last two years of his life he held an appointment in the offices of the Automobile Association at Guildford.

The funeral service was held at St. Francis Church, Guildford, on 11th September, followed by burial in Stoughton Cemetery. Among the many Regimental representatives present were the following: Major-General and Mrs. J. Y. Whitfield; Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E.; Col. L. C. East, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.; Major F. Waspe, M.B.E.; Captain and Mrs. A. D. Foster. The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) was represented by Major P. G. Collyer and R.S.M. R. H. Esler.

On behalf of all past and present members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment we offer deep sympathy and condolences to the widow and daughters.

#### MR. G. ORAM

In the death of George Oram, at Oxford, on 26th August, 1961, the Regiment lost a very faithful and distinguished member. Up to the time of his last illness he was a regular and enthusiastic supporter of all Regimental functions. He was 81.

He enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment in 1897 and fought in the South African War.

In the Great War of 1914-18 he served in France and North Russia. After the war he was in the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in Egypt, Hong Kong and India, and was Provost Sergeant of the Battalion from 1920 to 1932.

He completed his Regular Army service in 1932 and after his discharge he rendered very valuable service as a Special Recruiter at Great Scotland Yard from 1932 until 1943.

The late Sgt. Oram had two sons serving as Warrant-Officers in the Regiment, one of whom was, until recently, R.S.M. of 1st Queen's Surreys and is at present holding that appointment in the 4th Battalion (T.A.).

The Regiment mourns the passing of this grand old soldier and offers deepest sympathy to the Oram family in their great loss.

**Bequest****Captain A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes, V.C.**

In his Will the late Captain A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes left the sum of £50 to the Regiment. The sum has been invested in the Colonel of the Regiment's Charitable Fund.

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

**Personal Notices****BIRTHS**

DEAKIN.—On 8th February, 1961, at Brighton, to Patricia Christina, wife of Pte. D. Deakin, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Kevin Patrick Burdett.

HAMMOND.—On 20th April, 1961, at Canterbury, to Alice Louise Elizabeth, wife of Cpl. B. Hammond, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Anthony Bryan.

CLARKE.—On 25th April, 1961, at Kingston-upon-Thames, to Gillian Gwendoline, wife of Pte. J. Clarke, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Angela May.

VODDEN.—On 29th April, 1961, at Canterbury, to Janet Sim, wife of Sgt. R. Vodden, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, John Richard.

WILDGOOSE.—On 5th June, 1961, at Morpeth, Northumberland, to Elizabeth Alma, wife of C.S.M. R. Wildgoose, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Valerie Ann.

MASON.—On 19th June, 1961, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham, to Daphne, wife of Major Geoffrey Mason, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Mark James.

CAKEBREAD.—On 30th June, 1961, at Canterbury, to Janet, wife of Sgt. A. Cakebread, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Christopher Arthur.

BROWNJOHN.—On 24th August, 1961, at Canterbury, to Betty Louisa, wife of Sgt. D. Brownjohn, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Michele Donna Maria.

**MARRIAGES**

WARNER-JOHNSON—BRYANT.—On 22nd April, 1961, at St. James Church, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, Captain Jeremy Valentine Warner-Johnson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, only son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. H. F. Johnson of South Croydon, Surrey, to Elizabeth Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bryant of Clacton-on-Sea.

LOWRY—THESIGER.—On 8th July, 1961, at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Rua Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. W. Thesiger, of Boyton, Hempstead, Saffron Waldron, Essex.

BING—WALLEY.—On 12th August, 1961, at Cerne Abbas, Lt. R. W. Bing, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Gillian, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. L. Waller, of Cerne Abbas.

**Death**

CROFTS.—On 24th July, 1961, at Eaton Square, London, Margaret, widow of Lt.-Col. L. M. Crofts, D.S.O., The Queen's Royal Regiment.

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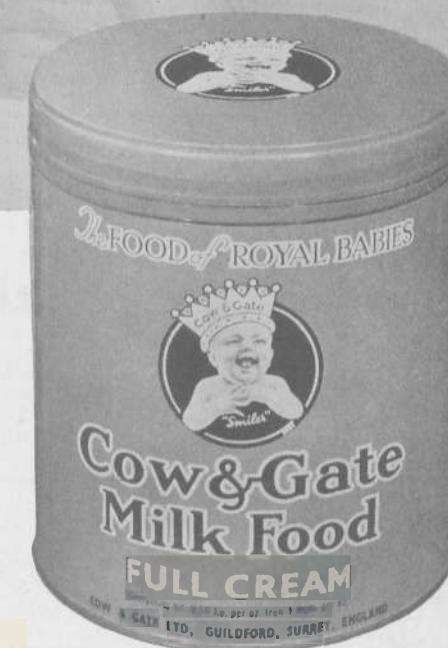
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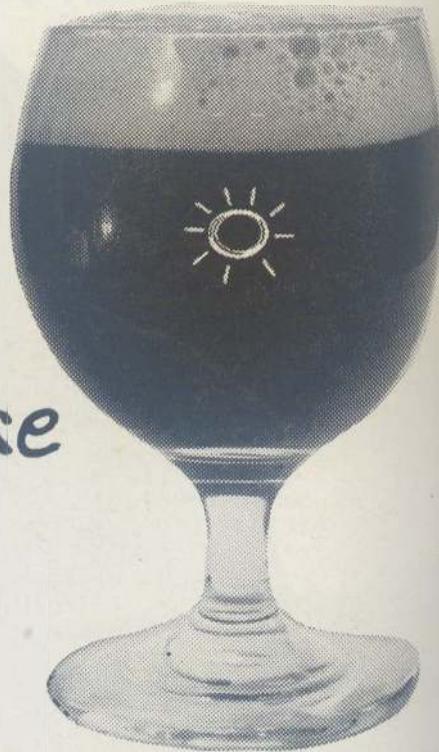
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	Capt. S. G. Eade .. . . .	Queen's		4.1.59
	Lt. J. F. Huntington, C.B.E. .. . . .	Queen's		6.10.60
	Capt. F. T. Burkitt .. . . .	2nd Queen's		1.2.61
	Lt.-Col. J. N. Eggar .. . . .	5th Surreys		30.4.61
	Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Bolton, D.S.O., M.B.E. .. . . .	Queen's		1900-1938
	Capt. A. J. T. Fleming-Sandes, V.C. .. . . .	2nd Surreys		24.5.61
	Capt. F. C. Leavens, M.C., D.C.M. .. . . .	Surreys		1892-1919
	Col. W. G. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O. .. . . .	Royal Marines		1895-1946
		7th Queen's } .. . . .		10.6.61
		Queen's } .. . . .		1914-1919
		Surreys } .. . . .		7.7.61
		Queen's } .. . . .		16.8.61
		Leinsters } .. . . .		1908-1946
		Surreys } .. . . .		1915-1946
		Surreys } .. . . .		12.9.61
2104	Major R. A. C. Edsell, .. . . .	Surreys		1910-1919
6142491	Pte. T. Ruffett .. . . .	22nd London Regt. Queen's		17.10.61
5242893	Pte. C. B. Bassett .. . . .	Surreys		1914-1918
	Pte. F. English .. . . .	Surreys } .. . . .		13.1.61
		Worcesters } .. . . .		1938-1948
		Surreys } .. . . .		1908-1919
		Surreys } .. . . .		1920-1921
		Surreys } .. . . .		1922-1934
6136278	C.S.M. F. Chipping .. . . .	Surreys } .. . . .		1924-1936
7225	Pte. J. Lee .. . . .	Surreys } .. . . .		1939-1944
		Royal Fusiliers } .. . . .		1899-1905
		Surreys } .. . . .		1914-1916
		Surreys } .. . . .		1928-1946
91	Pte. J. Reid .. . . .	Surreys } .. . . .		194.4.61
	Pte. J. M. Horsley .. . . .	1st Surreys		1914-1919
23778946	Sgt. J. Bagg, D.C.M., M.M. .. . . .	8th Surreys		28.5.61
6076173	Pte. G. N. Taylor .. . . .	3rd Queen's Surreys		1.4.61-29.5.61
6083158	Sgt. A. G. McTravers .. . . .	Queen's		29.5.61
8006	Pte. W. Field .. . . .	4th Queen's		1905-1935
6135299	Sgt. B. J. Jones .. . . .	1st Surreys		4.7.61
240371	C.S.M. W. P. Coulson .. . . .	6th Surreys		1926-1938
	Pte. A. A. Pollard .. . . .	1st Surreys } .. . . .		1903-1921
		6th Surreys } .. . . .		1897-1919
		Queen's } .. . . .		9.8.61
6080623	Cpl. E. Lawrence .. . . .	6th Surreys } .. . . .		1913-1919
		Surreys } .. . . .		10.8.61
6133886	Sgt. G. Oram .. . . .	Queen's } .. . . .		1943-1961
6076026	Sgt. H. J. Hutchings .. . . .	Surreys } .. . . .		22.8.61
		1/4th Queen's } .. . . .		1897-1932
		4th Queen's } .. . . .		26.8.61
		Surreys } .. . . .		1908-1926
		Surreys } .. . . .		12.9.61
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		Surreys } .. . . .		18.9.61

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Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O.	H.Q., Allied Forces Central Europe.
Brigadier D. G. Loch, O.B.E.	Commander, Western Area, Cyprus.
Brigadier M. V. Fletcher	Brigadier Military Attaché, Bonn.
Col. F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O. (Temp. Brigadier)	D.A.G., H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Col. G. A. White, M.B.E.	Ministry of Defence.
Lt.-Col. H. R. D. Hill, M.B.E.	Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.
Lt.-Col. M. T. N. Jennings (Temp. Colonel)	Brigade Colonel, Home Counties Brigade.
Lt.-Col. D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (Temp. Colonel)	Colonel G.S. The War Office (M.O.4).
Lt.-Col. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	Joint School of Nuclear and Chemical Ground Defence.
Lt.-Col. M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.	H.Q., 1st (B.R.) Corps, B.A.O.R.
Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Commandant, Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Major J. W. Sewell	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill	4/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Major K. Osborne	224 Ground Liaison Section, Royal Air Force.
Major (Q.M.) G. C. Forman	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major P. G. F. M. Roupell	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Capt. J. W. Francis	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Capt. H. M. Hare	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. G. B. Redfern	Depot Brigade of Gurkhas.
Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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W.O.2 (C.S.M.) H. G. A. Skilton	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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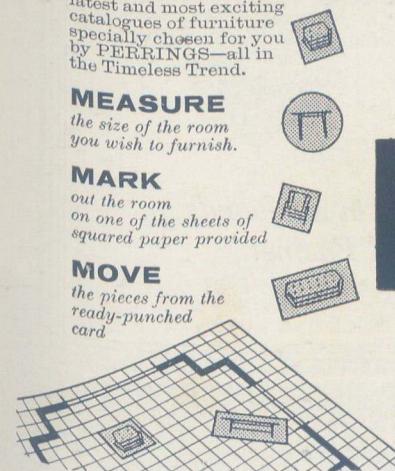


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