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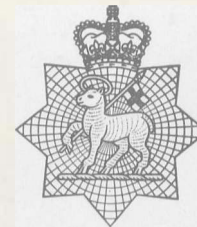
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## Editorial

Editor: Col. H. G. Duncombe

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Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames

ALTHOUGH this number is not published in our Tercentenary year it may be regarded as a special Tercentenary number. Included are accounts of the parade and ceremony on Putney Heath and of the Tercentenary celebrations by the 1st Battalion in Aden; both are fully illustrated. We reproduce the congratulatory messages received and sent on the occasion of the Tercentenary. Our frontispiece is a splendid photograph of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra taking the salute on the Trooping the Colour parade in Aden.

The Regiment has recently acquired the Victoria Cross awarded to Pte. Edward Dwyer in 1915. The circumstances under which it has come into our possession are related in the notes on the Regimental Museum.

A very creditable effort is being made to preserve the graves of British soldiers who fell

in the South African War, 1899-1902. We publish some interesting correspondence on this subject.

We have just said "good-bye" to Mrs. D. Chaffer who has been a very cheerful and devoted member of the staff at R.H.Q. since we opened nearly three years ago. She has left for Hong Kong with her husband, Sgt. H. T. Chaffer, M.M., who has done such valuable work as our Special Recruiter in Whitehall, and who has now joined the 1st Battalion. They have our best wishes for a happy tour overseas.

The move of Regimental Headquarters has now taken place. Our offices opened in the new location on 30th April. The transfer of the Regimental Museum is in process and has to be phased over a considerable period; it is unlikely that it will be declared open before late in the summer.



Tercentenary Celebrations in Aden  
1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

H.R.H. Princess Alexandra taking the Salute at the Trooping the Colour parade  
on 7th December, 1961



REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF, THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

Standing: Mr. A. McRoberts, Major F. J. Reed, Major P. G. E. Hill, Mr. J. Chenery  
Seated: Mr. J. Moule, Mrs. L. Smith, Col. H. G. Duncombe, Mrs. R. Symonds, Mrs. D. Chaffer



## Tercentenary

Parade and Ceremony on Putney Heath, 14th October, 1961

AS preparations for the great day neared completion considerable anxiety was felt about the weather. The first week in October had seen much rain and high winds. As the days went by apprehension increased; there could be no postponement of "T" Day and no alternative programme. Conditions, however, improved steadily and the official weather forecast became increasingly hopeful. The forecast on "T" minus ONE was decidedly promising.

Saturday, 14th October, 1961, saw a perfect dawn on Putney Heath. A clear blue sky, and a faint haze, heralded a lovely early-autumn day.

Soon after first light, R.S.M. Oram, with a small working party from the 3rd and 4th Battalions, arrived at the parade site. The flagstaff was erected on the mound, immediately behind the shrouded Monument, and the Regimental flag was hoisted. This was to be Queen's Surreys day on Putney Heath.

At about 9 o'clock, personnel of Provost Company (London District) Royal Military Police arrived and began marking out the car parks and signing the routes to the area. Comprising both male and female components, under the command of Capt. P. J. Rogers (R.M.P.), they did magnificent work throughout the day controlling both traffic and crowd. In this connection it is interesting to note that whereas 500 car park tickets had been applied for and issued, in fact rather more than a thousand cars turned up and were parked successfully.

No. 605 Signal Troop (London District) Royal Signals, under the command of Capt. D. C. Sidney (Royal Signals), were early on the scene and fitted up the communications system and amplifiers.

Meanwhile, R.S.M. Oram and his party had placed the saluting-dais in position, erected the platform for the Clergy, and were marking out the ground.

Punctually at half past nine, contractor's



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The Lord Lieutenant taking the salute during the march past



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The Lord Lieutenant speaking immediately before unveiling the Monument



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The unveiling of the Monument



lorries delivered 1,600 chairs. Simultaneously, a party of 20 Cadets arrived, under the command of Capt. J. H. Patterson, from the 1st Cadet Battalion. They worked like beavers and quickly had the chairs unloaded and began setting them out in blocks and rows in accordance with the seating plan. Finally, blocks and enclosures were marked and seats numbered where necessary.

By 12 noon all was ready, and the first spectators arrived.

At 3 o'clock, in very warm sunshine, fanned by a gentle breeze, more than 2,000 spectators were present.

On each side of the saluting dais was seated a Chelsea Pensioner. These were Sgt. E. E. Templer and In-Pensioner G. Criddle, B.E.M., both former members of the Regiment.

Distinguished guests in the seats flanking the saluting dais included the Commandant General Royal Marines, Lt.-General Sir Ian H. Riches, K.C.B., D.S.O. and Lady Riches; the Captain of H.M.S. *Excellent*, Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., R.N. and Mrs. Wells; the High Sheriff of Surrey, Mr. Uvedale Lambert and Mrs. Lambert; and the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Mr. S. W. L. Ripley, J.P., D.L. and Mrs. Ripley.

At 3.15 p.m., led by the Band of the 1st Battalion, brought home from Aden for the occasion, the troops and members of the Regimental Association taking part in the parade marched on to the parade ground. Detachments formed up in line on the left of the parade ground and facing the main spectators enclosure. The Depot Detachment was on the right, 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) in the centre, and 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) on the left. The Regimental Association Detachment was formed up facing the Monument.

Col. M. T. N. Jennings now assumed command of the parade.

The Colours of the two Territorial Battalions took post in front of their respective Detachments.

At 3.25 p.m. General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command arrived and was received with a General Salute.

Then the Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., Her Majesty's Lieutenant in and of the County of Surrey, accompanied by Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel of the



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The Monument after the unveiling

Regiment, mounted the saluting dais and the parade gave a General Salute.

The Drum-head Service then began.

During the singing of the Processional Hymn "O Worship the King All Glorious Above" the Bishop and Clergy came on to the parade ground and took their places on the platform.

The Right Reverend G. E. Reindorp, D.D., the Lord Bishop of Guildford was attended by the Rev. G. R. Whitcombe, O.B.E., M.A., Assistant Chaplain-General, London District; the Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, M.A., Chaplain to 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.); and the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A., Chaplain to 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

After Prayers and the General Confession came the Hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The Colonel of the Regiment conducted the Lord Lieutenant and the Bishop and Clergy to the Monument during the singing of the hymn.

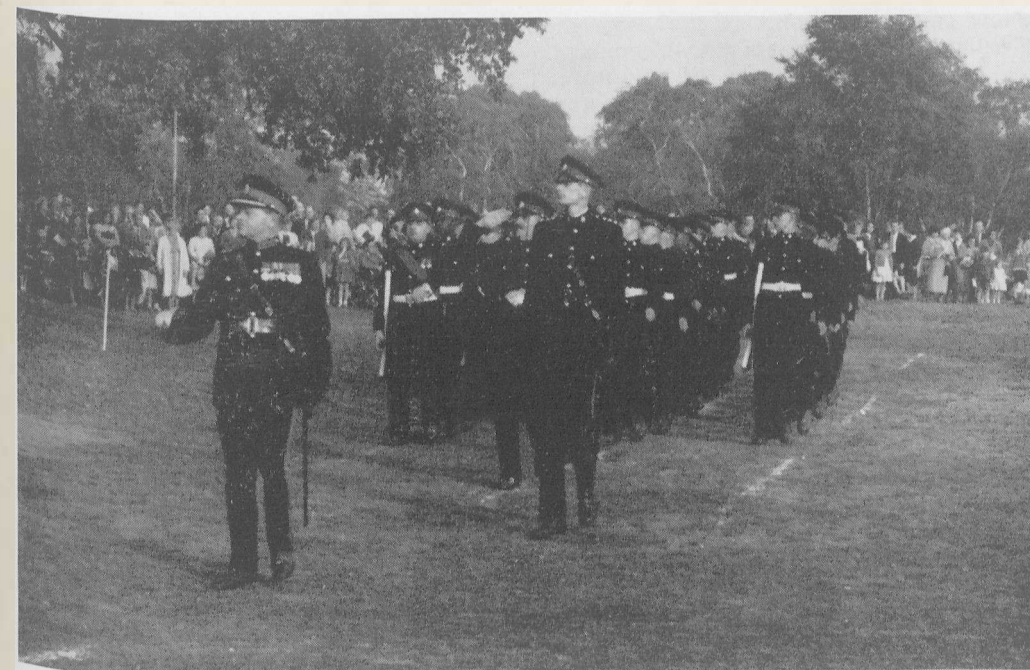


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Col. M. T. N. Jennings, followed by Detachment Home Counties Brigade Depot, leading the march past

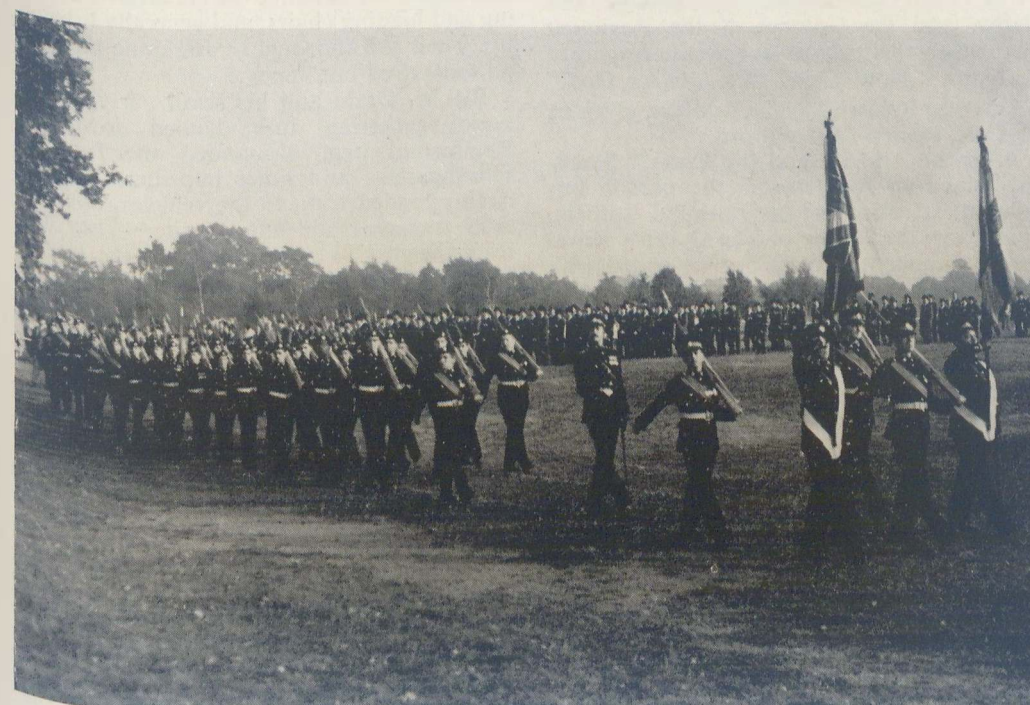


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Detachment 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) marching past the saluting base



Now came the climax of the day; the Unveiling and Blessing of the Monument.

The Lord Lieutenant said, "I now unveil this Monument to 300 years of the history of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment." R.S.M. G. E. Mileham handed the gold cord to the Lord Lieutenant, and as the Lord Lieutenant pulled the cord the Union Jack fell away from the Monument.

There followed a few moments of very impressive silence at the end of which the Colonel of the Regiment, addressing the Bishop, said "Right Reverend Father in God, on behalf of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, I ask you to bless this Monument, that it may stand not only as a memorial to past members of the Regiment, but also as a reminder to those who come after of their duty to God, Sovereign and Country."

The Bishop then said "Almighty God, bless we beseech thee, this Monument of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; and grant that all who look upon it may know the peace of sins forgiven, the joy of faithful service done and the power of everlasting life, to which may it please thee to bring us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Lord Lieutenant, the Bishop and Clergy, and the Colonel of the Regiment returned to their places during the singing of the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God."

This was followed by the Address, given by the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

After the Address and the hymn "Stand-up!—stand-up for Jesus!" the parade was called to attention for the National Anthem. Then came the Prayer of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and the Service ended with the Blessing.

The Lord-Lieutenant and the Bishop and Clergy took position with the Colonel of the Regiment at the saluting base in front of the Monument. All was now ready for the final march past.

First to go past was the Detachment of the Regiment's young Regular soldiers from the Brigade Depot; they were followed by the Detachments from the two Territorial Army Battalions with their Colours. From everywhere came very favourable comments on their smartness and bearing.

Then came what many spectators afterwards described as the most moving and inspiring moment of the day when nearly 400 members of the Regimental Association marched past. Headed by Lt.-Gen. Sir Arthur Dowler, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.L., they

marched with obvious pride and splendid precision. The medals they wore commemorated every campaign in which members of the Regiment have taken part from "Tirah, 1898" to "Kenya, 1952."

The parade and ceremony now over everyone visited the mound for a close-up view of the Monument. An imposing and dignified token, of white portland stone, it bears the Regimental Badge and the following inscription:

THIS MONUMENT WAS UNVEILED ON  
THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE FIRST PARADE OF  
THE TANGIER REGIMENT OF FOOT  
NOW  
THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT  
HELD ON PUTNEY HEATH ON THE  
14TH OCTOBER 1661

TANGIER WAS PART OF THE DOWRY  
OF CATHERINE OF BRAGANZA  
ON HER MARRIAGE TO  
KING CHARLES THE SECOND

The 20 cadets again became very active and began dismantling the enclosures, stacking and loading chairs, and generally tidying-up. Their job thoroughly well done they departed—tired but happy.

R.S.M. Oram and his small party, in the rapidly-gathering dusk, hauled down the Regimental flag, dismantled the flagstaff, saluting dais, and other impedimenta, and, having loaded it on to the vehicles, boarded their transport and left the site. They had been the first to arrive and were the last to leave. A very full, busy and wonderful day.

#### PARADE STATE

*In command of the Parade*  
COL. M. T. N. JENNINGS

*Adjutant:*  
CAPT. J. B. RAY

*Sergeant-Major:*  
R.S.M. F. B. ORAM

*Commanding Detachment Home Counties  
Brigade Depot:*  
LT. S. T. W. ANDERSON

*Commanding Detachment 3rd Battalion The  
Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.):*  
MAJOR R. C. H. SAUNDERS

*Commanding Detachment 4th Battalion The  
Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.):*  
MAJOR G. Y. STRAWSON, T.D.

#### 3rd Battalion Colour Party:

LT. B. M. SIDWELL  
2/LT. M. J. SIMS  
C/SGT. J. J. PLAYFOLD  
C/SGT. H. W. EDGINGTON  
C/SGT. J. F. BECKETT

#### 4th Battalion Colour Party:

LT. C. D. YOUNG  
LT. P. R. H. THOMPSON  
W.O.2 J. B. WHITE  
SGT. JENKINS  
SGT. F. RAMSEY, M.M.

#### Bandmaster:

W.O.1 W. SNOWDEN, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.  
1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey  
Regiment

#### Drum-Major:

DRUM-MAJOR B. MORRIS  
1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey  
Regiment

#### On duty at the Monument:

R.S.M. G. E. MILEHAM  
SGT. H. T. CHAFFER, M.M. SGT. A. E. CROSS

#### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

##### *Commanding Detachment:*

LT.-GEN. SIR ARTHUR DOWLER, K.C.B.,  
K.B.E., D.L.

##### *Commanding No. 1 Company:*

MAJ.-GEN. I. T. P. HUGHES, C.B., C.B.E.,  
D.S.O., M.C., D.L.

##### *Commanding No. 2 Company:*

BRIGADIER A. P. BLOCK, C.B., C.B.E.,  
D.S.O.

##### *Commanding No. 3 Company:*

BRIGADIER R. H. SENIOR, D.S.O., T.D.

#### CLERGY TAKING PART

THE RIGHT REVEREND G. E. REINDORP, D.D.  
The Lord Bishop of Guildford

THE REVEREND G. R. WHITCOMBE, O.B.E.,  
M.A.  
Assistant Chaplain General, London District

THE REVEREND R. C. L. PILGRIM, M.A.  
Chaplain to the 3rd Battalion The Queen's  
Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

THE REVEREND D. LANDRETH, M.A.  
Chaplain to the 4th Battalion The Queen's  
Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

## Tercentenary

### Congratulatory Messages sent and received

From: Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.  
To: Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London, S.W.1.

*The 14th of October, 1961, is the three hundredth anniversary of the raising of The Tangier Regiment of Foot, now The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, which is the oldest English Regiment of the Line. On behalf of all ranks with our humble duty I tender to Her Majesty our greetings on this historic occasion and the assurance of our steadfast loyalty and devotion.*

\* \* \*

From: Buckingham Palace.

To: Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

*Please convey to all ranks of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment my warm thanks for their kind and loyal message which I greatly appreciate. On the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the raising of their parent Regiment, the Tangier Regiment of Foot, I send them my sincere congratulations.*

ELIZABETH R.



To: Queen's Surreys.

*Personal from Maj.-Gen. K. T. Darling, Director of Infantry, to Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Infantrymen everywhere join with me to tender our warmest good wishes to the Regiment on reaching their tercentenary. You are the first English Regiment of the Line to have reached this notable landmark. Good luck to you all on this great occasion.*

\* \* \*

From: Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

To: Maj.-Gen. K. T. Darling, Director of Infantry.

*On behalf of All Ranks I thank you for your most kind message on the occasion of our tercentenary. Your message has been much appreciated by us all.*

\* \* \*

From: Captain, Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. *Excellent*, Portsmouth.

*Greetings Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe and All Ranks The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Heartiest congratulations on the tercentenary of the first parade of your Regiment.*

\* \* \*

To: Captain, H.M.S. *Excellent*, Whale Island, Portsmouth.

From: Gen. Metcalfe.

*On behalf of All Ranks The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment I thank you and your ship's company for your kind message on our tercentenary.*

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From: Commandant-General, Royal Marines, Admiralty, Queen Annes Mansions, London, S.W.1.

To: Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.

Dear General,

*On behalf of The Royal Marines I extend my heartiest greetings to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on the three hundredth anniversary of their first parade.*

*The close and happy relationship we have with your Regiment is a constant source of pride and pleasure to us, and it is with deep sincerity that I send you my best wishes for the future.*

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) IAN RICHES.

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From: G.O.C. M.E.L.F.

To: Gen. Metcalfe, R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

*Congratulations and best wishes from myself and all ranks M.E.L.F. on occasion of your tercentenary*

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From: Officer Commanding, Lt.-Col. J. V. Davies, C.D.

To: Officer Commanding Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

*Greetings on tercentenary from Queen's York Rangers visiting Battle Brandywine.*

\* \* \*

From: 1st Northern Rhodesia Regiment.

To: Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Kingston.

*Greetings from Hon. Colonel, C.M.M., C.O. and All Ranks on occasion of your tercentenary celebrations.*

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From: Gen. Metcalfe, R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: 1st Northern Rhodesia Regiment, Ndola, N. Rhodesia.

*On behalf of All Ranks Queen's Surreys I thank you for your kind tercentenary message.*

From: 1st Royal Sussex.

To: R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

*Congratulations on your tercentenary. Very glad to hear that yet another Regiment in our Brigade is parading at its point of origin.*

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From: Gen. Metcalfe, R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: 1st Royal Sussex Regiment, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

*On behalf All Ranks Queen's Surreys I thank you for your kind tercentenary message.*

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From: R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: 1st Queen's Surreys, Aden.

*The Colonel of the Regiment sends greetings to All Ranks on the historic occasion of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment, and best wishes for the future.*

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From: R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: Home Counties Brigade, Depot.

*The Colonel of the Regiment sends greetings to All Ranks on the historic occasion of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment, and best wishes for the future.*

\* \* \*

From: R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: 3rd Queen's Surreys, Guildford.

*The Colonel of the Regiment sends greetings to All Ranks on the historic occasion of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment, and best wishes for the future.*

\* \* \*

From: R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

To: 4th Queen's Surreys, Kingston.

*The Colonel of the Regiment sends greetings to All Ranks on the historic occasion of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment, and best wishes for the future.*

\* \* \*

To: Colonel of the Regiment, R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

*The Brigade Colonel and All Ranks Queen's Surreys serving at the Brigade Depot send greetings to the Colonel of the Regiment on the occasion of their tercentenary.*

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From: 1st Battalion, Aden (Lowry and All Ranks, 1st Queen's Surreys).

To: Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe.

*Our very best wishes and congratulations on this tercentenary day. With regret we are not able to be with you on this unique occasion but am confident our few representatives have made themselves heard in the best traditions.*

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From: W.O.s and Sergeants, 1st Battalion.

To: Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe.

*Best wishes and congratulations on this our tercentenary.*

\* \* \*

From: Piggott, S.H.A.P.E., Paris.

To: Colonel, Queen's Surreys.

*Much regret inability to be present today. Apologise for absence and best wishes to you all.*



From: U.K. Army Liaison Staff, Ottawa (Mans and Pepperall).

To: Colonel, Queen's Surreys.

*Very best wishes for tercentenary celebrations. Much regret our absence.*

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From: Miss J. Cottridge, Hon. Secretary, Parochial Church Council, Kingston Parish Church (All Saints'), Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

To: Officer Commanding, R.H.Q., Queen's Surreys.

Dear Sir,

*At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council I was requested to express to you their warm congratulations on the Three Hundredth Anniversary this year of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, with its many valued connections, past and present, with All Saints' Church.*

*Yours faithfully*

*(Signed) MISS J. COTTRIDGE.*

\* \* \*

From: Col. H. G. Duncombe.

To: Miss J. Cottridge, 28 Chestnut Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

*I shall be very grateful if you will convey to the Parochial Church Council of Kingston Parish Church (All Saints') the very sincere thanks of all members, past and present, of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, for their kind message on the occasion of our Regiment's tercentenary.*

*May I say that we are ever mindful of the very happy and greatly cherished association we and our forebears have had and maintain with your Church.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed) H. G. DUNCOMBE.*

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## Tercentenary Celebrations in Aden

**Trooping the Colour by 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment,  
on 7th December, 1961**

The following signal was sent on 5th December, 1961:

*"To His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Aden. Will you please convey to Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra the gratitude and appreciation of all ranks, past and present, of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment in the United Kingdom for the honour she is doing the Regiment in graciously consenting to be present at the tercentenary celebrations of the 1st Battalion in Aden."*

J. F. METCALFE, Maj.-Gen.,

*Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.*

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The following reply was received at Headquarters, Aldershot District, in the evening of 7th December, 1961:

*Following personal message from H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent for Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe  
Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.*

*"Thank you so much for your kind message which I greatly appreciated. I had the pleasure this morning of inspecting the parade of the 1st Battalion and I know that you would have been very proud of their splendid appearance and performance."*

*(Signed) ALEXANDRA.*

## Parade State

*In command of the Parade:*  
LT.-COL. M. A. LOWRY, M.C.

*Adjutant:*  
CAPT. M. N. O'D. PEREIRA

*Escort for the Colour:*  
MAJOR D. J. WRIGHT  
LT. A. F. RIDGER  
2/LT. C. G. REEVES  
C.S.M. K. YONWIN

*No. 3 Guard:*  
MAJOR P. G. F. M. ROUPELL  
LT. P. A. GRAY  
2/LT. M. R. KINLOCH  
C.S.M. W. WARREN

*Colour Escort:*  
C/SGT. J. PITCHER C/SGT. R. J. WARNER

*Bandmaster:*  
MR. W. SNOWDEN, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

*Sergeant-Major:*  
R.S.M. P. J. COLLMAN, M.B.E.

*No. 2 Guard:*  
MAJOR W. G. R. AMBROSE  
LT. A. C. WARD  
2/LT. H. G. D. SMITH  
C.S.M. L. BURNSTIN-WILSON

*No. 4 Guard:*  
CAPT. A. B. S. FARIS  
LT. R. W. ACWORTH  
2/LT. D. H. HUTT  
C.S.M. H. SKILTON

*Drum-Major:*  
DRUM-MAJOR B. MORRIS



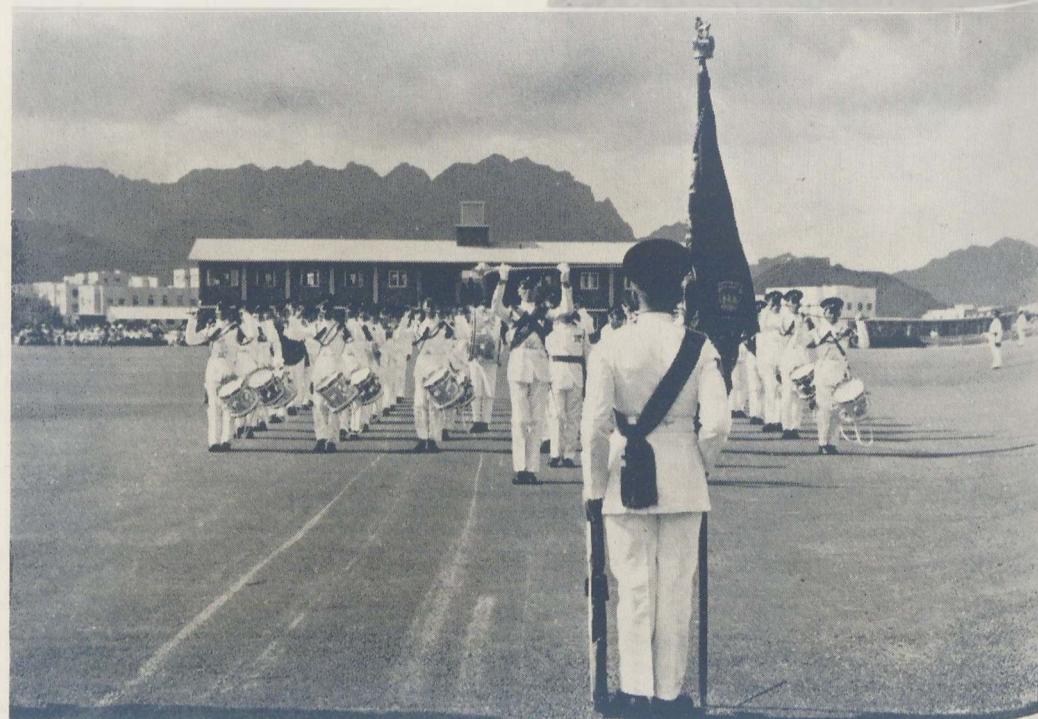
(Left) Her Royal Highness inspecting the parade. (Right) Her Royal Highness talking to C/Sgt. R. Vickers during the inspection of the parade



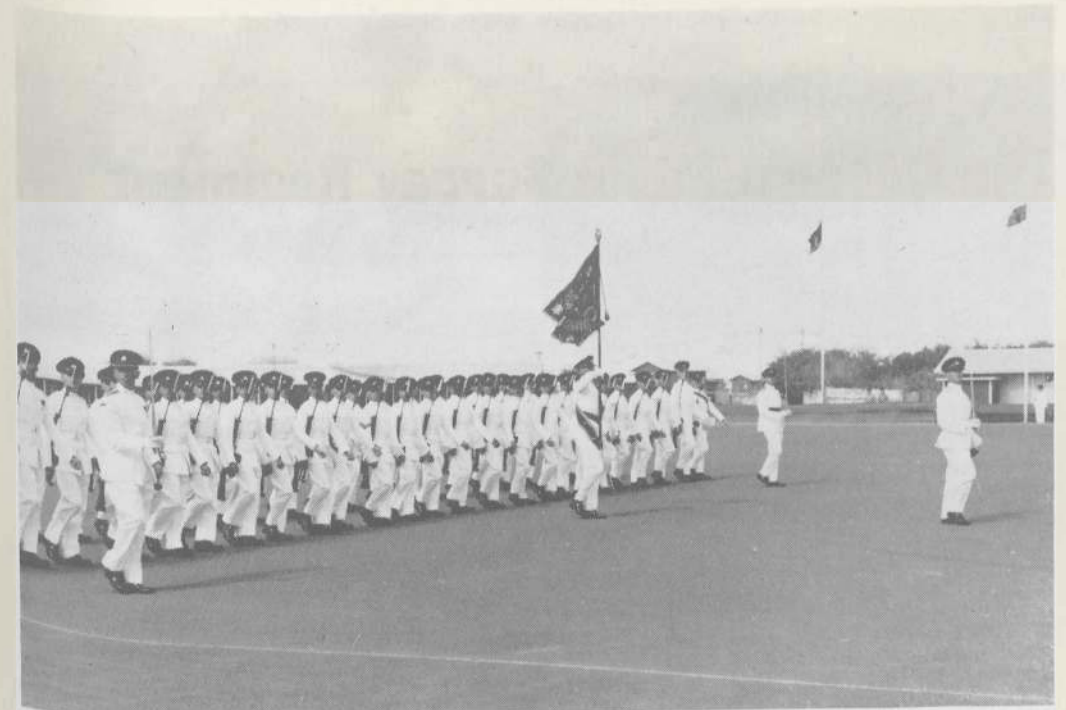
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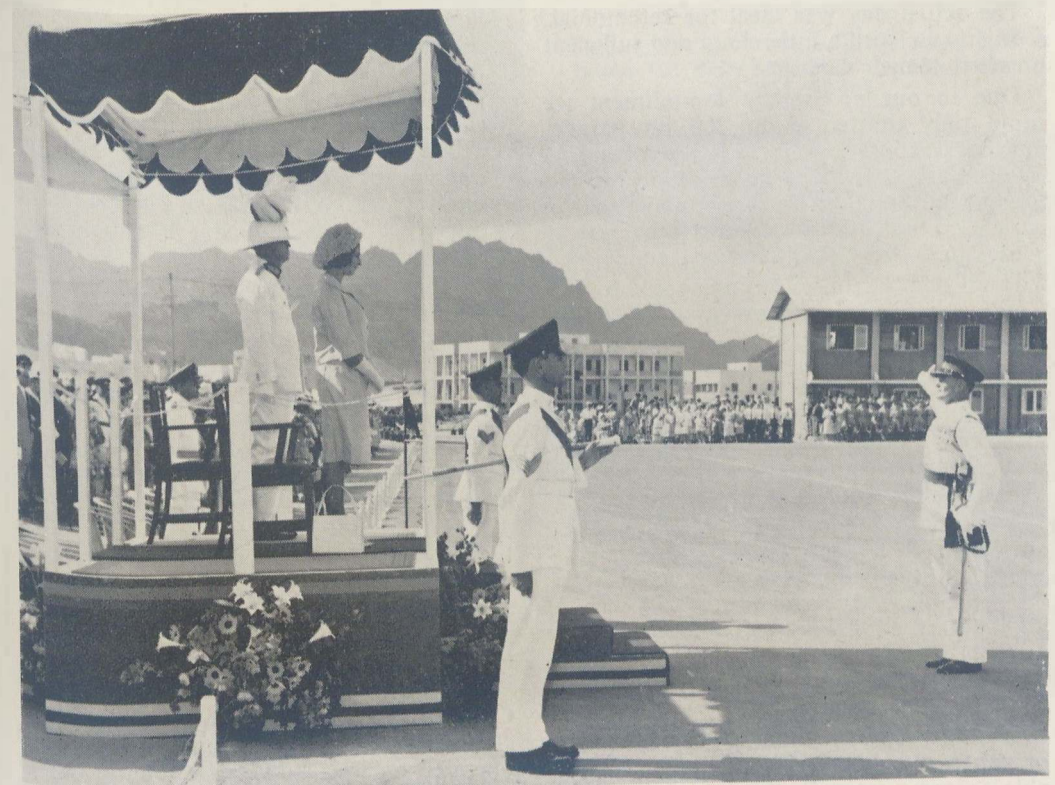
Miss Carol Skilton, daughter of C.S.M. H. G. A. Skilton, presenting a bouquet to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra at the close of the parade



The Band and Drums marching in slow time following the word of command "Troop." The Regimental Colour is seen in the foreground



No. 1 Guard marching past in line in quick time



The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., reporting the end of the parade



# 1st Battalion

## The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer	..	..	..	..	..	Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.
2IC	..	..	..	..	..	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.

IN the period under review the most important event has been the commemoration of our tercentenary. For climatic and other reasons the celebrations were held in December and were, to use a military phrase, conducted in two main phases.

The first and most official phase was Trooping the Colour. This took place on 7th December and we were extremely fortunate in that H.R.H. Princess Alexandra was visiting Aden at that time and graciously consented to attend the parade.

The actual day was ideal for ceremonial, a bright sun, with a little cloud and sufficient breeze to temper the heat.

Due to our up-country commitment we could only muster about 300 on parade, but that was just right for this size of square. The Battalion, with the Corps of Drums and Regimental Band drawn up on the left of the parade ground, was a splendid sight in their white No. 3 dress.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by His Excellency The Governor, arrived exactly on time and played her part in, if we may say so, a most charming and delightful manner. When carrying out her inspection she paused to speak to many soldiers and although her inspection took considerably longer than that of any previous rehearsal not a man fell or wavered.

The parade throughout was faultless and amply justified the rehearsal programme, which, in the Adjutant's own words, was "formidable." It was most gratifying that all the very hard work put into the parade and its stage management resulted in a performance of which each and every man could be truly proud.

We were very sorry that no Old Comrades or other members of the Regiment were able to come from England to witness this

ceremony, but let them be assured that it was conducted in a manner which would certainly have met with their approval.

It is absolutely true to say that amongst the thousand guests who attended "all Aden" were present and that the general opinion was that Aden had never before witnessed so splendid a spectacle. An extract from a letter received by the Commanding Officer from the Commander-in-Chief sums it up.

"I must write you a note to tell you again how greatly I appreciated the excellence of your Regiment's performance yesterday. There cannot have been anyone present whose heart was not warmed by such a superb exhibition of military tradition. The standard of turn-out, drill and steadiness reflected not only great preparatory effort, but also a great pride on the part of your Regiment in the task they were undertaking.

"My grateful thanks to you, your officers, non-commissioned officers and men for so upholding the finest tradition of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and my congratulations for having added lustre to your own regimental history."

The next phase of the programme was on 12th December, when we put on a Searchlight Tattoo and beat Retreat.

The Tattoo was in four acts—one staged by each company consisting of a support weapons race, comic car turn, 1661 tableau and silent drill display. Although desperately short of rehearsal time this all went off well and was followed by beating Retreat.

Thanks to the kindness of the BP Oil Company we were able to borrow some first-class lights and these were mounted and operated on four tubular scaffolding towers built by the Assault Pioneers. Although these

## The Tattoo

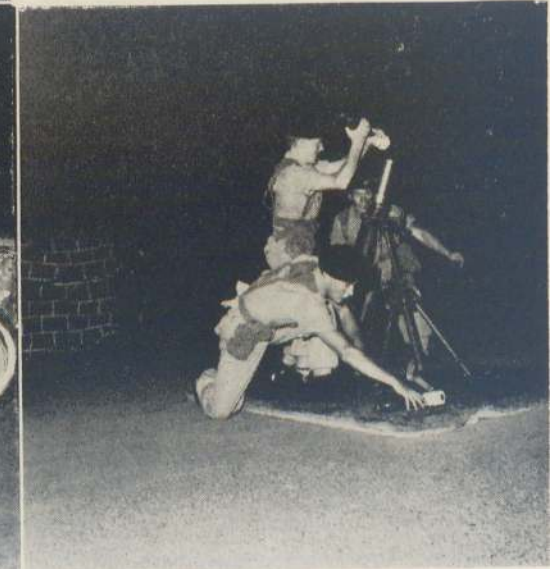


(Top left) Ptes. Dougan and Monk manhandling the heavy end of their anti-tank gun over the wall in the Support Weapons Race

(Top right) C.S.M. Wilson, L/Cpl. Stern, Cpl. Boyne, Pte. Kirby and others marching on for the 1661 Tableau



Sgt. Leach, Cpl. Phillips, R.E.M.E., and Pte. Ambridge conducting "trials" on the "Mark X" Land Rover



L/Cpl. Donnelly and Ptes. Barry and Gilbert get their mortar into action in the Support Weapons Race



towers swayed quite alarmingly in the slightest breeze they enabled the arena to be so brilliantly lit that photographs could be taken without the aid of flashlight.

After the performance the officers and sergeants entertained in their respective Messes.

Additional items in the tercentenary celebrations included a special luncheon in the dining hall on 7th December, a free cinema show and an all ranks dance.

The trooping and everything connected with it though the most important event was, however, only a portion of our activities. We have also survived our administrative inspection on which we had an excellent report and these barracks have continued to be on the agenda for almost every "Visiting Fireman" to see. On the 16th January we had the last of such visits when the Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Hon. J. Profumo, P.C., O.B.E., visited us and lunched afterwards in the Officers' Mess.

At one time it looked as if Christmas might take on a somewhat novel form as a few days before the stand down we were nominated to stand by immediately for Kuwait. A great deal of packing and planning had to be done both before and after Christmas, but unlike some less fortunate members of the Garrison, we were eventually left in peace to pursue the round of traditional entertainments.

On 19th December, the Battalion Strolling Players gave us a highly original and delightful version of "Aladin and his Wonderful Lamp." Unfortunately lack of space forbids a full report but particularly honourable mention must be made of Capt. Pereira for his script, production and guiding genius; W.O.2 Bozzel Wilmshurst for masterly impersonation of a sheik, Lt. David Hutt as 2/Lt. Clanger, Pte. Smudger as Pte. Addin and amongst others of the cast Sgt. Darkie Isaacs, Ptes. Dinger Bell, Punchy Parry, Sgt. Slim Leach and Major Ambrose must not be forgotten while Dmrs. Tagg and Payne have assured themselves of undying fame as the camel.

On Christmas Day, gunfire was brought to the soldiers in bed by the W.O.s and Sergeants and after the Church Service, the officers, W.O.s and Sergeants assembled to do battle in the guise of a soccer (?) match.

The two "highly-decorated" teams were led to the battlefield by the equally highly-decorated band of the Federal National

Guard who throughout entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Of the match itself, little can be said of any coherence. It was watched by many soldiers from their barrack blocks from whence they encouraged the players with buckets of water and sundry other inducements. The result if any, was lost in a general welter of sand and water and all agreed that the sustenance that followed was certainly earned by the participants.

The excellent Christmas lunch in the dining hall was a particularly gay affair as the Regimental Band, despite their high married content, turned out at full strength to play throughout the occasion. Pte Parry of "B" Company replied ably to the Commanding Officer's toast, the band burst into the strains of "Colonel Bogey" and an excellent party came to an end.

Since Christmas we have stood down the Kuwait commitment and taken the opportunity to stage a Battalion athletics and shooting competition. Although "B" Company, at Mukeiras, were unable to compete in either of these meetings much useful talent was discovered and these meetings served their real purpose of providing information as to what would be available when the Battalion reaches Hong Kong.

We also beat Retreat on the Racecourse for the last time in January and as a final gesture have attempted to burn down our camp at Mukeiras. At the time of writing these notes piles of baggage are appearing all labelled with those delightful words "Hong Kong" and although there is definitely no sign of any last attacks of "Adenitis" there is no doubt that people's thoughts are "over the water."

#### "A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major G. Ambrose
2IC	Capt. M. E. Girling
Pltn. Comdrs.	Lt. D. J. C. Dickens
	Lt. J. M. B. Westing
	Lt. A. J. Titcombe
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. M. Burnstin-Wilson
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. P. Todd

The period covered by these notes started with the Company still on detachment at Mukeiras near the Yemen border.

Having got the camp up to "A" Company standard we were able to get out and do some proper training. On many occasions, platoons went out on two-day patrols on their own and thus became familiar with the surrounding country. Several patrols, both

in vehicles and on foot, were carried out in conjunction with the Federal Army.

An interesting trek was made by Lt. Dickens with L/Cpl. Foxon and Ptes. Manual, Hicks, Smith and Ardley all of the Support Platoon. They spent a long weekend on foot, whilst their baggage was carried on donkeys.

On 28th October, Col. Pallot, Commander Aden Garrison, carried out the annual administrative inspection of the Company. Our strong team of eyewash men, led by Pte. Brian Cooper in the Arms Kote, contributed greatly to our success. We hope his sales talk makes him a rich man in civilian life. Cpl. Booth in the cookhouse ensured that the meals were excellent and loyal soldiers when questioned told the Inspecting Officer that the food was always good. Our medical men, Cpls. Lowes and Vann, stopped model boat building and ensured that all flies kept well out of sight and those of us who have served in the tropics will agree that this was quite a feat.

A few days after the administrative inspection, "B" Company relieved us by road, due to lack of aircraft, so once again we ferried men and stores up and down the escarpment, and bumped our way back to Aden.

On arrival in Aden we were immediately

involved in rehearsals for Trooping the Colour. In spite of our recent rustication at Mukeiras we found that under the pace stick of C.S.M. Burnstin-Wilson, we were able to acquit ourselves well.

In the Tattoo the Company gave a display of pike and musket drill as done in 1661, dressed in the tail coats and green plus-fours of the period. We obeyed Mr. Smith's delightful words of command such as "Take heed to march all" and "Shut your pans." These were gleaned from an excellent book sent to us by the War Office Librarian. The Company Commander as the Earl of Peterborough finally coaxed his charger into the limelight and was received with a sweep of cartwheel hats. We even did what every soldier longs to do, that is to put a Sergeant in the stocks. Needless to say, the stocks had to be made bigger than the regulation size to take Sgt. Gardner's neck.

Since then life has continued at its usual high pressure. In an inter-Company athletics meeting we came a very close second and we won an inter-Company rifle meeting. In other sports we have been holding our own but look forward to beating "B" Company when they return from Mukeiras.

A few days before going to press we spent four days in the desert doing an advance to



Bound for Hong Kong

A contingent of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment marching to Aden harbour for embarkation in the troopship "Oxfordshire" en route to Hong Kong



contact exercise. The enemy were desperadoes of the Recce and Assault Pioneer Platoons under Sgt. Terry, alias the Arch Brigand Abdul, the Bull Bull Terrier. We were glad to have with us, as observers, one Arab and eight Somali officers. We hope that the good humour of both our hosts and guests helped to foster good relations between a new nation and Great Britain.

Lts. Westing and Titcombe have just joined us and 27 new recruits have been posted to the Company in recent weeks. Of these, Ptes. Creane, Pouponeau and Crawford have shown themselves to be an asset to us on the athletics field; not to mention the prowess of the two new officers.

To end on a sad note, we have lost Lt. Smith, Lt. Russell (Yogi Bear), Sgt. Butler, Cpl. Slater, Cpl. Gill, Cpl. Sawyer, L/Cpl. Stewart, L/Cpl. Gilbert and many others. Several of these are still with the Battalion, but are still a great loss to the Company. We wish all those who have left the Company the very best of luck.

#### "B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	..	Major G. Mason
2IC ..	..	Capt. K. R. Burnett
Pltn. Comdrs. ..	..	2/Lt. D. H. Hutt
	..	2/Lt. C. G. Reeves
C.S.M. ..	..	W.O.2. K. Yonwin
C.Q.M.S. ..	..	C/Sgt. R. Proud

Having returned from Mukeiras in March, the Company was destined to spend the whole of the "hot season" in Aden. Looking back on it all the Aden summer was not so bad as had been expected—thanks to our air-conditioners—but none the less both training and sporting activities slowed up considerably. Not so our internal security and duty commitments, which kept us fully occupied. However, in between times we laboured through the heat with general training, range classification and education—not to mention our annual administrative inspection—and, with a team captained by Sgt. Lay we won the inter-company first-aid competition.

Relaxation was taken by holding two more Company boat parties and a very successful beach barbecue. We also housed and entertained several naval ratings from a visiting mine-sweeper, and in return some of our men spent several days at sea with them. The majority of the company were able to take leave during this period and more than 40

were fortunate enough to be allotted vacancies at the Mombassa leave centre.

Sporting activities were also limited during these hot months, although the cooler sports, such as swimming and water polo, were carried out as keenly as ever. Cpl. Palmer, L/Cpls. Jillings and Ing and Ptes. Diles, Cater and Sharman, all took part in the Command Individual Swimming Championships. Ing and Sharman became Command champions and, together with Jillings and Cater, represented the Army in the Inter-Services Swimming Championships. The Army team was trained by Sgt. Lockwood and came a very close second to the Royal Air Force. All these swimmers played water polo for the Battalion team and formed the backbone of a very good Company side, which came second in the Aden Minor Units League.

By the end of September the weather had cooled off considerably and soccer, basketball and boxing came into their own again. L/Cpls. McKenna, Parry and Barclay, and Ptes. McMullen, McLean, Price and Holness represented the Company in the Battalion boxing competition. L/Cpl. McKenna won the prize for being the best loser, having fought three bouts (winning two) in the same evening. The Company was also very proud to have four of its boxers—L/Cpl. McKenna, Ptes. McLean, McMullen and Holness—selected for the Command Trials and to see the last three selected for the Army team which toured Kenya in January.

Soccer and basketball did not really get under way before the Company left Aden for their second tour at Mukeiras in November, but Sgt. Lockwood, L/Cpl. Ing, Ptes. Thatcher, McMullen and Summerskill, and later Cpl. Scott and Pte. Ginsberg, were regular players in a very successful Battalion basketball team. L/Cpls. Beavan and McKenna and Ptes. Hone and Cook played for the Battalion soccer team which L/Cpl. Beavan captained.

On 1st November, half the Company, consisting of short-term National Servicemen (with cries of "days to do"), under the Company Commander and Company 2IC, relieved "A" Company at Mukeiras; while the other half, consisting of all the regulars and long-term National Servicemen, under 2/Lt. D. H. Hutt and C.S.M. Yonwin, remained in Aden to take part in the ter-centenary celebrations, Trooping the Colour and Tattoo. The Company was very hon-

oured to form the escort to the Colour for the Trooping and after an extremely good showing followed it up with a "Silent Drill" demonstration at the tattoo. At the same time, as if there was not enough to do, 2/Lt. D. H. Hutt, C.S.M. Yonwin and L/Cpl. Parry were busy rehearsing for the Battalion pantomime, which, on the day after the tattoo, travelled for 12 hours overland to Mukeiras for its opening performance in the provinces. The remainder of the Company in Mukeiras enjoyed the show immensely, particularly on seeing their Sergeant-Major as a sensuous dancing girl and "Punchy Parry" as a most unlikely Eastern Guard.

In the meantime the short-term National Servicemen were enjoying their last days in the Army up-country and had a very interesting and happy last few weeks during which time they made many improvements to our Company camp. Pte. Lemon built a splendid bar in the canteen and L/Cpl. Roberts decorated the walls with the most luscious pin-ups. Pte. Girdle with Dmr. Jenner built an excellent cinema adjoining the canteen and Cpls. Lowes and Kettles built a very good Camp Church—"St. Paul's on the Plain." All these improvements were greatly admired by the Secretary of State when he visited the Company in January.

Just before Christmas, 30 of our National Servicemen departed; some for demob and others to complete their last six months with 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment in B.A.O.R., and we were sorry to see them go. Fortunately the manpower situation was restored when 23 new regulars were posted to the Company and with a strength of nearly 90 the Company found itself with well over 75 per cent. regulars for the first time.

Our Christmas was celebrated in the true Mukeiras fashion and Cpl. Holden and his cooks prepared a magnificent dinner for us on No. 1 cookers under field conditions. The festivities included a donkey race meeting and fun fair and our carol singing party toured the Mukeiras area; with an additional port of call at Mukeiras' new hotel. The 20 Europeans spending their Christmas there were surprised and delighted to welcome us and together with Naib Ja'Bil were most generous in showing their appreciation of our singing. Besides the usual concert parties and films, another feature of the Christmas programme was massed donkey polo—15 mounted players on each side with hockey sticks and three soccer balls.

Between Christmas and the New Year—and while waiting for our married men to rejoin us—the Company constructed a massive Regimental Badge out of rocks, which sits proudly at the top of the most prominent hill opposite our camp and above the main road leading to the Yemen.

The badge is 25 yards high and 35 yards long. It was drawn for reproduction by L/Cpl. Roberts, constructed by the Company and sprayed white by Pte. Sedgley. It is greatly admired by the locals and forms an impressive landmark in rather barren surroundings. It is hoped that it will commemorate the Regiment's service at Mukeiras for many years to come.

By 1st January, the whole Company was again complete at Mukeiras and the New Year saw the start of a five-week period of concentrated training to re-train an almost brand new Company. During this period the Company also held a most enjoyable rifle meeting which was won by No. 4 Platoon, captained by Cpl. Spanner. Cpl. Lane of No. 6 Platoon was the best individual shot with a good score of 120 out of 160. The concentrated training culminated in a live field firing exercise, "Exercise Swan Song," during which the Company group put in a three-phase attack, lasting nearly two and a half hours and expended 10,000 rounds of ammunition.

At the time of writing, the Company is preparing to hand-over our outpost to the advance party of the K.O.S.B. and preparing for our move to Hong Kong. In years to come most of us will admit that we have thoroughly enjoyed our days in Aden, particularly in Mukeiras, but at the moment the prospect of Hong Kong rather eclipses our memories of the past year.

We welcome the following new regulars to the Company: Cpl. Scott, Ptes. Andrews, Bryne, Cooper, Corbally, Eldridge, Ginsberg, Hughson, Glazier, O'Neill, Pugh, Rost, Renaud, Rickards, Sewell and Whittle.

We say farewell to the following members of the Company and wish them the best:

On demob: Cpls. Cruse and Lyon, L/Cpls. Barclay, Matthews, Betts, Beavan, Brooks and Pickford, Ptes. Bryant, Clarke, Diles, Dunne, Embling, Farr, Hone, Harrison, Howton, Healey, Lawrence, Larbey, Lemon, Read, Spicknell, Summerskill and Tyson.

On posting: L/Cpl. Broid, Ptes. Gree, Gardiner, Cook, Ing and Gardiner (67).

We congratulate the following on their



promotions: L/Cpls. Lane, Scott and Purser to Corporal; Ptes. Parry, Thatcher and Jones to Lance-Corporal.

### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major P. G. F. M. Roupell
2IC	Capt. J. G. F. Naumann
Support Pltn. Comdr.	Lt. P. A. Gray
No. 7 Pltn. Comdr.	Sgt. S. Lea
No. 8 Pltn. Comdr.	2/Lt. M. R. Kinloch
No. 9 Pltn. Comdr.	Lt. A. C. Ward
C.S.M.	W.O.2. W. Warren

Shortly after our Desert Platoon camps ended, we became involved in carrying out passenger endurance trials on experimental vehicles.

Forty-four members of the Company took part in the trials, organised into two teams each of two vehicle "loads." 2/Lt. Kinloch was responsible for the passengers and Sgt. Lea and Sgt. Fleming commanded the teams, which attended on alternate days.

The first and worst four days of the trials were spent in repeatedly going over a specially constructed assault course in order that the scientists could compile statistics of standard timing and shooting results in various temperatures, all of them very hot.

After two days the local Arabs came to our aid by removing part of the assault course at dead of night. A popular move as no timber was available to replace the missing obstacles.

The trials from a desert camp. On arrival the teams were weighed and their pulse rates or temperatures recorded. They were weighed with their haversack rations. During the day a record was kept of how much each man drank, and at the end of the day's trials they were weighed again with the remains of their haversack rations, orange peel as well.

The men had thermometers fixed to various parts of their bodies. Each thermometer was wired up and a mass of gaily-coloured wires were led out through the front of their shirts and connected to a plug.

The vehicles were closed down as soon as the passengers got in. They then left the medical centre at half-hourly intervals, drove round the circuit and returned after half-an-hour to the medical centre. There the "guinea pigs" were plugged in and a lead run from the outside of the vehicle into the medical centre, where it was connected with a series of complex instruments and recordings taken. A telephone was also connected between the medical centre and the

inside of the vehicle and the temperature and pulse rates of those not "wired up" were recorded. Earlier in this part of the trials there was a moment of considerable consternation amongst the scientists when the instruments showed Pte. Gearing's head temperature as having reached 118 deg. A very worried scientist seized the telephone and was relieved to be assured that Gearing was, in fact, still alive. The thermometer pad had become detached from his head, was resting against the outside of the vehicle and recording the temperature of the metal!

At approximately 3.30 p.m. the passengers were allowed out of the vehicle and went over the assault course, which included firing on the range and throwing drill grenades.

After six weeks the trials ended with a team of 10 under 2/Lt. Kinloch and Sgt. Lea spending 12 hours in the vehicle and then carrying out a series of very energetic attacks.

Those responsible for the trials were most appreciative of the efforts and patience of the teams and the scientists went home with sufficient statistical data to keep them happy for many months to come.

Throughout the trials the teams remained unchanged and the full brunt of our internal security, guards and fatigue commitments fell on those members of the Company not involved in the trials. As the trials ended three days before our annual administrative inspection they had little time to call their own.

A few days after the administrative inspection we took part in another trial, this time in the air. The trials were to test the suitability of certain aircraft for trooping and casualty evacuations in hot climates. The trials lasted three days and we were merely required to sit or lie in the aircraft and be flown about for four hours. An excellent boxed meal was provided. Almost every member of the Company went up on a flight. Those acting as casualties, however, found some difficulty in appreciating their lunch whilst strapped on their backs to stretchers.

On 7th November we set off on our last Company exercise from Aden, Exercise "Chaser." The exercise had been planned from a very inaccurate map, and a brief air recce by the Company Commander. He set off at dawn with the enemy, who were provided by the Corps of Drums under Cpl. Seager. Their vehicle broke down some 10

miles beyond the RV but, with a bit of pushing and a great deal of luck, they finally got back to await the arrival of the Company. In the late afternoon the Company, under the 2IC, reached the RV near the Eastern Foothills of the Jebel Kharez. The Company immediately advanced north and at last light carried out a very successful attack on a twin hill feature which was occupied for the night. Sangars were very quickly constructed in the dark, and lack of previous experience was to a great extent overcome by the desire to obtain some protection from the wind.

Next morning we pursued the enemy west into the mountain Wadi Jail. An hour's march brought us to the foot of the wadi and it was with some relief that we halted some three hours later near the head of it. Four hours' marching uphill over sand, shingle and rough boulders had produced its toll of blisters and Cpl. Warren, R.A.M.C., was in considerable demand.

During our lunch halt we received a welcome air drop of mail by courtesy of the Army Air Corps.

In the course of the morning a small goat appeared from nowhere and was enlisted as Company mascot by Ptes. Ruddock, Miles and Lockyer, whom it followed faithfully for the rest of the day.

After lunch the advance continued until we came under fire from the "enemy" holding two steep razor-edge ridges. An energetic Company attack found the leading platoon scaling the heights, inspired by the goat, who later on, in fact, declined to take further part in the proceedings.

Both Nos. 8 and 9 Platoons found themselves occupying most precipitous knife-edge ridges lacking all the comforts of a conventional platoon position. The goat later on joined No. 7 Platoon, but when we continued the advance decided it had finally had enough. The more sore-footed members of the Company gained some consolation from noting that the goat had also developed a slight but unmistakable limp. The next day we remained in contact with the withdrawing enemy and carried out a number of section and platoon attacks before the final Company attack on two hills covering the outlet of the pass into the plains on the western side of the mountain range.

We returned to Aden next day having learnt a great deal and enjoyed a brief respite

from garrison duties. We are grateful to Cpl. Seager and the Drummers for being such a resourceful and energetic enemy, to the drivers who successfully got their vehicles over some difficult country previously considered suitable for  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton vehicles only, and to Cfn. Fisher who worked day and night repairing the more reluctant vehicles.

We returned from the exercise just in time to start rehearsals for Trooping the Colour. On 8th December, we had our Company boat party and duly set off with a mass of dust-bins full of iced beer and a "trad" quintet kindly provided by the Regimental Band. We ran into a very rough sea on our way to and from Little Aden and the consumption of beer and the volume of singing noticeably increased once we got back into the calm of the harbour.

After the Trooping we were immediately involved in the Tattoo. Then it was Christmas, and after the stand down we shook down the remains of the Christmas pudding by climbing Shamsan (our local 2,000 ft. heights) several times. This brings us up to 1st February. During this time we have lost many of our "older hands" whose "days to do" were finally done—we wish them the best of luck and are sorry they won't be with us to see and enjoy Hong Kong.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. W. Sewell
2IC	Capt. M. J. Doyle
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. G. Skilton
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. B. Dunkeld
	C/Sgt. R. Vickers

Like the rest of the Battalion, the highlights of "H.Q." Company's activities in the last months have been connected with the Tercentenary Parade and the subsequent Tattoo. "H.Q." Company was well represented on the Parade by detachments from the Signal, M.T. and Reconnaissance Platoons, and of course the Band and Drums in full strength. Others of "H.Q." Company, as always, nobly played their less spectacular part in the background, and particular mention should be made of the Assault Pioneer Platoon under C.S.M. Quickenden, who provided all the seating for the parade and later for the Tattoo, and followed this by building the stage for the successful pantomime "Al Addin." They have become fair experts in the handling of tubular scaffolding, which is not easy in the corrosive atmosphere of Aden. However, they as with all others in the Company, have also managed to cope



with their normal tasks and training. They and the Recce Platoon commanded by Lt. R. W. Acworth with Sgt. Terry as Platoon Sergeant are all prepared to look after us in the event of a nuclear missile landing on Aden, or for that matter on Hong Kong.

All Platoons of "H.Q." Company have suffered by having to say "goodbye" to a lot of their older hands, too many to mention by name, but we wish them well and welcome all those who have come to the Company in their place. The Signal Platoon commanded by Capt. H. M. Hare with C/Sgt. Warner as Platoon Sergeant, and the M.T. Platoon, commanded by Capt. J. W. Francis, with C/Sgt. Pitcher as Platoon Colour-Sergeant, have probably been hit the hardest by these changes, but the communications still work and the wheels turn in spite of all difficulties, including, from the Signals point of view, the introduction of yet another Voice Procedure.

The M.T. Platoon, on top of their daily 36 standing details and coping with the administrative and vehicle classification inspections, again undertook the change over of the rifle companies at Mukeiras by road at the end of October. They have, however, also found time for enjoyment in having a very successful Platoon boat party in November, when they added considerably to the number of empty beer cans littering the bottom of Aden harbour. For the Tattoo they provided a suitably unroad-worthy landrover of fearful colour which was put through various antics amidst clouds of smoke and explosions abetted by Sgt. Leach, Cpl. Phillips and Ptes. Ambridge, Hughes and Wells.

Mention of Mukeiras leads us on to recall that throughout the Battalion's garrisoning of that "outpost," "H.Q." Company have provided detachments of the Signals, Recce Platoon, M.T., cooks, one Drummer and N.C.O.s from the Battalion R.A.M.C. and R.A.P.C. staffs to support the Rifle Company there. In the last period with "B" Company, Sgt. Anderson of the Recce Platoon continued in overall control of all the Company personnel up there, and all those present took a full part in "B" Company's activities including their P.E. tests and education. Cpl. Holden and Ptes. Harman, Parker and Rogers of the A.C.C. are to be particularly congratulated on voluntarily passing the full Infantry P.E. tests whilst there. Meanwhile at the Aden end the Air Loading Detachment under C.S.M. Gibbens continued to ensure

that all the Mukeiras Company's needs reached them safely, and that everyone who visited them had a safe and easy journey either by the Royal Air Force or more normally by Aden Airways Dakota.

In the competitive sphere, "H.Q." Company has continued to be well represented. "H.Q." Company (White) team won the Battalion athletics meeting held in January in Aden. Of this team the winner of the three miles event was Pte. Rundle and the one mile L/Cpl. Emery. Both put up particularly good performances on a very hot afternoon, while Drum-Major Morris is to be congratulated on winning two events. At shooting we came second in the Battalion rifle meeting held in Aden, only seven points behind "A" Company. Pte. Monroe, our arms storeman is to be very much congratulated on being the champion shot of the meeting, while Pte. Newham did very well to obtain third place.

In boxing, C.S.M. Skilton has continued to produce a fine Battalion team, and took Cpl. Chambers, L/Cpl. Hardy and Pte. Ballard of the Company with him when a large number of the Battalion team were selected to represent the Middle East Command v. Kenya A.B.A. at the end of January.

As these notes are being written the Q.M.'s department are busy packing up and the Orderly Room busy producing nominal rolls and movement orders. This entails a lot of extra work, but everyone in these departments, like the rest of the Company, is very much looking forward to the delights of the Far East.

#### TRAINING COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	Major D. J. Wright
2IC .. .. .	Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson
Pltn. Comdr. ..	2/Lt. C. G. Reeves
C.S.M. .. .. .	W.O.2 R. A. Jennings

The Training Company has carried out continuation training for new drafts, junior leaders cadres and also has conducted trials on new equipment.

The fourth continuation training course is now in progress and a total of 26 soldiers are under training. At the time of writing, this Platoon, under Lt. C. E. J. Allanson, who is temporarily attached to the Company, is carrying out training on the Bir Fuqum firing area at Little Aden, where a camp has been established.

Continuation training usually lasts for

four weeks and serves a most useful purpose in acclimatising soldiers newly arrived in Aden. Instruction is given during the course on platoon weapons, 3.5 RL, 2-in. mortar, Energa grenade, map-reading, fieldcraft, night firing and section and platoon tactics. One or two route marches, swimming and PT are also included.

Four junior leaders cadres for junior N.C.O.s and potential N.C.O.s, each lasting a fortnight, have been run during the last nine months. These have been held at Mukeiras, which offers wonderful training facilities for such courses. These cadres have proved to be both enjoyable and beneficial to all concerned, including the instructors.

User trials on the Cobra man pack drill and plastic pillow tanks, intended to replace water trucks and trailers, will have been completed by the time the Battalion leaves for Hong Kong.

Mention should be made of Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson and his men, who have driven thousands of miles and worked long hours during the last eight months while carrying out trials on experimental vehicles.

It is not clear yet what training facilities are available in Hong Kong, but whatever they are it is certain that the Training Company will continue to fulfil a useful role in the Battalion.

#### Officers' Mess

Since the last edition we have had much social activity culminating in our tercentenary celebrations in December.

Before the Band left for U.K. we managed to have one guest night and a further one was held in November. At these we welcomed the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Elworthy, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., M.A., Brigadier P. B. Gillett, O.B.E., C.R.A. 3rd Division, Group-Captain J. F. Davis, O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., Station Commander, R.A.F. Khormaksar, Brigadier A. J. C. Prickett, B.G.S. Middle East Command, Mr. G. B. Viveash, the Commissioner of Police, and Lt.-Col. C. E. Archer Perkins of the Federal Army.

Before the departure of the 11th Hussars, we entertained their officers and wives to cocktails in the Mess on Sunday, 5th November. During their time here we have fostered many friendships which started in Malaya in 1955-56 and we were very sorry to see them leave Aden.

We were fortunate to see Major I. D. Beattie on his way back to U.K. from Kenya, and hope that the champagne was still cold by the time it arrived at the airport. We unfortunately missed seeing Major P. R. Swanson on his way through to Malaya, but were glad to hear he was in good form.

Our tercentenary celebrations began with a cocktail party on 12th December, at which over 300 guests were present. Amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Johnston, and Lady Johnston, the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Elworthy, and Lady Elworthy, the G.O.C., Maj.-Gen. J. A. R. Robertson, and the AOC, Air Vice Marshal Rosier and Mrs. Rosier. Also present were many members of the Government, and of the Western Aden Protectorate. This was followed by a ball on 22nd December, which was attended by 200 guests, and was voted a tremendous success. Dancing went on till 4 a.m. and guests were served with breakfast before departure.

On Boxing Day we entertained the warrant officers and sergeants and their wives to cocktails in the Mess before lunch.

On 4th February we had our last Sunday morning party at which the band played. On this occasion we introduced the advance party of 1st K.O.S.B. to some of the many people who have been so kind to us during our time in Aden. Shortly afterwards we held our last guest night in which we as hosts were quite outnumbered by our visitors and guests. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Johnston, came to dine with us and Col. M. T. N. Jennings, on a visit from England, was also present. Ten K.O.S.B. officers, including their Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. A. M. Thorburn, and some Somali officers who were visiting us, increased our guest list considerably. Our own numbers were depleted by the departure of the advance party to Hong Kong on 6th February.

#### Sergeants' Mess

The Mess celebrated the change over from hot to cool seasons in August with a cocktail party and social evening attended by the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Lowry and Officers and their Ladies, at which the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Lowry were presented with a wedding present from the Mess. Speeches with anecdotes were the fashion of the evening.



August also provided us with two new Colour-Sergeants—Bruce Dunkeld and Jim Pitcher. C.S.M. John Gibbens took over the task of ferrying bodies and kit to the Company at Mukeiras, relieving W.O.2 Bert Quickenden who assumed supreme power over the newly established Assault Pioneer Platoon. Not to be outdone, Sgt. Ray Gardner changed his personal parade state to include the birth of a son.

September found the Mess a little cooler, and saw the departure of C.S.M. Harry Boseley to U.K. on appointment as R.Q.M.S. to H.Q. 3 Division, leaving C.S.M. Bill Warren to take over the reins of "C" Company. Sgt. Bert Butler also left to take up residence in the wilds of the Depot.

In October, we could even feel a slight breeze from the shore, and the Mess managed to survive Friday the 13th with a very successful dinner night attended by the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Lowry. Boating trips being a must in Aden, the Mess ventured to sea one supposedly calm morning complete with wives and children for a forage round the harbour. All went well for the first hour until the Q.M. Capt. Kemp steered to sea, then quite a few passengers took umbrage at the choppy conditions. Nevertheless a grand time was had by all. The month was successfully completed with Sgt. Mo Jennings going home to U.K. and coming back eligible for the unaccompanied rate of L.O.A.

With a slight wind and occasional rain, November saw Sgt. Frankland leave for T.A. service at home. Shining star of the month was no doubt the activities of C.S.M. Les Wilson and his merry men of "A" Company who put on many special functions in the Mess including a marvellous skit of "This is your life."

December proved to be the lion of them all. Wind—Rain—Parties. The Mess was attended by guests after both the Trooping Ceremony and Tattoo events. Several members of the Mess played parts in the Battalion pantomime, with regrets only for their palatial trip by road up to Mukeiras and back again. The Mess Christmas draw and ball was held on 23rd December with a splash and gusto provided by C.S.M. Keith Yonwin, C.S.M. Les Wilson and assistants. Prizes were abundant and a marvellous evening was completed by breakfast being served at 4 a.m. next morning.

Tea and rum were delivered to the men on Christmas morning, followed by the Sergeants

versus Officers football match later. This spectacle provided several minor injuries, which together with the application of gallons of water did not dampen the ardent spirit of the game. A tactful draw was the obvious result.

Christmas dinner was served in the dining hall by the officers and Mess members who retired to the Mess to get suitably refreshed after all the men had been served.

On Boxing Day the members and their wives were invited to the Officers' Mess for cocktails which provided a fitting end to Christmas Mess festivities.

To ensure the New Year did not go unnoticed, C.S.M. Harry Skilton provided a New Year Party with fancy dress. Costumes were splendid, with Mrs. Speakman taking a prize for her charleston performance and the R.S.M., W.O.1 Collman, having to surrender his girl guide impersonation to render first aid to his wife.

The New Year is bringing yet another change to the Mess, but with the thought of the green of Repulse Bay as opposed to the barren rocks of "Shamsan," the change cannot come quick enough.

#### REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster .. W.O.1 W. Snowden, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.  
Band Sergeant .. Sgt. B. Matlock

During the latter part of 1961 the Regimental Band fulfilled its duties in various parts of the world.

The 20th September was a very memorable day as the band boarded the "Oxfordshire" for its tour of the United Kingdom. The object of this tour was, of course, to celebrate the Tercentenary of the Regiment on Putney Heath, and to play at various functions connected therewith. Eventually, after a well-earned rest, the Band returned to Aden on 7th November.

Almost immediately we began rehearsals for Trooping the Colour, and on the 7th December, the parade took place. In the evening the dance band, under the leadership of the Bandmaster, played at the Governor's Ball in honour of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. The Ball went very well, so well in fact that the Princess stayed until 1.30 a.m.

We have performed the ceremony of Beating Retreat three times since our return to Aden. First, at the Regimental Tattoo under floodlights, and then at Steamer Point,

which we found a little difficult as it had rained the day before, and left large ridges in the sand. Finally, at the Khormaksar Races on the 6th January, we beat Retreat for the last time in Aden.

A week before Christmas we formed the pit orchestra for the Battalion pantomime. This ran for two nights and we enjoyed it immensely.

During the Christmas period we were very busy with engagements on many evenings. On Christmas Day, the Bandmaster, doing his usual rounds with the rum and tea, was the victim of a dastardly water attack by an unknown (at least unseen) assailant, while at the Christmas dinner in the dining hall the high reed section was showered with beer. However, that could perhaps with a little stretch of imagination, be taken as an expression of appreciation!

After a busy Christmas, our annual party was held on 5th January. The raffle was one of the highlights of the evening, 3,209 tickets were sold. Nearly everybody won a prize, but the Lemon family thought "one prize?" and took home £40 worth. We were honoured by the presence of the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Lowry, and other guests. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

We were very sorry to lose C/Sgt. Thompson, who, after 25 years' service, eight of which were as Band Sergeant, left for civilian life. As a small token of our gratitude for his invaluable service, we presented him with a clock. We wish him every success in his new life.

#### Junior Ranks' Club

As far as the author can tell the J.R.C. Notes will be a new feature of the Journal. Perhaps it had better be explained that J.R.C. stands for Junior Ranks' Club, which used to be called "N.A.A.F.I." However, the likeness between the new J.R.C. and the old-style N.A.A.F.I. is remote.

The J.R.C. contains within it the Corporals' Mess, main restaurant, a very pleasant bar which bears the title "The Lamb and Star," billiards room, a retail shop where most things can be bought from a shoe lace to a cine camera, and a very comfortable W.V.S. lounge.

The lounge is very efficiently run by Miss Hatton, our W.V.S. lady, who has made it extremely pleasant with bright curtaining and decorations. She provides games, books

and magazines, organises billiards and snooker competitions, and generally runs the Junior Ranks' Club during off-duty hours. She has been a tremendous help to us and this is an opportunity to thank her very much for all she has done for the Battalion whilst in Aden and to wish her luck in the future.

The Queen's Surreys J.R.C. is really the show-piece of Aden and we have received a constant stream of VIP's, the last being the Secretary of State for War. All visitors have been very complimentary about our efforts, the general consensus of opinion being: "It's much better than it was in my day."

Since November the J.R.C. has been extensively used for company tercentenary parties, a mammoth children's party, which 250 children attended, and Corporals' Mess activities. The political crisis in Kuwait caused a beer crisis in Aden, which has only just been solved after some very harsh words were said by a large number of people.

We only hope that our J.R.C. in Hong Kong will be as good as the one we have here in Aden.

#### Boxing

The Battalion Boxing Club which was formed during the summer has been a great success and, in December, when the Battalion open individual competition was held, we had a lot of new talent ready for the opening of the season.

This initial Battalion meeting was very successful and some very exciting bouts were witnessed. All winners were presented with the regimental boxing belt, which they are permitted to wear for one year.

Results were:

**Bantamweight:** Pte. Ballard ("H.Q." Company) beat Pte. Holness ("B" Company).

**Lightweight:** Pte. McLean ("B" Company) beat Pte. Newham ("H.Q." Company).

**Light-welterweight:** L/Cpl. Hardy ("H.Q." Company) beat L/Cpl. McKenna ("B" Company).

**Welterweight:** Pte. Griffiths ("H.Q." Company) beat Pte. McCurran ("A" Company).

**Light-middleweight:** Pte. McMullon ("B" Company) beat Cpl. Chambers ("H.Q." Company).

**Middleweight:** Pte. Adams ("A" Company) beat Cpl. Parry ("C" Company).



The best loser's prize was presented to L/Cpl. McKenna, who put up a very plucky show against L/Cpl. Hardy, a regular first-team man, after having already boxed in two previous bouts the same evening to reach the final.

On the 21st December, the Middle East Command Individual Preliminaries were held. Entries were submitted from R.A.F. Aden, Bahrein and Eastleigh in Kenya; one even came from Hong Kong. The 45th Marine Cdo., 17th/21st Lancers, R.E.M.E. and Queen's Royal Irish Hussars also took part. The Battalion entered nine boxers, of which eight got through to the finals, in which we won five Command titles, and had three runners-up. Some of the bouts are well worth mentioning. In the bantamweight final, Pte. Ballard met Pte. Holness. Both had trained very hard during the summer months and Ballard had won their first encounter. The 2,000 spectators saw boxing at its best; punch for punch from start to finish, both boys using all the moves in the book. It was a very clever bout, and the judges must have found it difficult to select the winner. Holness was given the verdict and Ballard received thunderous applause from a very appreciative crowd. Both these lads are regular soldiers and will go a long way in the boxing world. This bout gave us our first Command title.

In the lightweight division Pte. McLean, who comes from Jamaica, lost by a very narrow margin to Tpr. Edwards of the 17th/21st Lancers. This was another all-action bout, McLean's hard punching just failed to wear down the very experienced Edwards. We must mention that only two weeks later, McLean fractured Edwards' jaw in two places while training for a contest in Kenya.

The heavy punching of L/Cpl. Hardy made short work of his R.A.F. opponent, in the lightweight series, and we got title No. 2 with a k.o. in the first round. Pte. Griffiths won welterweight fame when he outboxed and outpunched another R.A.F. opponent. Griffiths has now left us and we wish him every success with his new club.

The fourth title came through Pte. McMullon, in a bout almost as exciting as the bantamweight contest. McMullon met Cfn. Mawdsley of R.E.M.E., an Army junior title-holder. This was a slogging match from beginning to end, but McMullon's

crisp punching eventually told on the very stylish Mawdsley.

L/Cpl. West lost to Cpl. Barrett (R.A.F.) in the light heavyweight bout, Barrett proving too experienced for West, but L/Cpl. Walker, a heavyweight called in at the last minute, celebrated his release a week later by beating Cpl. Trippett (R.A.F. Eastleigh), and so giving us our fifth title.

Next came the selection of a team to meet the Kenya A.B.A. in Nairobi on 27th January. This is an annual competition for the Bradley Shield, and so far, Aden has suffered much at the hands of the Kenya team of which only three are Europeans. Kenya has the selection from 48 civilian clubs, the police force, and four major units, and is therefore a very powerful and clever boxing side. Thirteen boxers from Aden were finally selected of which seven were from Queen's Surreys. The competition once again resulted in a win for Kenya by 18 points to 12, but this result in no way reflects the boxing that took place. The City Hall was packed to capacity and the boxing often had to be held up to allow the spectators to finish their tumultuous applause of the previous bout. Special mention must be made of Pte. Hasson, a new arrival to the Battalion who comes from Singapore and Pte. McLean and Cpl. Chambers, who came down a weight for the occasion. The result of all three bouts could well have been for and not against. Pte. McMullon was well on the way to a win, but unfortunately was hit by a very unorthodox right hand, and could not beat the count. Great credit is due to all of the Aden team in this David v. Goliath match. Kenya newspapers and radio said that boxing of this standard had never before been seen in Kenya.

We are now about to embark for Hong Kong where the boxing season will have just commenced and we hope to do well there in the Army team championships.

#### Association Football

The season has been a somewhat mixed one. It opened well with the Aden Services League in which the Battalion scored a number of victories under the leadership of Pte. Knight. He then left for home and from the end of October the team has suffered many changes due to further departures. However, in the Aden Services knock-out competition we reached the semi-

final and lost to our opponents by the narrowest margin of 1-0, although we had the best of the game for much of the time. Consistent players throughout the season have been Pte. Newham in goal, fullbacks L/Cpls. Ebbens and McKenna, Signals Platoon, half-back L/Cpl. Hardy of the Air Loading Section, "H.Q." Company, and forwards Pte. MacKinnon, Air Loading Section, Pte. Dray, Signals Platoon, and Drm. Paine.

One of our big difficulties is that there are no football pitches in Waterloo Barracks, which has made training very difficult. In Hong Kong things should be different and with an all-regular team we can look forward to a much more successful season next year.

#### Hockey

The Battalion hockey team has had a very successful season and succeeded in establishing itself as one of the best unit sides in Aden.

The Battalion team entered two leagues and will undoubtedly finish highly placed in both of them. As a number of the other teams in these leagues are not strong, the Battalion has fielded a second XI on a number of occasions which has enabled a number of players who just missed the Battalion side to get some good hockey. As the result of playing several games a week in January and February we have succeeded in playing all league matches before leaving for Hong Kong. We will not know our final league positions until all the teams have played their matches.

The season started in early October with a most successful Battalion inter-Company six-a-side competition, which was won by "H.Q." (White), followed shortly afterwards by the Aden six-a-side competition for which we entered three teams. All did well; the "A" side reached the semi-final and, although beaten then, it succeeded in winning the main plate competition.

Unfortunately owing to lack of pitches it has proved most difficult to arrange inter-Company matches and only a few matches have been played, most of them by the companies which have been on detachment in Mukeiras.

We have been represented in the Army (Aden) team by Capt. M. J. Doyle, 2/Lt. C. G. Reeves and S.S.I. Riley; of these Capt. Doyle has been a regular member of the side.

A summary of the matches played is as follows:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals	
					For	Against
Command League (Army and R.A.F. Teams)	11	8	1	2	29	12
Army League (Including one Civilian side)	12	10	0	2	41	6
All Matches	29	21	3	5	87	26

The following have represented the Battalion:

**Forwards:** Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., Capt. M. J. Doyle, Capt. A. B. S. Faris, Lt. A. J. Titcombe, Lt. S. T. W. Anderson, 2/Lt. C. G. Reeves, W.O.1 P. Collman, M.B.E., L/Cpl. Fernandez, Bds. Packham, Cpl. Singleton, Drm. Green, Pte. Page, Pte. Crean and L/Cpl. Turner.

**Half-backs:** Major G. Mason, Capt. J. W. Francis, S/Sgt. Todd, R.E.M.E., S.S.I. Riley, A.P.T.C., Lt. J. M. B. Westing and Cpl. Rodmell.

**Backs:** Major D. J. Wright, Lt. J. Jessop, Capt. J. W. Kemp, Sgt. Dale, Sgt. Fulker and 2/Lt. C. D. Russell.

**Goalkeeper:** Cpl. Storey.

**Umpire:** W.O.1 Snowden has umpired most of the Battalion matches in a very competent manner and we are most grateful to him for his assistance.

#### Basketball

On arriving in Aden we had high hopes of playing a lot of basketball but initially this was impossible owing to an absence of suitable pitches. However, by mid-May valiant efforts were being made by a small group of devoted workers to make some pitches all over the camp. Various experiments were tried in the hope that some form of hard surface might be made out of the shifting sand. Notable amongst these was the trial area of sand between the barrack blocks and the sea road which was solemnly cleared, watered with brine drawn painstakingly from a pipe at Khormaksar, and finally made ready for rolling. Although some seven diesel rollers ranging from 2½ tons to 10 tons in weight were parked in a compound only a few hundred yards away it was not possible to have the use of one for a morning without applying on the necessary yellow forms. These forms having been completed at great expense of time and patience, it was then discovered that "clearance" for the authorised use of



"plant" could not be achieved in anything under eight weeks. Thus it was that, until a selection of old cricket rollers and oil drums filled with concrete had finally been collected together and used for rolling, the basketball officer might have been observed on any of those sunny afternoons at the commencement of the hot season, jumping up and down on selected areas of pitch in a desperate attempt to iron out the ruts and craters caused by the passage of the water bowser over the soft sand.

A passing prince of the Air Ministry Works Department observed this curious ritual one afternoon and suggested that if a larger size in boots was worn by the jumper a larger area of sand would be flattened and consequently the job would be done more quickly. This humorous suggestion was followed a day or so later with more tangible assistance in the form of a 10-ton roller and a diminutive Arab—both of which the basketball officer was invited to "sign for." However, this valuable combination was at the disposal of the Regiment for some weeks and a surprising number of ex-steamroller-drivers volunteered their services and spent happy hours rolling and re-rolling a vast area of sand which eventually included a selection of Somali dwellings at least 100 yards from the site of the original pitch. Finally the whole project was sabotaged by the overnight and totally unexpected appearance of a deep trench which divided the area laterally and which was followed by an enormous fence which gave the carefully marked pitch the appearance of a nightmare tennis court.

Eventually with further aid from the Air Ministry Works Department, a splendid pitch was made between the Company Office blocks, and ambitious schemes for floodlighting were set afoot. At last we were able to get down to actually playing basketball and Lt. Ridger and C/Sgt. Dunkeld took turns at captaining the team which has won every match played so far in the Command League. During the pantomime season play was suspended but one of the backboards and posts proved most useful for holding up the curtains at the rear of the auditorium.

The regular players have been: D/Maj. Morris, Sgt. Speakman, Sgt. Lockwood, Cpl. Hickman, L/Cpl. Rogerson, Pte. Rew, Pte. Morris, Dmr. Higgs, Bds. Driver, Cpl. Scott, L/Cpl. Thatcher, Pte. McMullen, Pte. Soaft, Pte. Pagani.

A strong team will be going to Hong Kong, where it is hoped to play matches against all comers, including Chinamen.

### Swimming

A short, but highly-successful, swimming season was enjoyed by the Battalion swimmers during their stay in Aden.

A Battalion swimming meeting was held as part of the Glorious First of June celebrations. The result hinged on the final event and, amidst tremendous excitement, "B" Company just defeated "H.Q." Company (White) by the narrowest of margins.

The Battalion swimmers collected most of the prizes in the Army Individual Championships (Aden) held on 27th and 28th September, 1961. Winners were:

100 metres freestyle: L/Cpl. Ing.  
200 and 400 metres freestyle: Pte. Jillings.  
100 metres backstroke: Dmr. Jenner.  
1 metre diving: Pte. Diles.

In the Army Team Championships (Aden) on 29th September, 1961, the Battalion swimmers capped their successes with a convincing win over very stiff opposition.

The team was: 2/Lt. C. G. Reeves, L/Cpl. Ing, Pte. Dingwall, Pte. Munro, L/Cpl. Meadon, Pte. Boxhall, Pte. Sharmon, Pte. Cator, Pte. Featherstonhaugh, Pte. Dawkins, Dmr. Jenner, Sgt. Faulkner, Pte. Jillings, L/Cpl. Turner, Pte. Dawkins, L/Cpl. Lane, Pte. Wright, Pte. Diles, Pte. Wharton, Cpl. Palmer.

The first 11 of the Battalion team named above, later formed part of an Army team which, on 18th and 19th October, was just beaten by a very strong R.A.F. team. This ended a very enjoyable, and successful, season.

### Saddle Club

An interesting commitment undertaken by the Battalion in Aden was the running of the Joint Services Saddle Club. Under the direction of L/Cpl. Aston as head groom, assisted by Ptes. McGrath and Boxhall, and also Cpl. Brenner from time to time, the Saddle Club maintained a "string" of some 14 ponies; this included a foal which was produced one June morning—much to everyone's surprise and delight.

Racing was one of the more thrilling aspects of the club's activities, and the only two cups awarded during the season were both won by the Regiment. Pte. McGrath

## Departure from Aden

The following signal and letter were received by the Commanding Officer when the First Battalion left Aden for Hong Kong:

From: H.Q., Mideast

To: 1 Queen's Surreys

A(PS)1 Feb. 17

For C.O. from G.O.C. On your departure for Hong Kong I would like you and all ranks to know how much you have been appreciated during your stay in Aden where you have endeared yourselves at all levels. You have taken a full share in work, sport and social activities all of which you have done well. Both the military and civilian communities will be very sad to see you go. I wish you and your families a happy passage to Hong Kong and all good fortune in your new station. Thank you again for all you have done here.

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From: Col. J. H. Pallot

Headquarters, Aden Garrison,

To: Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.

British Forces Post Office 69.

19th February, 1962.

My dear Mike,

Before you leave I wish to thank you and all members of your Battalion for the efficient and cheerful way you have carried out your duties in Aden during the past year. I have been most impressed by the high standard of training you have achieved and maintained. It has been a pleasure for me to have had your Battalion in the Garrison.

You have built up a reputation for generous hospitality amongst all the civilians here as well as the services, all of whom have come to regard the Battalion with affection and respect. Your individual soldiers have impressed everybody with their smart turnout and bearing not only on the square but also when off duty. Aden in fact could not have wished for a better I.S. Battalion and on behalf of All Ranks in the Garrison I congratulate you all and hope that your tour in Hong Kong will be equally successful.

Yours ever,

JOHN PALLOT.

became one of the leading jockeys in Aden, with several notable victories to his credit. L/Cpl. Aston, 2/Lt. Russell, 2/Lt. Hutt, Lt. Acworth and Lt. Ward also rode in several races.

Several members of the Battalion played polo with the Union Khormaksar Club, and gained much valuable, although sometimes painful, experience.

Since we have been running the club we have increased the strength by five ponies and have started to expand the riding school and stables.

### Inquiry

Elsewhere in this Journal appears an acknowledgment of the sum of £50 left to the Old Comrades of The Queen's Royal Regiment by Mrs. E. M. Fowler, who died early this year.

Efforts to trace Mrs. Fowler's connection with the Regiment have been unsuccessful. Volume VII of the Regimental History records the following officers who might have been related to Mrs. Fowler:

2/Lt. C. D. M. Fowler, 1st Queen's, who was killed at the Battle of Loos in September 1915.

2/Lt. A. C. S. Fowler, 1st Queen's, who was killed at the Battle of Arras in April 1917.

Mrs. Fowler's solicitors have been unable to help beyond informing us that Mrs. Fowler had a son who was killed on active service and that his Christian name was Dashwood.

We are naturally anxious to establish the connection between Mrs. Fowler's generous legacy and The Queen's Royal Regiment. We should be very interested to hear from any reader who can throw any light on this question.

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## Home Counties Brigade Depot

THERE were several changes in the Permanent Staff at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, during the winter months covered by these notes. Capt. J. G. W. Davidson arrived from G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F. to take over the appointment of Adjutant on 1st February, 1962. A day earlier Lt. S. T. W. Anderson left to join the 1st Battalion in Aden. Capt. T. C. Rogerson joined the Depot temporarily after a tour of duty with the Royal Marines.

C.S.M. Wildgoose was posted to 1st Middlesex in September 1961 and Sgt. S. Reddick joined 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.) at the end of January 1962. Others to leave were Cpl. G. Holland to 1st Queen's Surreys and BdsM. M. Finch to 1st Royal Sussex.

Postings included Sgts. D. Abbott, A. Butler, Cpl. B. Parker, L/Cpls. M. Etherington, W. Samuels, Ptes. C. Billingham, S. Butcher, R. Eade and D. Sutton.

Cpl. J. Hale retired after 24½ years' service.

### Promotions

Lt. T. C. Rogerson to captain, 16th December, 1961.

L/Cpl. J. Davis to acting corporal, 24th November, 1961.

Members of the Regiment on the Permanent Staff at the Depot as at 1st March, 1962, were:

Col. M. T. N. Jennings	Brigade Colonel
Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Commanding Officer
Major C. G. Rousell	Quartermaster
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson	Adjutant
Capt. T. C. Rogerson	Training Company
Lt. R. W. Bing	Junior Soldiers' Wing
Major C. F. Cole, M.B.E.	
(Retd.)	Administrative Officer
W.O.1 G. E. Mileham	Regimental Sergeant-Major
W.O.2 D. W. Adkins	R.Q.M.S.
W.O.2 D. P. Harding	C.S.M. Junior Soldiers' Wing

C/Sgt. P. B. Howells	Drum-Major
L/C/Sgt. D. H. Brownjohn	C.Q.M.S., Junior Soldiers' Wing
Sgt. D. J. Abbott	Junior Soldiers' Wing
Sgt. A. R. Butler	Training Company
Cpl. D. Arnold	Junior Soldiers' Wing
Cpl. J. Winfield	A.P.T.I. (now a holdee)
Cpl. J. Davis	Provost
Cpl. B. Parker	Training Company
Cpl. R. Rough	Training Company
Cpl. A. Waring	Ration N.C.O.
L/Cpl. D. Atkins	Provost
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L/Cpl. W. Samuels	Training Company
L/Cpl. B. Waters	A.P.T.I.
Pte. C. Billingham	Training Company
Pte. B. Bolton	Sergeants' Mess Staff
Pte. S. Butcher	Dining Hall Orderly
Pte. R. Eade	Officers' Mess
Pte. R. Jones	Butcher
Pte. T. Lineham	Officers' Mess
Pte. D. Sutton	Officers' Mess
Pte. P. Wadman	Drummer

(See list at foot of page)

During the six months under review 78 enlisted into the Regiment and 125 recruits were posted to the 1st Battalion. Fourteen other reinforcements were sent to the 1st Battalion.

The Regiment was well represented among prize-winners at final parades of recruits.

At the Tercentenary Parade on Putney Heath commanded by Col. M. T. N. Jennings, the Depot sent a Detachment of 30 Queen's Surreys men under the command of Lt. S. T. W. Anderson.

Visitors to the Depot included Major E. J. Weeks (Retd.), Major P. G. E. Hill (Retd.), Major P. G. Collyer, Capt. J. B. Ray, Major M. F. Reynolds, Capt. G. C. Sharpe, Capt. B. D. S. Burton, Lt. J. M. B. Westing, Lt. C. E. J. Allanson, 2/Lt. F. J. Chapman, 2/Lt. R. P. Murphy, 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling, W.O.1 R. H. Esler, Sgt. H. J. Chaplin, Sgt. H. T. Chaffer, M.M., Sgt. W. Hannigan.

Date of Parade	Inspecting Officer	Best Recruit	Best Shot
29th September, 1961	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Pte. A. Ibrahim	—
20th October, 1961	Col. M. T. N. Jennings	—	Pte. D. C. O'Reilly (L.M.G.)
3rd November, 1961	Major F. E. Thoneycroft (Queen's Own Buffs)	—	Pte. J. P. Slater
24th November, 1961	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Pte. J. C. J. Ferrari	—
12th January, 1962	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Pte. J. C. Bowes	—
26th January, 1962	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Pte. T. Card	—
16th February, 1962	Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Pte. R. T. Collins	—

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The Sergeants' Mess, headed by R.S.M. Mileham and R.Q.M.S. Adkins, organised two excellent Christmas parties for over 200 children. Tape recordings of a Carol Service in the Garrison Church, incorporating a message from the Brigade Colonel, were flown to the 1st Battalion in Aden and to the 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Buffs in Kenya.

A young Malay flyweight boxer, Bakar bin Hassan, who hitch-hiked to England from Singapore two years ago and subsequently enlisted into The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridges Own) transferred to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on completion of his recruit training and has joined the 1st Battalion.

Members of the Regiment have represented the Depot and Garrison in many sporting activities. The basketball team, which includes Capt. Rogerson, Lt. Bing and Cpl. Winfield, won the District Championship Cup and reached the Eastern Command semi-finals, where they lost 29—26 to 2nd Regiment R.A. Pte. W. Stowe finished third in the Home Counties District Cross-country Championships.

L/Cpl. B. Brazier, the Army Imperial Services and Amateur Boxing Association light-welterweight champion, continued his successful boxing career.

He has represented the Army v. Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the R.A.F. and London; Great Britain v. America; England v. Scotland and America, and London v. South Poland in the six months to February 1962 winning seven of these contests and losing two on points.

In rugby football this season the Regiment boasts two of its members among the Army XV. Capt. H. G. Greatwood, Adjutant, Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Oswestry, has returned to lead the XV through the 1961-62 season, and Capt. T. C. Rogerson, Home Counties Brigade Depot, after the initial trial games, was selected as travelling reserve. In addition to the opening game against Aberavon and the first of the inter-Service games against the Royal Navy he has been selected to play in each of the other six games. Injury, however, kept him out of two of these, so that to date he has played against Oxford University, Cambridge Uni-

versity, Harlequins and Bedford. There are two more Army games before the final inter-Service match, Army v. R.A.F., on 24th March. Capt. Rogerson's present ambition is to be dressed in the red jersey on 24th March, on the sacred turf at Twickenham. When his Army commitments have permitted, Capt. Rogerson has played for Canterbury Garrison XV, which also includes Lt. R. W. Bing, Cpl. Winfield and, up to date of his release from National Service, Pte. Nash. The Garrison XV reached the Home Counties District Final, where they were defeated 13—3 by the 1st Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment.

Lt. S. T. W. Anderson has played for the Canterbury 1st XI and East Kent hockey team.

By the time these notes are printed Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews will have relinquished command to take up an appointment at the Army Operational Research Establishment.

Planning for the Home Counties Brigade "At Home on 21st July, 1962, is going ahead.



## 3rd Battalion

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

Honorary Colonel ..	..	..	Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.
Commanding Officer ..	..	..	Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn
Second-in-Command ..	..	..	Major D. P. Pullen
Training Major ..	..	..	Major J. H. S. Burgess
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.
Administrative Officer ..	..	..	Capt. E. J. Weeks

IF you ask any Territorial soldier why he gives his time and leisure, year after year, to the Army, the reply you will receive will either say directly, or reveal indirectly that the reason is pride in, and affection for his Regiment. For all of us therefore, the most important event to record is the pride with which we participated in the Tercentenary celebrations. The Battalion was well represented at both the all-ranks' reunion and the officers' dinner. But above all we were most proud to provide a detachment for the Tercentenary parade and ceremony on Putney Heath. The Battalion's detachment was commanded by Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D., and carried the Colours of the former 4th (Croydon) Battalion of the Queen's.

We were particularly happy to see, on the parade, so many ex-members of the battalions, whose traditions we so proudly inherit.

The autumn and winter months have been a period of consolidation and organisation, following the great changes of the amalgamation. We are becoming accustomed to thinking in terms of the large area our Battalion now covers, and are working out the procedures necessary to efficiency.

Following the end of National Service, special attention now has to be given to the training of new recruits, many of whom are completely new to Army life in any form. Several "Young Soldiers'" weekends have

taken place, usually at Haslemere, to teach these recruits the "do's" and "donts" of Army life and to welcome them to the family atmosphere of the Regiment. These week-end programmes include simple weapon training, drill for beginners, section exercises and "First Steps in Night Fighting." Also included are talks on the Battalion's competitions, Regimental History and "Padre's Hour."

On 10th and 11th February, Exercise "Blister"—the Battalion's annual initiative test—took place on Salisbury Plain. The competition—to test the powers of leadership of the junior N.C.O.s and the robustness of the new recruits under difficult conditions—was won by a team from "B" (Camberley) Company led by Cpl. V. M. Farrant. Teams had to cover some 20 miles in a night compass march without being observed; weather conditions were extremely cold, so much so that one man reported ice in his water bottle.

The Commanding Officer will be attending the Infantry Commander's Conference at the School of Infantry, Warminster, from 26th to 30th March, 1962.

On Sunday, 25th February, 1962, the Battalion first-aid team, took part in the preliminary round of 44 (H.C.) Div./Dist. first-aid competition. The team gained second place and now go forward to the final of the competition to be held on 3rd and 4th November, 1962.

Officers have attended two Brigade

T.E.W.T.s, one outdoor in unusually wet weather near Midhurst, and one indoor on a warm sunny weekend at Chelsea.

The Battalion underwent the annual administrative inspection in January and was well reported upon.

Major P. G. Collyer left us in December and we would like to thank him for the very hard work he gave so unstintingly to the unit. In his place we welcome Major J. H. S. Burgess, whom we hope will be happy with us. We also welcome Capt. E. J. Weeks, who has come to us as Administrative Officer.

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Munster visited us on the evening of the 7th November. He was accompanied by the Mayor of Guildford, Alderman A. Edward Jones and they saw training in the miniature range and a practice by the Corps of Drums.

#### Sport

The Battalion's football team has been achieving greater success than any other T.A. team in the South of England for many years. In October, they defeated the 135th Surrey Regiment R.E.(T.A.) by 5 goals to 2. On the 10th December, at Stoughton, the team won the 44th Home Counties Divisional Championship by defeating the 4/5th Royal Sussex by 9 goals to 2. The star of the game was the centre-forward, Cpl. Collyer of "D" Company, who scored six of the goals including three in five minutes. The other three goals were scored by Pte. Gardner, Pte. Stanbridge and Pte. D'Mello, all of "A" Company. The game was played throughout in poor light, and was not as one-sided as the score might suggest. Cpl. Herd who became goalkeeper in the second half made some conspicuously successful "saves." The team was as follows: goal, Pte. Burrows (Haslemere); backs, L/Cpl. Herd (Croydon) and Pte. Judge (Haslemere); halves, Pte. Brennan (Croydon), Sgt. Putman (Guildford) and Pte. Develin (Sutton); forwards, Pte. Gardner, Pte. Stanbridge (Reigate), Cpl. Collyer (Sutton), Pte. D'Mello (Reigate) and R.S.M. Esler (Guildford).

On Sunday, 18th February, the team met 4th Battalion The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I. (T.A.) in the quarter-final of the T.A. Challenge Cup. The match was played at Cowley. Conditions were perfect and an exciting and hard fought game resulted. The scoring fluctuated throughout,

but eventually the Battalion team were beaten by 7 goals to 4.

The following Sunday (25th February), the team met the H.A.C. team in the final of the Eastern Command T.A. Football Championship. The match took place on the H.A.C. ground at Finsbury Barracks, on a cold wintery afternoon with scudding snow. Another hard-fought match with the whole Battalion team determined on another success. At half-time there was no score. Twenty minutes to go and still no score. In spite of the cold, blood-pressure on the touch line mounted, until at last Pte. Stanbridge, scored. It was all over—three quick goals followed by Cpl. Collyer, Pte. Hill and the R.S.M. This fourth goal all agreed was a gem! A few minutes later Cpl. Herd made absolutely sure by adding a fifth goal. The whole team played extremely well, and were congratulated by the G.O.C.-in-C. General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., who presented the cup and medals. It is interesting to record that in these games the Battalion team has scored 23 goals for, with 11 against. For R.S.M. R. H. Esler, this was a notable match. It was probably the last occasion when the R.S.M. will appear in a representative Battalion side. We are all most appreciative of his enthusiasm and the lead he has given to the team in this very successful season. It was only just that he should have scored such a first-class goal, and collected a medal to remember it all by.

The Battalion has also once again won the 44th Home Counties Divisional Cross Country Championship, the seventh successive year the cup has been in the hands of the Regiment. The team came second in the concurrent Eastern Command championship. Cpl. J. Blackeby of "D" Company won the Divisional individual title, with Cpl. Nugent of "B" Company the runner-up. Other members of the team were Ptes. Buckle and Roberts from Bermondsey, L/Cpl. Anderson, Pte. Temlett and Lt. A. B. Daly of Croydon, Pte. Cotterill of Coulsdon and Sgt. Burrows of Haslemere.

The Battalion is also preparing to enter a team for the Divisional boxing competition to be held at Guildford. Three heavyweights and 12 other boxers are in training; the competition decides the Divisional team for the Scarborough Cup and the T.A. championship.

We are making a bid for the Queen's Challenge Cup this year. This cup is



presented to the T.A. unit with the best all-round sports record, points being awarded for team and individual successes.

#### Officers' Mess.

*P.M.C.:* Capt. D. G. Neville, R.A.P.C.

*Mess Sergeant:* Sgt. E. J. Rolfe

The Battalion's two Messes at Guildford and Bermondsey continue to flourish, and a Guest Night has been held at each. The first took place at Guildford on 27th October, when the guests included the Mayor of Guildford and the Aldermen, Councillors and Officers of the Council. The Bermondsey Guest Night took place on 2nd December, when our guests included officers of H.M.S. *President*, the Deputy Mayor of Bermondsey and the Assistant Belgian Military Attache. At the same time we dined out Dick Asser, Peter Zehntner, Peter O'Connor and Miles Hunt Davies.

The Bermondsey Mess also held a cocktail party after the Armistice Day parade, at which were present the Mayor and Mayoress of Bermondsey and many former Bermondsey Officers, and a "Past and Present" Officers' Dance on 20th January, when we were pleased to see many old friends including Cols. Nick Nice and Geoffrey Bevington.

We have said farewell to many members in the last few months, Dick Asser who has transferred to the Oxford and Buckinghamshire L.I., Peter O'Connor, Peter Zehntner and Roger Nebel who have retired, Mike Wigan, who has gone to South America, David Hughes to Rhodesia and Miles Hunt Davies who has joined the Regular Army. We congratulate George Lyons on his engagement and wish him every happiness for the future.

#### Sergeants' Mess

We write these notes feeling that 1961 has been a very successful year for the Mess. Since camp we have run our Tercentenary Ball which went off with a roaring success. From the many letters we received afterwards our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some 300 members and guests attended, the guests included our Honorary Colonel, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, the Commanding Officer and Petty Officers from H.M.S. *President*.

On 9th December, we held our annual Christmas draw; again this was a tremendous success with some 300 prizes. The success of this draw annually is due to the hard work put

in by R.Q.M.S. Whitney, to whom we owe our sincere thanks.

Now for camp, we will be 60 strong in Mess and if last year was a yard stick on a successful Mess, then we are sure camp 1962 will be the same. The "Red Barrel" has been ordered to ensure our thirsty "Band Sergeants" are catered for, after their many concerts and engagements.

On a sad note we say farewell to George Haybittle on his retirement also C.S.M. Cheesman and Sgt. Sutton and we wish them every happiness and hope that they will keep in touch.

Our hearty welcome is extended to Drum-Major Colley and Sgt. Yates on joining the Mess, and our congratulations to Sgt. Stevens, L. C., on his promotion.



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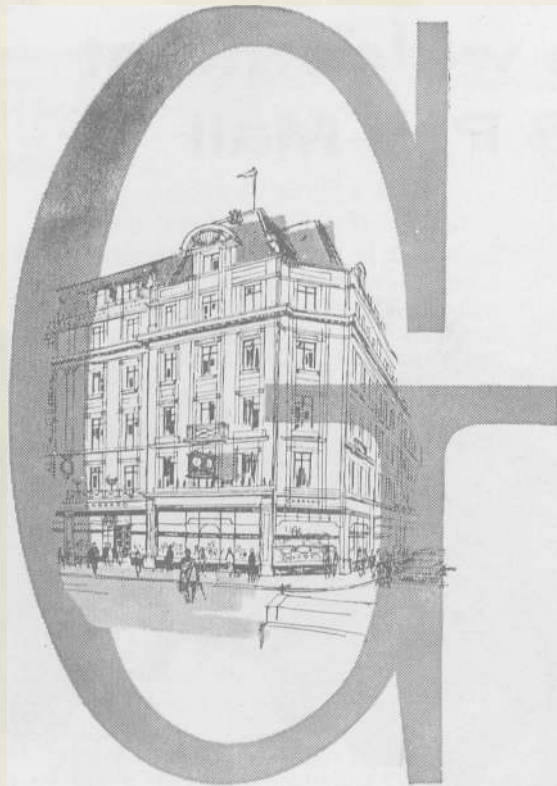
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We welcome Sgt. Lay who has joined us from the 1st Battalion and trust he will enjoy his tour.

### Band and Drums

Band	..	Mitcham Road, Croydon
Drums	..	London Road, Camberley (Part)
	..	Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (Part)
O.I.C. Band	..	Lt. B. M. Sidwell
Bandmaster	..	W.O.I W. Braddick
Band Sergeant	..	Sgt. R. A. Gould
Drum Major	..	Drum-Major V. St. J. Colley

The Band led the "D" Company Detachment in its march through the City of London for the Memorial Ceremony and Church parade of the City of London Rifle Association in September. On Armistice Sunday, the Band led the Bermondsey parade in the morning and the Croydon parade in the afternoon; the Drums paraded at Guildford and Camberley.

The Band is looking forward to another varied and interesting year in 1962, with an already full programme of engagements. In due course they hope to move to new quarters with "C" Company, bringing them into closer touch with the rest of the Battalion. The Band wish to thank Major O'Connor for his help and co-operation in the past.

Bdsm. Silsbury recently went on a week's attachment to the Band of the Women's Royal Army Corps, when he played the bassoon with them. Boy Oliphant will shortly be attached for a week to the Home Counties Brigade Depot Band at Canterbury.

We all welcome Drum-Major Colley very cordially to the Battalion. The Drums continue to practice at Camberley and Bermondsey, combining once or twice a month for a parade. One practice combined with the Band was held at Stoughton, and both Band and Drums paraded together before the Divisional football match. The Drums are greatly looking forward to a visit to Boston, during annual camp, where it is intended the Band and Drums will beat Retreat. This will be an expression of gratitude to the people of Boston who in 1940 gave two tenor drums to the 1st/6th Queen's; two members of the Corps of Drums, Sgt. John Bryan and Sgt. Archie Clowes, B.E.M., were serving with the 1st/6th at that time. Sgt. Bryan believes he was the serving soldier with the longest

service on the Tercentenary parade; he first joined Bermondsey's Queen's in 1921.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Sandfield Terrace, Guildford  
Wey Hill, Haslemere

Company Commander	..	Major J. Schofield
Second-in-Command	..	Capt. D. M. Stevenson
R.S.O.	..	Capt. P. B. Bowen
M.T.O.	..	Capt. T. E. Parsonage
I.O.	..	Capt. A. H. LeQ. Clayton
C.S.M.	..	W.O.2 J. Homersham
P.S.I.	..	C/Sgt. A. J. Palmer
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. L. Robinson

Several changes have taken place within the Company since our last notes. Major Asser has left us to become a Light (sic) Infantryman and a heavy Infantryman in the shape of Major J. Schofield has taken command of the Company. The brand of beer in the Company canteen changed at the same time! Capt. Wigan, who had been a stalwart of the Company for a long time is now in South America. We have not had any news of a revolution, but then he hasn't been there very long. Lt. Stanley came from "B" Company to command the Recce Platoon and Capt. Stevenson came from "A" Company to command the newly-formed Assault Pioneer Platoon at Haslemere.

Recruiting is going along very steadily and there are quite a few new faces in the Guildford Centre.

We have received planning permission to alter the canteen and all we need now is the cash—any offers?

Training has proceeded very steadily and one or two new innovations are being tried out.

The M.T. have now taken up rally driving. In spite of difficulties they have done very well and no doubt one year we shall see the Battalion champs nipping off to Monte Carlo. I don't think that there will be any shortage of volunteers for that exercise.

On Remembrance Day the Company paraded at almost full strength and attended a service at Guildford Cathedral. The Company then led the march past. Later in the day a representative party from the Company laid a wreath at the Regimental War Memorial in Guildford Parish Church.

This year we held our Christmas shoot just before Christmas. The shooting wasn't very good, but the bar takings were. In January we held the Children's Party, Father Christmas distributed the gifts and



## A Reminder

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

judging by the happy smiling faces a good time was had by all.

The Signals Officer and his men are muttering darkly about "entirely new procedure" and we understand that this is to be inflicted on us soon as a matter of urgency. The Intelligence Section has had two specialist weekends, one on air-photo interpretation and one on Battalion I Office work in battle. Pte. Rettie, of the section, was promoted Lance-Corporal in January.

Camp this year is at Stanford and apart from the usual work of "H.Q." Company we are to throw grenades and fire the Energa!

Before our next notes we shall have lost our P.S.I. C/Sgt. Alec Palmer. He has been a tower of strength in the Company and we are sorry to lose him. We wish both him and Mrs. Palmer all the best at their new station.

## "A" COMPANY

Chart Lane, Reigate (H.Q.)  
West Street, Dorking.  
Marpit Lane, Coulsdon.

Company Commander ..	Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford
Second-in-Command ..	Lt. D. C. O. Savage
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 L. C. Stevens
P.S.I. ..	W.O.2 F. Firman
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. J. J. Playford

The Company has again been faced with a very full programme of events additional to the usual training commitment. Selected personnel were able to visit Ghent and men from all three platoon locations participated in the Tercentenary Parade on Putney Heath. Both these events were, in their different ways, a great success and for some of us, unique experience.

Remembrance Sunday was marked in the usual way with parades in Reigate, Dorking and Coulsdon and the Company was represented in all three towns.

The Children's Christmas Party was again a great success and we were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Reigate, Alderman Stoneham. Cpl. and Mrs. Hounslow, once more contributed to the success of the party.



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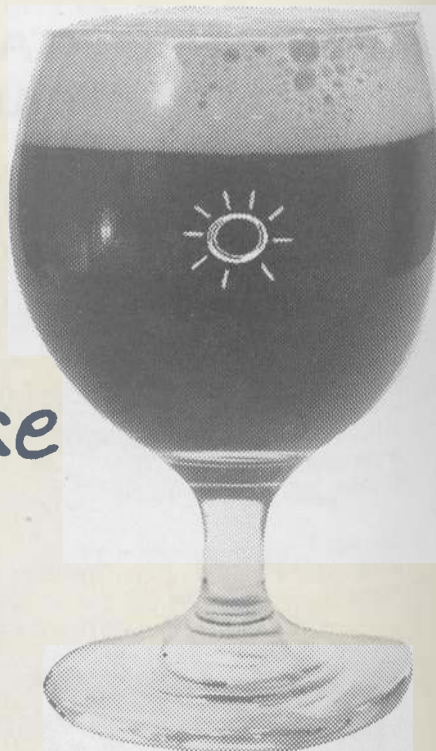
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through their hard work in arranging everything from a Christmas tree to bags of lollipops for our young guests. Sgt. Evans led the children in carol singing and Sgt. Wright appeared adept at musical chairs! A threatened take-over of the drill hall by the children, was finally averted by the arrival of a much bewhiskered, gift bearing Father Christmas, in the shape of Cpl. Fieldus.

Regrettably, we have not been able to retain our place in the Section competition or, more recently the initiative test on Salisbury Plain. However, the latter event provided excellent training and apparently sumptuous food. No wonder one section was over an hour late on its objective, although this same section, was able to report that the C.O. had been seen digging up Snowdrops in the vicinity of Imber village.

C/Sgt. Playford and Cpl. Hounslow are congratulated on their continued success in the L.M.G. shooting team, but we look forward also to more young members coming into these shooting events.

Ptes. D'Mello, Stanbridge and Gardner have played regularly in the Battalion Association football team and Sgt. Evans has been reserve on many occasions. The Company is proud to have been able to contribute to the Battalion's success in this field. Pte. Stanbridge has been selected for the T.A. team trials.

Ptes. Cotterill and Telfer, the latter being a new recruit to the Company were members of the team winning the Divisional Cross-Country Championship. They are congratulated on attaining their Regimental Colours for this event.

Ptes. Kane, Thompson, Cotterill, Gaffery and Bale have all been training hard for the Divisional boxing championships and we hope their hard work will be rewarded by a win in the championships.

Recruiting to the Company has gone fairly steadily and as we continue to give priority to this aspect of our activities, we hope a greater momentum will be achieved.

Finally we wish Major D. G. Wilson all success in his new command of "D" Company and say goodbye to C.S.M. F. Cheesman, who owing to his civilian employment has had to resign from the T.A.

#### "B" COMPANY

London Road, Camberley (H.Q.)  
Walton Road, Woking

Company Commander...	Major M. H. Prescott, T.D.
Second-in-Command...	Capt. D. A. 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 Company's annual rifle meeting was held on the R.M.A. Sandhurst range on Sunday, 17th September. The usual practices were fired; application, snap, rapid. There was a very close finish in the competition for the individual Challenge cup. At lunch, Cpl. Nugent was leading with a score of 92 out of a possible 100. This seemed unbeatable, since the weather was appalling with poor light and almost continuous rain; in such conditions a 7½-in. Bisley bull takes a lot of hitting. Then in the afternoon in the same conditions C.S.M. Guest scored 93, which won him the championship. In so doing he overturned a "book" which was being run by a certain corporal who shall be nameless. As an innovation the pool bull was shot for with S.L.R.s, which proved very interesting to the visitors. The prizes were presented by Col. Groves, Chairman of the Frimley and Camberley U.D.C.

Cpl. Nugent has distinguished himself in two sports this season. As an amateur boxer he has been chosen to represent Surrey against Hampshire. He has also proved to be a cross-country runner as well. The Battalion boxers have been training with the Battalion cross-country team. Cpl. Nugent was invited to join that team, which he did. On the 4th February, he took part in the 44 (H.C.) Divisional cross country championship and was second home, thereby helping the Battalion team to win the championship for the seventh time. He was eighth home in the Eastern Command Championship.

Cpl. V. Farrant and his section from Woking won the Battalion initiative competition, described elsewhere, in February, and we warmly congratulate him and his team, the members of which were Cpl. Shaw, Cpl. Browning, L/Cpl. Dunipace, Ptes. Johnson, Simpson, Message and Coopman.

On the social side, the Company held its annual dinner in November, a very successful Christmas dance and a children's party in January.

Major Prescott retires from the T.A. on 23rd February, after 13 years with the Company, nine of them in command. "B"

Why not send in order for future issues of the Journal to the Editor NOW!





Photo. by Sgt. J. Levy

The Tough Training Competition Team from "C" (Croydon) Company, which came third in the Middlesex Tough Training Competition

Sgt. Levy, Pte. Guest, Pte. Brookes, Lt. Daly, Pte. Luff and L/Cpl. Anderson

Company will be taken over by Capt. David Robinson of Woking, who commanded the old "D" Company of the 5th Queen's before it's amalgamation with the Camberley Company. The departure of Major Prescott means in a way the end of an era, though there are still some "old sweats" left in the Company, notably C.S.M. Guest and Sgt. Burnham and his cooks. The T.A. is, however, more and more a young man's army, and it is appropriate that a young and active officer like Capt. Robinson should take over. The Company is saying goodbye to Major Prescott in the most suitable manner.

### "C" COMPANY

Queen's House, Poplar Walk, Croydon

Company Commander... Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.  
(to 31st December)

Major R. E. C. Brookes,  
T.D. (from 1st January)

Second-in-Command... Capt. R. E. C. Brookes,  
T.D. (to 31st December)  
Lt. W. B. Greenhow (from  
1st January)

C.S.M. ... W.O.2 L. A. Fuller  
P.S.I. ... W.O.2 J. J. W. Morris

C.Q.M.S. ... Sgt. J. Lay  
C/Sgt. J. V. Russell

The Company sends its very best wishes to

Major R. O. Nebel on his retirement after many years service with the Territorial Army; at a farewell party the Company presented him with a wrist watch. We welcome Major Brookes to his new command. We also congratulate 2/Lt. G. Lyons on his engagement to Miss Wendy Hudson.

All at Croydon were delighted with the success of the Company's team in the Middlesex tough training team, details of which were included as "Stop Press" in the last issue of the Journal. In particular we would thank Sgt. Levy for the hard work he put in. We were pleased that two of our members, Cpl. Herd and Pte. Brennan have distinguished themselves in the Battalion football team, and we congratulate Pte. Brennan on being selected as reserve player for the Territorial Army to play against Cambridge University.

A team from our Company, led by Cpl. Robinson, came second in the Battalion initiative test—Exercise "Blister"—on Salisbury Plain.

The Company are busy learning the gentle art of judo. With advice and assistance from the Croydon Judo Club, and a "Black Belt" instructor from this source an increas-

ing number of members of the unit are taking advantage of the Tuesday evening recreational training periods to practice.

We were all a little self conscious at first wearing the loose canvas "pyjamas" which constitute the judo uniform, but this feeling soon went as we got used to them. We soon discovered among other things that rank has to be temporarily put aside as soon as one steps on to the training mat, as it is obviously impossible to show respect to one's superior officer if you are doing your best to twist his arm off!

However, we have evolved a satisfactory solution, summed up briefly as "on the mat equals off parade."

We are proposing to form a club of our own, to be known as "3 Queen's Surreys Judo Club," affiliated to the British Judo Association with membership open to any member of the Battalion. The advantage of this will be that members of the unit will be able to take "gradings" and qualify for higher judo classification, denoted by different colours of belt.

W.O.2 Fuller won the Battalion recruiting prize for the second period of the year 1961.

W.O.2 J. J. Morris left us in January, to return to the 1st Battalion. We are sorry he is going, we hope he enjoyed his tour with the T.A. as much as we enjoyed having him. We welcome Sgt. D. Lay in his place.

### "D" COMPANY

2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (H.Q.)  
Farringdon House, Stonecot Hill, Sutton

Company Commander	Major D. G. Wilson
Second-in-Command	Capt. J. D. Blumson
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. G. Edwards
P.S.I.	W.O.2 L. H. Piper
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. F. Beckett

In August and September we lost two great Bermondsey stalwarts, Major P. M. C. Zehntner and W.O.2 W. Dorey. We were very sorry to see them go, particularly both at the same time, and we would wish to thank them for all the hard work they have put in at Bermondsey. In their place we warmly welcome Major D. G. Wilson who comes to us from somewhere down South, and C.S.M. "Bill" Edwards who used to be in the 6th Queen's and whom we are very glad to see again.

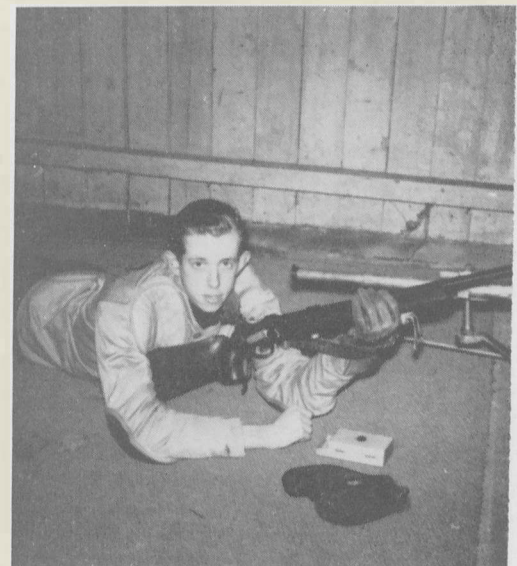
In September, still slightly dazed after the warmth of our reception in Ghent, the Company marched through the City of

London in connection with the annual service of the City of London Rifles Association.

We were very lucky to have the Band with us for our Armistice Day parade this year; the first time for 30 years that the Battalion's detachment has been led by a full band. All serving members were greatly impressed by the very large detachment of 6th Queen's and 22nd London O.C.A. members who marched with us.

A steady trickle of recruits are coming forward to join the Company both at Bermondsey and at Sutton, where very useful contacts with the local cadet force units have been made by Lt. Cutcher and Sgt. Stevens. The Sutton Platoon, a lone infantry outpost in a large Artillery world, is training with the greatest enthusiasm and in producing the Battalion's team for the London T.A. Association's tough training competition—taking the form of a London to Brighton march. The team is being trained by Lt. Cunningham and Sgt. Stevens.

All in "D" Company congratulate Pte. S. J. Dafforn of Sutton, who is now the holder of the Humphrey Ouin Tankard—the T.A. section of the Surrey individual championship run by the Surrey Small Bore Rifle Association. Dafforn is now shooting to retain the trophy. He has in addition, been



Pte. S. J. Dafforn, "D" Company, 3rd Queen's Surreys, who has been selected to represent the Territorial Army in the British Inter-Services Small Bore Competition, 1962



selected to represent the T.A. in the British inter-Services small bore competition, 1962.

The Company is making its contribution to the Battalion's sports activities; Cpl. Collyer of Sutton—"Six Goal Collyer"—to his local newspapers, and Pte. Develin also of Sutton play in the football team, and Cpl. Blackeby, Pte. Buckle and Pte. Roberts, a new recruit to the Battalion, carried on the Bermondsey cross-country tradition.

An all ranks social evening was held at Bermondsey at Christmas time. During the evening Col. Nice on behalf of the Belgian Resistance movement presented Sgt. A. Clowes, B.E.M., with the Belgian Resistance Movement Medal. Sgt. Clowes is one of the two members of the unit who were with the 1st/6th Queen's when they entered Ghent in 1944. A social evening was also held at Sutton.

A Sergeants' Mess party was held in Bermondsey before Christmas; this was arranged jointly by the members of the Bermondsey Detachment of the unit, and the Parachute Ambulance unit with whom we now share the Jamaica Road premises. We were very glad to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Bermondsey at the party; after the Mayor's departure it was announced the Mayor had won a box of chocolates in the raffle. A report which we will neither confirm nor deny states that an attempt was made to deliver the chocolates to the Town Hall that night, in a large military ambulance.

The Bermondsey detachment includes a large element of "H.Q." Company as well as "D" Company, and Tuesday evenings at Bermondsey still offer the sound of drummers practising, signalmen muttering into their sets, and the soft voice of the Provost

Sergeant, Sgt. Mills, whose shadow does not grow less.

We are planning a big "At Home" in Bermondsey on 28th and 29th April. The detachment will be "At Home" in the Drill Hall, on 28th April, afternoon, and an all-ranks past and present members dance will be held in the evening. The Drums will beat Retreat in Southwark Park that evening, and on the following morning, Sunday 29th, both Band and Drums will march through Bermondsey at the head of the detachment. We hope all old friends will come and see us.

### Conclusion

Our plans for 1962, include another Easter weekend tour of the battlefields in Belgium, thanks once again to the help of the Belgian Army. This year we shall be following the story of the Ardennes battles of December, 1944. In September we shall once again be visiting Ghent. Camp this year is at Stanford near Thetford, and the Battalion's "At Home" will take place at Stoke Park, Guildford on 28th July. The shooting team is planning to defend the titles it won last year, and C.O.'s Exercise, details of which are still veiled in secrecy, is on the stocks.

We are aiming at a varied and vigorous programme which we hope will appeal to those in the unit, and young men outside who are thinking of joining. Recruiting is always in our minds. We are making a particular effort of publicising our activities in the local press by window displays and by other media. Our visit to Ghent appeared on television, and attracted much comment. But once again we would conclude this report with a request to readers who think our story of interest—bring us a recruit!

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## 4th Battalion

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

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Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E.  
W.O.1 F. B. Oram  
W.O.2 G. A. Hurley  
W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

THE last issue of the Journal contained the first contribution from the 4th Battalion. Since then the winter season has come and gone and preparations are already in hand for an early camp. Mention is made below of the Amalgamation parade, but apart from this, the word "amalgamation" which has been used so much recently, can now be forgotten. It is pleasing to record that we now think and act as a Battalion, and not as two halves.

The Amalgamation parade was on 15th

October, 1961, the day following the Regimental Tercentenary parade. The parade took place in Kingston and consisted of the Colour Party and a guard of 100 men, who marched from the Barracks to All Saints' Church where a service was held. After this, the parade marched past the Mayors of Battersea and Kingston to the T.A. Centre at Portsmouth Road, where refreshments were served to the Battalion and guests.

The Battalion Band and Corps of Drums were on parade as were also members of the



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4th BATTALION AMALGAMATION PARADE, 15th October, 1961  
The Band and Drums marching past





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#### 4th BATTALION AMALGAMATION PARADE, 15th October, 1961

Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., taking the salute as Colonel A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., his successor as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, leads the Veteran Company in the march past

Veterans' Company and Cadets from the 5th Cadet Battalion and the Battersea Cadet Company.

In September, 1961, the Battalion carried out weekend training with the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve. This training had been an annual event for the former 6th Surreys and it is hoped that it will now become a fixture for the 4th Battalion. At another night training weekend on Salisbury Plain in November the Battalion leadership competition was held. The winning team was from "C" Company.

Mobilisation is a subject presenting many interesting problems. Two days training have been devoted to this; an officers' study day in November and a Key Party exercise in December.

Inevitably each Journal contains references to those who have ceased to serve. This issue records the farewell of Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., who completed his tenure of office as Honorary Colonel on 28th October. Col. Baker achieved the rare distinction of 50 years of unbroken service in the Regiment. His departure was marked by a farewell dinner given by former and serving officers of the Battalion and by a cocktail party given by the Sergeants' Mess. Col.

Baker will long be remembered for his kindly wisdom and willingness to help. Perhaps it should not be said that he has left us as he is now a paid up member of the Veterans' Company!

We are pleased to welcome Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., as Col. Baker's successor. Col. Martin is no stranger. His name appears on many pieces of the Battalion silver; the dates of these inscriptions and the ranks he held at the time provide a good guide to his career in the Battalion. It is sufficient here to say that he commanded the 42nd Royal Tank Regiment both during the war and subsequently. We hope he will enjoy his tenure of office; we know he will be a great help to the Battalion.

Another much regretted departure is that of Major E. J. Weeks who has retired. He became the Quartermaster at Clapham when 42 Royal Tank Regiment was converted from armour to infantry. He survived this upheaval only to be confronted five years later with amalgamation.

Throughout all these difficulties Ted Weeks discharged his duties calmly and efficiently. He leaves us to take an appointment with the 3rd Battalion in a civilian capacity and we wish him well. His departure was marked

by a dinner at Clapham. Many excellent speeches have been made on "dining-out" nights at Clapham and Ted Weeks showed himself to be as gifted as an after-dinner speaker as he was as a Quartermaster.

What is hoped will be the first of a series of Band concerts was given by the Battalion band on Wednesday, 24th January, 1962, at Kingston. The Bandmaster, Mr. Pearce, is to be congratulated on the high quality of turn-out and musicianship.

#### "A" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. A. R. Mitchell
C.S.M.	W.O.2 R. Anderson
P.S.I.	W.O.2 P. Amos

The strength of the Company has remained much the same since the last issue of the Journal.

Although we have a number of first-class shots, they never seem to be at the same place at the same time, so that we have still to bring off a win in any shooting event. Perhaps all our marksmen will assemble for the next Battalion rifle meeting! In the .22 league, however, we have fared much better and the Richmond Detachment, led by L/Cpl. Lee, is chasing the leaders and

stand every chance of beating them into top place.

The Social Committee, led by Cpl. Willgrave, ran an excellent dance at Clapham Drill Hall at the end of last year and we have thus been able to start a fund out of which we can pay for any special company function or amenity.

In November, we had a most interesting exercise in Haslemere. We were very kindly loaned first-class sleeping and cooking facilities by the 3rd Battalion and we also had a strong force from the Battersea Cadets. Our night patrol nearly came to grief when an irate resident accused us of setting fire to his house with Very lights. However, we carried out some very excellent Platoon training in rather long, damp grass and many useful lessons were learnt.

We can certainly show our paces when it comes to cross-country running and Pte. Fenwick is to be congratulated on his fine achievement in qualifying for the National T.A. Championships.

We hope to be at full strength at annual camp this year and we expect to teach the natives a few new versions of our Company battle-cry "For those in Peril"!



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#### 4th BATTALION AMALGAMATION PARADE, 15th October, 1961

Members of the Battalion and their friends at the Battalion H.Q. Drill Hall after the parade



**"B" COMPANY**

Company Commander .. Major B. J. Hall  
 C.S.M. .. W.O.2 P. Henman  
 C.Q.M.S. .. C/Sgt. A. Locke  
 P.S.I. .. Sgt. R. Frankland

The Company has now settled down to some hard training under the strict supervision of C.S.M. Henman who has recently joined us from "D" Company.

Major D. H. Coran has now handed over his command to Major B. J. Hall and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

We would also like to wish Pte. Read—nicknamed "The Black Bomber"—all the best in the Battalion boxing team and we all know that he will not let the Company down.

At the present moment the Company is doing very well in the .22 competition and have great hopes of being the winners this year; at least we have the best shots in the Battalion with us (we hope).

**"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

**Cobham Detachment**

Congratulations are due to the Cobham Detachment which provided the winning team in the Battalion leadership competition held on Salisbury Plain in November. Congratulations too, albeit rather belatedly, to C.S.M. Collins who, as a member of the winning team in the Brigade motorcycle competition, was the highest placed competitor.

The social and dance at Cobham in January took place in the worst possible weather. Nevertheless a large number of people attended which was most gratifying. We are now looking forward with interest, and possibly trepidation, to a weekend with the Royal Military Police.

**"D" COMPANY**

Company Commander .. Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.  
 C.S.M. .. W.O.2 H. Welch  
 C.W.M.S. .. C/Sgt. F. Hodgkin  
 P.S.I. .. Sgt. P. Dent

Numerous changes have taken place since our last notes. C.S.M. Henman has been posted to Clapham Junction and Sgt. Swift to the 1st Battalion. We miss them and wish them both all success in the future.

Overtime, illness and the G.P.O. go-slow have caused frequent absences and most

casualties have been among the officers. Capt. Ramsey has "enjoyed" prolonged leave for business reasons and we hope his leave will shortly end for tax reasons! Paint and Milk (odd bedfellows both) have accounted for the prolonged absence of Lts. Roberts and Gentles. Capt. K. Watton who was attached to us for out of camp training and who was a tower of strength at Sutton has returned to his native Lancashire and the Company Commander, following a period of illness, and dissatisfied with skiing conditions on Box Hill, absented himself to Switzerland from whence he recently returned both reluctant and intact.

It is a bitter pill to swallow that, after all we expected of it, the Sutton Detachment is to close, for reasons of administrative difficulty. The Company reorganises with unprecedented strength at Portsmouth Road, where, it is hoped all ranks will close in the metaphorical sense and appreciate their responsibilities to recruit their friends and work mates.

We congratulate Mr. Griggs on his appointment as Second-Lieutenant and Sgt. Partridge on his recent promotion.

We welcome several newcomers. It is our policy not to single out recruits for mention but we have for once decided to waive it. We extend a particular welcome to Pte. J. Tucker (Kinsman of Sutton Creameries Tucker). Despite regulations forbidding his enlistment in the T.A. whilst a Reservist and dire threats and warnings not to darken our door, he attended regularly at Sutton for more than eight months. The regulations were relaxed and he was taken on strength. There is a moral here for any member of the Company who has not attended evening training as often as he might!

**"H.Q." COMPANY**

Company 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. .. Sgt. S. Reddick

The last six months have been busy for many members of the Company. The rather full Battalion training programme has meant that drivers, cooks, etc., have been required on a number of weekends.

At the same time normal training has continued, and the M.T. are steadily increasing the number of trained drivers. The M.T. and Signals Platoons had a successful training weekend together.

W.O.2. Figgins and Sgt. Haynes have been

responsible for meals during a number of training days as well as at social functions, and wonderful work has been done by Major J. C. Cox and his staff. The cooks provided some excellent hot sausages and chicken for the Detachment ball in December and although Cpl. Peters is kept busy on drill nights in the Detachment bar, he now finds time to cook sausages for those who have not ordered a hot supper from the cooks.

W.O.2 White is still trying to build up his Assault Platoon and we hope that they will have some useful training in camp this year.

Captain Cullum and a weakened Company team did very well in the Battalion leadership competition.

We congratulate 2/Lt. Marchant on his promotion, but he is missed by the Signals Platoon. We also congratulate Sgt. Payn, Cpl. Leavey and L/Cpl. Arnold on their promotion.

Sgt. Hollidge has now left us and we wish him luck in the 1st Battalion. He has been with H.Q. Company 6th Surreys and 4th Queen's Surreys for over two years. Sgt. Hollidge has been replaced by Sgt. S. Reddick, well known to the Company, who has returned to us from Canterbury.

Capt. Ennis has now returned to his duties as I.O. after a short time with "D" Company.

At the end of last year we lost L/Cpl. James who has rejoined the Grenadier Guards, but he still visits us when on leave. Ex-Cpl. Byne also comes to see us when he is home, and seems to be enjoying his job as a Pursers Clerk in the Merchant Navy.

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

Since our last publication several new members have joined our ranks and we welcome them into the Mess.

Sgts. Partridge, Prosser, Payn and Wood are congratulated on their promotion.

Sgts. Frankland and Reddick have rejoined our Permanent Staff for a second tour with the Battalion.

Sgt. Partridge who hails from Australia had the distinction of having served with one of our former affiliated Battalions, the North Shore Regiment.

Departures from the Mess are: Sgt. Terry Swift to the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong and Sgt. Barlow with his bowler hat to Civvy Street. We wish them all the luck in their new spheres.



**4th BATTALION SERGEANTS' MESS  
 CHRISTMAS BALL, 1961**

Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., Honorary Colonel of 4th Queen's Surreys, talking to R.S.M. F. B. Oram and Mr. L. Oram, M.M.

This time of the year always produces a full social programme for members of the Mess. The highlights were a farewell cocktail party to Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., on his retirement as Honorary Colonel and the welcoming of Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., as our new Honorary Colonel.

In December we held our Mess ball and Christmas draw and the attendance at this function broke all records, there being over 500 present and over £170 worth of prizes distributed. We have now decided to make this an annual event and for those of you who are able to remember dates, the 15th December is the date of this year's Christmas ball and draw, when we welcome all ex-Sergeants' Mess members and their friends.

The Mess took on the duty of running the Children's Christmas party and once again by unanimous vote it was decided that R.Q.M.S. George Hurley is "a ready made" Father Christmas for a good few years to come.

We celebrated Sobraon Day in good style by a dinner night which was attended by 120 in the Main Hall at Portsmouth Road. The following guests attended: Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D. (Honorary Colonel) and Mrs. Martin, Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D. (Commanding Officer), Major and Mrs. G. Y. Strawson, Major and Mrs. J. A. R. Mitchell, Major D. H. Conran, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Ray, Mr. Bill Dorset (Chairman W.O.s and Sergeants' Association) and Mr. Dave Bore.

At the time of going to press we are caught up with the problems of annual camp which

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## "R" (Surrey) Battery

### 265 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

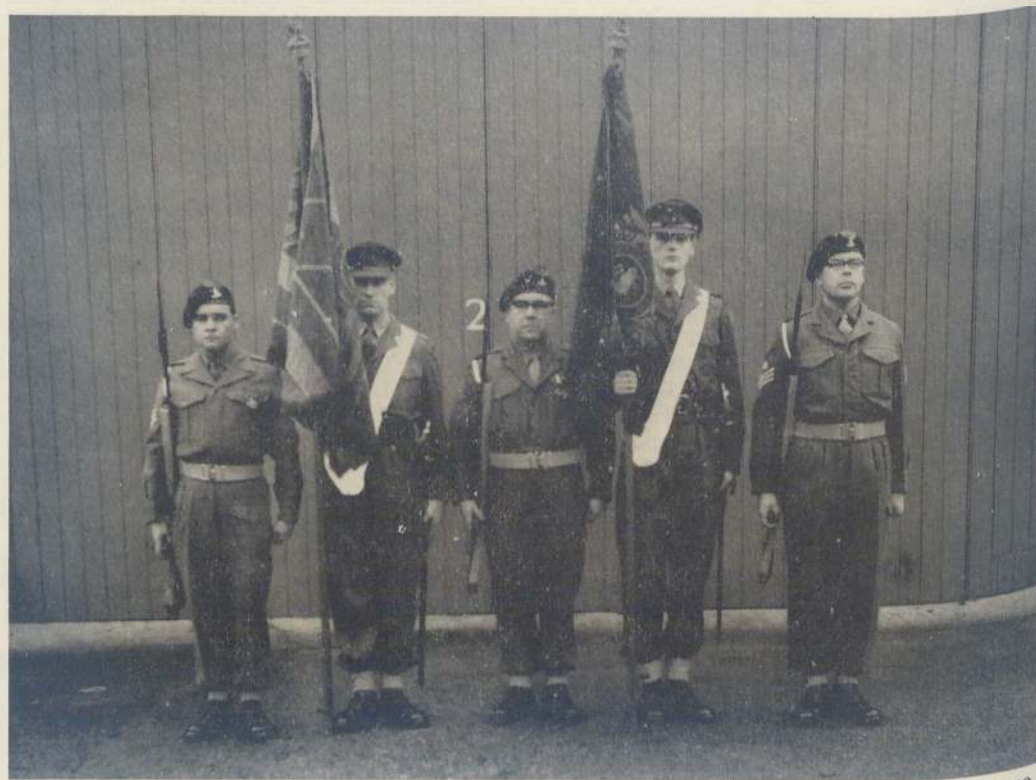
Battery Commander . . . . . Major P. H. Dunstone

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WE thought confidently that in our last account our title was settled; it was not. By a recent A.C.I. our role is now undisclosed in the title of the Regiment. We are now as described above. We do apologise to

those who try to follow our fortunes in this constantly changing battle of title. As was said in another context, we don't know what it does to the enemy, but it certainly baffles us.

Our two annual services of Remembrance in 1961 were observed as usual. The Battle



The Colour Party on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, 1961, when the Colours presented on 19th June, 1909, at Windsor Castle by King Edward VII to the 24th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (The Queen's), were laid up in St. Mary's Church, Newington. The Battalion later became in 1937 the 7th (Southwark) Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) and is now represented by "R" (Surrey) Battery, 265th Regiment, R.A. (T.A.).

Sgt. D. J. Oliver, Lt. D. A. Wright, W.O.2 G. W. H. Worm, 2/Lt. D. G. Beevers, and Sgt. F. F. Durbin

of High Wood, on 17th September, at St. Giles, and Remembrance Day on 12th November, at St. Mary's. On the latter day the old Colours we held of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's), later the 7th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, were laid up. At a simple and moving service the Colour Party carried out their duty faultlessly. It consisted of Lt. D. A. Wright, 2/Lt. D. G. Beevers, W.O.2 G. W. H. Worm and Sgts. F. F. Durbin and D. J. Oliver.

The Regiment won the *Sunday Times* trophy at camp in 1961. This is a L.A.A

competition open to all L.A.A. regiments in the U.K. The trophy was presented at the Grove Park, S.E.12, R.H.Q., on 23rd February. For this year's camp we are going to Millom, and shall be there from 19th May, for Civil Defence training.

Capt. J. N. Beevers has rejoined us. We have, however, lost a few old stalwarts, one of whom was B.S.M. R. Edgeworth who has served the T.A. loyally for many years and the 1st Surrey Rifles in particular. He remains with us as our caretaker at Flodden Road, his home for many years.

## Army Cadet Force

1st Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer . . Major W. H. J. Sale, M.B.E., M.C.  
 Second-in-Command . . Capt. J. H. Patterson  
 Selhurst Detachment . . Lt. C. F. Wells  
 Redhill/Reigate . . . . Capt. C. H. Wilson  
 Dorking . . . . . Lt. R. A. M. Newton  
 Wallington . . . . . Capt. L. H. S. Bishop  
 John Ruskin . . . . . Capt. K. G. Maggs  
 Queen's House . . . . . Lt. D. Burrows  
 R.A.S.C. . . . . . Lt. J. Wilkinson  
 Sharpshooters . . . . . Capt. P. Tween

THE Battalion has again had an extremely busy year and it is most difficult to decide which, among the many and varied activities undertaken, are most worthy of mention in the limited space available.

On Saturday, 14th October, 1961, the Battalion was honoured by being invited to provide a working party for the Tercentenary Ceremony on Putney Heath and 20 cadets duly reported with the Second-in-Command, Capt. Patterson, at 0930 hrs. on the appointed day to Col. H. G. Duncombe. The cadets were responsible for laying out the massive blocks of chairs in dead-straight lines, to the delight of Cadet R.S.M. V. Reeves, and for the handing out of programmes and many other jobs. After the parade, the clearing-up was carried out in record time. The chairs were stacked and loaded on to the lorries, all the rubbish was collected, burned and buried, so that, by 1800 hours, all that was left to re-

mind us of the magnificent parade and the huge crowds was the Regimental Monument standing proudly on its mound.

A party of 30 cadets visited the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Oswestry, Shropshire, from 27th to 29th October. This visit was such a success that a full report on the visit was published in a Surrey T.A. News-Letter which is circulated to all T.A. and Cadet Units in the county.

On the 4th and 5th November the Battalion took part in an exercise on Hankley Common, Surrey, with the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and provided a useful enemy both in defence and in attack.

We attach great value to these exercises with our affiliated T.A. Units, and, as it is usually the junior cadet's first introduction to the T.A., it should serve to stimulate his interest in later years, besides being most useful training and at the same time, providing the T.A. with an enemy against whom it doesn't always get its own way.

The Battalion Annual Carol Service and parade was held at St. Matthew's Church, Croydon, on Sunday, 10th December, 1961. Several senior officers honoured us with their presence, including the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.; Brigadier B. E. Calvert, D.S.O., the



County Cadet Commandant; Col. J. F. E. Goad, O.B.E., our Honorary Colonel, and Lt.-Col. H. C. Hughes, T.D., Deputy County Commandant. Gen. Metcalfe took the salute at the march past and later congratulated the Battalion on its turn-out and marching. During the service, one of the Lessons was read by an ex-cadet of the Battalion, L/Cpl. D. Patterson, Queen's Surreys, with the kind permission of the Officer Commanding Home Counties Brigade Depot, Canterbury.

This year, the Army Cadet Force Association had a stand at the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition at Olympia for the first time and on several of the days a number of our cadets were on duty there, demonstrating camp cooking and lightweight camping.

The Battalion will be on a four-day exercise

at Easter, when they will be making amphibious landings on Sussex beaches and, we hope, filtering through the Sharpshooters and The Royal Sussex Regiment (T.A.) to assemble into their Platoons some miles inland. They will have many tasks to accomplish and, we also hope, many lessons to learn.

Lt. P. Marchant, Royal Engineers, an ex-cadet of the Battalion, has recently been demobbed from the Regular Army and has rejoined us to take over signals and technical training. Major R. O. Nebel, T.D., has retired from the command of "C" Company, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), and we are delighted that this old friend has decided to join us.

## 2nd Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Officer Commanding . . . Major C. W. Summers, T.D.

As is usual during the winter months training has mainly been confined to indoor training in preparing cadets for Certificate "A", Parts I and II, with the exception of the week-end training centre at Haslemere, which has been allocated to the Battalion once a month until camp. Last October, 17 cadets attended a Board for Part II and we are pleased to say that 16 passed, including two who obtained a credit. The cadet who failed only did so by 3 points. On 25th February last 33 cadets appeared before a Part I Board and 30 passed.

At the week-end training centre a course is run by the Battalion Training Officer, Capt. J. Fell, to give practical outdoor training to cadets for Certificate "A", Parts I and II, and also for giving as much practice as possible to our patrol competition team. These week-ends are extremely well attended by cadets and ably supported by officers and W.O. instructors.

Mobility is always a problem with a cadet unit and as the Battalion is only granted £20 0s. 0d. per quarter to pay for transport, either coaches or public transport, it must be readily appreciated that life at times can be difficult when endeavouring to arrange training away from home stations. In view of this, some platoons have started to raise

funds to buy transport. This transport, it is feared falls far short of perfection, but the two vehicles recently purchased at least go and can be used for conveying Cadets and training stores to the Training area.

Sgt.-Instructor K. O'Callaghan has recently been commissioned as a Second-Lieutenant and Lts. G. West and G. Tarr have been promoted to A/Captain. The latter has been appointed Assistant Battalion Training Officer.

We are going to camp at Okehampton this summer and our training during the next few months is concentrated on map-reading as well as training cadets up to Certificate "A" Part II standard.

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## 5th Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Hon. Col. . . Col. T. A. Buchanan, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D.

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

Commanding Officer . . . Major L. I. Raven-Hill

Adjutant . . . Capt. D. Sweasey

Commander . . . "A" Company

Leatherhead Platoon . . . Capt. R. B. Kitchen

Chessington Platoon . . . Capt. R. B. Kitchen

Cobham Platoon . . . Lt. A. Willoughby

Commander . . . "B" Company

Walton Platoon . . . Capt. J. Rapley

Chertsey Platoon . . . Lt. J. N. Hypher

St. Paul's School (Addlestone) Platoon . . . Lt. W. C. Burnett

Commander . . . "C" Company

Surbiton Grammar School

Platoon . . . Capt. D. McLean

Kingston Platoon . . . Capt. E. J. Hillier

Sutton Platoon . . . Lt. M. J. Boxall

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fully attended King George VI Memorial Leadership Courses at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park.

## Sport

We did very well indeed in the County Boxing Championships and representatives of the Battalion also qualified for the London District Championships as well. We now look forward to having a good entry and, we hope, successes, in the county cross-country and athletics which take place within the next few months.

## Training

The Battalion is now working up its Certificate "A" training and this is being organised on a Battalion basis. We had our first success at the Part I examination on the 18th February, 1962, when 34 out of 38 cadets qualified.

Senior Cadet N.C.O.s are now taking a Patrol Leaders Course in preparation for the County Patrol Competition in June.

Senior cadets are also taking M.T. and Signals Courses, both run by our affiliated Unit, the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), to whom we are indebted.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Lt. Boxall, Kingston Platoon, Lt. Leniham, Sutton Platoon, Lt. Field, Cobham Platoon, and Lt. Burnett, Chertsey Platoon, recently took Stage I of the qualifying Course for Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for Officers and will be taking the final stage in the spring. We wish them every success and hope that in the near future more of our officers will qualify to increase the number of cadets taking part in the Award Scheme.

## Shooting

We have done little in open range shooting over the past month or so due to a curtailment on transport, but with the help of the 4th Battalion (T.A.) we are now able to get to the ranges and are beginning to work up our teams for the competitions that will shortly commence.

Small-bore .22 shooting is progressing

## Courses

Capt. McLean, "C" Company, and S.I.s Church and Collins, "A" Company, success-



well and now forms an essential part of Certificate "A" training.

### C.O.'s Inter-Company Challenge Cup

The Commanding Officer has introduced this cup to encourage inter-platoon and inter-company competitions and embraces all the activities of the platoons throughout the year. It is awarded on a points system and will be presented to the winning company at annual camp. The cup will serve well to mark the achievements of the companies during the year.

### Annual Camp

We are now beginning to think of annual camp which this year will be at Okehampton, from the 12th to 24th August, 1962. Many of you know the Okehampton area and will appreciate that this offers tough training and presents a challenge to both planners and cadets. We are confident, however, that it will be a "good camp."

## The Main Regimental Events for 1962

19th May to 3rd June	..	Territorial Army Units Annual Camp, Buckingham Tofts and East Wretham, Stanford P.T.A., Norfolk.
29th May	..	Regimental Golf Match with Royal Marines, Deal.
31st May and 1st June	..	Cricket v. H.M.S. <i>Excellent</i> , Whale Island, Portsmouth.
1st June	..	"Glorious First of June," Whale Island, Portsmouth.
15th June	..	Officers' Club Reunion—Cocktail Party, Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London, W.1.
17th June	..	Regimental Association Reunion Garden Party, Kingston-upon-Thames.
27th June to 1st July	..	Home Counties Brigade Cricket Week, Canterbury.
21st July	..	Home Counties Brigade Depot "At Home," Canterbury.
28th July	..	3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.) "At Home," Guildford.
9th September	..	Salerno Day.
3rd and 4th October	..	Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
5th October	..	Officers' Club Annual Dinner, Claridges, Brook Street, London, W.1.
6th October	..	Regimental Association Annual Dinner, T.A. Centre, 27 St. Johns Hill, Clapham Junction, London, S.W.11.
11th November	..	Remembrance Sunday, Guildford, Kingston, Croydon, Bermondsey and Clapham.

### Star and Garter Home

The following old soldiers of the Regiment are patients in the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at Richmond, Surrey.

Arthur E. Lawrence, 2/6th Queen's, January 1940 to June 1944.

Alfred Porter, 6th Queen's, September 1917 to January 1919.

James W. Randall, Surreys (2nd Division), December 1916 to August 1920.

George P. Steggle, 1/5th Queen's, 1912-1919; 11th Queens, 1939-1941.

Ernest A. Vause, 2/4th Queen's, November 1914 to February 1919.

These men would be glad of a visit from any of their old comrades in the Regiment. Visiting hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. daily. Intending visitors are advised to write first, as a number of patients are out during the day, particularly in the summer months.

### Allied Regiments

## South Alberta Light Horse

PATTERSON ARMOURIES, MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

Commanding Officer

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

Extracts from Unit History, July to December 1961

### General Progress

THE Regiment has continued to grow in wisdom and stature. All dormant squadrons have now been activated and the full Regiment was authorised on 1st December, 1960. Two Troops of "C" Squadron are now based at Bow Island, Alberta, and full Squadron status for that point is only a matter of time.

The Regiment was inspected, as such, by the Hon. Douglas Harkness, Minister of National Defence, on 20th May, 1961.

### Training

Thirty-seven courses were conducted for all ranks during the year, varying from a Field Officers' course to Other Ranks recruit course with 481 personnel receiving qualification grading.

The Young Soldier training plan was highly successful with a total of 143 personnel undergoing training.

Eight provisional Second-Lieutenants are in process of qualification.

### Social

Eight formals were held in the Officers' Mess. Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, our allied British Regiment, was in attendance at one of these.

### Strengths

Notable among those joining the Regiment during the year were Major H. Sorenson, who now commands the Young Soldier Squadron; Lt. J. Anderson, coming to us from the Sea Cadets, and Lt. L. Eckroth from the Army Cadet Corps, also Major Ainscouth from the 18th Field Regiment.

### Bow Island

The two troops of "C" Squadron, based at Bow Island, have continued to grow and their own armouries were finally completed

and turned over to them on 4th December, 1961. With continued and expected growth of this sub-unit, they will soon warrant squadron status of their own.

### Exercise "Pegasus II"

In October, the Regiment conducted the second annual exercise of fire and movement with the tanks on the Suffield Range. This time, the South Alberta Light Horse had with them the 18th Field Regiment with Major Aspeslet as Officer-in-charge, plus the 19th Medium Regiment with Major Cashman in charge. The South Alberta Light Horse tanks fired 400 rounds on selected targets at varying ranges with very good gunnery results. We also set fire to half the prairie grass in Alberta as an added feature.

### Summer Camp

In July, The South Alberta Light Horse took 124 all ranks to summer camp, which was the largest contingent of reserve personnel to leave Medicine Hat for this purpose since World War II days, and quite a feather in our cap. The camp was mainly based on National Service tactics with a half-day corps training thrown in for good measure. In all respects the Regiment made a very creditable showing.

### Trophies

The South Alberta Light Horse was successful in competing for the Brigadier Murphy Trophy for the best armoured regiment in Alberta and B.C. areas. This was presented to the Commanding Officer at the R.C.A.C. Conference in Calgary in October 1961.

### Qualifications Field Officer and above

Major G. B. McQueen was successful in completing his examinations and is now qualified for the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. None of the officers writing the Captain to



Major examinations were successful, but this was not confined to the South Alberta Light Horse and seemingly was a universal happenstance.

#### Special Military Training Plan

As part of the training of a goodly number of civilians into the mysteries of survival, the South Light Alberta Light Horse undertook to be a Company of the S.M.T.P. and the first graduation class of 149 ranks in the Survival Training Unit was a pleasure to behold. Major Veiner took the march past with the Commanding Officer. Major G. B. McQueen, Second-in-Command of the Regiment, was called out to Command the S.T.U. Company whilst R.S.M. T. Buchanan

was also called out to cover off a Lieutenant's vacancy. Others in the Regiment in the rank and file were also called out on the seven-month basis to assist. All A. & Q. matters in connection with the course were conducted through South Alberta Light Horse resources.

#### Forecast

The writer sees no diminishing in the growth of the Regiment. For three years the Regiment had to run to keep up with the Commanding Officer but at this date the Commanding Officer is having a frantic time to keep abreast of the Regiment and its needs as we grow in strength and in wisdom. With more equipment and less frustrations our goal can be achieved quite easily.

## South African War Memorials

### Battle of Colenso

IT is very interesting and, particularly under the present circumstances, extremely gratifying to learn that a special effort is being made to care for the memorials and graves of British soldiers on the battlefield of Colenso. Some of these had got into a bad state of repair and have been threatened by the industrial development of Colenso.

A plan for the preservation of the graves and memorials in more suitable surroundings is now being carried out. The organiser and sponsor of the project is Dr. R. E. Stevenson, of Pietermaritzburgh, South Africa.

The following is a precis of relevant extracts from his report on the situation:

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A "KOPJE OF REMEMBRANCE" TO THE BATTLE OF COLENZO

The Colenso battlefield extends along the south bank of the River Tugala from a loop about 1½ miles west of the town, through the town to Hlongwane Hill, about two miles east. The 5th (Irish) Brigade attacked on the left flank; the 2nd (English) Brigade attacked through the village. Directly behind the centre of the attack lies Naval Hill. From this ridge there is a comprehensive view of the battlefield over which the British de-

ployed on 15th December, 1899, and the Boer defence lines and gun positions.

The battle area is marked by widely-scattered graves and regimental monuments. For a variety of reasons it is impossible to care for those reminders of the battle adequately and it has been felt that this unsatisfactory state of affairs must now be rectified.

It is proposed to lay out Shooters Naval Hill as a "Kopje of Remembrance."

This hill is a stony flat-topped ridge. It lies about 1½ miles south of Colenso.

The Naval Hill ridge is on the farm of Mr. Clouston, an elderly gentleman of over 80. He and his son have made available about 7½ acres which includes the ridge. Both these gentlemen have been co-operative and generous. A design for laying out this area to receive the bodies to be moved to it with regimental and other monuments has been drawn by an architect and landscape gardener. The whole area has been fenced and styles provided.

Trees are being planted and will be of a nature to conform with the rugged nature of the terrain.

Trees and cement tables and chairs are being provided by the Records Department at the side of the National Road. (These

shaded parking and picnic spots, incidentally, are a feature of all South African main trunk roads.)

The Battle of Colenso was fought on a front of about five miles. The heaviest fighting took place at four main points and it is at these points where most of the bodies and memorials were originally to be found.

The 2nd Brigade (Devons, Queens, W. Yorks and E. Surreys) was in the centre and attacked through the village.

The following are the detailed proposals for the future and the actions already taken:

There was a fine stone obelisk to the memory of the four regiments of the 2nd Brigade bearing the names of all those killed in Natal (not only at the battle of Colenso) with their regimental badges, etc.

This obelisk has already been moved to the Clouston Kopje with the bodies of the men of the Queens who were buried in a mass grave near it. The locality of the monument and grave had been submerged among "desirable villas." What had been a simple but dignified memorial in the open veld had become incongruous and rather forlorn in a setting quite out of its context and lost to view.

In its new setting with the Queens men—carefully and reverently exhumed and reburied in small coffins near it—the obelisk will be a permanent feature in the new layout.

The facts set out have been carefully checked and authenticated and I am able to vouch for them. Little credit can be accorded the authorities who permitted these desecrations but I am pleased to say that in bringing the facts to the notice of the present town councillors and officials I have found a determination to right matters as far as possible and I have had the maximum co-operation. (I may add in parenthesis that the town council have acquired the old toll house, dating from about 1850, and standing at the iron bridge which is also still standing, and they are going to use it as a Battle Museum.)

The proposal now is to move all the monuments and to range the large ones on the skyline of Naval Hill. It is also proposed to exhume (re-exhume in some cases) all the 50 to 60 bodies scattered over the area of the British right and right centre and bury them in graves in the lee of the Naval Hill Kopje.

The alternative would be for them to be lost for ever as they are scattered and in-

accessible and their existence is known to very few people. I admit a reluctance to exhuming soldiers' bodies but in this particular case the bodies in these new graves with their original stone or iron headcrosses will add much to the interest and significance of the Kopje.

The question of the other graves and monuments in and around Ladysmith, Spicon Kop, Vaal Frans, etc. (the new spellings may be noted) is not now being dealt with. All are well looked after. There is no question of any exhumation or removals so that nothing controversial emerges at this stage.

In conclusion I am happy to say that there has been a re-awakened interest in the historic engagements of the Anglo-Boer War. The qualities which so distinguished the British soldiers are again being appreciated. Interest and sympathetic co-operation is not limited to English speaking South Africans.

Interest in Natal has been stimulated by a small group and what has already been undertaken and is to be undertaken is in the main the work of the Provincial Administration, the S.A. War Graves Commission and the Sons of England Patriotic Society.

No financial appeal is presently being made for contributions from Britain.

All the proposals have been fully discussed with and approved of by local ex-service organisations.

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Headquarters,  
Aldershot District,  
Steeles Road,  
Aldershot, Hants.  
15th January, 1962

Dear Dr. Stevenson,

I have seen a copy of your letter to General Fairbanks, Colonel of the Sherwood Foresters, about the establishment of a Kopje of Remembrance to the Battle of Colenso, and I am writing to express to you the appreciation of all ranks of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for what you are doing.

This regiment was formed under the recent reorganisation of the British Army by the amalgamation in 1959 of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment. Both regiments fought in the 2nd Brigade at the Battle of Colenso.

I intend to publish your letter, or considerable portions of it, in the next issue of our



Regimental Journal, and I know that the work you are doing will be of great interest and will give great pleasure to both past and present members of the Regiment. In particular, the families and descendants of those who fell in South Africa will be deeply grateful that the graves and memorials are being preserved in suitable surroundings.

I am sure you will earn and deserve the gratitude of a large part of the British Army for the task you have undertaken. On behalf of my regiment, I offer you our grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt.) J. F. METCALFE.

Dr. R. E. Stevenson,  
201 Burger Street,  
Pietermaritzburg,  
Natal, South Africa.

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201 Burger Street,  
Pietermaritzburg,  
Natal,  
South Africa.  
8th February, 1962.

DEAR GEN. METCALFE,

I was very pleased to get your letter of 15th January today and to learn that our efforts at Colenso meet with the approval of you and your Regiment.

I shall in due course send photographs and press-cuttings of the re-dedication service, which will be held in a few months' time. I feel sure that the layout of the 7½ acres given by Clouston, *pere et fils*, when laid out completely will form a worthy memorial to the regiments who fought at Colenso. The "English" Brigade Memorial is already in situ and the Queen's men have been reburied beneath it. The other regiments of the Brigade lost less heavily and their men seem to have been buried under war crosses—"Here lies a Brave British Soldier." We had difficulty in identifying them individually. The Queen's men were in a mass grave. Practically nothing was found in the grave—a few buttons, shoulder badges and much small arms ammunition.

I hope we may trace some of your men in South Africa for we intend to put on a quite elaborate re-dedication service. Although we are now foreigners there are many thousands of us who are not willing to see British Army traditions and achievements forgotten in South Africa.

I shall however write more fully later—

as soon as the job is quite complete—and send you photographs which may be of interest to your Regimental Journal.

Please do not acknowledge this letter, which is merely written to say that we are pleased that our efforts have met with your approval and that we shall be sending fuller particulars and photographs later.

You must excuse the stationery which I use but I am on tour, visiting very remote graves and monuments, and proper facilities are simply not available.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R. E. STEVENSON.

### Regimental Cricket

THE annual Glorious First of June Cricket Match against H.M.S. *Excellent* will take place this year at Whale Island, Portsmouth, on Thursday, 31st May, and Friday, 1st June.

Anyone interested in playing in this match should forward his name, and details of his cricketing ability, to Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, Home Counties Brigade Depot, Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, Kent. Tel.: Canterbury 5281 Ext. 242.

The match against the Royal Marines will be played at Deal on Monday, 16th July and Tuesday, 17th July.

### 4th Battalion

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

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this year takes place from 19th May to 2nd June at the very old stamping ground we know so well. During the period when our present Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., commanded one of our Battalions, it became known as our second Regimental Depot: where else but Stanford P.T.A.

In closing we would only like to say that the Sergeants' Mess at all times would welcome any ex-Sergeants of the Regiment living in the area to our Sergeants' Mess functions and socials. If you wish to be placed on our invitation list please write to the President, whence you will be kept duly in the picture of all the Mess activities.

## The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golfing Society

Autumn Meeting at Sudbrook Park October 3rd and 4th 1961

IT is pleasant to record, once again, a happy and successful meeting of the Golf Society. In the absence in the sand of the 1st Battalion, the attendance was satisfactory and was distinguished by having no less than three present and past Colonels of the Regiment playing. There were also two first attenders, both of whom at the end of the meeting firmly announced their intention of coming again. We were all glad to see some of the "old hands" at luncheon on the first day, and this is a custom we should like to commend to others who would like to support the proceedings, but who lack the time—and perhaps the energy—to play round the course. All that is necessary is to tell the secretary in good time, so that he may "warn in" for luncheon. But we should also welcome an increase in the number of players; it is understood that the weather will be fine for our activities in 1962 (wood has been touched) and attendance at the

meetings would at least take one's mind off the "pay pause" for two days at a time.

### AUTUMN MEETING 1961

#### RESULTS

#### MEDAL ROUND

*Autumn Bowl*: Major A. C. Cater, 83—13 = 70.  
*Glasgow Greys Cup*: Capt. J. A. Clark, 85—16 = 69.  
*Memento, Seniors*: Major A. C. Cater.  
*Memento, Juniors*: Major J. W. Sewell.  
*Hidden Holes (Seniors)*: Col. G. A. White and H. P. Mason (tie).  
*Hidden Holes (Juniors)*: Capt. J. A. Clark.

#### PETRI PLATE

*Spring and Autumn Medal Rounds*: H. P. Mason, 70 + 72 = 142.

#### STABLEFORD BOGEY

*Heales Memorial Trophy*: Col. G. A. White, 40½ points.  
*Memento, Seniors*: Col. G. A. White.  
*Memento, Juniors*: Capt. J. A. Clark, 36.  
*Veterans Halo*: Major J. C. Drane, 33½.  
*Greensome Foursomes*: H. P. Mason and Major J. C. Drane, 4 up.  
*Bogey Foursomes*: Col. G. A. White and Major J. W. Sewell, 3 down.



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## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

WITH the co-operation of the Sergeants' Mess of the 4th Battalion we now hold an Association social evening on the second Saturday in each month at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. It is hoped that this will give members a chance to meet each other more frequently and for the East Surrey members to get to know their fellow members of the Queen's.

Our membership remains fairly steady. To date it is 237. Recently joined members include Mr. M. J. Parsons, ex-1st Surreys; Mr. R. J. Thorpe, ex-6th Queen's; Mr. J. E. Thompson, ex-1st Queen's Surreys; and Sgt. Roland Shrubbs, 1st Queen's Surreys. It is with regret that we record the death of two of our members recently, namely Mr. C. F. Noon and Mr. A. H. Hutchings.

We have decided to change the venue for our Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner this year. With the kind permission of the Officer Commanding 4th Battalion we are having it at the T.A. Centre, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, on Saturday, 5th May, 1962.

It was with regret that we bade farewell to

Sgt. Jack Chaffer on his departure from Kingston to join the 1st Battalion overseas. He has been an active member of our Committee since 1953 and his regular attendance at our meetings has been much appreciated, particularly as he was able to give the serving members' point of view when matters of policy affecting the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association arose during the amalgamation period. He will be no stranger to Hong Kong as he spent some of his boyhood days there with his family when the East Surreys were stationed there from 1923 to 1926. No doubt his father and many others have asked him to look up some of their old haunts and, in particular, the Regimental Cap Badge on the hill at Lo Wu, that is if they are still in existence after the passing of the years.

By the way, if any past or present members of the Regiment are passing through the Twickenham or Hanworth district at any time, they will find a warm welcome awaiting them at the "Hope and Anchor," Hanworth, from the host, Sammy Bartrip, a former R.S.M. of the Regiment.

## Prize Essay Competition

**Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay Competition, 1962.** Prize £80. Closing date: 22nd June, 1962

### Subject:

N.A.T.O. requires a strong military force to protect Western Europe against outside aggression. This force is provided by one large and many small nations, each attempting to maintain its own balanced army. U.N. require, from time to time, forces for "police" type actions. These forces are found from small detachments provided by many nations of the world.

Discuss how the armies of nations within N.A.T.O. could best be integrated and equipped to meet

- The full defensive requirement of N.A.T.O.
- Calls from the U.N. for assistance in "police" type actions anywhere in the world.
- National commitments outside the area of N.A.T.O. command.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1961 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 414 of 1960.

## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

### Tercentenary Banquet

THIS was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, 7th October, 1961, and was attended by 480 members.

The Banqueting Room had been specially prepared for the occasion and was a truly impressive sight. On the walls hung seven pairs of Regimental Colours and articles of Regimental silver appeared on the tables.

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., and that of the Regiment by Major F. Waspe, M.B.E.

The Colonel of the Regiment replied.

Each toast and the Colonel of the Regiment's speech, were heralded by a fanfare of trumpets.

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

An additional element of colour was provided by the guests all of whom attended in uniform. The guests were two Petty-Officers from H.M.S. *Excellent*; two non-commissioned officers Royal Marines; four Chelsea Pensioners; and 12 Regular Recruits from Home Counties Brigade Depot.

The following cables were received:

From 1st Queen's Surreys.

Our thoughts are very much with you at this dinner.

Congratulations in anticipation of 14th October.

From Commanding Officer and all ranks.

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From Warrant Officers and Sergeants 1st Queen's Surreys.

Best wishes to all ranks on the Tercentenary Dinner.

### Forthcoming Events

The all-ranks reunion garden party will be held at the barracks, Kingston-upon-Thames, on Sunday, 17th June, beginning at 2 p.m. Wives and children will be very welcome. Cold luncheons will be obtainable on payment from 1 to 2 p.m., if desired. All those requiring luncheon are asked to inform the Secretary, at Regimental Headquarters, by 31st May, giving the number of lunches required.

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 7th October, 1962. In view of the very high costs associated with holding the dinner in a restaurant, it is proposed this year to use the Clapham Drill Hall. Final arrangements will be notified later.

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

### Personalities

We are always pleased to receive news of old members of the Regiment, particularly those who live overseas and who still keep in touch with the Regiment. Letters have been received from the following since our last issue. (See list at the foot of this page).

Space does not permit more than a mere mention of the names of these old members of the Regiment living overseas, but the Secretary would be pleased to provide their addresses to anyone who would like to get in touch with them.

### Old Soldiers

We have recently had news of two old soldiers who served in the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment at the end of the last century. The Battalion, which arrived in

Number	Name	Regiment	Joined	Present Location
9661	Avis, C. S. A.	Queens	1910	Transvaal, South Africa.
303003	Cartman, R. S.	Surreys	1902	Quebec, Canada.
6142856	Gavin, D.	Surreys	1939	Wellington, New Zealand.
3679	Hutson, G.*	Queens	1891	Quebec, Canada.
6104009	Matthew, L. E.	Surreys	1944	Johannesburg, South Africa.
6132314	Smith, J. R. F.	Queens	1941	Victoria, Australia.
6099329	Speller, N.	Surreys	1909	Algeciras, Spain.
	Warren, H.†	Queens	1939	California, U.S.A.

\*See Note "Old Soldiers."

†See Note "Welcome to Hollywood."



India from Malta in January, 1895, took part in the operations against the tribesmen on the North West Frontier, first as part of the Malakand Field Force and later in the Tirah Field Force. Both men were awarded the India Medal 1895-1902 with Tirah Clasp.

George Thake (3016) was born on 14th October, 1871. He enlisted in the Queen's on 16th May, 1890, and served in Malta and on the Frontier. At the end of the campaign the Battalion was withdrawn to Fort Jamrud at the entrance to the Khyber Pass. Thake recalls that he was lucky enough to get a month's leave to go to Bombay where he got married. He and Mrs. Thake are still active and well, after 63 years of married life.

George Hutson (3679) who was born on 14th May, 1873, enlisted in 1891. He served on the Frontier with the 1st Battalion in 1898, and in South Africa from 1899-1902 with the 2nd Battalion. After leaving the Army, he emigrated to Canada in 1913, and is now living with his daughter and son-in-law in the Province of Quebec. Hutson is very well and cheerful, but has difficulty in getting about now.

To both these old warriors we send our warmest greetings, with best wishes for many years to come. It would be interesting to know if anyone can claim to have joined before George Thake.

#### Welcome to Hollywood

Harry Warren (6088329) who served with the Queen's from 1939 to 1951, and who will be remembered as an Army boxing champion, has written from West Hollywood, California, where he is manager of the Beverley Hills Health Club. He has promised a warm welcome to any members of the Regiment who may find themselves in his part of the world. He would be interested to hear news of his former friends in the Regiment. His address is: 639 Westmount Drive, West Hollywood 69, California, U.S.A.

#### Badges

Lapel badges of the Regimental Association may be obtained from Regimental Headquarters, price 4s. 8d. post free.

#### Membership

If readers know of anyone who would like to join the Regimental Association, the Secretary would be pleased to enrol him.

### Subscriptions

#### OFFICERS

The subscription of those officers who are members of the Officers' Club is included in their annual subscription to the Club.

The subscription for officers who are not members of the Officers' Club is 10s. 0d. a year.

Officers may become Life Members on payment of £10 direct to the Association.

#### OTHER RANKS

Other ranks may become Life Members on payment of a single subscription of 10s. 0d.

Those other ranks who have already paid a total of 10s. 0d. by annual subscriptions, or who pay the difference between any lesser total of paid annual subscriptions and 10s. 0d. may also become Life Members.

#### War Memorial Schemes

The War Memorial Schemes provided or helped towards holidays last year as follows: The Queen's Royal Regiment, 17; The East Surrey Regiment, 25.

#### Donations

The Secretary acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the Association's funds: The late Mrs. Fowler, £50; The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association, £21.

#### Change of Address

Will all members please note that the office of the Regimental Association is now at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames (Telephone Kingston 7127).

### 4th Battalion

#### The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

This has been for our Association, as, of course, for the Regiment, a most memorable period.

A coachload of our members attended the Tercentenary Banquet at the Criterion Restaurant and spent an enjoyable evening—the outstanding features being the Band of the 1st Battalion, the informative and humorous speech of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Metcalfe, and lastly—not so

good!—the Arabian Nights prices for drinks!

Three coachloads of our members and families attended the Tercentenary parade at Putney Heath on 14th October and all our members—including those youngsters of 60 years connection with the Regiment—took part in the March Past. This ceremony will remain in our memories for the rest of our years. In the evening, we returned to Queen's House for a royal repast and a social evening which will always be remembered as a truly great occasion. The Warrant Officers N.C.O.s and men of the 3rd Battalion certainly maintain the tradition of our Regiment at work and play!

A strong muster of our Association was on parade on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, quite a few approaching 80 years, some beyond that age. The parade was none the less worthy in precision and smartness, though perhaps the pace of the march is becoming a problem for some of us now!

Our annual reunion dinner was held at Queen's House on 20th January and was quite well attended; Lt.-Col. Brian Gill was in the Chair. Our traditional link with the Royal Navy was well and truly maintained by the presence as our guest of honour, Commodore Young, D.F.C. Indeed, before the evening was finished, it became almost a naval engagement. We were also greatly honoured by the presence of Col. B. L. Evans, Major-General Sir Ernest Cowell, Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, and Mr. W. Dorsett of the Regimental W.O.s and Sergeants' Association.

In conclusion, we feel we must express the great pride we feel at the achievements of our successors, the Regular and Territorial Battalions of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, which are recorded in this Journal and, we are pleased to say, in the Croydon Press.

### 2/4th Battalion

#### The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

The 2/4th Battalion of "The Queen's" was disbanded in 1919. The Old Comrades' Association was formed in 1925 and has been running successfully ever since. Despite the fact that more than 160 members have "passed on" since formation of the O.C.A.,

attendances at our functions are still extremely good.

Ninety-five members attended our own Shrine Service at the Croydon Parish Church in 1961 and 125 sat down to our reunion dinner in April last. The dinner chairman was Capt. P. C. Duncan, M.C., one-time Adjutant of the Battalion and now Recorder of Bury St. Edmunds. Our guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., and Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O. One of our Australian members, J. F. Mason, who had travelled 12,000 miles from Perth to be with us, proposed the toast of "Absent Comrades." Our 92-year-old President, Col. Sir Frank Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., was also present and received a vociferous welcome. All appreciated the valiant effort he had made in joining us for the evening. A contingent of 23 members from the O.C.A. as well as a number of relatives attended the Tercentenary celebration on Putney Heath in October last. It was a glorious day. Most of the members took part in the march past. The religious service, conducted by the Bishop of Guildford was uplifting and grand, and the march past to the music of the old Regimental marches played by the band of the 1st Battalion was to all of us thrilling and exhilarating. Other functions have been attended during the year, among them the Regimental Tercentenary Banquet at the Criterion in London; the 4th Queen's O.C.A. reunion dinner in Croydon and the 5th Queen's Old Members' Association reunion dinner at Guildford. It must be remembered that nearly half of the original 2/4th Battalion were originally 5th Queen's men.

We feel honoured that Lord Attlee, formerly a Queen's man, has written us a foreword for this year's Journal. He served at Gallipoli during the time the 2/4th Battalion were there. Our 33rd reunion dinner this year will be held on 28th April at Grants of Croydon and our Shrine Service on 18th November, 1962, at the Croydon Parish Church. All Queen's men are welcome and details of our functions can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Sgt. H. Mann, 22 Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon (Telephone Spring Park 1641).

We regret very much to record the passing of several Old Comrades, among them Major G. R. Bennett, on 27th January, 1962.



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

Owing to the many training commitments of the 3rd Battalion it has not been found possible to have the reunion at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, in the spring or early summer as in past years. However, with the kind permission of the Commanding Officer and the assistance of the Permanent Staff, cooks and other volunteers, it is proposed to have another dinner, rather on the same lines as last year. This will take place on Saturday 3rd November.

In addition to the dinner, the Association, at the invitation of the 3rd Battalion, proposes to have an "as strong as possible parade" for the annual Service of Remembrance at Guildford on Sunday, 11th November. The serving members of the Battalion will be on parade with their Corps of Drums and the Commanding Officer hopes that as many of our members as possible, and indeed any other old Queen's men who can do so, will attend. Our members and their wives and families have been invited to visit the Sandfield Terrace Drill Hall after the parade, where refreshments will be available on payment.

Advance details of these two functions have been given to members in the Association News Letter but any member who did not receive a copy, or if any reader who qualifies for membership of this Association would like further details, they should write to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. L. C. A. Moxon, B.E.M., "Stumpers," Pine Avenue, Camberley, Surrey. All members are asked to note this change of address.

Qualification for membership of the Association is to have served either in or with a Battalion bearing the numeral 5, or in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion.

### The Queen's (Bermondsey) Regimental Association

We are in the process of forming an Old Comrades' Association (to be a branch of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association) of former members of the 6th Queen's, the 22nd London Regiment, and

the Bermondsey Company of the new 3rd Battalion. Would any former Bermondsey Queen's men who would like to join please send their names and addresses to either Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, 12 The Ridings, Surbiton, or to Mr. E. F. Townsend, 34 Layard Road, S.E.16.

The new Association intends to hold a reunion on Salerno Day or the nearest Saturday, also to parade with the present-day Territorials on Armistice Day, possibly to hold an annual outing, and to support the Bermondsey Company in any way it can.

The Bermondsey Battalions of the Queen's were well represented at the Regimental Tercentenary Parade on Putney Heath. Many former members had travelled long distances to attend; one officer was on leave from Chile. Bermondsey's tables at the all ranks Tercentenary Banquet at the Criterion overflowed, so many attended.

On Salerno Day the 2/6th Queen's held a reunion at Jamaica Road, when over 75 members were present and enjoyed a buffet supper. The walls of the canteen were decorated with photographs of the 2nd/6th Battalion in Italy, acquired from the 6th Queen's museum. Col. John Kealy, unfortunately, could not attend, but those present included Col. "Bill" Peet, Major "Teddy" Edwards, "Doc" Hogan, Col. "Teddy" Bolton, Sgts. Fred Peart and Harding, R.S.M. Johnson, and Q.M. Len Fagg. The evening was a great success and is to be held in future in Jamaica Road every year.

A large contingent of O.C.A. members attended the Bermondsey Armistice Day Parade Service, marching to the Parish Church behind the 3rd Queen's Surrey's Band. The Mayor of Bermondsey took the salute after the service was over, as the parade marched past to the Regimental March, "Braganza." The 22nd London Regiment was represented by Major Mayhew, M.C., Col. Cook, Col. Geoffrey Bevington, and Mr. Freddie Gibbins. Some 70 of the two wartime battalions of the 6th and the post-war 6th Queen's T.A. were present, led by Col. "Nick" Nice. The 1st/6th stalwarts included R.Q.M.S. "Eddie" Townsend, M.B.E., Major John Tack, Col. Kilshaw, Capt. Maybee, C.S.M. Tom Dando and Eddie Morgan, who is curator of the 6th Queen's Museum. The post-war Territorial generation were represented by Major Peter Zehntner,

Cpts. James Parrish, Michael Mott and Peter Rodgers, C.S.M. Bill Dorey and other familiar faces.

The new 3rd Battalion is maintaining the traditional Bermondsey link with Ghent, and a party of O.C.A. members travelled to Ghent with the Battalion party in September. It is hoped that in future the O.C.A. party will be slightly larger.

The 6th Queen's Museum at Jamaica Road is slowly taking shape. If any former members of the 6th have any wartime souvenirs which they feel they no longer require please remember our Museum! We shall be very glad to take visitors round the Museum on regimental reunion days or any Tuesday evening.

Finally, this year the 3rd Battalion is going to camp at Stanford in Norfolk, and the Band and Drums are to beat Retreat in Boston, as a sign that the kindness of Boston in presenting the 1st/6th Queen's with two tenor drums in 1940 is not forgotten. Would any 1st/6th members who would like to go to Boston for that ceremony please get in touch with either Col. Nice or Mr. Townsend.

### The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

The Association continues to flourish. At 31st December our membership stood at 391, which included 17 new members. Since that date a further seven members have been enrolled.

The Social Sub-Committee have put in some very good work in organising dances and social evenings during the past year. The Trench Supper held on 18th November was well supported by members and their wives, who enjoyed a unique supper and a real "family party" evening. The dance held on 27th January, at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, was an unqualified success; more than 300 members and friends had a most enjoyable evening.

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, the combined parade of the Association and "R" (Surrey) Battery was the most successful for some years. The Association mustered a very strong parade as indeed did the Battery. Thanks are tendered to those 15 members and their wives who travelled down from Northampton. The Re-

membrance Service was held at St. Mary's (Newington) Church, which was filled to capacity. During the service, the Colours of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's)/7th (Southwark) Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment were laid up; the ceremony was simple but most impressive. The Colour Party, provided by "R" (Surrey) Battery, are congratulated in attaining such a high standard of perfection. Following the service, the parade marched to the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park, where a Dedication to the Fallen was read and wreaths laid. Afterwards the parade marched past, the salute being taken by the president, Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., supported by representatives of the Mayors of Southwark and Lambeth.

We are deeply grateful to the Trustees of the Regimental Historical Fund, who have generously arranged with the Royal School of Needlework to encase the Colours in clear transparent acetate sheeting, in order that they may be longer preserved.

The annual reunion dinner held on 3rd March was a great success. Maj.-Gen. D. S. Gordon, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who commanded 1/7th Queen's during the last war, was the guest of honour.

### The 23rd London Regimental Association

For some time now the Regimental Association has been concerned about the 1914-1918 War Memorial at St. Johns Hill, Clapham Junction. The oak has darkened with the passage of years and the names have become almost indecipherable.

It has been decided to have all the names (there are over eleven hundred of them) inscribed in book form and enclosed in the Memorial, which will be adapted for this purpose.

It is hoped that the re-dedication of the Memorial will take place on a Sunday in June. The local press have been very generous in helping us to trace the next-of-kin of the fallen, and we expect to have a good muster. The Old Comrades will be out in strength, and we hope to welcome a goodly company of past and present members of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment from Kingston.

Meantime, if you know of the next-of-kin of anyone whose name appears on the Roll





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of Honour, please put him or her in touch with the Regimental Association so that an invitation to the Dedication Service may be sent.

### Jersey Branch

Past members of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment who are resident in the Channel Islands and who have not yet joined the Jersey Branch are invited to get in touch with Capt. C. G. Pile, Star House, Mulcaster Street, Jersey, Channel Islands.

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

The Officers' Tercentenary Banquet, held at The Dorchester on the 14th October, 1961, was attended by 260 members of the Officers' Club, many of whom had travelled long distances to attend both the parade on Putney Heath that afternoon and to be present at dinner in the evening.

On this special occasion, the guests entertained at dinner were the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., Lord Lieutenant of Surrey; Lt.-Gen. Sir Ian H. Riches, K.C.B., D.S.O., Commandant - General, Royal Marines; Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., R.N., Captain of H.M.S. *Excellent*; and Alderman Denis Truscott, G.B.E., T.D., representing the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

Officers dined at large circular tables which filled the banqueting room, the Colonel of the Regiment presiding at a curved top table with senior officers of the Regiment and the Regimental guests. Representative pieces of the Regiment's silver and floral decorations adorned the tables, and the Band of the 1st Battalion, brought back from Aden for the Tercentenary celebrations, played during and after dinner.

In the course of his after-dinner speech, the Colonel of the Regiment read the message which he had received from the Queen.

All material for publication should be sent to the Editor for the May issue to reach him by 1st March, and for the November issue to reach him by 1st September.

## Items of Interest

WE are delighted to report that W.O.1 D. Fairbanks, now Garrison Sergeant-Major at Shorncliffe Camp, has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire. A soldier in The Buffs he served for a while in The Queen's and was C.S.M. on the staff of the Regimental Depot at Stoughton in 1957-1959. On behalf of all members, past and present, of the Regiment we congratulate him on his well-earned award.



The following is an extract from a New Year's Message from Lt.-Col. W. Whitehead, T.D., Chief Ranger of Wimbledon and Putney Commons, to the readers of *The Wandsworth Borough News*:

"Then on 14th October, the Tercentenary Parade and unveiling the Commemorative Stone of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment—300 years to the day, on the same site. A colourful and dignified ceremony carried out on a fine, sunny day with the precision which is a matter of course with the British Army, and the admiration and envy of all others. A

notable addition to the long history of Wimbledon and Putney Commons."



Bandmaster E. Gaines has retired from the Army, after 29 years' service. Originally a Boy in The Buffs, he was appointed Bandmaster of 2nd Queen's in 1945. He served with 1st Queen's in Malaya in 1953 to 1956 and was Mentioned in Despatches. For the last five years of his service he was Bandmaster of the Home Counties Brigade Junior Bandsmen Establishment. He is now Bandmaster at Harrow School.



Mr. A. W. W. Vidler, ex-Colour-Sergeant in The Queen's, has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of the Lancashire Special Constabulary.



L/Cpl. B. Brazier retained his title of light-welterweight boxing champion of the Army on 23rd March, 1962. He also holds the championship titles of the Inter-Services Boxing Association and the Amateur Boxing Association.

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## Obituary

BRIGADIER R. E. PICKERING, C.B.E.

The REGIMENT will have learned with deep regret of the death of Brigadier Pickering in a Southampton hospital on 27th March. "Pick," as he was affectionately known by everyone, was educated at Uppingham, and joined The Queen's from Sandhurst in 1917. He saw service with the Regiment in France and was wounded. Having served with the 10th Battalion in 1918 he was a very active member of the 10th Queen's Old Comrades' Association and became their president in 1951. After the First World War he accompanied the 2nd Battalion to India and took part in the Waziristan operations, being twice Mentioned in Despatches. In 1922 he was A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor of the United Provinces, India, and subsequently was a T.A. Adjutant, Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion and Brigade Major.

Shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War he assumed command of the Regimental Depot and Infantry Training Centre at Guildford. This was perhaps the period of his greatest service to The Queen's. With the recent introduction of conscription Stoughton Barracks was filled with recruits and these were soon imbued with his own zeal and unbounded enthusiasm. Many no doubt still remember his stentorian voice booming across the parade ground. It was a great disappointment to him that he could not be spared to go overseas in 1940.

Later he commanded 1/6th Queen's and then was a sub-district Brigade Commander. The end of the war found him commanding the British Troops in North Africa. In 1947 he received the C.B.E.

"Pick" was a regimental officer of the old school. His whole life and all his interests were centred round The Queen's and his loyalty and devotion were infectious. In later life he suffered considerably from ill-health but this never prevented him from attending regimental occasions both grave and gay and his cheerfulness never deserted him.

The heartfelt sympathy of his countless friends within and without the Regiment will go out to Mollie, his courageous widow.

COL. M. J. A. JOURDIER, D.S.O.

Max James August Jourdiere died on 29th November, 1961. He was seventy-seven.

He was educated at Shrewsbury, where he was well known as an athlete and runner.

Commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment on 10th October, 1903, he spent the early years of his service with the 2nd Battalion in India and Burma. He was an enthusiastic and competent performer at most games. Passionately fond of horses he was a fine rider and at Mhow and Shewbo distinguished himself on the polo-field.

During the Great War 1914-1918 he served with the 2nd Battalion in France and was twice wounded, once seriously, before being posted to the staff of the 27th Division. He was Mentioned in Despatches in October 1916. In January 1917 he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and towards the end of that year received the Brevet rank of Major. Shortly after the close of hostilities he entered the Staff College, Camberley.

He commanded the 1st Battalion from March 1928 to March 1932 and is remembered by all who served under him for his pleasant and efficient personality. He was Commander of 131 (Surrey) Brigade from 1932 to 8th February, 1936, when he retired.

Col. Jourdiere leaves two sons, both of whom are retired Army officers. The younger son, Major J. M. Jourdiere, will be remembered as the Officer Commanding Depot, The East Surrey Regiment, 1952 to 1954. To both sons we express sincere sympathy and condolences in their loss.

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LT.-COL. F. O. VOISIN

We regret to record the death, on 15th January, 1962, of Francis Ogier Voisin.

Born on 21st June, 1894, and educated at Victoria College, he was commissioned in the Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey in 1912 and transferred to The East Surrey Regiment on 14th August, 1914. In the Great War 1914 to 1918 he served in Salonika and on the Western Front.

After the war, as a captain, he was seconded for duty as Adjutant of the Royal Jersey Light Infantry.

He was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from 17th January, 1923, to 16th January, 1926.

On 1st January, 1935, he received the Brevet rank of Major. He retired on 1st May 1939 and lived in Jersey, where he conducted the family business.

At the outbreak of war on 3rd September, 1939, he was recalled from the Reserve and commanded 1/6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from November 1939 to April 1940. At the end of the war he finally retired on 16th August, 1945.

To his mother and all the members of his family we offer our very sincere condolences.

MAJOR H. V. BAYLISS, D.S.O., M.C.

With very deep regret we learnt of the death, on 6th November, 1961, of Herbert Victor Bayliss.

Born on 20th March, 1885, he began his military career in The Royal Fusiliers, enlisting in that Regiment in 1904.

He was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant in The East Surrey Regiment on 24th June, 1907, and held the appointment of Adjutant, 2nd Battalion, from 1st November 1912, to 17th December, 1915.

During the Great War, 1914 to 1918, he served in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force and held staff appointments as G.S.O.3; Brigade Major; and G.S.O.2. For his gallant and distinguished services he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and was awarded the Military Cross.

After the war he was Adjutant of the Depot The East Surrey Regiment from 1st September, 1919, to 5th October, 1922. He was in the War Office as G.S.O.3 from January, 1924, to January, 1926.

Between January 1926 and March 1935, when he retired, he served in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Surreys.

His devoted services did not end with his retirement. In the war of 1939 to 1945 he served in an administrative capacity as an officer in the Royal Air Force.

He was always a very popular officer and the Regiment mourns the passing of a very distinguished member.

MR. H. G. STAFFORD

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Henry George Stafford known to us all as "Jack" Stafford. He died on 10th December, 1961. He was 67.

He enlisted in The Queen's in 1914 and served throughout the Great War, 1914 to 1918, mostly with the 5th Battalion. The greater part of his war service was in the Middle East, in Mesopotamia. He was one of the survivors of the famous Siege of Kut.

In February 1919, he joined the 2nd Battalion and served with that unit in India, on the North West Frontier, and in the Sudan. He was for many years the Battalion's very efficient Transport Sergeant, in the days of Horse Transport. He was himself a very good horseman and many of us well remember his impressive exhibitions of tent-pegging at Battalion sports meetings and similar occasions. He always kept himself very fit, physically, and was a good athlete. He excelled at cross-country running and even at the age of 40 usually led the field.

In August 1935, on completion of 21 years' service and having attained the rank of Colour-Sergeant, he took his discharge. He was engaged, in a civilian capacity, as Officers' Mess Steward at the Regimental Depot, at Stoughton, and held this post until about 1943.

He became a very prominent member of the local contingent of the Legion of Frontiersmen.

When the Home Guard was formed early in 1939-45 war he was granted a commission in the Guildford Battalion and attained the rank of Major.

Jack and his family eventually settled in Hastings where he was employed as a Civil Servant in the R.A.S.C. Record Office, until retirement in 1960.

All those who served with him will remember his cheerful and friendly disposition and the Regiment has lost a very loyal and devoted member.

We extend our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Mrs. Stafford and her children in their bereavement.



## Personal Notices

### BIRTHS

STEWART.—On 21st May, 1961, at North Middlesex Hospital, to Shirley, wife of Pte. L. Stewart, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Barbara Jennifer.

SMITH.—On 29th October, 1961, at Bognor Regis, to Ann Victoria Bartley, wife of Pte. G. Smith, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Andrew Ian.

OSBORNE.—On 26th November, 1961, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya, to Elizabeth, wife of Major Keith Osborne, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter.

HARE.—On 29th December, 1961, at R.A.F. Hospital, Aden, to Judith, wife of Capt. H.M. Hare, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son.

ROGERSON.—On 6th January, 1962, at St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1, to Robin, wife of Capt. T. C. Rogerson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter.

SHARPE.—On 20th February, 1962, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Mary, wife of Capt. G. C. Sharpe, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Robin Edmund Mallorie.

DAVIDSON.—On 31st March, 1962, at St. Helena Families Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent, to Jennifer, wife of Captain J. G. W. Davidson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Christopher John Walker.

### MARRIAGES

GEORGE—VON VEGESACK.—On 22nd July, 1961, in Nairobi, Capt. John Adrian George, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Juanita Maria Veronica, daughter of Baron and Baroness Von Vegesack of Nairobi.

CLEMENS—FINNAMORE.—On 9th September, 1961, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, D. Clemens, War Department Constabulary, late The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Pamela Rosemary Finnamore.

MURPHY—PARKER.—On 4th October, 1961, at Canterbury, L/Cpl. J. Murphy, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Ann Mildred Parker.

BRAZIER—GALL.—On 9th December, 1961, at St. Gregory's, Canterbury, L/Cpl. B. Brazier, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Rachel Glover Gall.

SQUIRE—GAUGE.—On 15th January, 1962, Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D., late The East Surrey Regiment, to Phyllis Anne Gauge, widow, daughter of the late Col. W. H. Liley, R.E.

### DEATH

BOWRING.—On 7th February, 1962, at Hellingly, Sussex, Violet Eva, beloved wife of Major F. A. Bowring, late The East Surrey Regiment.

## Book Review

PRISON SCREW. By L. W. Merrow Smith, in collaboration with James Harris. Published by Herbert Jenkins Ltd., 21s.

The author of this recently-published book is well known to many readers of our Regimental Journal. He served in the 2/4th and 5th Battalions of The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in the 1914-18 War and is a very loyal and regular participant in all regimental functions.

He has had 32 years' service as a prison officer and his fascinating book relates in clear and concise style his experiences during that period and describes vividly the impressions he formed as the result of his daily contact with all types of prisoner. From murderers to pickpockets, blackmailers to pilferers, all have passed through his hands.

The book is both interesting and instructive. The reader receives, at first-hand, an account of prison life; the routine in the life of a prisoner from the day he enters the grim iron-studded gate to the moment of his release. Mr. Merrow Smith tells of the wait in the condemned cell and its effect on different types of prisoner and on the officers carrying out the day-and-night "death watch." He describes, as an eye-witness, the carrying out of corporal punishment, and discusses this controversial punitive measure. One is impressed throughout by his sincerity.

Here is provided an enlightening and comprehensive picture of the British prison system, including the reforms and improvements which have taken place in recent years. We are given an authentic account of the

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## List of those known and reported to have died since the last publication of the Regimental Journal

Number	Officer Commanding	Rank and Name	Unit	Service	Date of Death
	Major C. W. Summers, T.D.	Major H. V. Bayliss, D.S.O., M.C.	R. Fusiliers and Surreys	1904-1935	6.11.61
		Col. M. J. A. Jourdiar, D.S.O.	Surreys	1903-1936	29.11.61
		Major O. C. Hopton (formerly Adams)	Surreys	1922-1934	10.12.61
		Major H. F. C. Chetwood-Aiken	Surreys	1914-1918	26.12.61
		Lt.-Col. F. O. Voisin	R. Jersey Militia and Surreys	1912-1945	15.1.62
		Major R. O. Sillem	Queen's	1914-1924	12.2.62
		Brigadier R. E. Pickering, C.B.E.	Queen's	1917-1946	27.3.62
		Cpl. A. Rochford	Surreys	1898-1910	7.9.61
				1914-1919	
22517697		Sgt. W. H. Crumplin, D.C.M., M.M.	Queen's	1914-1919	19.10.61
6076177		W.O.2 H. T. Tyler	Queen's and A.P.T.S.	1927-1949	21.10.61
39327		Sgt. C. F. Noon	Queen's	1905-1926	2.11.61
6079197		Pte. A. Smith	Queen's	1917-1920	6.11.61
		Sgt. G. T. Garnham	Queen's	1921-1932	8.11.61
			M.P.S.C.	1932-1942	
7864		Cpl. F. Dewey, M.M.	Queen's	1903-1919	14.11.61
6077631		W.O.2 H. G. Stafford	Queen's	1914-1935	10.12.61
		C/Sgt. R. G. Chappell	Queen's	—	25.12.61
6078036		W.O.2 J. H. Carter, B.E.M.	Queen's	1912-1928	5.1.62
3236		Cpl. H. M. Miller	Queen's	1890-1902	5.1.62
6133947		W.O.2 F. C. H. Heydinger	Surreys	1914-1915	6.1.62
			Bufs	1939-1945	
6105990		Pte. R. E. Pikesley	Queen's	1942-1944	8.1.62
699149		L/Sgt. J. D. Skinner	Queen's	1915-1920	4.2.62
6076896		Pte. W. Lavender	Queen's	1908-1924	15.2.62
		Pte. A. H. Wallond	Queen's and R.E.s	1916-1919	22.2.62
451276		Sgt. M. S. Champion	Surreys	1915-1919	19.3.62

conditions in our prisons and of the daily life of their occupants. We also learn much about the duties, responsibilities, and characteristics of the devoted prison officers who spend most of their working life within those grim walls.

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## Regimental Museum

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

At Hill 60, near Ypres, on the night of 20th April, 1915, three V.C.s were won by members of the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. One of the crosses, that awarded to Pte. Edward Dwyer, has now come into the possession of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. It will be placed in the Regimental Museum.

The Regiment received the cross from the effects of the late Canon David Browne, at one time parish priest of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Holloway, and latterly priest-in-charge of St. Thomas', Fulham.

It was discovered by the Rev. Edward J. Hinsley, M.B.E., the present parish priest at the Church of the Sacred Heart, who wrote



to the War Office. He was put in touch with Regimental Headquarters.

The facts are as follows:

After receiving the V.C. Pte. Dwyer, who was returning to the Front, took it to Canon Browne and asked him to keep it because he felt that he would not be coming back.

He returned to the Battalion in France with the rank of corporal and was killed in action on 4th September, 1916, in Leuge Wood, Guillemont, during the Somme offensive.

The citation for the award described how Pte. Dwyer, when his trench was heavily attacked by German grenade-throwers, climbed on to the parapet and, although subjected to a hail of grenades at close quarters, succeeded in dispersing the enemy. Earlier, he had shown great gallantry in leaving his trench under heavy shell fire to bandage wounded comrades.

The other V.C.s gained that night were won by Lt. (now Brigadier) G. R. P. Roupell and 2/Lt. (now Capt.) B. H. Geary. The former now lives at Shalford, near Guildford, and the latter in Canada.

In the action the Battalion took over the sector on 19th April and handed it over intact to the relieving unit on the morning of 21st April.

A recent visitor to Regimental Headquarters was the Rev. T. S. Nevill, a younger brother of the late Capt. W. P. Nevill, who commanded "B" Company of the 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. in the famous "Football Attack" at Montauban on 1st July, 1916. As the result of this visit certain further valuable information, from original documents written shortly after the attack, has been obtained.

It would appear that Capt. Nevill, whilst on leave in England in May 1916, purchased two footballs and took them back to his Company in France. Shortly before the Montauban attack he had one of the footballs inscribed with the words: "The Great European Cup—The Final—East Surreys v. Bavarians. Kick-off at Zero," and the other, in large letters, "NO REFEREE."

One football was "kicked off" by Capt. Nevill and the other by Pte. A. A. Fursey of No. 6 Platoon. Both footballs are now in the possession of the Regiment. The one kicked off by Pte. Fursey is on display in the Home Counties Brigade Museum at Canterbury, and the other, which has been on loan to the

National Army Museum, Sandhurst, is in the Regimental Museum at Kingston.

Mr. Nevill, during his visit, presented the Museum with an album of photographs taken at the Front in 1915, which included pictures of his brother and other officers of the 8th Battalion, amongst whom we were pleased to discover Major Jeffery Drane, now secretary of the Regimental Golf Society.

Recently acquired by the Museum is a framed silk embroidered replica of the Colours of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. This has been given to the Regiment by Mrs. Florence Crook, a sister of the late Lt.-Col. H. W. Bolton, D.S.O., M.B.E. The embroidery would appear to have been executed by an expert in needle-craft, and is exquisitely worked, including the famous third colour.

Interestingly, a similar piece of embroidery of the Colours of the old 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment was already in the museum, and this work seems, on examination, to have been carried out by the same expert needle-worker.

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## Notices

### FILM OF THE "FOUR FEATHERS"

Last year a number of silver cigarette cases inscribed with the names of members of the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment who took part in the London Films production of "Four Feathers," on location in the Sudan, in 1938, were collected from the vaults of Lloyds Bank, Kingston-upon-Thames, where they had been placed on the outbreak of the 1939-45 War.

The persons for whom these cigarette cases were intended were members of a draft from the 1st Battalion who were posted to the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment when the 1st Battalion returned to U.K., and who later became prisoners of war in the Far East. Most of the people, or their next-of-kin, have been traced during the past year, and cases have been sent to them, but cigarette cases for the following are still held at Regimental Headquarters:

Sgt. G. Hughes, Pte. S. Cooper, Pte. W. Curry, Pte. A. Cope, Pte. H. Powell, Pte. R. Thompson.

The ranks shown are those held at the time of the making of the film.

The Editor will be pleased to receive information as to the whereabouts of any of the above-mentioned, or of their next-of-kin.

### EASTERN COMMAND ATHLETICS 1939

The Editor will be pleased to know the whereabouts of the following members of the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment team which took part in the above meeting:

Pte. C. Oram

Pte. W. Raggett

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Maj.-Gen. F. J. C. Piggott, C.B.E., D.S.O.	Assistant Chief of Staff (Int.), Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.
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 Attache, 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. (Temp. Brigadier)	Commander, 56th (London) Infantry Brigade (T.A.).
Col. D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.	Colonel G.S. The War Office (M.O.4).
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. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	Headquarters, Allied Forces, Northern Europe.
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	Army Operational Research Group.
Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major F. M. J. Halliday	Regimental Pay Office, Woolwich Garrison.
Major I. P. Thomson, M.C.	The War Office (M.T.4).
Major P. R. H. Kealy	H.Q. (M.P.I.), B.A.O.R.
Major J. U. Stobbs	The War Office (Q(M)2).
Major R. C. Taylor	Army Methods of Instruction Centre.
Major R. C. Guy, M.C.	Joint School of Nuclear and Chemical Ground Defence.
Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C.	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major I. D. Beattie	H.Q., 19th Infantry Brigade Group.
Major L. Brown	2nd Battalion The Federal Regular Army.
Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E. (Temp. Lt.-Col.)	Canadian Army Staff College.
Major I. M. Craig-Adams	Trucial Oman Scouts.
Major S. S. Ashby	H.Q. 56th (London) Infantry Brigade (T.A.).
Major C. S. Fitzpatrick	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major P. R. Swanson	S.O.P.T., 17th Gurkha Division.
Major D. C. Snowdon, T.D.	5th Battalion Ghana Regiment.
Major B. S. Burns, M.C.	Army Apprentices School, Chesham.
Major M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.	Joint Planning, Staff, War Office.
Major (Q.M.) J. C. Cox, M.B.E.	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major G. B. Curtis, M.C.	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major J. W. Sewell	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill	4/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
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Major (Q.M.) G. C. Forman	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
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Major G. Mason	Tanganyika Rifles.
Major (Q.M.) C. G. Rousell	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major P. G. Collyer	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major H. C. Millman	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Major P. H. Clayton, M.B.E.	Royal Military College of Science.
Major G. G. Strong	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Major D. J. Wright	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Major J. A. George	H.Q., Aden Sub-Area.
Capt. D. Abbott	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. J. H. S. Burgess (Temp. Major)	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Capt. J. G. F. Naumann	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. R. B. Johnson (Temp. Major)	1st Battalion The West India Regiment.

Capt. J. B. Ray	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Capt. J. T. Day	1st Battalion The West India Regiment.
Capt. M. F. Reynolds (Temp. Major)	Army Operational Research Group.
Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. (Q.M.) J. W. Kemp	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. A. B. S. Faris	Adjutant, Royal Hong Kong Regiment.
Capt. M. E. Girling	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. P. M. P. Stamper	H.Q. Troops, Malta.
Capt. (Q.M.) N. J. Turner	2nd Battalion The Federal Regular Army.
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Capt. H. G. Greatwood	Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion.
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Capt. G. C. Sharpe	A.D.C. to G.O.C. Aldershot District.
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Capt. G. B. Redfern	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Lt. P. A. Gray	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. S. T. W. Anderson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. P. de S. Barrow	Nigeria Military Forces.
Lt. B. B. Hudson	1st Battalion Parachute Regiment.
Lt. D. J. C. Dickens	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Lt. R. W. Acworth	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. S. J. Petzing	1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
Lt. C. E. J. Allanson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Lt. D. H. Hutt	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Major J. O'C. Cosgrove, M.B.E.	The War Office (Q.2).
Major V. T. Farrup	Camp Commandant, Nairobi.
Major S. F. Harris	Military Corrective Training Centre.
Major D. Coates	H.Q. Field Records, B.A.O.R.
Major J. Davies, M.B.E., M.M.	G.H.Q., Far Eastern Land Forces.
Major (Q.M.) E. E. Dickinson	H.Q., Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison.
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Capt. R. N. Hart	H.Q., 11th Infantry Brigade Group.
Capt. J. G. F. Hayes	H.Q.1 (B.R.) Corps, B.A.O.R.
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Lt. A. J. Titcombe	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. H. G. D. Smith	Home Counties Brigade Depot.

## (c) Warrant Officers

W.O.1 (R.S.M.) F. B. Oram	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.1 (R.S.M.) R. H. Esler	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.1 (R.S.M.) G. E. Mileham	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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W.O.1 (Bandmaster) W. Snowden	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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W.O.2 (C.S.M.) J. A. Rodgers	.. ..	Royal Hong Kong Defence Force.
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W.O.2 (C.S.M.) R. L. Wildgoose	.. ..	1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
		B.A.O.R.
W.O.2 (O.R.Q.M.S.) E. A. C. Pott	.. ..	1st Battalion Tanganyika Rifles.
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W.O.2 (C.S.M.) D. Crowther	.. ..	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
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