



"I NAME THIS YACHT BRAGANZA"  
Mrs. J. G. Wells, wife of H.M.S. Excellent's captain, launching Excellent's new yacht at Whale Island on 13th September, 1962  
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## Editorial

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IN our last issue we described the circumstances under which the Victoria Cross awarded to Pte. Edward Dwyer in 1915 had recently come into the possession of the Regiment. We have had sent to us by Lt.-Col. H. F. Stoneham, O.B.E., a copy of a letter written to him by L/Cpl. Dwyer from France in 1915. We publish an abridged version of the letter; it is of historical interest and expresses the thoughts of a very brave and devoted soldier. It is an inspiring example of our regimental spirit and a clear indication of the mutual confidence and re-

gard which existed between the soldiers and their officers in the very trying and arduous conditions of the First World War.

Last year the Regiment was adopted by the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers. How this valued distinction came about is related in a short article on this ancient and honourable Company.

The Regiment has suffered a grievous loss in the death of one of its most distinguished and honoured members, Maj.-Gen. Ivor Hughes. We include an obituary written by Maj.-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. We received, among many tributes and messages of condolence, a letter from Lt.-Col. J. R. Birch, D.S.O., late The Cheshire Regiment. We reproduce his letter.

With extreme regret we record also the death of the oldest surviving Regular Officer of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. H. C. Whinfield. The obituary is written by Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE, 17th JULY, 1962

This photograph was taken at the Royal Garden Party for recipients of the Victoria Cross and George Cross. It is of great Regimental interest. Waiting to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen can be seen two of the Regiment's holders of the Victoria Cross. They are Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., and Lt.-Col. E. C. T. Wilson, V.C.



Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., Royal Navy, speaking before the service

## H.M.S. Excellent

The following letter was received by the Colonel of the Regiment from Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., R.N., H.M.S. Excellent:

H.M.S. Excellent,  
Whale Island,  
Portsmouth,  
Hants.  
15th May, 1962.

The Colonel of the Regiment replied as follows:

Headquarters,  
Aldershot District,  
Steeles Road,  
Aldershot,  
Hants.  
16th May, 1962.

Dear Gen. Metcalfe,  
The Nuffield Trust for the Forces of the Crown has very generously approved a grant for H.M.S. Excellent to build a replacement for the ex-German Windfall yacht Sea Wraith. The new boat, a Maica class of 5 tons, should be completed in August of this year. Considerable thought has been given to choosing a name. A rough census of opinion of sailing gunnery officers gave a majority in favour of Braganza.

I would be most grateful if the Regiment would consider giving approval for H.M.S. Excellent to call their yacht by this name.

We should be only too pleased if your officers and men would sail in her next year and I feel sure the boat will further cement our ties of friendship.

Yours,  
(Sgd.) John Wells.

Dear Capt. Wells,  
Thank you very much for your letter of 15th May.

My Regiment will be delighted and honoured if you call your new yacht Braganza. We should also regard it as a great privilege if some of us were allowed to sail in her occasionally.

We wish you the best of luck with her.  
(Sgd.) J. F. Metcalfe.

### THE LAUNCHING OF BRAGANZA

On 13th September, 1962, at Whale Island, there took place a dignified, impressive, and altogether delightful ceremony. In perfect weather and in the presence of Admiral Sir Alexander Bingley, G.C.B., O.B.E., Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, the ship's company of H.M.S. Excellent, and many guests, the yacht Braganza was launched.





The Rev. W. H. F. Chapman, O.B.E., B.A., Chaplain, Royal Navy, conducting the service

Immediately before the ceremony began Capt. J. G. Wells, D.S.C., Royal Navy, Captain of H.M.S. *Excellent*, in a brief introduction, thanked the designers, ship-builders, and all those whose skill and advice had contributed to the successful completion of the yacht. He expressed the gratitude of all concerned to Lord Nuffield, whose benevolence and generosity had made the project possible financially.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

The Rev. W. H. F. Chapman, O.B.E., B.A., Chaplain, Royal Navy, conducted the Service with the following Prayers:

Brethren, seeing that in the course of our duty we are set in the midst of many and great dangers, and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayers in seeking his blessing upon this yacht and all that shall serve in her, that she may sail under God's good providence and protection, and that there may never be lacking men well qualified to offer in her their work and skill for His greater glory and for the wellbeing of our realm and Commonwealth.

Part of Psalm 107.

They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters.

These men see the works of the Lord: and His wonders in the deep.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: He delivereth them out of their distress.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.

Who so is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Let us Pray.

O Thou that sittest above the water floods, and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech Thee, the supplication of Thy servants for all who in this yacht, now and hereafter shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep. In all ways enable them, truly and godly to serve Thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth Thy glory throughout the earth. Watch over them in their going out and their coming in, that no

evil befall them, nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of this troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, bring them of Thy mercy to the sure Haven of Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then followed the Lord's Prayer.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God Almighty, who blesseth those who put their trust in Thee, let Thy blessing be upon this yacht and upon all who serve and sail in her. May good success and Thy protection and the guardianship of Thy holy angels be with them always, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us His peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

\* \* \*

The Service completed, Commander C. J. Balfour, Royal Navy, asked Mrs. J. G. Wells, wife of *Excellent's* Captain, to launch the yacht.

With the words "I name this yacht *Braganza*; may good luck attend her and all who sail in her," Mrs. Wells released a bottle of champagne. The bottle struck home fair and square and broke on *Braganza's* bow. To the strains of "*Braganza*," played by the Royal Marine Band, the yacht slipped gracefully into the water. This was a particularly moving moment for those members of the Regiment who were privileged to be present.

As the craft took to the water there emerged from below decks a crew of white-clad sailors who skilfully manipulated her alongside the catamarans. *Braganza* was now open for inspection.

She is beautifully fitted and appointed. Her fore cabin bears a plaque. A reproduction of this plaque is shown opposite.

The inspection of the yacht was followed by a buffet lunch.

We left Whale Island happy in the thought that we had witnessed the forging of yet another link in the long chain of friendship which exists between H.M.S. *Excellent* and the Regiment, and with the realisation that we had been privileged to attend a very happy naval occasion.



Braganza takes to the water

#### BRAGANZA

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REGIMENT

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FIRST OF JUNE, 1794

The Regiment was raised in 1661 to defend Tangier, part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza, wife of King Charles the Second.



## The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

With very great pleasure and gratification we received the news that the Regiment has been adopted by The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers. Our first link with the Company was established in 1938 when each of the Livery Companies of the City of London agreed to adopt a London Territorial Army Unit. The Stationers and Newspaper Makers' Company decided to adopt the 6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment and this was confirmed by an Order of the Court of Assistants at its meeting on 28th July, 1938. It was thus most appropriate that a meeting was held in Stationers' Hall on 13th December, 1939, of friends of the Battalion, including representatives of the Company, when it was decided to form a War Welfare Committee to deal with such of our soldiers' needs as were not provided by the Army.

Throughout the war years 1939 to 1945 the Welfare Committee by its very energetic and devoted efforts earned the gratitude of all ranks of 1/6th and 2/6th Battalions. Gifts and comforts of every description were sent to the men at the Front. All located prisoners of war were written to, and soldiers' families and dependants cared for and helped in every possible way. Problems were straightened out and, where necessary, grants were made to assist in replacing furniture and clothing. Thus the soldiers, knowing that their dependants were being cared for were able to devote themselves wholeheartedly to the job of defeating the enemy.

The Welfare Committee made a great contribution to the success of the battalions in the field. In order to achieve all this a very considerable sum of money had to be raised. The largest donation to the Fund was the Annual Grant from the Stationers' Company.

The Company is more than 400 years old and celebrated its quarter-centenary on 4th May, 1957. Their origin, however, is considerably earlier. In 1403 certain craftsmen who supplied the Scriveners with parchment, paper, pens, and material for binding, formed a Guild which they called the Guild of Stationers. With the introduction of printing

in England the numbers of the Guild had so increased that the Stationers decided to become a Livery Company. They applied to the Crown for a Royal Charter which was granted on 4th May, 1557.

The headquarters of the Company is Stationers' Hall, Ludgate Hill. In the early days the Guild of Stationers had a hall in Milk Street. In 1554 it moved its headquarters to St. Peter's College, a dissolved monastery, on the south-west side of St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1611 Burgavenny House, the town residence of the Earls of Abergavenny, was bought and a hall was erected on the site, but this was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. A start was made at once to clear the site on which the present hall stands, and the building was finished by 1670. In the bombing of the City of London during the Second World War the hall suffered considerable damage. In an air raid on 15th October, 1940, between one and two o'clock in the morning, the roof and beautiful ceiling of the hall were almost completely destroyed and the Court Room was wrecked. Happily, after the war, these were restored to their former beauty.

The government of the Stationers' Company is vested in a Master, two Wardens and a Court of Assistants. There are about 30 assistants, chosen from the Livery according to their seniority, except in the case of Aldermen of the City, who are invited to serve after having gained that distinction. At present it takes a Liveryman quite 30 years from the date of joining to get on to the Court. An important function of the Court has always been administering charity. There are altogether some 40 different benefactions, including those of Thomas Guy, founder of Guy's Hospital, 1717; Elizabeth Baldwin, 1776, for overcoats for aged composers, and Luke Hansard (father of the originator of Hansard's Debates) 1818, for Prayer Books to be given to apprentices.

The Stationers is one of the few companies which admits to membership only those who are connected with the industry for which it was originally founded. In 1933 an amal-

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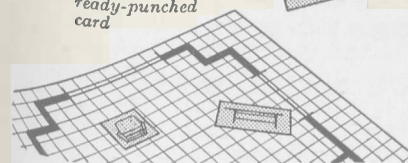


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SINCE the last issue of the Journal, the Battalion has moved to Hong Kong, that somewhat extraordinary enclosure in the "bamboo curtain." Even now, after the first impressions have either been confirmed or corrected, there are mixed feelings. There are a number who still pine for Aden, the blessed certainty of the weather, the sense of comradeship with others forced to endure a spell of duty there, the bathing beaches and, perhaps most important of all, more LOA and cheaper prices. However, it is often true that for a soldier, the last posting was good, the present one hell, and the next one a paradise, so perhaps the doubters can take courage. We don't know where we are going next.

Anyway it is in Hong Kong that we find ourselves. And let us be honest, there are many worse places. We are fortunate to be located in the barracks at Stanley Fort, the southernmost tip of the island and a lovely position. The barracks are not new, they were built in 1937, but they are comfortable and fairly "soldier-proof," much to the delight of the Quartermaster. Unfortunately, the barracks are not quite large enough for a battalion and therefore rifle companies in turn do a six-months' spell at Lyemun, in a barracks which overlooks Hong Kong Harbour.

Shopping in Hong Kong is, of course, world famous and it is true that one can buy the most lovely things here. After Aden, though, prices are not generally cheap, the local businessmen are now cashing in on their reputation and they are more skilful at bargaining than the Arabs. Even so most luxury goods are much cheaper than in U.K. and certainly one can spend hours window-shopping.

We have found the weather is uncertain and it can rain very hard indeed, and because of this the Colony is green and humid

throughout summer. The hills are steep and often covered with a vicious form of secondary jungle, but the view from the top is breath-taking, the sharp green outlines of the hills set in blue, blue water. One man, a crofter from the Hebrides, was heard to say that it reminded him of Scotland and, surely, there can be no greater praise than that.

The trip on H.T. *Oxfordshire* was a welcome respite from normal duties, though it must be admitted that the ship's permanent staff proved to be expert at finding employment for a great number of men each day. However, the *Oxfordshire* has a large forward deck space and a number of different deck games took place each afternoon. Quite a number of soldiers were fortunate enough to be able to shoot at balloons over the stern of the ship.

After a choppy voyage from Singapore, we arrived in Hong Kong on a clear, warm, sunny day. The order of dress was full battle dress, which even the old Aden hands found a trifle sticky. After three days we were only too glad of full battle dress, and a sweater or two as well, as it suddenly turned very cold and the Stanley Peninsula gave a very good imitation of Dartmoor in winter.

On arrival we found that the advance party, under Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C., had performed a near-miracle in arranging accommodation for all the families, who had travelled from Aden with the Battalion. As our predecessors, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, were due to go back to UK in the *Oxfordshire*, many families had to go into hotels for a few days, but eventually everyone was sorted out quite happily.

No sooner had we unpacked, when rehearsals started for the Queen's Birthday Parade on 12th April. We had the honour to be selected to play the leading part in the



parade, that of the "Feu de Joie" Battalion. The parade was held on a road in Kowloon and, to avoid interfering with the normal heavy traffic, the main rehearsals were held at first light. This meant breakfast at 0330 hrs. for all men on parade.

On the day the salute was taken by His Excellency The Governor, supported by the Service Commanders. After the "Feu de Joie," the Battalion headed the march past and a drive past of representatives of all Service units in Hong Kong. The parade was a great success and the part in it played by the Battalion was magnificently done. Part of a letter from Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Hewetson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander British Forces Hong Kong, to the Commanding Officers sums it up thus:

"Just a line to thank you personally and all ranks of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for a very fine performance on the Queen's Birthday Parade. I am most grateful to you and realise the hard work and practice that must have gone into perfecting the drill, especially that for 'Feu de Joie.' This was the first I had seen and heard with the new rifle and I think it was excellently done and most impressive. I know His Excellency the Governor was most impressed and so were the 'senior citizens' of Hong Kong."

His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Robert Black, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., also wrote to the Commanding Officer in similar terms.

The next ceremonial occasion was a beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums on the square at Stanley Fort on the 2nd May. This was followed by a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess, the Officers' first official entertainment in Hong Kong. His Excellency the Governor honoured us with his presence, and present also were the Commander British Forces and the Chief of the Air Staff, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Thomas Pike, and Lady Pike, who were visiting Hong Kong. Many other senior Government officials and senior officers were also present.

On 9th May, fifty Hong Kong other ranks joined the Battalion. They are by no means the first Chinese to join the British Army, but we believe that it is the first time that Chinese soldiers have been incorporated in a Battalion to such an extent. Many of these are ordinary riflemen and they carry out the

normal duties of an ordinary soldier. They arrived at an opportune moment as at the end of May we lost the final large drafts of National Servicemen. We were sorry to see the latter go as, like all National Servicemen, they had given full and cheerful service during their stay. We do, however, already appreciate the greater stability of at last being an almost all regular battalion.

Towards the end of the month of May, Battalion Headquarters and "A" and "B" Companies took part in the round-up of Chinese refugees from the Chinese People's Republic. This proved in many ways an arduous and irksome task but in other respects it was an opportunity for the Companies to do something out of the ordinary. The Battalion received many plaudits for the way the task was carried out. Among these there was a letter from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, New Territories, who commanded the operation:

"I am writing to convey to you, your officers and men, how much we in the Police appreciate the ready and efficient assistance afforded to us during the recent operation in this district.

It was a great pleasure and comfort to have such assistance, which at the same time made for good relationships which may be of great value in the future. Thank you very much for all you did."

In May Lt. D. Hutt, Sgt. Anderson and 13 men went to Korea to form part of an honour guard with the United States Eighth Army. They returned in July, not noticeably Americanised, and with a considerable reputation for smartness. They visited some of the Korean battlefields and also a number of American and South Korean units.

On 11th July R.S.M. P. Floyd arrived to take over from R.S.M. P. J. Collman, M.B.E. Mr. Floyd came to us from The Queen's Own Buffs and we welcome him to The Queen's Surreys and hope that he will have a very happy and successful tour with the Battalion. R.S.M. Collman said a final farewell on 26th July and returned to U.K. for commissioning, a course at the MT School, and then back to Aden, to the Federal Army. He has had service with Arabs before, in North Africa, and we wish him the best of good fortune.

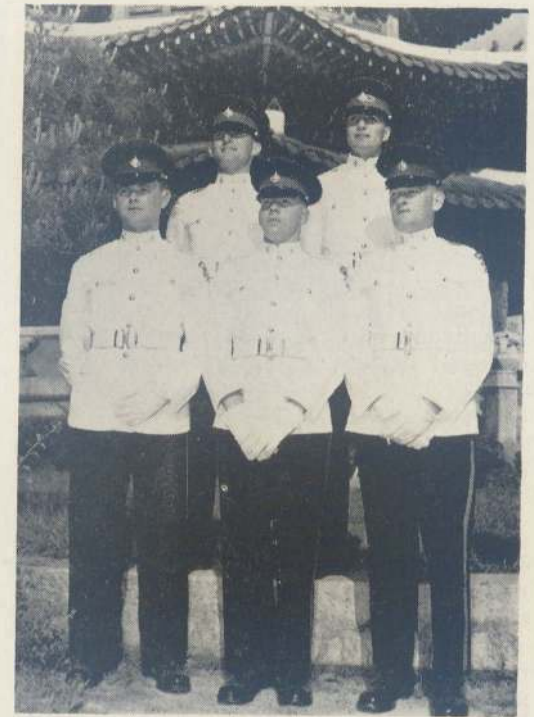
Besides visits from local Service Commanders, during the summer, we have also

been visited by the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir Nigel Poett; the Military Secretary, Gen. Sir William F. Stirling; and the Chief of Staff Far East Land Forces, Maj.-Gen. Williams. The main day, of course, was the visit of Gen. Poett, which took place on 30th July. During a comprehensive tour he saw many aspects of the Battalion training and administration, and stayed to lunch in the Officers' Mess, after also visiting the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess. After this visit the Commanding Officer received a personal letter of thanks and congratulations from the C-in-C. on the arrangements for the visit. An extract said:

"I thought the Battalion looked in excellent shape and I was delighted to see how well you had settled down in Hong Kong. I hope you will have a very happy and successful tour there."

The Commander British Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Hewetson also twice went out of his way to tell the Commanding Officer what a good day it was.

As these notes were going to press, Typhoon "Wanda" hit Hong Kong on 1st September. This was one of the most severe storms that has hit the colony for some time and caused much loss of life and damage. The Battalion was fortunate; no one was injured though a fair amount of damage was caused and many people have spent days



HONOUR GUARD - KOREA

Five members of the Honour Guard provided by the 1st Battalion at United Nations Headquarters in Korea. (In rear) Pte. Dougan, Pte. Goddard (in front), Pte. Maye, Pte. Jones, Pte. Collins



The Commander-in-Chief FARELF, Lt.-Gen. Sir Nigel Poett, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, inspecting the guard



baling out their quarters. In some places wind speeds neared 170 knots so it is not perhaps surprising that many trees came down in the barracks and many have lost most of their leaves. The barracks looked as if it had had an R.S.M.'s haircut. But in view of the devastation caused in other parts of the Colony, the Battalion must indeed count itself lucky.

Immediately the storm started to abate the Commanding Officer despatched parties into our local village of Stanley, and they were immediately hard at work clearing fallen trees and helping in the first stages of rehabilitation of the local people. The wives of the Battalion rallied round and produced a wonderful collection of clothes for the homeless.

#### "A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	..	Major D. R. Bishop
Second-in-Command	..	Capt. B. D. S. Burton
Platoon Commanders	..	Lt. D. J. C. Dickins Lt. J. M. B. Westing Lt. A. J. Titcombe 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling
C.S.M.	..	W.O.2 A. Quickenden
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. R. Riley

Since the Battalion's arrival in Hong Kong there has been a large number of changes in the Company. Among the first to leave were Major Ambrose and C/Sgt. Todd. Major Ambrose remained with the Company for one month before handing over command to Major Bishop and departing to take command of the hidden hordes of "H.Q." Company. It was long enough to see us through the Queen's Birthday Parade, but not long enough for him to carry out the usual ploy of transferring half the Company strength to "H.Q." Company.

After a celebrated career on the Regimental Police, C/Sgt. Riley came to take over from C/Sgt. Todd on the latter's promotion to C.S.M. C.S.M. Todd remained with the Company for a few weeks before leaving to take up an appointment with 4th Queen's Surreys. With two C.S.M.s and an ex-Provost Sergeant in the Company there were rumblings that the hierarchy was overloaded and the odds, always favourable to the ruling classes, were now excessively weighted in their favour.

For the first three weeks in May we provided our quota of men for Force Guards. Any fears that they would be deprived of the

quiet fatherly advice of C.S.M. Wilson by having to live in Victoria Barracks were dispelled when he was appointed Force Guards Warrant Officer and thus was able to continue his famous series of "Uncle Bernie's" chats for lonely soldiers.

From 21st to 26th May we were deployed near the frontier in the New Territories on Operation "Seal," the operation to stop the influx of illegal immigrants from Communist China. After taking part in a swoop during the first day, we deployed to our Company Area, which was centred on Robin's Nest, a 1,600-ft. height overlooking the frontier. We had a very large "beat" and the issue of radio sets on a scale one to each section was certainly essential. Even the Platoon Commanders felt like Army Group Commanders as they manœuvred their unseen cohorts by remote control. Two people who did not need radios were C.S.M. Wilson and C/Sgt. Riley, whose conversations were reported to be audible over the whole Battalion area. Rumour has it that it was an altercation between these two over responsibility for the loss of the company H.Q. bottle-opener that caused the Chinese communists to close the frontier. They just could not stand the noise any longer. However, this rumour was probably started by "B" Company, our friends and neighbours in barracks, who are always slightly sensitive about interference with their mid-morning siesta.

Two officers and 10 ratings from H.M.S. *Ark Royal* were attached to the Company at their own request during the operation. One of the officers was Sub-Lieutenant Trotman, brother of Capt. Trotman of the Regiment. Their arrival was greeted with emotions ranging from the stark incredulity of Messrs. Stevens and Williams, who clearly thought that the fish-heads were only one stage removed from volunteering for the madhouse, to the scarcely veiled hostility of C/Sgt. Riley, whose attitude, however, changed to one of great friendship when he discovered that the sailors had brought their own rations and some to spare. We greatly enjoyed having them with us and were sorry when their time came to leave and they limped back to their ship's comforts.

C/Sgt. Riley, incidentally, performed a minor miracle in feeding the refugees who passed through the Company compound. Our first day's haversack rations were hardly touched (no reflection on the Messing Officer,

of course) and three days and several hundred refugees later he was still handing out the remains, ably assisted by L/Cpl. Amos and Pte. Lowder. The food was, of course, slightly tired by then and one wondered if the trio's chant of "Win the hearts and minds of the people" was really compatible with the food they were handing out. Still it was all eaten, with every sign of pleasure.

A mild flutter of excitement was caused by the arrival of pack mules to carry our administrative requirements. Alas for ambition, the Chinese muleteers firmly nipped all suggestions of point-to-point mule races in the bud—much to jockey McGrath's disgust. Still, the mules served us well and if they were inclined to dig their heels in at times, well, there are plenty of men in the Company who can outstay a mule at that game.

The operation closed on a day that began with torrential rain. The rain did something which no soldier has yet been able to achieve—the breaking of the Company charwallah's spirit. He fled for cover, leaving only the Colour-Sergeant's brew to brace us before we shuffled across the hills in the pre-dawn murk for the final swoop. The old Anglo-Saxon tongue was heard at its finest as crash after crash announced that yet another good man was on the way toward the bottom of hill or gully by the shortest route.

And so back to barracks—but not for long. A week later we were back in the New Territories at Sai Kung for a week of Company training followed by three weeks of platoon detachment camps. The C.O. visited us during one of our 24-hour exercises. Of the two types of weather which Hong Kong has to offer—broiling heat or torrential rain—he chose the latter. At the end of his several hours' trek across the hills he did not order, as some anticipated, a general issue of aqualungs; instead he issued that most popular of orders "a tot of rum per man." Alas, no mules this time, and some time elapsed before we could carry out the order. On the last leg of his tour the C.O. decided to go straight down the side of a hill instead of following the hill track. Protests were of no avail, and, hotly pursued by the Company Commander and L/Cpl. Larthe de Langladure, the attached Company H.Q. Signaller, he plunged to the depths. Retribution followed when, after having to batter their way through thick jungle and water-

falls at the foot of the hill the trio came out on a piece of terracing occupied by three tethered water buffalo. Both sides made a rapid appreciation, the water buffalo decided that the odds were in their favour, and, ripping themselves free, went into the attack. The other side had already started to withdraw in accordance with their own appreciation. The C.O. and Company Commander showing great field craft and a remarkable turn of speed were soon on safe ground, but the unfortunate Langladure, not having such well-developed eye for a withdrawal route, received a full charge—but on his A41 set. It was the only time that day he was glad to be carrying it. Hill tracks came back into favour after that incident.

Capt. Girling left us to swell the ranks of "H.Q." Company shortly before we went to Sai Kung and was relieved by Capt. Burton. When we returned to barracks it was time for Sgt. "Punchy" Gardner to pack his kit and return to his beloved home town (known to C.S.M. Wilson as "the arid wastes of Croydon") before taking up an appointment with 3rd Queen's Surreys. As he went he boasted: "After this lot I'll be able to jump right over those Surrey hills." His short stay in Hong Kong was a glorious one—he won the Individual Heavyweight Championships of Hong Kong and F.A.R.E.L.F.

In August C.S.M. "Bernie" Wilson left us to learn advanced ledger juggling under the tutelage of the Q.M. before going to Arabia as R.Q.M.S. of the Trucial Oman Scouts. His heart-to-heart talks and fluent mastery of the tongue that Shakespeare did not speak will be missed by all true connoisseurs of C.S.M.-manship. However, as his place has been taken by C.S.M. Bert Quickenden it is perhaps just a little premature for "B" Company to remove the sound-proofing yet. Another "A" Company veteran is sadly packing his loot as these notes are written. Sgt. Speakman, virtuoso of the mortar and Platoon Sergeant of Support Platoon, is about to depart for a tour as Battalion Recruiter.

To all those who have left the Company we extend our very best wishes and thanks for all the efforts they made in their various spheres for the Company's good. To all those who have joined us we wish a happy stay. To inspire them we can only draw attention to the large number of men, who, having at various times left for pastures new,





OPERATION "SEAL"

A helicopter taking off a casualty

have decided that home is best and have returned to the fold of "happy 'A.'"

### "B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	..	Major D. J. Wright
Second-in-Command	..	Capt. K. R. Burnett
Platoon Commanders	..	Lt. D. H. Hutt
	..	Lt. C. G. Reeves
	..	2/Lt. R. P. Murphy
Support Platoon Commander	..	Lt. C. E. J. Allanson
C.S.M.	..	W.O.2 K. Yonwin
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. R. Proud

Readers of the previous edition of the Journal will remember that "B" Company, as well as being the first Company to go to Mukeiras, were also the last. On the 14th February the Company rear party marched down to the airstrip to board an R.A.F. Valetta. As we circled Mukeiras for the last time we could see the orderly row of tents in the Federal Army Camp, the rugged stone buildings of the village and, finally, the huge regimental badge on Soames Hill. This badge was constructed by the Company during their last few weeks in camp and the Naib of Mukeiras, who has been so good a friend, promised the Company Commander that the badge would be kept in good repair.

Two days later Major Geoffrey Mason left the Company to go to the Tanganyika

Rifles and Major D. J. Wright took over the Company.

On 19th February we left Waterloo Lines, embarked on H.T. *Oxfordshire*, and sailed away from the "Garden of Eden." During the trip we played numerous deck games and shot over the boat with some success. The monotony of the voyage was broken by calls at Colombo and Singapore. Lt. Reeves was the only lucky member of the Battalion permitted ashore at Colombo as his parents live there and he had been granted three weeks' leave to recover from a bout of jaundice.

On 3rd March we arrived alongside Kowloon Jetty. Within two hours the Company reached Stanley Barracks and "marrieds" moved to various hotels to await the vacation of their quarters by families of The Northumberland Fusiliers.

We soon settled in to our half-block in the barracks and nobody even noticed the fact that there were no air-conditioners. (The ones in Aden hardly ever worked anyway!)

Within a few days of arrival we started to rehearse for the Queen's Birthday Parade. After considerable amount of hard work on the square we started rehearsals on the actual site for the parade with other units. This

involved a very early reveille and a trip by lorry to Kowloon two mornings each week. One morning, to the consternation of the Company Commander, the ferry sailed away. Did Pte. Whittle blow his nose or was it Byrne's Irish mutterings which caused the boat to go without us? However, shortly all was well and we sailed with the rest of the Battalion to this particular rehearsal. The parade itself on 12th April was a resounding success.

At the beginning of May we took over the duties of Force Guards, which include mounting guard on Government House. On several occasions members of the Company were inspected by His Excellency the Governor and were congratulated on turnout and drill.

Having completed our stint of guards, we moved to the New Territories on 20th May to aid the police in dealing with the sudden influx of refugees coming over the Hong Kong Chinese Border. Having deployed near the Border, we patrolled night and day and, rather like shepherds, escorted refugees to the Company collecting point, which was ably run by the Company clerks, Cpl. Walking-Long as the purveyor of sweets, cigarettes and tea (these were given by men of the Company to revive the refugees, many of whom had been on the run for five days and more) and Pte. Sadler as recorder and registrar.

We also supervised the evacuation by helicopter of six of those who were unable to walk due to illness. The helicopter landed on the edge of a paddy field, cleared by No. 4 Platoon. L/Cpl. Lamkin, B.E.M., gave us the low-down and Pte. O'Neill seemed only too willing to jump aboard the chopper to act as escort.

On 17th May a number of men from the Company were entertained by H.M.S. *Lincoln*. We set sail at 0830 and in a short time we were beating through the Lyemun gap. Before lunch we watched some amazing gunnery practice and some practice with a new type of depth-charge.

After an excellent lunch on the mess deck we were entertained in a typically nautical fashion. The ship's duty watch sighted a "pirate vessel." After shots across her bows she failed to heave to, so a boarding party put out from H.M.S. *Lincoln* to teach the villains a lesson. The pirate crew, a motley bunch containing at least two Blackbeards, three Long John Silvers and one Billy Bones,

fought back but were soon overcome and Her Majesty's Far East Fleet triumphed again. At 4 p.m. we berthed, had tea and left the ship, still wondering what business such blackguards as Blackbeard and Long John Silver had in these waters. Some of the Company still think their hide-out is on Stonecutters Island, where we did our annual classification in May.

From 8-12th July Cpl. Cherry, L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Ayres, Cahalane, Ginsberg and McKenna patrolled the high seas with the Royal Navy on board H.M.S. *Lanton*. They did their watches and told the time by bells, but they returned still preferring the life of a "Pongo."

On 16th June Lt. Reeves took out a patrol of 16 N.C.O.s and men to tour some of the offshore islands of Hong Kong. The purpose of the patrol, apart from showing the flag, was to check on the health and welfare of the Chinese fishermen and crofters who live on these little islands. During their visit to one island they found 14 refugees. This was reported back and within a few hours a police launch had met up with the patrol and the refugees had been taken into custody.

The Korean Honour Guard returned at the end of July. Lt. Hutt, the Guard Commander, on his return to the Company, presented a very colourful "B" Company Standard to the Company Commander. This now stands in a place of honour in the Company Office. The guard certainly seems to have improved diplomatic relations with the various countries represented on the Honour Guard. However, C.S.M. Yonwin finds Pte. Pugh's American Drill a little disconcerting.

We have taken our full share of the Battalion's boxing successes. Congratulations are due to Ptes. McKenna, Holness, McMullen and McLean on representing the Battalion in the Hong Kong Amateur Championship and the Command Championship in Singapore with considerable success.

Lt. Reeves and Pte. McLean were in the Battalion second team for the Round the Colony Race. Up until half-way they were second to the Gurkha team, who eventually won.

In the Battalion Swimming Competition, on 24th July, we came a close second to "H.Q." Company. The team went on from there to enter for the Command Minor Units Competition, where they excelled



themselves by coming third. "B" Company was the smallest representative team.

### "C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	Major P. G. F. M. Roupell
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. T. C. Rogerson
Platoon Commanders ..	Lt. P. A. Gray
	Lt. S. J. Petzing
	Lt. A. C. Ward
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 W. Warren
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. R. Gould

On our arrival in Hong Kong we found ourselves the odd men out. There being insufficient room at Stanley, the Company was detached in the Barracks at Lyemun, on the north-east of the island and overlooking the entrance to Hong Kong Harbour. The Barracks there are very good and we shared them with the Command Pay Office and the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit amongst other small units. However, this suited everyone very well, being nearer the lights of Wanchai, and further away from the management.

From the start the Company were involved in the Queen's Birthday Parade; most of us practised the "Feu de Joie," but a few lucky men in Support Platoon had a drive past with a Mobat.

A most successful Battalion Football Knockout Competition was organised, which the Company team, led by Cpl. Braiden, won, beating "H.Q. Company 5-2 in a very exciting final. The team was: Sibley; Haye, Cpl. Braiden; Cooper, Cpl. Hickman, L/Cpl. Wall; Gilbert, Ruddock, Dougan, McKinnon, Gearing. McKinnon has played several games for the Army in the Colony. Gilbert has been in the winning team before when "B" Company won the competition.

It was difficult to fit in much training with the mass of drill parades, but the Company did climb Mount Parker (527 metres) and carried out other energetic section training up the hills around the barracks.

In May the Support Platoon took part in a Battalion Support Weapons Cadre finishing with three days on the Ha Tsuen Range, while most of the remaining National Servicemen smartened themselves up for the last time and guarded the Governor on Force Guards. At the same time Lt. Ward took out a security patrol from No. 9 Platoon, which involved some marches over difficult country, a lot of swimming and beer, and was a

successful trip! The remaining Regulars went up to Lo Wy Ranges to classify at the end of May. While there they saw the start of the mass influx of refugees from China, which the rest of the Battalion had to cope with later. It was a sad moment for us to say goodbye to so many of the Company in June as our large National Service Groups left for England; their loss was more apparent as the Company was temporarily very short in numbers.

Capt. Rogerson joined us in June from his tour with the Royal Marines, full of enthusiasm for fitness training. Very soon he had us out on the rocks below the barracks rushing up and sliding down ropes. The Company soon got the knack and many soldiers surprised themselves as to what they could do. At the end of June the Company went on a 24-hour exercise aptly named "Dam Busters." The Support Platoon defended one of the reservoir dams while Capt. Rogerson, Sgt. Chaffer and the remainder of the Company had to blow it up with a tin of lemonade powder (dangerous stuff that). Although they succeeded in placing the tin in the dam this was disallowed, as they had, in the process, removed the Company Commander's beret and cigarettes—and he was chief umpire!

Lt. Ward left us after that for what, he hoped, were the brighter lights of Singapore, where he was going to teach Malay recruits. We last heard that the lights were not as bright as he had been told. Lt. Petzing joined the Company in mid-July, back from courses in England.

Lt. Gray took most of the Support Platoon to the Border for the first 17 days of July, where they manned an observation post. This was rather monotonous after a time, especially as little excitement occurred—an interesting experience none the less. The last half of July was a busy time. Much hard work at I.S. drills resulted in the Company I.S. Platoon (most of No. 9 Platoon and all Support Platoon, under Lt. Gray) winning the Battalion I.S. Platoon Competition. This surprised everyone, and the winners got a pint tankard each, which was most generous of the P.R.I.

While preparation for the competition was still going on a very wet couple of days were spent on Stonecutters Island (just off Kowloon) classifying on our personal weapons. Finally, an interesting Infantry/Tank Co-operation Exercise was held with the 17/21st



Left to right: Ptes. Robinson, Morgan, McKinney (at back), Reason, Mustoe (Signaller), Price (A.C.C. Cook), Mason (Driver), L/Cpl. Donnelly, Ptes. Hankins, Gilbert, L/Cpl. Bodkin. Sgt. Carr (in front)

### MEMBERS OF THE SUPPORT PLATOON IN THE OBSERVATION POST

Lancers. This was the first work of this kind the Company had done and we got quite a good report from the Commanding Officer. Everyone learnt something, not the least how unpleasant it is rushing up hills in hot weather.

The Company is just about to provide another security patrol, more men for Force Guards and a move to Stanley. The time has gone so fast since our arrival in Hong Kong that we can only assume we must have been busy.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	Major W. G. R. Ambrose
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. M. E. Girling
Rece Pltn. Commander	Lt. S. T. W. Anderson
Signals Pltn. Commander	Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson
M.T. Pltn. Commander ..	Lt. R. W. Bing
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 H. G. Skilton
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. B. Dunkeld
	C/Sgt. R. Vickers

On our arrival in the land of Suzie Wong we moved into no less than two barrack blocks in Stanley Barracks, though it is true that Battalion Headquarters occupies some parts of one block and Training Company a corner of the other.

Shortly after our arrival Sgt. Anderson and Pte. Hoskins left us to take part in the United Nations Honour Guard in Korea.

They have now returned and told us that the experience was very interesting indeed.

Also, shortly after our arrival, many of us who are usually only seen on pay parades, found ourselves in what we think was the smartest guard on the Queen's Birthday Parade.

Capt. H. M. Hare, then Signals Officer, led a team of signallers in the Round the Colony Race, a great event in the Colony, which involves climbing all the highest mountains on the island and the mainland. Sgt. Terry was Second-in-Command of the other Battalion team. The race was by vehicle, foot, and water to each check point on the tops of the many hills, but, in spite of assistance from a 50-knot speed-boat, we did not win. However, much useful experience was gained and, boy, were we fit! At risk of seeming conceited, we are really rather pleased with our efforts in the various Battalion competitions. Our teams in the First-Aid and Stretcher-Bearers Competitions thoroughly deserved the tankards they received as winners. As the day was very hot they lost no time in trying them out.

Again our efforts were rewarded when we managed to get a place in both the Inter-platoon Internal Security Competition and the Inter-company Radiac Monitoring Competition. In addition we look like producing most of the Battalion shooting team. Well done, our sides.



In the sporting field we continue to maintain our standards. We were runners-up in both the football and six-a-side hockey and our "White" team won the Battalion Swimming Shield. The best individual effort was that of Pte. Stovold, who entered for the Round the Island Walkathon; a civilian race of some 40 miles round Hong Kong Island. He came 40th out of 490 starters and completed the gruelling course in 7 hours 49 minutes on a steaming-hot day. Who says the modern soldier can't walk?

Since our arrival in Hong Kong we have, of course, seen a number of changes. Major W. G. R. Ambrose took over command from Major J. W. Sewell, when the latter became Second-in-Command of the Battalion. Capt. Hare has now just taken over from Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira as Adjutant. Capt. Pereira has left the Battalion for a staff appointment after three years in the Adjutant's chair and we wish him the best of good fortune and a less arduous task in his new job. We have said farewell to Capt. Doyle and Francis, who have left for the Staff College and the T.A., respectively. Sgt. Terry has also gone to the T.A. and C.S.M. Quickenden has moved from the Assault Pioneer Platoon to "A" Company. We wish them all good fortune in their new appointments.

Lastly, we regret to record the departure of C.S.M. Harry Skilton, who has served with the Battalion without a break for something like 19 years. He has served through thick and thin in various appointments during that long spell and he, and his "hack-saw on steel" voice, will be sadly missed by all of us. We wish him and his family the very best of good fortune. To replace him we welcome Sgt. Hopkins from "B" Company on promotion to W.O.2. We also welcome Capt. Girling to replace Capt. Doyle, C.S.M. Morris, now our W.T. expert, and Sgt. Putman, now Provost Sergeant. We also congratulate C/Sgt. Warner on his promotion to W.O.2.

#### TRAINING COMPANY

Company Commander . . . Capt. J. G. F. Naumann  
C.S.M. . . . . W.O.2 R. A. Jennings

After the rigours of life on board H.T. Oxfordshire, the small permanent staff of Training Company settled down to prepare for the first course of Continuation Training.

The course was attended by 36 new recruits from the Depot and we were given a month to get them up to Battalion standard. Just before the course started on the 26th March it was discovered that one man just out from U.K. had two left boots. When it was suggested that he might have the matching ones in his M.F.O. box, he said: "Oh, no, they were issued like this."

The course went according to plan and we spent the last week of it in a small training camp at Sai Kung, a very pleasant spot in the New Territories. The Calf's Head Field Firing Area is situated half-way up a large mountain and most of the safety flags are on or near the top; our first taste of Hong Kong hills! On the final exercise, situated on top of a hill, the Platoon had a taste of what Hong Kong weather can do. When they moved in, the position was in thick fog. Just before last light it cleared and Lt. Westing discovered that he had sited the Platoon in full view of the enemy. As darkness fell, a gale blew up, thunder rolled around the hills, and lightning flashed almost non-stop. Soon it began to pour down and it became bitterly cold. A number of men went bathing in their slit trenches and some even suggested that a move back to camp might be a good thing. Even the enemy commanded by the C.S.M. nearly got washed out of their hiding places in a small gully. However, early in the morning the rain stopped and the exercise ended with a spirited attack and then a counter-attack by the enemy, who climbed a nearly vertical hill, to do so.

Morale rose rapidly with the sun and, after breakfast and a brew, everyone was in high spirits again.

The next course run by the Company was a Junior Leaders' Cadre from 30th April to 19th May. On this course we had six N.C.O.s from various Royal Signals Units in Hong Kong, who required a certificate for Infantry Training for promotion. The six who came all did well on the course and we were only too pleased to have them.

Again, the last week of the course was spent at Sai Kung. For the final exercise this time we borrowed a platoon from "A" Company as enemy to the Junior Leaders' Cadre, under Sgt. Gardner. They, too, found Calf's Head a very steep hill, especially with equipment, and the pace set by the C.S.M. was almost too much for them. However, they eventually got into a closely-concealed position, which the Junior Leaders,

despite numerous patrols, never accurately located throughout the two days. This exercise, a fairly arduous one for the Junior Leaders, completed the process of sorting the sheep from the goats so far as the cadre was concerned, and we ended up with a fairly accurate assessment of each aspirant for promotion. Cpl. Holland of "B" Company won the plaque for the best N.C.O. on the course and L/Cpl. Rogers, also of "B" Company, was runner-up.

In June and July small courses of Continuation Training were run. On yet another expedition to Sai Kung, we borrowed a platoon from "B" Company, under Lt. Reeves and Sgt. Hopkins, to act as enemy during the final exercise. The night of this exercise proved something of a *tour de force* for Cpl. Perryman and four of the trainees. Though it set out as a recce patrol, Cpl. Perryman's band soon located the enemy because one of them fell down a hole and spent an hour shouting to Sgt. Hopkins for help. The patrol captured an outpost complete and took a prisoner. Having achieved his mission Cpl. Perryman decided to lay a small ambush for any patrol leaving the enemy position. Again he achieved his object when a large patrol under Lt. Reeves left to locate the Training Company Platoon position. Having overcome this obstacle Lt. Reeves went on only to run into another Training Company patrol led by Cpl. Thompson, who succeeded in shooting up the "B" Company patrol. By this time things were getting a little confused so Lt. Reeves sent back a message to his base for reinforcements to brush aside this opposition. Meanwhile he went on with his quest. The reinforcements duly left the enemy base and came in for their share of attention from the wolves lying in waiting. Then the two "B" Company patrols managed to ambush each other! Who was at fault is still not certain, suffice it to say that it was a very dark night and both were a bit shaken by events.

However, the "B" Company Platoon had its revenge. While looking for further excitement, Cpl. Perryman bumped into Lt. Reeves' Platoon almost at full strength, whilst they were preparing their attack on Training Company, and was put "into the bag." In fact, the patrol would have been shot. In the first stages of the attack, during a very sharp rain storm, Cpl. Perryman and some of his patrol made good their escape by diving into a flooded paddyfield. He re-

turned to base in the cold light of dawn completely soaked, smelling a little, and very tired, but a happy man.

In all fairness, it must be noted that, when it came to Training Company's turn for an attack on the "B" Company position, the Training Company Platoon were encouraged to walk into a well-laid trap, so honours were even in the end.

At the time of writing the Company has just embarked on another Junior Leaders' Cadre and it remains to be seen what the latest bunch of "Young Hopefuls" will produce.

#### THE REST OF THE NEWS

Since we started courses in March a number of changes have taken place in the permanent staff. On the first two courses we had the "Three Musketeers" as Training Corporals—Cpls. Perryman, Jeeves and Rosser. Cpl. Rosser returned to "A" Company in May after quite a spell with the Company in Aden as well as Hong Kong and, shortly afterwards, due to a cut in establishment, Cpl. Jeeves returned to "B" Company. We were sorry to see them go. In place of Cpl. Jeeves we were given Cpl. Thompson of "B" Company, who is preparing to go to Hythe on a platoon weapons course.

We also originally had Lt. J. M. B. Westing as Training Subaltern but we lost him to "A" Company at the time of the "cut." However, by kind permission of his new Company Commander, he returns from time to time to help us out.

We have also lost Ptes. Begley and Kimber on N.S. release, and Pte. Drake to the Drums. In their place we have Ptes. Rodnell and Ronaud.

We have also had great assistance from Sgt. Lea of "C" Company and Sgt. Rickman of "A" Company, who have been loaned to us for various courses. Sad to relate, C.S.M. Jennings, who has been a great tower of strength, is to leave shortly to take up an appointment at Mons O.C.S., where he is to be the first Line Infantry Warrant Officer to be a C.S.M. All such posts have previously been held by members of the Brigade of Guards. We are sure that he will fill this post with distinction and we wish him the very best of good fortune. He is to be replaced by Sgt. Lea, and we welcome him to the Company.



## REGIMENTAL BAND

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

Since the last notes we have moved from the barren rocks of Aden to the lush green hills of Hong Kong. Here our commitments are more plentiful, and more lucrative than in Aden and we are fulfilling them with our usual zest and vigour.

During the voyage, our third in four months on H.T. *Oxfordshire*, we carried out the usual duties required of a band at sea. These range from serenading the first-class passengers to swilling down troop decks. On our arrival at Singapore, many of us revived memories of our previous stay in Malaya and numerous tales of daring deeds were related by the elder members to the less ancient of our number.

Our first major task in Hong Kong was the Queen's Birthday Parade on 12th April. We were fortunate in being the static band and we played most units past the saluting base. We were complimented on our performance on this occasion by His Excellency the Governor.

Our next task was to perform the ceremony of beating Retreat with the Corps of Drums on 2nd May before His Excellency the Governor and a large gathering of senior officers and Government officials. Despite a dull and gloomy evening, the ceremony was up to our usual high standard. Afterwards we played in the Officers' Mess.

During the last six months we have carried out numerous engagements and played at many functions such as race meetings, cocktail parties, park concerts, and have played out numerous civilian ships. In addition to all this, we are also the Defence Platoon of Stanley Fort. If the need arose and the more warlike parts of the Battalion were otherwise engaged, we should lay down our instruments and take to arms. We look quite formidable in equipment and carrying real weapons.

Hong Kong being a gay place, the Dance Band, consisting of Sgt. Lemon, Cpls. Benn and Reynolds and L/Cpls. Imeson and Lemon, has been in great demand, much to the delight of its members. They have played in numerous night-spots and are now rich enough to run a car. They have also performed on the local TV programmes.

In the last six months we have said good-

bye to Bdsman. Bachrach and Bryant, our last National Servicemen, and to L/Cpl. Bromige and Bdsman. Packham to civilian life. Bdsman. Chittenden and Buddle went to the M.T. and the Regimental Police respectively, and Bdsman. Fogarty was evacuated home to U.K. In place of these losses we have welcomed Bdsman. Willis and Bdsman. Heahu from the Junior Bandsman's School at Canterbury, and Bdsman. Bush from the Merchant Navy. We also congratulate Sgt. Lemon, Cpls. Reynolds and Rothwell, L/Cpls. Driver and Ireson on their promotion.

## OFFICERS' MESS

To get to the Officers' Mess at Stanley Fort one keeps on driving steadily round and up the hill on which the barracks stand until one can go no further, and there at the top is the Mess and perhaps one of the best views in Hong Kong. The Mess itself was built just before the war and has spacious rooms and a wide staircase leading up from the entrance hall, and its internal architectural inspiration has much in common with Officers' Messes built just pre-war at home.

On a fine warm afternoon in March, it was a delightful spot to come to. Soon, however, as with the rest of the Fort when the Stanley Peninsula cloud descended, it was damp, cold, and blowy, and we found it was not paradise. Still, there are many worse places than this. Being on top of a hill allows cars which are beginning to feel their age to get a good start. The stairs have seen many rapid and violent progressions down hill on wooden crates in an after-dinner "sport" which Major J. B. C. Palmer, as P.M.C. and O.C. advance party, took over most efficiently from our predecessors, the 1st Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

From the social point of view our first months in Hong Kong have been one of fits and starts. The Hong Kong season tends to be confined to the winter months. Our main social occasion was the cocktail party to mark our arrival which was held on 2nd May after the Retreat beating. Some 250 guests attended this, amongst them His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black, and Lady Black; the Chief of Air Staff, Sir Thomas Pike, and Lady Pike, who were on a visit to the Colony, the Commander British Forces, Lt.-Gen. R. H. Hewetson, and all the various Service Commanders and senior

representatives of the Government. We have also had a number of guest nights, at which guests have included Brigadier J. E. F. Willoughby, Chief of Staff at H.Q. Land Forces, Brigadier W. P. L. Lawson, Garrison Commander, and various Naval and other officers. For the Glorious First of June we naturally had a predominantly naval occasion and, since our arrival, we have also fostered the naval connection in mutual social activities with, in particular, H.M.S. *Lincoln*, H.M.S. *Hartland Point*, a number of the "boats" of the 104th Minesweeping Flotilla and H.M.S. *Tamar*, the Royal Navy Shore Station for Hong Kong. On the Royal Marine side, we were very pleased to see 42nd Commando here during H.M.S. *Bulwark's* last visit to Hong Kong at the end of August, and we much enjoyed getting together with them and the other Royal Marine officers on board, both at Stanley and on the ship.

There have, of course, been a number of changes of officers during the period, and these are reflected in the Location Statement at the end of the Journal. Mention must, however, be made of Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C., who left in April, and Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira, who left in September, having both completed full tours as Second-in-Command and Adjutant, respectively. Besides all they did for the Battalion as a whole, their contributions to the life and character of the Mess were outstanding, and they are both much missed. On Major Palmer's departure we were treated after dinner to a number of the stories, which only he can tell, and to see the Band conducted, or at least accompanied, in his own inimitable style.

In the sphere of sport the Mess has joined the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and through the generosity of the Regimental Committee a local (L) class boat was acquired for the Mess. Our Mess Commodore is Major W. G. R. Ambrose, and under his guidance a good number of officers and their families have taken to sail and qualified as helmsmen.

We have also during the summer played a few games of football which included a serious drawn game against the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, thereby increasing our thirsts and reducing our figures.

As a final point of interest, again through the generosity of the Regimental Committee, the Mess has arranged for the purchase of a

suitable inscribed Georgian silver tray to commemorate the Tercentenary of the Battalion in 1961.

## Sergeants' Mess

The month of February saw us in the throes of packing for the move to Hong Kong. Gradually the Mess became bare under the skilful guidance of C.S.M. Harry Skilton and his staff.

On the 6th February several members flew off to Hong Kong with the Advance Party with C.S.M. Bert Quickenden as leading scout.

Just before we left C/Sgt. Todd and Sgt. Jennings were promoted to W.O.2 and Sgt. Warner to Colour-Sergeant. Sgt. Hopkins returned to the fold and W.O.2 Gibbens went off to the War Office Clothing and Equipment Research Establishment.

On the 19th February we embarked in H.T. *Oxfordshire* for a new life in Hong Kong. The voyage saw the usual activities aboard, the tombola fanatics, horse racing enthusiasts and all the fun of the fair. The rough seas, however, on the journey from Singapore to Hong Kong tended to restrict the movements of several members and their wives to cabin areas.

On the 5th March we disembarked and infiltrated into the Barracks at Stanley Fort, quarters and hirings, and even sky-scraper hotels. Finally, after a week of moves and counter moves, everyone was in his proper place, and packing cases started to roll in for the rebuilding of a new Mess life. We found our new Mess a pleasant one, the only drawback being no sleeping quarters, so the unmarrieds had to make do with N.C.O. bunks in the Barrack blocks. However, there are few unmarrieds these days.

During March we had Sgt. Riley promoted to Colour-Sergeant and saw the arrival of W.O.2. Morris, Sgts. Swift, Hollidge and Chaffer.

On 19th April we entertained members of the Petty Officers' Mess of H.M.S. *Lincoln*. On 21st April the Mess photograph was taken outside the Officers' Mess at the Fort, with everyone smiling their best, for three attempts by the photographer to get a human look out of us. That evening we celebrated Ypres Day with a dinner and dance in the Mess.

Sgt. Ray Gardner proved his ability and fitness again by winning the Heavy-



weight Final in the F.A.R.E.L.F. Boxing Championships.

On the 5th May, the Mess held its Cup Final Night Draw, with the top prize going to Drum-Major Brian Morris. Clad in football kit, all members' wives and guests joined in the fun, ably managed by the maestro C.S.M. Les Wilson, and had a grand night's entertainment.

Several members with wives and children spent one Sunday as guests of H.M.S. *Lincoln*, which took them out to sea for the day.

On the 26th May, W.O.2 Quickenden and his wife were blessed with the arrival of their first born—a boy. This was a long awaited event and proved very good for bar profits.

During May Sgt. Bromige left us to take up the appointment of Instructor at the Signals Wing, School of Infantry, Hythe, and W.O.2 Todd went to 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.), while we welcomed the return of Sgt. Putman.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated in the Mess by a cocktail party held on the 2nd June. The members and guests overflowed onto the verandahs and outlying grass enclosure, while dancing took place in the Mess. A favourite with all seems to be the "Twist" competition which usually gets more people on the floor than in the buffet.

On the 20th June, Sgt. Cox was married in the Garrison Church and the reception was held in the Mess afterwards. The bride was given away, in the absence of relations, by Sgt. Speakman, and bridesmaids were chosen from Mess Members' children. Sgt. Cox and his bride spent their honeymoon in Hong Kong.

The month of July saw some rather unusual activity as, despite the hot and humid weather, the Mess took on both the Officers' Mess and the Corporals' Mess at football; the first match resulted in a draw 2—2, the second in a win for the Sergeants by 4—3.

After the Corporals' Mess match, we were invited to the Corporals' Mess for a social evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the 14th July, we were invited to stay with 4th Regiment Royal Artillery for a sports and social evening. Many new friends were made and at least one exercise between Queen's Surreys and Gunners has taken place as a result from chats over foaming tankards on that evening. We look forward to seeing 4 Regiment R.A. again on exercises and social occasions.

Just before this we welcomed W.O.1 and

Mrs. Floyd to the Battalion. Mr. Floyd is our new R.S.M. having taken over from R.S.M. Collman, M.B.E. Mr. Collman flew back to U.K. on 27th July for a course prior to obtaining a commission with the Federal Army in Aden. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Collman the best of good fortune in their new venture.

As these notes were being prepared, we have suffered another upheaval in our ranks. No less than three stalwarts of the Mess, W.O.2s Skilton, Wilson and Jennings left on 7th September by the same aircraft. They and their wives have been very popular members of our community and their loss is a grievous one. We wish them well.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Warner and Sgt. Hopkins on their promotion to W.O.2.

#### Junior Ranks' Club

Inevitably a comparison must be made between our last station in Aden and our present one here in Hong Kong. There is such a contrast that it is almost impossible to compare the two places. In Aden there were no neon signs, night clubs, feminine company, bars, and all the other delights which the soldier dreams of. In Hong Kong we have everything, including television, the only trouble being that there is so much that one could do or buy that everyone is broke by the weekend.

The J.R.C. here is very much smaller and less comfortable than the showpiece we had in Aden. However, we can manage to have a small restaurant, W.V.S. lounge, run very capably by Miss Irene Bennett, billiards, and a television theatre. The TV is very popular and is crowded out each night even when the transmission is in Chinese on Monday nights! The J.R.C. generally and the W.V.S. lounge in particular seemed to catch the epicentre of Typhoon "Wanda," the whole place looked as if it had been bombed after the departure of the typhoon. We are still looking for a couple of gaily coloured garden umbrellas which were last seen orbiting round the square at a height of 50 feet. There is a reward for the finder of either one or both.

There is an all ranks' dance scheduled at the end of September and we wait anxiously to see the lady partners who will be produced on this occasion, complete with cheongsams we hope. However, more of that in the next edition of the Journal.

#### Cricket

The Battalion's arrival in Hong Kong coincided with almost the end of the cricket season, which here runs from the beginning of October to the end of March. On our all-weather pitch we were however, able to have a little Company cricket after our arrival and during the summer have played a few Battalion games against sides from visiting ships of the Royal Navy, including a match against H.M.S. *Hartland Point* to mark the "Glorious First of June." This game continued in spite of a very heavy but short tropical storm, and was brought to a successful conclusion, the Battalion scoring 99 for 9 declared, of which Sgt. Hopkins, "B" Company, scored 30. *Hartland Point* were all out for 75.

We hope in the coming season to have quite a good side, provided the bowling can be improved, and should have a number of representatives in the Army and Garrison sides, which take part fully in the Hong Kong Club cricket season. The season is due to start with a Battalion trial match of a Commonwealth XI v. The Rest. For the former we can call on representatives from Australia, East Africa, The Seychelles and the West Indies.

Before finishing these short notes mention must be made of Pte. Price of "C" Company, who batted for two hours in intense heat as the target in the "Beat the Batsman" side-show during the Battalion Fete in June. He batted without defeat for most of this period, and was only "castled" by Mrs. Ambrose. We are still not sure whether this was the result of old world courtesy or whether in Mrs. Ambrose we have the answer to the Battalion's bowling problems.

#### Association Football

As with other outdoor sports, we found, on arrival in Hong Kong, that we had come just at the end of the season. We were, however, in time for the Command Competition for the Caldbeck Cup. After playing on desert in Aden, it was a pleasant surprise to find in Stanley Barracks a smooth grass pitch and we got down to practice almost at once. As part of our preparation for the competition, we played matches against 104 Minesweeper Flotilla R.N. which we won 6—1, and against 34 Regiment R.A. which we lost 1—4. To ensure that we had missed no talent, we also had an inter-Company competition in the

first weeks of April, which resulted in a win for "C" Company, who beat H.Q. 1 in the final by 5 goals to 2.

The first game in the Caldbeck Cup was a home fixture against the Royal Engineers. It was a most thrilling game, which ended in a draw 4 all, after extra time. In the replay a few days later we were unfortunately beaten by a good side, again after a very good match.

The Caldbeck Cup marked the end of the official season, and since then we have only played three friendly matches, results as follows:—

v. 2/6 Gurkhas	..	Lost	1—2
v. 4 R.A.	..	Drew	1—1
v. H.M.S. <i>Hartland Point</i>	..	Won	5—3

L/Cpl. McKenna "B" Company, Pte. Cook "B" Company, and Pte. McKinnon "A" Company, have all played for the Army (Hong Kong).

With the departure of many National Servicemen, the team has been much weakened. However, the redoubtable Sgt. Putman, a Battalion soccer player of many years experience, has recently returned and with some talent from recent drafts, we should be able to rebuild a useful side for the coming season.

The following have represented the Battalion: C.S.M. Morris, Sgts. Putman and Chaffer, Cpls. Gardner, Winfield, Jackson, Shambrook, Kettles, L/Cpls. Newham, McKenna, Ebbens, Hardy, Ptes. Paine, Cook, Fuller, McKinnon, McGrath, Marshall, Squires, Martin, Ruddock and Mullett.

#### Hockey

As with soccer, the hockey players found themselves arriving here at the end of the season. Apparently the locals here find it too hot to play in the summer, though we managed to do so in Aden last year. The only hockey played at the moment is a Minor Units six-a-side Court Hockey League in which "H.Q." "A" and "C" Companies are participating.

We did however, just catch the Army six-a-side end of season tournament in May. Three sides were entered, and the "A" team, consisting of Major D. J. Wright, Cpts. M. J. Doyle and J. W. Francis, Lts. J. M. B. Westing and S. T. W. Anderson and 2/Lt. C. G. Reeves, won the cup against very strong opposition.



The same team was also entered for the Colony six-a-side competition, with a "B" side, consisting of Lt. J. H. Jessop (R.A.E.C.), W.O.1 Collman, S/Sgt. Todd (R.E.M.E.), Cpls. Singleton and Storey and L/Cpl. Waldron. The "A" team reached the semi-finals of the cup, and the "B" team the semi-finals of the plate. Both lost these matches to the eventual winners of each competition. This was considered to be a very fine effort, particularly as the "A" team knocked out two of the strongest civilian sides in the Colony en route to the semi-finals.

We have certainly made our mark in Hong Kong hockey and it now remains to be seen what fortune we shall have in the new season which starts in September. Our main problem at the moment is to come to some compromise with the rugby "set" who will insist on trying to entice all our hockey players away.

### Boxing

When the small Battalion Boxing Team arrived in Hong Kong fresh from success in the Middle East Command Championships, we had high hopes of doing well in the Colony Championships, which were to take place very shortly after we arrived. With that aim in view, the team went into full-time training under the careful direction of W.O.2 Skilton.

We found that when we had entered for the Championships, the majority of the competitors came from the Battalion. About five Chinese in the lighter weights had entered, together with four other boxers from the Minor Units in Hong Kong.

The preliminary bouts were held in the Missions to Seamen Gymnasium. The bouts were fought in the following weights:

Bantam weight	..	L/Cpl. Ballard
Featherweight	..	Pte. Holness
Welterweight	..	L/Cpl. Hardy v. L/Cpl. McKenna

L/Cpl. Ballard won his fight against a Chinese boxer and went through to the finals. He beat Pte. Hassan in the finals and so became the Bantam Weight Champion.

Holness beat Tommy Tim another Chinese, but had to withdraw from the finals owing to illness.

In the Lightweight, Pte. McLean went straight through to the finals, and after an extremely good fight against Cfmn. Smith

(R.E.M.E.), which McLean won on points, he became the Lightweight Champion.

The heaviest weight which was fought in the semi-finals was Light Welterweight. L/Cpl. Hardy fought L/Cpl. McKenna and beat him on points. L/Cpl. Hardy subsequently went into the finals where he beat a Chinese boxer, Wong Pak Wing, who had been the previous Light Welterweight Champion for two years. This also proved to be one of the best fights of the evening.

Because of the lack of competitors both civilian and military, the remainder of the weights were fought on the final night. This took place in the main boxing stadium in Hong Kong and was attended by a very large crowd, mostly Chinese. However, most of the Battalion was also there to support the team.

In the Welterweight, Cpl. Chambers fought Pte. McCarron. Unfortunately McCarron was completely outclassed and the Referee had to stop the fight in the first round. Cpl. Chambers therefore became Colony Welterweight Champion.

Pte. McMullen fought in the Light Middleweight and after an extremely good bout, won on points, thus becoming the Light Middleweight Champion.

There were no opponents for Sgt. Gardner and Cpl. Richardson who were fighting at Heavy and Light Heavyweight respectively. They were however, asked to give an exhibition bout fighting between themselves. Thus after a very successful evening, out of the ten weights being contested, the Battalion Boxing Team came away with seven of the titles.

The Far East Land Forces Individual Championships took place in Singapore on the 27th April, 1962. It was suggested that the Hong Kong team be largely made up from the Regimental side with a few extras fitted in. The following boxers from the Regiment represented the Colony in Singapore: Sgt. Gardner (Heavy); Cpl. Richardson (Light Heavy); Cpl. Chambers (Welter); L/Cpl. Hardy (Light Welter); L/Cpl. Ballard (Bantam); Pte. McMullen (Light Middle); Pte. Holness (Featherweight). Here the competition and standard of boxing was far higher and we were lucky to come away with two of the titles, these being won by Sgt. Gardner and L/Cpl. Hardy. Cpl. Chambers fought very well indeed but unfortunately the bout had to be stopped owing to a cut eye which he received in the second round. Pte.

Holness also proved himself to be very capable in the ring, losing narrowly on points. With two days to wait before the plane back to Hong Kong, the boxers took a well earned rest, making use of all that Singapore offered.

Throughout the season the Battalion did well to maintain the high standard of boxing required of them and with both our successes and disappointments a number of important lessons were learnt which we hope to put right in the coming season. We shall be very sorry to lose Sgt. Gardner as a boxer and team captain and also C.S.M. Skilton whose enthusiasm as a coach has kept the team going for many seasons. Sgt. Putman is taking over the training of the team.

### Swimming

This is one sport not affected by the heat of summer in Hong Kong and a fair amount of competition swimming has taken place.

The Battalion team is at present taking part in the Hong Kong Major Units Championships. To date we have held one match against 4th Regimental Royal Artillery, which we won decisively, in fact we won every event.

In July, we had the Battalion inter-Company Swimming Match which was won by "H.Q." Company (White). Second were "B" Company, who scored an equal number of points but yielded first place due to the result of the Medley Relay Race.

These two teams then entered for the Garrison Minor Units Competition and came second and third respectively, thus indicating the result of the Battalion Match.

The following have represented the Battalion to date:—

Lt. S. T. W. Anderson	Dmr. Clay
Lt. C. G. Reeves	Dmr. Sharman
Sgt. Fulker (Team Captain)	Pte. Seward
Sgt. Taylor (R.A.P.C.)	Pte. Rust
Cpl. Lane	Pte. Brown
Cpl. Perryman	Pte. Morris
Cpl. Palmer	Pte. Munro
L/Cpl. Meaden	Pte. Hickman
Dmr. Jenner	Pte. Scott
L/Cpl. Edwards	Pte. Dingwall

### Water Polo

We have had quite a good start in the Major Units League, having played three games winning two and drawing one.

In September a trial game is being played to select an Army team to represent Hong Kong

and Kowloon Garrison against the Hong Kong Regiment. The following have been chosen as starters: Sgt. Fulker, Cpl. Lane, Dmr. Jenner, Dmr. Sharman, L/Cpl. Meaden, Pte. Scott, Pte. Brown.

### Athletics

The Athletics Season got off to a good start in early April with invitation relays at various other unit meetings, but in our first big match, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison Meeting, we were badly defeated by 34 Regiment R.A., the only other major unit taking part. 34 Regiment went on to win the H.Q.L.F. meeting and we took second place again, by a narrow margin after an exciting tussle with 14 Regiment R.A. Our only winner in the H.Q.L.F. Individuals was Drum-Major Morris who won the Hop, Step and Jump, but we had several notable seconds.

Prospects for the next season are good with such hardened campaigners as L/Cpl. Rundle, L/Cpl. Emery, Cpl. Creane, and Drum-Major Morris remaining, and with the addition of Capt. T. C. Rogerson and 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling. We regretfully say goodbye to Sgt. Gardner, C.S.M. Todd, Cpl. Turner and Dmr. Tagg.

### Basket Ball

The following have represented the Battalion:

Capt. T. C. Rogerson	S.I. Pope (A.P.T.C.)
Lt. A. F. Ridger	Sgt. Speakman
Lt. R. W. Bing	Cpl. Winfield
C.S.M. Morris	L/Cpl. Rogerson
Drum-Major Morris	L/Cpl. Driver
C/Sgt. Dunkeld	Pte. Gingsberg

Results of matches so far:

v. 56 Coy. R.A.S.C.	..	Lost 34—62
v. 56 Coy. R.A.S.C.	..	Lost 43—59
v. 56 Coy. R.A.S.C.	..	Lost 49—61
v. 252 Sigs. Sqn...	..	Won 43—42
v. 4 Regt. R.A.	..	Won 48—21

Again the basketball players were slightly disappointed to find that they arrived too late to participate in any of the Colony competitions. However, to test the strength of the local opposition we got in some practice and then challenged the Far East Champions, 56 Company Royal Army Service Corps. We found that their team consisted entirely of Chinese Other Ranks, who were exceptionally keen and fast and in fact were worthy



champions. Despite the talents and wiles of such old campaigners as Lt. A. F. Ridger and C/Sgt. B. Dunkeld, we were unable to beat them in any one of these encounters, though all the games were closely fought.

We then withdrew our horns a trifle and tackled the Colony Runners-up, 252 Squadron, Royal Signals. In a very exciting game we won by one point, but it is certain that we shall have to practice hard and play hard if we are to succeed in the season to come.

### Sailing, Boating and Water Sports

Hong Kong, being an island, which as everyone knows is a land mass surrounded by water, is an ideal place for that age-old pastime—messing about in boats. The climate too is ideal, hot in the summer yet not too cold in winter to make the said pastime unpleasantly raw.

The Battalion has been well represented in many of the activities associated with water. The Battalion possesses a speed boat for water ski-ing and throughout the summer members of the Battalion from the Commanding Officer downwards have been seen whizzing round Stanley Bay or painfully climbing back into the boat, having, according to them, hit a very big wave. L/Cpl. Drew is the skilful driver of the boat and the instructor in water ski-ing.

The Battalion also possesses a sailing dinghy but as yet not many people have come forward to try this.

It is also alleged that we own a pleasure junk, which we should have inherited from the Warwicks. It has so far failed to put in an appearance however, and it is of course possible that the P.R.I. keeps it hidden for his own personal use. That worthy, however, stoutly denies this and maintains that this boat is in such a bad state that he cannot get it round to Stanley. In fact it is known that this junk has spent some time at the bottom, and the outboard motor has proved a non-starter, so he may be right.

The Officers' Mess has done especially well for sailing mainly through the kindness and help from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the enthusiasm of Major Ambrose.

A number of officers and wives have taken part in the Club's course of instruction for novice helmsmen and some take part regularly in the dinghy racing. With the Officers' Mess "L" and a Dragon jointly

owned by Major Ambrose and Capt. Naumann, it is hoped that a lot of people will be able to increase their ability during the forthcoming season.

Following a very interesting talk by Commander J. V. Cousteau of the French Diving Research Group recently, a number of enthusiasts have formed a Subaquian Club using equipment left to us by Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Though this equipment was in rather a poor state through lack of use and maintenance the keener members, led by Sgts. Taylor and Terry, have cleaned it up and repaired it sufficiently for use. The water round Hong Kong is fairly good for diving, visibility being up to 30 to 40 feet on good days. There is an abundance of marine life to observe, and a number of soldiers have found the sport fascinating.

Once the club is firmly established it is hoped to expand by getting some better equipment and to train more and more people to become qualified divers up to the standard set by the British Sub Aqua in U.K. In Sgt. Taylor (R.A.P.C.), who has recently joined the Battalion, we have quite an expert and so we hope the club will meet with success.

The Typhoon has not helped our aquatic sports. The speed boat, which was lashed down to the hard at the Yacht Club was blown away, nobody knows where; the junk we think it at the bottom again, the Officers' Mess "L" sustained considerable damage, though it is by no means a "write-off." Luckily the Dragon escaped lightly with only minor damage so we are not entirely boatless.

### St. Barbara's Garrison Church, Stanley Fort

The Battalion is fortunate in having in Stanley Fort an imposing and well-situated Garrison church. Services are generally well attended, though attendance at Holy Communion could be better.

A choir has been started and we are blessed with a very well qualified organist and choir-mistress. It is hoped to start a regular Sunday School in the near future, though there is the usual difficulty in finding teachers.

Typhoon "Wanda" caused a great deal of damage, not least to the clock in the Church tower. It is said that since the Church clock stopped the issue of G1098 watches has increased considerably!

Confirmation Classes have been started and the first group of candidates will be confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Hong Kong

in his Cathedral on 23rd September. It is hoped to present a further group of candidates just before Christmas.

The Chaplain-General, The Venerable Ivan Neill, visited the Colony in July and came to Stanley to preach at Morning Prayer on 8th July.

The Rev. N. Dixon, C.F., who was Chaplain to the Battalion in Aden has now left the Army, and the present Chaplain is The Rev. G. G. Holman, C.F.

### Congratulatory—23236880 L/Cpl. Smith

The Commanding Officer has received a congratulatory letter from the Squadron Leader (R.A.F.) commanding No. 117 Signals Unit on the conduct of L/Cpl. Smith in connection with the 1-ton traffic accident on route TWSK.

The letter reads: "I have the honour to report on the conduct of Lance Corporal Smith of the Queen's Surrey Regiment at the scene of the accident on Saturday 21st July, 1962.

"Although obviously shaken from the experience of being the passenger in the completely wrecked cab of the vehicle, the Corporal had acted with great presence of mind.

"He had appreciated the fire hazard, extricated one person from the vehicle, posted road guards, and secured the firearms by the time I arrived on the scene several minutes after the accident had occurred.

"The Corporal's conduct was commendable throughout."

### Typhoon "Wanda"

The Commanding Officer wishes to express his appreciation of the very willing and hard work put in by all ranks, yesterday, Sunday, 2nd September, 1962, to clear up the typhoon damage in Stanley Fort. It was a tremendous effort and the Barrack area again looks in good order although there is still work to be done.

The Stanley Villagers are also very grateful for the work that was done for them. In particular they are overwhelmed by this ready response of our families to send down children's clothes. The Commanding Officer wishes to thank the families for their generosity.

In the cleaning up and repairing of damage, all ranks must bear in mind the possibility, of further typhoons and so to prepare and learn the lesson of this one.



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## Home Counties Brigade Depot

THE period under review started with a major change when Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews' tour of duty as Commanding Officer came to an end. Early in March he left Canterbury for the Army Operational Research Establishment, West Byfleet, his successor at the Depot being Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C., The Queen's Own Buffs.

Other postings out were 2/Lt. D. M. Tucker, to 1st Battalion, C/Sgt. E. Bermingham to 3 Queen's Surreys and Cpl. R. Rough to the 1st Battalion. Sgt. D. Brownjohn left the Army on completing his service.

Lt. H. G. D. Smith, C/Sgts. S. Washington and A. Palmer, Cpl. J. Pearson, and L/Cpl. A. Spooner, have joined the permanent staff.

C/Sgt. Washington received his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on a parade held on 6th April, 1962. This was also Capt. T. C. Rogerson's last parade before he left for Hong Kong.

During the six months prior to 31st August, 1962, 52 recruits have been drafted to the 1st Battalion.

Awards to recruits of the Regiment were made on the final parades printed below.

L/Cpl. B. Brazier has continued his successful boxing career by retaining his Army, Imperial Services, and Amateur Boxing Association titles for the second year running. He has been selected as the England Light Welterweight for the Empire Games at Perth, Australia, in November.

In the Minor Units Competition at Eastern Command Athletics Meeting at Chatham in July, Pte. Weston took second place in the Javelin with 136 ft., and Pte. Jones was fourth in the Mile in 5 mins. 14 secs.

Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, Cpl. Waters and L/Cpl. Brazier have played cricket for the Brigade 1st XI.

The Depot Rifle Team was 12th in the



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### HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE DEPOT

Maj.-Gen. E. H. F. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C., 44th (Home Counties) Division District, presenting the award for Best Recruit and Best Shot to Pte. D. Beckingham, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, at a final parade of recruits on 10th August, 1962

National Small-bore Rifle Association Regular Army Match, 1962, with 1902 points. This was 54 points behind the winners, R.M.A. Sandhurst. R.S.M. Mileham who had gone along to watch, was called upon to fire at the last moment and saved the day with a superb 97 and 89.

Date	Best Recruit	Best Shot	Inspecting Officer
6th April		Pte. G. Titheridge	Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C.
26th April	Pte. K. Atkins		Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C.
18th May		Pte. P. Wharmby	Major F. E. Thorneycroft
8th June		Pte. P. Hoey	Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C.
28th June		Pte. J. F. Buston	Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C.
10th August	Pte. B. Beckingham	Pte. B. Beckingham	Maj.-Gen. E. H. F. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O.

In other spheres the Regiment has been suitably represented. R.Q.M.S. D. Adkins tied for first place in the Depot gardening competition and R.S.M. Mileham came fifth. Junior Dmr. S. Penn, with his watercolour "Corner of the Park" took first prize (15-17 years) in the Canterbury Arts and Crafts Exhibition and third prize at the Folkestone Exhibition.

The Brigade "At Home" in July was a great success and about 6,000 spectators are estimated to have attended. Unfortunately as the Band and Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion were in Hong Kong it was not possible to put on the Massed Bands and Drums of the Brigade. The other three Regiments, however, gave a splendid performance.

The honour of the Regiment was upheld by the 4th Battalion as winners of the 3-in. mortar dismounted action competition, with third place going to the 3rd Battalion.

### Promotions

A/L/Cpl. R. Waters to sub Lance-Corporal, 5th May, 1962.

L/Cpl. J. Pearson to Acting Corporal, 26th April, 1962.

L/Cpl. E. Samuels to Acting-Corporal, 5th July, 1962.

L/Cpl. B. Waters to Acting-Corporal, 5th July, 1962.

Pte. F. Willmott to Acting-Lance-Corporal, 20th July, 1962.

### Births

On 31st March, 1962, at St. Helena Families Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Jennifer, wife of Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, a son, Christopher John Walker.

### Marriages

Cpl. J. C. Winfield, to Miss Mary Fagg, at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Canterbury, 3rd March, 1962.

Pte. R. Eade, to Miss Vivien Carve Shaw, at the Parish Church, Egham, on 24th March, 1962.

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			W.O.1 R. L. Wildgoose (from 17th May)
R.Q.M.S. ..	..	..	W.O.2 T. S. Stephens
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THESE notes leave the Battalion engaged in preparation for our Annual visit to Ghent to participate in the City's Liberation Day ceremonies. This year's visit is to be a very special one, as we are going to present the City with a Regimental Drum. This gift is to mark the close link between the Battalion and the City formed during operations leading to the City's liberation in September, 1944, when the first infantry to enter the City were our parent units—Territorial Battalions of the Queen's. The Battalion's party which will include the Band and Drums will spend two days in Belgium. On the 8th September, they will attend a ceremony at the Belgian National Shrine at Oostakker, on the site where 57 Belgian resistance fighters were buried after they had been executed by the Nazis. A plaque recording the areas liberated by the Regiment will be unveiled. In the evening the Drum will be presented to the Burgomaster, and the Band and Drums will Beat Retreat in the Place d'Armes. On the 9th September we are to parade in Oudenarde which again has links with our parent units as it was just south of Oudenarde that they were positioned in May, 1940, to hold the Escaut line.

The last six months have been varied, vigorous and we hope useful. This year saw the revival of the London T.A. Association Tough Training Competition, which takes the form of a march from London to Brighton. The start was at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on Saturday, 31st March.

Teams set off at two minute intervals by vehicle for Epsom Downs where a map-reading test took place. Then began the 44-mile march, each man carrying a Sten gun, water-bottle, and small pack with personal kit. Over 40 teams entered for the competition from units in the South East. We entered four teams, one from each rifle company. The first five places were won by the Parachute Brigade units, but we won the sixth and seventh places ahead of all other non-airborne units participating. The weather for the competition was severe, cold wind and rain, and no one could describe the night spent in bivouacs at Hands Cross as particularly enjoyable. The Sutton Detachment of "D" (Bermondsey) Company gained sixth place and the Camberley "B" Company team the seventh. The Sutton team (No. 16 Platoon and Battalion Intelligence Section) were led by Lt. A. Cutchner and included Sgt. Stevens, L/Cpl. Rettie, Cpl. Bass and Ptes. Henshaw, Dafford, Bannister and Fairfax. This team started out seventh, but at the end of the first day they had overtaken five other teams to arrive at Hand's Cross in second place. The Camberley team consisted of 2/Lt. M. Sims, Sgt. Nugent, L/Cpl. Dunipace, L/Cpl. Pearson, Pte. Crowley, Pte. Johnson, Pte. Message and Pte. Smith. After a rest and a wash at Brighton there was a ceremonial march past, at which our own Band and Drums played, and a supper at Preston Barracks. When we say that Messrs. Courage had a large hand in



LONDON  
to  
BRIGHTON MARCH

Sutton  
Detachment  
Team

Left to right: L/Cpl. Rettie, Pte. Bannister, Lt. Cutchner, Pte. Henshaw, Pte. Dafford, Pte. Fairfax, Sgt. Stevens

arranging the supper, it will be understood that refreshments were much to everyone's satisfaction. The remainder of March was spent in classification weekends, and a Signals exercise in which those participating felt that they had qualified for the award of a Polar Medal.

Over the Easter weekend, a party of 90 from the Battalion made a second battlefield tour in Belgium; this year in the Ardennes. Once again we were lucky to have with us two instructors from the Belgian Army who again acted as our hosts. These officers, Commandant Jean Charles and Commandant Jos Klein, made our tour immensely interesting. We visited the battlefields of Waterloo, and the hilltop citadel of Namur taken by the 2nd Foot in 1695—our Regiment's second battle honour. From Namur we followed the southern flank of the bulge formed by the German December 1944, offensive to Bastogne and spent the night at a Belgian barracks at Dinant, where we presented the Commandant with a plaque of the badge of the Regiment. A number of friends were made there; so much so that one Sergeant Major made a brief appearance dressed in the uniform of a Belgian gendarme. We returned via the northern part of the Ardennes battlefields, Leige, where we visited a ruined World War I fort destroyed by a magazine explosion and now a national shrine, and Brussels.

The following weekend we entertained guests from Belgium; our old friends of the

former Resistance Group, "La Sarcelle," from Ghent.

Camp this year was in tents at Stanford P.T.A. Norfolk. No one in the Battalion was surprised to hear that four weeks after our departure the camp was closed as unfit, even for the T.A. "Cold Comfort Camp" it proved to be; a north-easterly wind and fairly frequent showers. At the end of May winter put in a last offensive, water froze in the fire buckets and the whisky merchants' profits rose spectacularly. However, camp was tackled by everyone with very great enthusiasm; the food, thanks to Capt. Strutt and his staff, was excellent and the varied programme of events, training and athletics were enjoyed by all. On most days companies were out on the new Stanford ranges with their up-to-date moving targets, or on the grenade ranges or the Tarzan assault course, always a popular event. In the evenings an inter-company football competition took place, the final ending in a draw after extra time between "A" and "C" Companies.

The highlight of the training was a 24-hour exercise, "Trojan Horse," which simulated the actual conditions under which a Battalion might have to operate in an overseas territory faced with a Communist-inspired terrorist movement. The exercise took place in the second week; the curiosity and interest of the troops was aroused by the appearance of anti-British "slogans" saying "British soldier go home" and "Out with the British"





Photo by Sgt. J. Levy

### 3rd BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT (T.A.)

Cpl. R. H. Togwell with the two drums presented to the 1/6th Queen's by the town of Boston, Lincolnshire, in 1940

all over the training area in the first week. The terrorists were commanded by a notorious "El Bingo" who was captured by the Corps of Drums. We accomplished the exercise in record time; rather too quick for the comfort of some members of the umpires' department who were forced to rise early from their beds and forego their luxurious kippers and steak breakfast because we had arrived on the objective swiftly and unexpectedly. The Corps of Drums received the Brigadier's prize for the capture of "El Bingo."

A very great day at camp was the visit of the Band and Drums to Boston in Lincolnshire. This visit was to say "thank you" to the town which, during the war, presented two tenor drums to one of our parent units,

the 6th Queens, to replace drums burnt to avoid capture at Dunkirk. The visit coincided with the town's Mayor's Day and the Band and Drums led the newly-installed Mayor to the famous St. Botolph's Church, known as the "Stump," for a special service. Afterwards the Band and Drums were given lunch and tea by the town, and the officers were invited to the Mayor's reception. In the evening the Band and Drums beat Retreat before a large and appreciative crowd. The Mayor took the salute. With us was the former C.O. of the 1st/6th Queens at the time, Maj.-Gen. I. T. P. Hughes, and we are very glad to think that one of this much-loved Queen's officer's last public appearances before his sad death was one which we could all see gave him very great and real pleasure.

The last day of camp was the Glorious First of June; the day was celebrated by a special parade and march past at which the salute was taken by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie. A party was given by the officers to the warrant officers and sergeants, and there was also a sports afternoon in which a new and horrible game, involving 12 men, a large canvas ball 6 ft. in diameter, a great deal of pushing, shoving, and some muffled military language, was introduced. Spectators felt the ball beat the players every time.

The Battalion has twice acted as "enemy" to the Parachute Brigade in exercises on Salisbury Plain. On the second exercise we successfully ambushed a company of 10th Parachute Regiment; their comments, we felt, were somewhat "airborne."

Five officers of the Battalion went on attachment to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own) in August, and have returned full of praise for the "Poachers" and their A.P.C.s.

Two boxers from the Battalion were chosen to represent 44th Division in the T.A. Boxing Championships at White City. They were Kimber and Nugent. Unfortunately they did not qualify for the final round. The Battalion shooting team maintained its record of success, winning the 44th Division rifle meeting team competition, with Lt. P. Dorey gaining the title of Division Champion at Arms, in April. We also won many prizes in the 47 Brigade championship in July.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the following: Major T. Parsonage on the award of his T.D.; W.O.2 H. J. Guest, C/Sgt. J. F. Beckett, Sgt. T. G. Shuff and

Pte. F. Daborn on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal; W.O.2 L. A. Fuller, Sgt. W. G. Spencer, Sgt. R. C. Stevens, Sgt. R. A. Gould, Cpl. J. A. Shaw, Cpl. J. Rose and Cpl. J. M. Stewart on the award of the Surrey Territorial Meritorious Service Certificate.

We conclude this part of our notes with an expression of thanks to Mr. R. H. Esler, our R.S.M., who left us in June to receive a commission as a Lieutenant Quartermaster. No one in the Battalion, which contains many with long service in different units, can ever recall an R.S.M. who has done so much for a T.A. unit as Mr. Esler did for us; in a variety of aspects of the Battalion life, sports, the Sergeants' Mess, and on parade, he set an example to all of us. We wish him all the very best and we hope that he will take every opportunity of coming to see us again. In his place we welcome W.O.1 R. L. Wildgoose; we hope he will enjoy his tour with us and make many friends.

### Officers' Mess

P.M.C. . . . Capt. D. G. Neville (R.A.P.C.)  
Mess Sergeant . . . Sgt. E. J. Rolfe

Lt. Arthur Read left us in March for employment overseas, and also in March we congratulated Majors Trevor Parsonage and Julian Gill on promotion to field rank.

A guest night was held in the Battalion's Guildford Mess in March, and a very successful officers' ball was held at the Hyde Park Hotel in April. The guests at the ball included the Director of Infantry, Maj.-Gen. P. Gleadell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Gleadell; Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Mrs. Glennie; and Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., and Mrs. Roupell. Few of us have had the fortune of seeing a Director of Infantry dance the twist expertly before!

The Mess at camp was under canvas, but the Six Colours of the Battalion, and the display of silver gave it a comfortable "At Home" feeling, even if the rigours of the climate did tend to make officers congregate at one particular end of the ante-room tent. We held two guest nights. At the first the guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., The Mayor of Boston and the Town Clerk, Councillor R. H. Jenkins and Mr. C. L. Hoffrock Griffiths, and our departing R.S.M. Mr. Esler, who received a special cheer. At

the second guest night we welcomed the new Divisional Commander, Major-General E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O. We were also very glad to welcome our old friends Col. Nick Nice, Brian Gill, Hugh Harris, Major Martin Prescott and Capt. Bill Friend who came to see us.

In June members of the Mess, in uniform, went to Major Desmond Wilson's wedding in Reigate to wish him well. We formed a Guard of Honour with swords at the door as he and his wife Mary left the Church. Another officer to get married is Lt. Hugh Clark; our best wishes go to him and his wife.

In July we held a Cocktail Party in the Battalion's Bermondsey Mess in honour of M. Armand Vinck, President of the Ghent Branch of the British Legion and Mme. Vinck. We were also glad to welcome the new Mayor of Bermondsey, Mrs. E. V. Coyle, and the Mayoress, Mrs. L. Burns, known to many as the wife of former C/Sgt. L. Burns, B.E.M.

We congratulate Lt. Bob Cunningham and his wife on the birth of their son; Attestation papers for the Regiment were of course despatched immediately.

### Sergeants' Mess

Many changes have taken place since the last issue of the Journal, the major one being a change of R.S.M.

R.S.M. R. H. Esler, who has served with the Battalion for the past five years, has now been commissioned as a Lieutenant (Q.M.) in the Home Counties Brigade. During camp this year the Mess held a farewell dinner in his honour at which he was presented with a silver salver and coffee set suitably engraved. His greatest surprise of the evening, however, was the appearance of his wife, who had been brought to camp by the Mess members especially for the occasion. It was a well-kept secret, and R.S.M. Esler had no knowledge of the surprise until his wife was suddenly "produced" at the dinner.

In his place we welcome R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose who joined us just before camp from 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) in B.A.O.R. Four new P.S.I.s have joined us recently—W.O.2 E. Birmingham from Home Counties Brigade Depot; Sgt. J. Maume and Sgt. B. R. Hope from 1 Queen's Own Buffs, and Sgt. R. Gardner from 1 Queen's Surreys.

W.O.2 L. H. Piper and Sgt. H. P. Putman



have left us for Home Counties Brigade Depot.

The following T.A. volunteers have been welcomed into the Mess: Sgts. S. M. Gooden, R. G. Sutherland and R. H. T. Smith.

The following have now left, having moved to other parts of the country: Sgts. T. W. Adam and H. Woods (R.A.M.C.).

Congratulations are extended to the following on their promotion: S/Sgt. W. J. Griffiths (A.P.T.C.), to W.O.2; Sgt. E. H. Gallagher, to Colour-Sergeant.

After many faithful years as R.Q.M.S., W.O.2 E. C. Whitney has relinquished his appointment, and C/Sgt. T. S. V. Stephens is promoted W.O.2 and appointed R.Q.M.S. in his place.

#### Band and Drums

Band .. ..	Mitcham Road, Croydon
Drums .. ..	Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (part)
	London Road, Camberley (part)
O.I.C. Band ..	Lt. B. M. Widwell
Bandmaster ..	W.O.1 W. Braddick
Band Sergeant..	Sgt. R. A. Gould
Drum Major ..	Drum Major V. St.J. Colley

All of us who served in the pre-amalgamation parent units appreciate how much our having a fine Band and Corps of Drums contribute to the life of the Battalion.

The Drums Beat Retreat in Southwark Park on the occasion of the "D" Company "At Home" and the visit of members of "La Sarcelle." The Mayor of Bermondsey took the Salute, and the Mayor of Deptford was also present. The following day the Band and Drums led the Company in a march around Bermondsey, the Mayor again taking the Salute at the Town Hall.

At Camp both Band and Drums were able to put in an immense amount of useful practice, in addition to the Boston ceremonies already described. During the big Battalion exercise the Drums took to the field with distinction, capturing "El Bingo" himself.

During the Festival of the City of London the Band performed aboard H.M.S. *Chrysanthemum*, one of the R.N.R.'s drill ships in the Thames, immediately prior to the fireworks display. The Band has also given a number of open air concerts during the summer.

The Corps of Drums are shortly to be issued with scarlet tunics, the property of former regular 2nd Battalions. Recruiting of flute players still remains a very serious problem.

On many Regimental occasions, such as the Boston visit and the All Ranks "At Home" at Kingston in June, the Battalion's Band and Drums have combined with those of the 4th Battalion, making at times a total of nearly 85 men on parade—a very impressive spectacle.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.  
Wey Hill, Haslemere.  
Walton Road, Woking.

Company Commander	Major J. Schofield
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. M. Stevenson
R.S.O. .. ..	Capt. P. B. Bowen
M.T.O. .. ..	Major T. E. Parsonage, T.D.
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

Since our last notes we have acquired a new Recce Platoon. The Woking Platoon of "B" Company commanded by Lt. Foster Herd was transferred to the Company and became the Battalion Recce Platoon. This Platoon consists of Company Directors, City Councillors, etc., and it is said that there is a 2 guinea entrance fee to join one of the sections. The Recce Platoon lay their own smoke screens; they all smoke cigars. During the Brigade Commander's exercise at camp they crossed the start line and from then on neither the Brigade Commander nor umpires could keep pace with them. The Drums excelled themselves on this exercise and after some fierce fighting around Tooting, Battalion H.Q. and the Drums were thrown back several times, not I might add by the enemy, but by the umpires. Sgt. Chambers captured "El Bingo." The Company Commander was promised a share of the prize beer and is still waiting for it!

In spite of cold weather the Company did well at camp. The M.T. worked their usual long hours, the Recce Platoon disappeared in clouds of dust, the Intelligence Section disappeared into holes in the ground, and the Signal Platoon bellowed loud and long for signals-over.

The Company has taken part in two exercises laid on by 44th Independent Parachute Brigade Group. In the first exercise, "Marlins Magic," M.T. drivers gave up their seats and fought a victorious battle against 10th Battalion the Parachute Regiment. It was generally agreed that we won. The Airborne Forces must have liked us, because in June we were again invited to

be enemy for the Parachute Brigade. This exercise, "Trump Card," was a much bigger affair, two Battalions taking part.

In February, L/Cpl. Fryer, in spite of all our advice, took himself a wife. Pte. Ted Wright was best man and members of the Company attended the nuptials. The reception was held in the Company canteen and a good time was had by all. We wish L/Cpl. and Mrs. Fryer every happiness in the future.

Several members of the Company went to Belgium on the Easter Battlefields Tour. At Waterloo, and Namur, where the Regiment fought in 1695, one young member of the Company asked C.S.M. Homersham what it was like in those days, and received an answer too.

At the Brigade weapons meeting the Company teams won the fire and movement competition, were second in the ambush and won the sub-units championship. This was a wonderful achievement. It is pleasing to note that several new members of the Company were in the Company teams.

We welcome all new members of the Company and in particular our new P.S.I.s, Sgt. Hope who deals with Signals and Recce, and C.S.M. Birmingham who is at Company H.Q. C.S.M. Birmingham, another pipe smoker thank goodness, served in the Irish Army and tells us of his Major-General who was only 35 years of age!

Congratulations to Major Parsonage and Major Gill on their promotions.

At the time of writing the Company Commander, M.T.O., Recce Platoon Commander and Second-in-Command of "C" Company are preparing to fly to B.A.O.R. to do an attachment with 2nd East Anglian Regiment (the Duchess of Gloucester's Own). Watch the daily press.

#### "A" COMPANY

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

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

Although the period set for annual camp may be early in the training year, it is quite certainly the main pre-occupation of the T.A. soldier, and the members of "A"

Company are no exception. This year we packed our kit bags and left our various drill halls for Stanford P.T.A. and Buckenham Tofts Camp, where we lived under canvas for two weeks of the coldest May weather recorded for many a year. However, the variety and opportunities afforded by the training areas made up for the lack of sun and a thoroughly interesting time was had by all.

Those of us who knew Stanford of old were pleased to see the big improvement in the ranges, making training so much more valuable. We were able to fire all our platoon weapons at variable range and moving targets.

We were visited during our training by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the Earl of Munster, and the Chairman and Secretary of Surrey T. & A.F. Association. These gentlemen witnessed a fighting patrol being ambushed at a river crossing and the V.I.P.s were impressed when they found themselves unwittingly standing in the middle of the ambush party's "killing area." The chairmanship of the T.A. Association is not, however, vacant; we were only firing blank!

Recruiting and shooting are two aspects of our activities which continue to absorb much of our time. Both, however, are slow to show any startling improvement. We are glad to report a slight increase in numbers at Dorking, especially as at this location we are particularly thin on the ground. Coulsdon has remained about constant and Reigate is slightly plus.

In order to raise the shooting standard we have started a .22 competition for an individual prize. The prize will be a silver cup engraved with the winner's name and will be competed for every six months.

Our social activities at camp included two events of note. The first was the all ranks' Company party at the "Ram" in Brandon. This party was, in fact, shared with "C" Company and we are very grateful for the entertainments supplied by C.S.M. Fuller and Sgt. Woods of that Company. Our own Sgt. Corcoran with his onslaught of song left no doubt in the ear of the listener as to his ancestry.

Amongst our various guests we were particularly pleased to entertain R.S.M. Esler, on what was practically his last appearance before leaving the Battalion for higher things, and R.S.M. Wildgoose who came as his replacement.



During the middle weekend of camp, Great Yarmouth was the scene of a high-spirited party composed chiefly of the Support Platoon members. These Coulsdon chaps certainly can drink. It was also reported that bloaters are not the only attraction at Great Yarmouth.

Since our last news bulletin we have had some changes in permanent staff. C.S.M. Firman left us for the sophistication of the big city (Bermondsey), our Sgt. Smith replaced him. It is now appropriate to offer our thanks to both of them for all their hard work and at the same time to welcome Sgt. Gardner who joins us after service with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong. Sgt. Smith will be rejoining the 1st Battalion in due course and we send him all good wishes for the future.

#### "B" COMPANY

London Road, Camberley.

Company Commander	Capt. D. A. Robinson
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. J. Guest
P.S.I.	Sgt. J. Maume
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. H. W. Edgington

We were all very pleased at the success of the Company team in the London to Brighton Tough Training Competition. We feel sure the success was due to the team's belief in "beer all the way"; our team believed in Lord Wavell's dictum that the decline of the English race began when coffee replaced beer for breakfast. They even washed down their morning bacon, sausage and eggs with a pint of the best. As a result, ours was one of the very few teams to come in all complete, without anyone falling out.

We held our usual June ball on our return from camp, and some rather pale-faced Drummers went the following day to the Kingston "At Home."

Our Company team, of C.S.M. Guest, Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Burnham, Cpl. Humphreys, Cpl. Chennels, Pte. Smith, Cpl. Coulson and Pte. Crowley, won the Company ambush competition at the Brigade rifle meeting.

#### A Reminder

Contributions for the May 1963 issue of the Journal should reach the Editor by 1st Feb., 1963.

#### "C" COMPANY

Queen's House, Poplar Walk, Croydon.

Company Commander	Major R. E. C. Brookes, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. W. B. Greenhow
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. A. Fuller
P.S.I.	Sgt. D. Lay
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. V. Russell

Sgt. D. Lay, who has recently joined the Company as our P.S.I., seems to have settled in very quickly and is already making us work as hard as he works himself, having immediately gained the respect of all ranks.

Just before annual camp in May a detachment from Croydon took part in the "At Home" of "D" Company at Bermondsey, and we had the pleasure of entertaining the members of the "La Sarcelle" group of Belgian Resistance from Ghent at Queen's House. This proved a memorable evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Annual camp at Stanford P.T.A., Norfolk, proved a most successful fortnight although local amenities were few.

The general feeling was that, as the training facilities were so good and so concentrated, real value was obtained with minimum waste of time.

We plunged right into the "deep end" to start, as the Company had to demonstrate a platoon attack in front of the entire Brigade within 48 hours of arrival in camp. Our most recent recruits, Ptes. Springer and Lissenburgh, found themselves kitted out, deployed, and taking part in a bayonet charge before they knew where they were. This provided an excellent start, and the tempo of excitement continued throughout camp, including Exercise "Trojan Horse," the realism of which all enjoyed.

Together with "A" Company we held a most successful Company party, and the temporary "amalgamation" went off very well.

On the middle Sunday of camp, a large party toured the Norfolk Broads in nautical fashion, with Sgt. Ridley addressing the "crew" via the P.A. system in the bows of our hired launch, and pointing out the various flora and fauna to be seen (some of it highly imaginary). W.O.2 Fuller provided incidental water music on his accordeon, and we worked through quite a large "cargo" of liquid refreshment.

After camp we are continuing with our Judo Club, and some members of the Company are advancing well in the subject.

Congratulations are due to W.O.2 Fuller and Cpl. J. Rose on the award of Meritorious Service Certificates which were presented to them at the parade in Croydon by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.

We also congratulate Sgt. Levy and other members of the Company on their performance in the Battalion shooting team at the Divisional and Brigade meetings.

Our training is now including nuclear warfare, and, as an introduction, a large party from the Company visited the "Defence of the Home" Exhibition at Merton, run by the local Civil Defence authorities. This proved most interesting and of considerable value. We are receiving a great deal of co-operation and assistance from our Croydon Civil Defence officers. Recruiting continues steadily, with an encouraging number of youngsters always showing interest in our activities.

#### "D" COMPANY

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

Company Commander	Major D. G. Wilson
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. A. Miller
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. G. Edwards
P.S.I.	W.O.2 F. Firman
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. F. Beckett

The Company was greatly thrilled by the performance of the Sutton Detachment's team in the London to Brighton march, and warmly congratulate the members of the team on their performance. Two of our new recruits at Bermondsey, Ptes. Missen and Welch, neither of whom had more than six months' service, also distinguished themselves in the march. On a range weekend with "C" Company they heard comments, which they did not like, about Bermondsey not entering a team. They therefore decided to do the march on their own, which they did with great success to the surprise of various officials on the check points. After a short stroll round Brighton they joined the teams at Mr. Courage's dinner.

Capt. D. Miller has taken over as 2IC in place of Capt. J. Blumsom, who is now on the unattached list. W.O.2 Piper left us in February, and we were very lucky to have W.O.2 Firman in his place. Lt. H. Clark joined the Company in July.

In March we spent some extremely chilly weekends on the Milton Ranges. In April we held a Company "At Home" and a very

successful all ranks' past and present ball in the Drill Hall, at which we were glad to welcome a party from the petty officers and men of H.M.S. *President*, the Mayors of Bermondsey, Deptford and Southwark, who all twisted together, and our friends of "La Sarcelle" from Belgium. Sgt. McLeod, looking resplendent as "Old Bill," represented the Company in the Regimental 1914 "bus" in the Battersea Park Easter Parade.

The Boston visit was a particular pleasure for members of this Company, three of whom were with the 1st/6th at Boston in 1940: Sgt. Bryan, Sgt. Clowes and Cpl. Gilliver. At camp we held a very happy party, jointly with another Company, during the course of which the Company presented a wedding present to Major Wilson.

The Bermondsey Drill Hall has been repainted and now looks very smart; particularly smart is Sgt. Mills' guard room.

We congratulate Sgt. Gallagher on promotion to Colour-Sergeant (Q.M.'s Department), Cpl. Duncan to Sergeant, and Ptes. Dafforn, Fairfax and Bannister to Lance-Corporals.

The Sutton Platoon continues to maintain its very high standard, and is looking forward to the arrival of a B.A.T. so that it can commence serious anti-tank training.

The Company had two social excursions in July, both of which were greatly enjoyed. The Sutton Platoon formed a party to the Royal Tournament, and the Bermondsey Detachment went on a Thames river boat outing.

"Work hard and play hard" is an old Army saying, but from the point of view of training it is an eternal truth which we in this Battalion try to put into practice. Further more it is what the young Territorial of today expects; the success of a weekend is often measured by the degree of fatigue at work on Monday morning! Next year we have a Colour Presentation to which we all look forward; but now and in the future "recruiting" problems remain. We are doing our best; we are the most successful unit in Surrey; we go to great lengths to publicise our activities in the local press and we have even persuaded the Rank Organisation to make a "Look at Life" film based on the Battalion; but we would welcome double the number of recruits. So once again, we shall conclude with an appeal to any past member of the Regiment to draw our Battalion's activities to the attention of any young men who want the best hobby in Britain.



## 4th Battalion

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

Honorary Colonel ..	..	..	..	..	Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D.
Commanding Officer ..	..	..	..	..	Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.
Second-in-Command ..	..	..	..	..	Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.
Adjutant ..	..	..	..	..	Capt. J. W. Francis
Quartermaster ..	..	..	..	..	Major J. C. Cox, M.B.E.
R.S.M. ..	..	..	..	..	W.O.1 F. B. Oram
R.Q.M.S. ..	..	..	..	..	W.O.2 G. A. Hurley
O.R.Q.M.S. ..	..	..	..	..	W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

### BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

THE Battalion can look back on the last six months with the knowledge and satisfaction that it has been very active and has had some success in both Divisional and Brigade competitions and meetings.

The main training of course took place at Annual Camp which was held in the Stanford P.T. area. It was very successful, despite the cold weather.

The Colonel of the Regiment, the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, the Chairman and Secretary of the Surrey T. and A.F. Association and the Chairman of the County of London T. and A.F. Association visited the Battalion in camp. We were also very pleased to see the ex-Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.

Apart from Camp, a number of weekends have been taken up with Brigade, Battalion and Company training. One Corporal who left his mug of soup for ten minutes, and returned to find it frozen, will remember the Brigade Signals weekend for a long time, so will the Officer who had to break the ice in his water bottle before he could have a drink!

The Battalion Boxing Team did extremely well in the Divisional Tournament. Every member of the team, trained by Sgt. Walker, fought, and eight were in the finals. Pte. T. Foster won the Welterweight, Pte. D. Champion won the Featherweight, Pte. D. Jagger the Light Middleweight and Pte. D. Hayward the Lightweight. Pte. L. Reid received the Best Loser's Prize, for an excellent performance in the Lightweight Final.

Sgt. Walker, Ptes. Barfe, Roberts and Ritson also fought.

Early in July, the Battalion team won the Brigade Motor Cycle Trials. Sgt. C. Cooper

came first and W.O.2 T. Collins third, the other member of the team was L/Cpl. G. Moore.

The Battalion also won the Major Units Championship at 47 Brigade Weapons Meeting in July. The Battalion did not win any specific event, but won the Championship by the steady shooting in all events of all Company teams.

The 3-in. Mortar Competition for T.A. units at the Home Counties Brigade Depot "At Home" was won by the Battalion. This team was found by "B" Company and consisted of Cpl. Elsbury, L/Cpl. Ryder, Ptes. Heitman, Littlejohn and Gaskin.

Among our successes we must count the three Band Concerts that we have had in the last few months. One was attended by the Mayor of Kingston-upon-Thames. The Band's rendering of the "1812" with off-stage sound effects, must have been heard all over Kingston.

The period has not been without its sad moments and Battalion Headquarters has lost two very popular personalities.

At the beginning of April, Major G. Y. Strawson, T.D., handed over as 2IC and left the Battalion on reaching the age limit, but we hope he will visit us from time to time.

Major Gay Strawson served for a number of years with the 42nd R.T.R. and the 23rd London Regiment and was 2IC of the latter for over two years. He was a member of the Amalgamation Committee and gave very valuable help towards the Amalgamation.

In July, the Battalion lost Capt. J. B. Ray and we wish him good luck in his new appointment at the War Office.

Capt. Brian Ray had just started his second tour with the 6th Battalion when the in-



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### EASTER PARADE IN BATTERSEA PARK ON EASTER SUNDAY

Members of the 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.), dressed in the uniform of the 1914-18 war, riding in the "Ole Bill" bus. The bus was followed by a modern one-ton vehicle carrying soldiers in combat dress

tention to amalgamate the T.A. Battalions was announced. The work and effort he put into the plans and preparation for the Amalgamation was typical of the way he carried out all his duties in the Battalion. We hope to see his well-known figure and Mrs. Ray at many of our social functions.

We welcome Capt. J. W. Francis from the 1st Battalion. He has taken over the duties of Adjutant and Training Officer. He is already becoming well known in the Battalion and we hope he will enjoy his tour of duty with us.

### "A" COMPANY

#### CLAPHAM DETACHMENT

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

The Company has had a number of noteworthy achievements, but the greatest success was in winning the Champion Company Cup. Great credit is due to the members of the

many teams whose combined efforts brought this cup to the Company.

We had two teams in the Battalion .22 Competition and L/Cpl. Lee is to be congratulated on shepherding the Richmond team to victory. The Clapham team gained third place. L/Cpl. Lee also won a medal for the highest individual score in the Lynn Dade Trophy.

The Battalion Marching Competition was won by our team led by Capt. Vincent Blackwell, the Company 2IC. Lt. Clive Young, loaned to us for camp, and Sgt. Shearing led our teams which came third and sixth.

After Camp we won the Battalion Swimming Meeting for the second year running.

A warm welcome is extended to Lt. Peter Talbot who has been attached to us from the Royal Warwicks for out-of camp training. His "Exercise Skirt" in which two girls from the office took the part of two female scientists being smuggled out of a foreign state, is to be followed by "Exercise Wench" in September—we can hardly wait! We



hope he decides to stay with us permanently.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Carpenter on gaining his first stripe and also on being selected as one of the first "Ever Readies"—a most loyal and conscientious Territorial, always in the thick of anything.

The Company Social Committee has now combined with "B" Company to form a Detachment Committee, but facilities still remain for running separate Company functions.

The outside of the T.A. Centre has been cleaned and the drill hall, canteen, etc., are in the process of being decorated.

And lastly, a weekend with a difference. Instead of our usual routine, we spent a weekend on Hawley lake. We were loaned assault craft, rubber dinghies, ropes, timber and oil drums and two instructors by No. 1 Training Regiment R.E. As well as carrying out a serious exercise in making an advance to contact with a water obstacle in the way, we had a most enjoyable time trying to start an out-board motor, or paddling around the lake in the up-turned canopy of a 3-ton lorry.

#### "B" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major P. Labbett, T.D.
C.S.M.	W.O.2 T. Shaw
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. Locke
P.S.I.	Sgt. R. Frankland

A well-attended training weekend at Hawley Common was devoted to Patrol training as the Company was to provide a Patrol Demonstration for 47 Brigade on the first day of camp.

Lt. J. Harmon and his patrol were congratulated by the Brigadier on this demonstration. It is not surprising that, later in camp, our patrol under 2/Lt. P. Marchant won the Patrolling Competition.

After camp we were able to gain second place in the Battalion Swimming Meeting, partly due to intensive badgering by L/Cpl. Francis. We were pipped by "A" Company by 3 points.

It is hoped to follow the successful social held in July by another one nearer Christmas. Sgt. Jenkins is to be congratulated on a wonderful cake produced in the form of a Company nominal roll enshrined forever in the Gazala Club.

Part of the Company weekend training at Lydd in September will be our introduction to the G.P.M.G.

The Company have said goodbye to Major B. J. Hall and W.O.2 Henman on their

posting to T.A.R.O. We welcome Major P. Labbett and W.O.2 Shaw and congratulate them on their promotion.

We also congratulate Cpl. Yeldham and L/Cpl. Francis on their promotion.

#### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. S. D. Wright, T.D.
Second-in-Command	
—Chertsey Detachment Commander	Capt. P. R. H. Thompson
Cobham Detachment Commander	
C.S.M.	Lt. C. D. Young
C.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 T. Collins
P.S.I.	C/Sgt. L. Wood, M.M.
	W.O.2 P. Todd

We have now started on our autumn and winter training programme, this includes driver training and of course 3-in. mortar, and M.M.G.s play a large part in this Company.

We congratulate Major Wright on the award of the T.D. We welcome W.O.2 P. Todd as our new P.S.I. A change always means a farewell, and it is with great regret that we surrender W.O.2 D. Crowther to the Hong Kong Defence Force, where we know both he and his family will do well. We also congratulate Capt. P. R. H. Thompson on his promotion.

The Leatherhead team did well in the Battalion Marching Competition, led by a stalwart, Cpl. Loveland. C/Sgt. Wood continues to recruit well for this Detachment and we congratulate him on his promotion.

Cobham Detachment continue to thrive and had a most successful social and dance in July. A number of volunteers of this detachment have applied for the "Ever Readies."

Chertsey Detachment, now threatened imminently with decorations, look forward to the M.M.G. shoot at Lydd.

#### "D" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.
C.S.M. (Acting)	Sgt. J. Partridge
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. F. Hodgkin
P.S.I.	Sgt. P. Dent

Since our last notes we have had to say farewell to Capt. B. Ramsey, T.D., on his joining T.A.R.O. His experience and ability will be missed by all of us. We welcome Lt. M. J. A. Neal who served with 1st Surreys, and who has already proved himself a doughty walker in the best traditions of the Company.

Congratulations to Sgt. F. Ramsey, M.M., on the first clasp to his T.E.M. A silent mention of this award in Battalion Orders and the unobtrusive addition of a rosette is insufficient evidence of his loyalty to the Battalion in general and the Company in particular.

We once again enjoyed a successful camp, winning no prizes, alas, but obtaining a good average standard of training and gaining maximum enjoyment in the process.

In the Battalion swimming we can hardly claim as a Company to have maintained a "good average" by coming third, because, as usual, all the points were won by L/Cpl. Kewish.

The Company is training the Battalion team for the Middlesex Tough Training Exercise.

Since camp we have lost Pte. Champion to the Regular Army and Pte. Robinson to the R.A.F. We have, however, gained a number of recruits in the last four months and attendance for training is extremely good.

L/Cpls. Sargeant and Tucker, together with other members of the detachment were largely responsible for the excellent social held in July. This was enjoyed by members of both "D" and "H.Q." Companies and other members of the Battalion.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander	Major D. H. Conran
C.S.M.	W.O.2 H. Coombes
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. A. Francis
P.S.I.	Sgt. S. Reddick

Since our last notes Major J. H. Johnson, T.D., has been appointed Second-in-Command and we welcome in his place Major D. H. Conran.

The weather conditions at camp were typical of the rest of the summer. However, this did not prevent very useful training being accomplished. The range facilities gave some of our younger members their first opportunity to fire infantry platoon weapons.

The M.T. Platoon, perhaps inspired by their growing numbers, were observed in a rather unfamiliar role tackling the assault course, led by the M.T.O. Both here and with more routine duties, in and out of camp, they did very well.

Congratulations to the Q.M., Capt. Charles Cullum (M.T.O.) and the permanent staff drivers and those members of the M.T. who worked so hard and obtained a high per-

centage of "good" on the R.E.M.E. Inspection.

The task of forming and training a Recce Platoon has been given to Capt. Cullum.

W.O.2 Figgins, Sgt. Haynes and their Cooks maintained their service and standards both at camp and on many Battalion and Company training days.

The Signals Platoon managed to establish contact as and when required and achieved some useful training. We are delighted that C/Sgt. Hammersley will be once again a tower of strength during the coming year, but the platoon has lost Sgt. Burgess to the M.T.

The Assault Pioneers had the benefit of an excellent course run by the R.E. at camp, and were able to prove that a raft could be sunk.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Glazzard, Hammond and Inwood on their promotion.

It is difficult to speak too highly of the work of the Band and Drums. The increase in the Band strength and musical ability in the last year is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Pearce, and the hard work of all members of the Band. Apart from the excellent concerts, the Band has performed on several military and civil occasions. They have combined with the 3rd Battalion Band on various occasions including the 47th Brigade weapons meeting and beating Retreat at Boston, Lincolnshire, during camp.

The Drums, under the ever-hard-working Drum Major, Stuart-Williams, continue to prosper and give a good account of themselves as well as co-operating well with the Band.

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## "R" (Surrey) Battery

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

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4 Flodden Road, London, S.E.5.

Battery Commander	.. .. .	Major P. H. Dunstone, T.D.
Battery Captain	.. .. .	Capt. J. D'A. Westlake, T.D.
Troop Commanders	.. .. .	Capt. J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D.
		Capt. J. N. Beevers
		Lt. D. A. Wright
B.S.M.	.. .. .	W.O.2 G. W. H. Worm
B.Q.M.S.	.. .. .	S/Sgt. F. A. Ross

THE Battery has had a successful camp at the Army School of Civil Defence at Millom. From 19th May we practised light rescue and first aid, and of our N.C.O.s Sgt. R. Ward gained an "A" grading as an instructor. The Battery won the Regimental sports trophy at a pleasant meeting during which some dark horses came to light unexpectedly.

We have now reverted more strongly to L.A.A. training, and over a weekend in July completed the C.R.A.'s exercise in the Aldershot area. On the matter of exercises there is the Mob. exercise in September which will certainly be a change from our normal routine; at the time of writing no details are available.

The following are warmly congratulated on their recent awards: Major P. H. Dunstone and Capt. J. M. A. Tamplin, the Territorial

Decoration; Sgts. C. J. Dillon and D. J. Chalk, the Efficiency Medal; and B.S.M. G. W. H. Worm a first bar to his Efficiency Medal.

There has been some small material change at this Drill Hall—and not before time either! The front area has been tidied up, and looks much better for it. We continually hear plans of what is going to happen in the future, so when anything does take place it becomes a red-letter day.

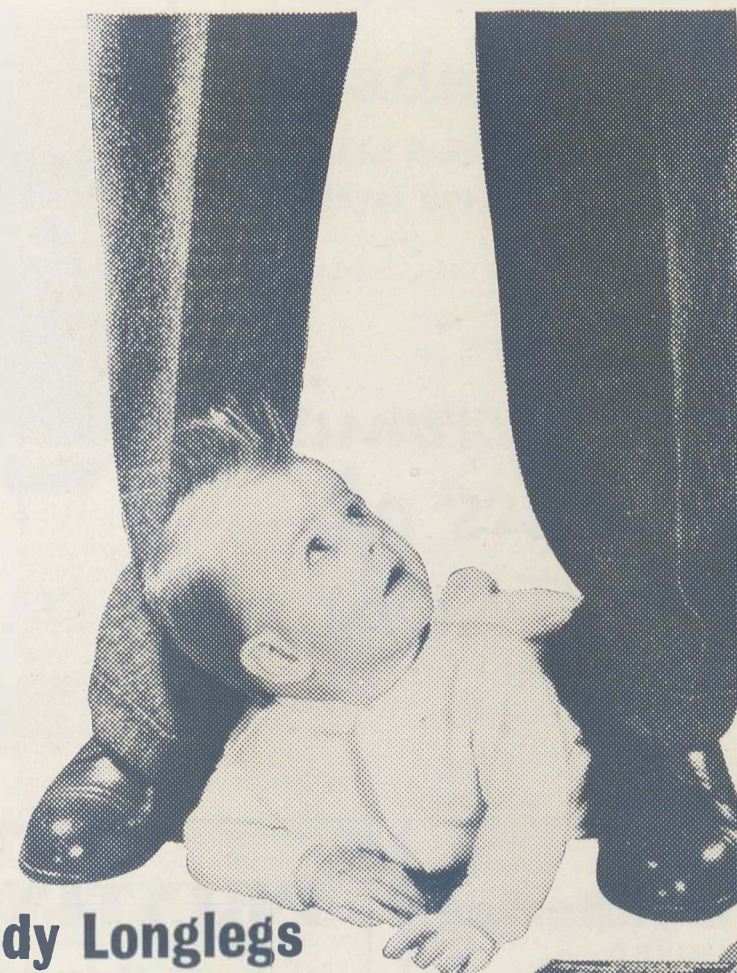
A fact of historical interest is the news that we were offered by the family, and we have acquired, the Victoria Cross and other medals awarded to L/Cpl. Leonard James Keyworth. He was awarded the V.C. for gallantry at Givenchy on 25th-26th May, 1915, with the 1st/24th Battalion (The Queen's).

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1st Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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Selhurst	Lt. C. F. Wells
Redhill and Reigate	Capt. C. H. Wilson
Dorking	Lt. R. A. M. Newton
John Ruskin	Capt. K. G. Maggs
Wallington	Capt. L. H. S. Bishop
Queen's House	Major R. O. Nebel, T.D.
R.A.S.C.	2/Lt. J. Wilkinson
Sharpshooters	Capt. P. Tween

pots. We achieved the following successes:

*Home Counties District Rifle Meeting, Hythe, 28th April, 1962*

2nd in rifle match	.. "A" Team
1st in falling plates	.. "A" Team
3rd in individual	.. Cadet C.S.M. Elford

*Surrey A.C.F. Rifle Meeting, Bisley, 5th/6th May, 1962*

Welsh Guards' Trophy—snap	.. "A" Team
East Surrey's Trophy—application	.. "A" Team
Barker Trophy—falling plates	.. "A" Team

*Individual Awards*

Old Contemptibles Cup	.. Cadet C.S.M. T. Shaw
Runner-up Cup	.. Cadet Cpl. D. Smith
1st Application	.. Cadet Cpl. D. Smith
2nd Application	.. Cadet C.S.M. T. Shaw
1st Snap	.. Cadet C.S.M. T. Shaw
Runner-up, Champion at Arms	.. Cadet C.S.M. T. Shaw
3rd Champion at Arms	.. Cadet Cpl. D. Smith

*Surrey Inter-Services Meeting, Bisley, 16th/17th June, 1962*

Surrey Bowl	.. Champion unit, all Services
Haining Shield	.. Champion unit, A.C.F.
Secretaries' Cup	.. Snap
Vice-chairman's Cup	.. Application

*Watts Bowl National Trophy, Bisley, 21st July, 1962*

"A" Team took fifth place

All bar one candidate passed in the last Certificate "A" Part II Examination, two of our cadets gaining credit marks.

Cadet C.S.M. Shaw was awarded a Lord Lieutenant's Badge and C/Sgt. Muckleston a County Commandant's Badge.

2nd Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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

We are glad to report that this year we have made steady progress and have begun, we hope, to regain many of the trophies which we held in the past. At the Surrey A.C.F. rifle meeting at Bisley, Cadet Sgt. Baxter won the Champion at Arms Shield and at a later meeting we won the falling plate competition.

The County Patrol Competition was held at Haslemere Weekend Training Centre again, and we won, being one point ahead of the R.A. and Signals Group. Last year we were second to this unit and we are very pleased to bring home the shield.

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Economy Shield for the third time in succession. Our training this year since spring has been based on the internal security aspect. In July we received a warning order to move to Okehampton.

On 13th August we went to camp. Unfortunately, the weather was a typical British summer, and although matters improved in the second week everyone got extremely wet during the first week. Our gladness at seeing the Honorary Colonel, Col. W. H. Hammond, V.D., was tinged with sadness in that he was ceasing to be Honorary Colonel owing to the fact that he now lives so far away from Surrey.

On 11th August we had a special ceremonial parade in his honour when he inspected the Battalion and took the salute at the march past. He was afterwards dined by the officers in the Officers' Mess. Col. Hammond was Commanding Officer of the Battalion some 10 or 11 years ago when we won pretty well every trophy for which we entered. Many people serving in the Battalion today did not know him at all. However, in

his very short stay, two days in fact, he made many friends. We are extremely fortunate in having as our future Honorary Colonel Col. H. R. Power, O.B.E., D.L., who is extremely well known to us, having been Commandant of the Surrey A.C.F. prior to Brigadier B. Calvert, D.S.O. Col. Power came to camp for the middle weekend and was present at the special parade on the Saturday. On Sunday, the 12th, the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, the Earl of Munster, inspected the Surrey A.C.F. Brigade and presented medals. Amongst the recipients was Capt. L. F. Spiers of this Battalion who received the Cadet Force Long Service Medal.

Unfortunately our numbers are down considerably but we are pleased to say that several cadets, over the last six months, have, in fact, joined the Regular and Territorial Army and also a few have joined the Junior Leaders. Lts. G. West and G. Tarr have recently been promoted to Acting Captains.

## 5th Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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

#### Battalion Headquarters

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Commanding Officer .. Major L. I. Raven-Hill  
Adjutant .. .. . Capt. D. Sweasey  
Chaplain .. .. . Rev. A. G. Wedderspoon

Attached:  
Training Officer .. Capt. E. J. Hillier  
Assistant Adjutant .. Lt. G. R. Strong

#### "A" Company

Commander .. .. . Capt. R. B. Kitchen  
Leatherhead Platoon .. 2/Lt. C. Dawes  
Chessington Platoon .. Lt. A. Willoughby  
Cobham Platoon .. .. Lt. L. Field

#### "B" Company

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

#### "C" Company

Commander .. .. . Capt. D. McLean  
Surbiton Grammar School Pltn. Lt. P. Carpenter  
Kingston Platoon .. .. Lt. M. J. Boxall  
Sutton Platoon .. .. . Lt. Lenihan

#### Appointments

We welcome the following to the Battalion:

*Chaplain:* The Rev. A. G. Wedderspoon.

*Officers:* Lt. W. Banfield, "C" Company, Kingston Platoon, late R.A.O.C., A.E.R.  
2/Lt. C. Dawes, "A" Company, Leatherhead Platoon, late 4th Battalion T.A.

*Sergeant Instructors:* S.I. D. M. T. Balding, "B" Company, Chertsey Platoon. S.I. P. G. Shaw, "C" Company, Sutton Platoon. S.I. E. B. Jones, "B" Company, Walton Platoon.

*Cadets:* Cpl. Jagger, Kingston Platoon, and Cpl. Huss, Surbiton Grammar School Platoon, have both been promoted Sergeants and we all wish them well in their future role.

#### Resignations

Owing to business and other commitments we are sorry to lose the services of S.I.s Izon and Jefferies.

#### Courses

2/Lt. P. Carpenter, "C" Company, and S.M.I. D. W. Johnson, "C" Company, both successfully attended a King George VI Memorial leadership course and 2/Lt. C. Dawes, "A" Company, a basic training course, both held at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park.

#### Training

We were not very successful in the County Patrol Competition having only obtained a fourth place out of five teams competing. However, our patrol was very young and new and it is hoped that the experience gained will stand them in good stead for next year. We are very pleased that our friends in the 2nd Battalion were the winners. The new Certificate "A" training is proceeding satisfactorily and we are just about to work out with the 4th Battalion (T.A.) a scheme for special-to-arms training for the post-Certificate "A" cadets.

#### Annual Camp

Camp this year was at Southern Command Battle Camp Okehampton and was treated as one complete exercise based on the Battalion being sent to Aden on active service to relieve the rear party of the 1st Battalion, now in Hong Kong, and to carry out Internal Security measures and patrols against hostile tribes. The exercise, code-named "Copula," a word meaning a bond or tie, was carried out in the following phases:

1. Sunday, 29th July, 1962—Embarkation and Church Parade.
2. Sunday, 29th July, 1962 to 12th August, 1962—Represented sea voyage to Aden.
3. Sunday, 12th August, 1962—Disembarkation and entrain for frontier village area.
4. Sunday, 12th August, 1962 to 25th August, 1962—Occupation of frontier village and operations against hostile tribes and Internal Security measures.
5. Saturday, 25th August, 1962—Return to United Kingdom.

The Battalion trained in platoons and carried out all the usual Internal Security measures, i.e. riot dispersal squad; cordon and search; road blocks and check points; vehicle picketing and flag march in addition to carrying out fighting patrols in the hills against hostile tribes.

#### Shooting

The Battalion has done well this year in this field and we look forward to the return of the 1st Battalion to the United Kingdom when we hope we may challenge them to a "day on the range."

Incidentally, it may be of interest to readers that on Sunday, 2nd September, we beat the 4th Battalion (T.A.) in the Falling Plate Competition at Henley Park Range.

#### Sport

We have had a very good year in this field having attained many firsts and seconds and finally third place in the overall placings for the year. This has been due to the efforts of Lt. C. Welch and the co-operation of Platoon Commanders and of course to the boys themselves. Chertsey Platoon, "B" Company, won the Junior Cup in the County Boxing Championship. Cpl. Delanghe, Chessington Platoon, won all three Junior field events at the Athletic Meeting, having two wins in which he set new County standards.

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

This cup referred to in the last edition has now been won by "B" Company and the Company enjoyed its "sippers" from the Cup after its presentation at camp.

#### Congratulations

The following have been awarded the Cadet Forces Medal for 12 years adult service: Major L. I. Raven-Hill, Commanding Officer; Lt. L. Field, "A" Company; S.M.I. D. W. Johnson, "C" Company.

Although a young Battalion we now possess eight holders of this award, the others being: Capt. D. Sweasey, Adjutant; Capt. J. Rapley, "B" Company; Capt. R. Kitchener, "A" Company; Capt. E. Hiller, Training Officer; Lt. G. T. R. Strong, Assistant Adjutant.

#### Bequest

##### COLONEL G. N. DYER, C.B.E., D.S.O.

In his will, the late Col. G. N. Dyer left the sum of £100 to the Regiment. The legacy, now augmented by interest to £113 18s. 6d., has been credited to the Regimental Association Funds and will be used for the benefit of Old Soldiers of the Regiment.

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



## 1st London Cadet Battalion

## The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

## "A" COMPANY

2/Lt. A. Hyams  
S/Sgt. M. Hibberd  
S/Sgt. Baker

After many years with the Battalion, Capt. J. de C. Griffin has retired from command of "A" Company and is succeeded by 2/Lt. H. Hyams.

## "G" COMPANY

Capt. A. R. Davis  
2/Lt. I. Blythe  
S/Sgt. W. Cross

During the year Lt. Davis has been pro-

moted to Captain and 2/Lt. I. Blythe has joined the Company from the University of London O.T.C.

L/Cpl. Outhwaite distinguished himself by winning the Mayor of Stoke Newington's Challenge Shooting Cup.

## A HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

One of the highlights of the year for both Companies was a visit in June to the Home Counties Brigade at Canterbury where the efforts of the Regular Officers and Instructors produced a first-class weekend for some 40 cadets.

## The Royal Merchant Navy School

Since the beginning of 1960 the Royal Merchant Navy School, Bear Wood, Wokingham, has been open to sons of serving members of the Armed Forces, and already many such boys have joined the School, which previously had been available only to children whose parents were serving or had served in the Merchant Navy or in certain closely-associated auxiliaries.

Since 1921 the Royal Merchant Navy School, founded in 1827, has occupied the mansion and park known as Bear Wood, in Berkshire, three miles from Wokingham and 6 from Reading.

The School, hitherto co-educational, has always had many more boys than girls. The Governors have recently decided that no further girls are to be accepted and that when the present girl pupils have left, in about three years, the School shall be solely for boys.

Boys enter usually between the ages of 11 and 13 and remain at least until the age of 16; those suitable for Advanced Level work remaining until 18. The School is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education.

The School complement is 240 boys (though it is hoped to increase this to 300) and there are courses suitable for pupils of all levels of ability.

The grounds—nearly 500 acres in extent—include a 47-acre lake—, used for bathing and

boating, and a farm which supplies fresh eggs and Jersey milk.

The pupils' and staff living accommodation is in the mansion, to which new classrooms, and well-equipped laboratories and workshop have been added since 1948.

The School has its own Chapel (C. of E.) and a large gymnasium, a tuckshop, the Nuffield Sanatorium (1954) and extensive playing fields.

The fees to sons of serving members of the Armed Forces are £270 per annum. Service grants are available.

For further information apply Headmaster.

## S.H.A.P.E. OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

A S.H.A.P.E. Officers' Association has been formed. Membership is open to officers (serving or retired) or civilian staff of officer status who have served at S.H.A.P.E. or at any of the N.A.T.O. military headquarters.

An inaugural dinner was held in October 1961 at which it was decided to hold an annual dinner at S.H.A.P.E.

Particulars are available from: The S.H.A.P.E. Officers' Association, S.H.A.P.E., B.F.P.O. 6.

## Allied Regiments

## South Alberta Light Horse

PATTERSON ARMOURIES, MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

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

## Extracts from Regimental History, 1962

## General

THE Regiment showed its normal growth and expansion as continuing and by end February our strength, inclusive attached personnel was between 430 and 450 all ranks.

## Personnel

The Regiment had the somewhat dubious honour to be the target of a Ministerial Investigation from the desk of the Ministry of National Defence relative under-age personnel in the Unit. The military training programme is proving so popular that parents were certifying 15-16 year olds as being the full age of 18 without a quiver; some 29 persons are involved.

As a direct result of the Ministerial Investigation, all personnel were required to produce a birth certificate with the result that some 56 troopers had to turn in kit as having given wrong information as to their age—and being under age were struck off strength.

## Courses

Some 21 courses are under way in Medicine Hat and three more in our outlying squadron at Bow Island Alberta. The latter squadron is coming along nicely. With a food servicing section R.C.A.S.C. in the immediate future, a Cooks course was also established, as well as a Clerk Accounting Course to provide squadron personnel for Q.M. stores.

## Allied Regiments

Exchanges of correspondence were made between the S.A.L.H. and the 15/19th King's Own Hussars and the Queen's Surreys. In addition the Regiment learned of the proposed visit of Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C. to the S.A.L.H. on 14-18th September of this year. Brigadier Roupell was the officer instrumental in the original alliance of the old South Alberta Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment. His visit is being hailed with delight.

## Messes

The Sergeants' Mess continues to be very popular and is operated in a most efficient manner. Major Henry Sorensen was appointed P.M.C. of the Officers' Mess, and the entire building has undergone a "transformation" as well as the operation of the Mess. With the exception of the "Allied Corner," one hardly recognises the place as it was before his active broom started sweeping.

## Training

Notwithstanding weather between 15 and 35 below during January and February, training went on "schedule." Trades-test boards are now in process for courses commenced at the turn of the year. With the Area Commander's inspection coming up on 12th May—preliminary drill routines are being worked out. The city has again been asked for the use of the Ball Park due to the number involved and the fact that this Regiment *still* hasn't a parade square, much to the chagrin of the R.S.M.

April and May 1962 could be described as normal training with few highlights of interest. Personnel were busy finishing up the remaining periods of instruction and absorption of knowledge in preparation for the review and writing of trades tests. The latter part of April saw many worried expressions on many faces awaiting the results. Fortunately there were very few failures and those who did fail—deserved to fail.

## Inspections

The Commanding Officer inspected the Young Soldiers on 3rd March and was most pleased with the turn-out. Unfortunately we were unable to clothe a goodly number of personnel, much to their displeasure.

Major Waldie, Capt. Daniels and another officer arrived on 8th March to carry out the annual regimental inspection. The Regiment got a "very good" rating.

The Commanding Officer was kept busy



attending inspections. Two excellently turned-out Troops from the Special Training Unit were inspected with an average parade strength of 150 and over for each—and it was remarkable to see what can be done with a raw civilian in six weeks.

Two Cadet Corps (Redcliffe and Medicine Hat) were also inspected as well as the annual inspection of the Royal Canadian Navy Sea Cadets.

Our own unit was inspected by Brigadier J. S. Ross, Area Commander, on 12th May.

### Colours

Capt. Daniels of Area H.Q. was kind enough to dig out all the previous correspondence on the Regimental application for our guidon. Correspondence is now being initiated to finalise this matter so that the Regiment will finally get its Colour presented in due course.

### Coming Events

The Regiment is preparing for Boomerang II for 12th May when Brigadier J. S. Ross, D.S.O., C.D., inspects the Regiment.

Official invitation from 341st Strategic Missile Wing, Strategic Air Command, at Great Falls Malmstrom Air Force Base, was received and permission asked for selected personnel of this Regiment to attend a tour of the installations and to take part in the U.S. Armed Forces' ceremonies on 18th-19th-20th May.

A recruiting drive is under way for additional personnel who may attend summer camp for recruit training.

### Unit Strengths

Spring fever struck with a vengeance and our attendance figures fell off sharply as troopers discovered girls; gardening; baseball; and other diversions.

### Social

The annual Vimy Dinner was held on 7th April in the Officers' Mess and was quite successful. The Ridge, famous in Canadian Army annals was successfully taken by 5 a.m.

"Boomerang II," which celebrates the return of Regimental status to this city was held on 11th-12th May and was very successful.

- Have you placed an order for a copy of the Journal?

WHY NOT DO SO NOW!

### Bow Island "C" Squadron

Lt. Gunderson who, due to civilian occupation, was stationed at Bow Island and commanded the outlying squadron there, was transferred back to Medicine Hat. Fortunately, up-and-coming officers in the persons of 2/Lt. Weatherhead and 2/Lt. Balay were available there and will take over. Gunderson's talents are required at R.H.Q.

### Unit Publication ("The Sabre and Spur")

Decision was reached to again publish *The Sabre and Spur*, the official organ of the Regiment. Hitherto this was published in Calgary when R.H.Q. was at that point. Paucity of dollars prevented us from continuing publication until now—but we are getting out a "pre-camp" issue at once.

### Summer Camp

The C.O. attended a "pre-camp" conference at Calgary on 27th May and returned back to the unit with cautious enthusiasm for the forthcoming camp. It promises to be different and more in keeping with what a "camp" should be. The emphasis will be on Corps training—long overdue. A splendid programme is being lined up for the six-week Young Soldier camp as well.

## 1st American Regiment Royal Canadian Armoured Corps.

Lieut-Colonel John I. Johnston, C.D., assumed command of the Queen's York Rangers vice Lieut-Colonel J. V. Davies, C.D., on 29th September, 1962. The Colonel of the Regiment has sent to Colonel Johnston, the congratulations of the Regiment on his appointment. We send our very best wishes to Colonel Davies on relinquishing his command.

### Christmas Greetings

Brigadier and Mrs. G. Roupell send their greetings and best wishes to all their friends in The Regiment and would like them to know that they are not sending Christmas cards this year as they will be travelling abroad from August until next April.

### L/Cpl. E. Dwyer, V.C.

An abridged copy of a letter from the late L/Cpl. Edward Dwyer, V.C., dated in France from No. 1 General Hospital, B.E.F., 30.5.15

From: 10523 L/Cpl. E. Dwyer,  
1st East Surrey Regiment,  
C. Landing,  
No. 1 General Hospital,  
B.E.F.  
30.5.15.

To: Mr. H. F. Stoneham, Lieutenant,  
1st East Surrey Regiment.

Dear Sir,

Your kind and welcome letter of the 23rd inst. has been forwarded to me. Thank you sincerely, sir, for the congratulations and I will endeavour to make myself worthy of them.

I sincerely hope you will soon be well again, your wound has taken a long time to heal.

Sir, there are only a few of the old signallers left; Ede and Cook, Collins, Hall, Gooch and Ellis; Sweeney, Lee and Smythe are on 14th Bde. Elson, Robbins, Newstead and Hobley are at home in Dover. You are perhaps aware that Press was wounded just after you sir, and he is also on the signallers at Dover.

I quite well remember the day you were wounded, also Sgts. B. and R. Hunt were killed that day; Capt. Bowring was captured and Capt. Hewitt was wounded.

I cannot really describe the events from the Marne to the Aisne, I was like one in a dream. About the beginning of October the Div. was booked for Antwerp, but they were so hard pressed round La Bassee that we were stopped and sent there; an aeroplane raced our train and stopped us, and we went to relieve the French round La Bassee. We lost Sgt. Fairs and Cpl. Cox round there.

The Indians relieved us from there at the end of October and we roamed about from one position to another, until about the middle of November when we went to Messines. Whilst there Colonel Longley was taken from us and promoted Brigadier General. Then of the old officers all we had left was Mr. Roupell, Mr. Darwell, Capt. White, Mr. Clarke; the rest were all new.

Christmas we spent out of the trenches but we were in again for the Old Year out and the New in. We were doing famous there, every

man knew the ground off by heart; and then in February they gradually started shifting us further up the line towards Ypres. From Messines we went to Kemmel, that is where Pte. Smith (he was in your platoon) was killed. He was an Irishman and a good man too. Smith, Elmer and myself were always together. You remember Pte. Sadler, sir, he was killed there and also Ackerman; all the time-serving men were being picked off. If you joined the Regiment again, sir, you would hardly know one man except Elmer. It is very miserable in the Regiment now all the Old Officers and men have gone.

Well sir, we went to Ypres, and well we knew it, but the worst was yet to come. After the taking of Hill 60, the Regiment went up there and the enemy shelled us with their 17-in. guns for three days and nights without a stop; but they could not shift us. It was there that we lost Major Packman; he was the C.O. Mr. Roupell still led "A" Coy. until they were relieved, although he was three times wounded.

There we lost 15 officers, including Capt. Wynter. Mr. Clarke got a dose of gas but I believe he is alright. I do not know who commands the Regiment now; a Capt. Oldman of the Norfolk Regiment had them but he is wounded now. I wish poor Elmer was here, sir. He writes to me and he is so lonely on his own. We used often to sit and have a chat, Elmer, Vasey, Sadler, Mitchell and I, and they nearly always brought your name into the conversation with a few remembrances of the days of the retirement. (i.e. the Retreat from Mons.)

I must really close, sir, I have so many letters to write, trusting you will excuse the scribble.

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD DWYER,  
Lance-Corporal. 10523.

### FOUND

A silver filigree bracelet was found on the lawns of Kingston Barracks after the officers' Tercentenary cocktail party held on 3rd June, 1961. No claim for this article has yet been received. Unless a claim, giving a short description of the bracelet, is received by 31st December, 1962, it is proposed to dispose of the article.



## Regimental Cricket 1962

**B**OTH the Regimental cricket matches this year ended in victory for the Regiment: H.M.S. *Excellent* was beaten by 8 wickets; and the Royal Marines were beaten by 2 runs in the last over. With the 1st Battalion abroad, and no Depot team to fall back on, it was extremely difficult to raise respectable sides; the results are therefore all the more satisfactory.

The match versus H.M.S. *Excellent* would undoubtedly have been a draw but for a sporting declaration by Lt.Cdr. Tordoff, who, after winning the toss and batting, declared H.M.S. *Excellent's* innings closed with only 3 wickets down. The wicket was very plumb, and the playing time limited to 9 hours, so the Queen's Surreys attempted to score quickly and also make an early declaration. However, wickets fell quickly and in the end they were all out with a lead of 9 runs. Crowhurst batted brilliantly for 82 runs. "Whaley" then went for quick runs in their second innings, but they too lost wickets quickly and were all out for 145 leaving the Queen's Surreys 138 to win in two hours. Capt. Davidson and Sgt. Dawson gave the side a good start by putting on 79 in 45 minutes before Capt. Davidson was out for 43. Capt. Sharpe then continued attacking

the bowling and the runs were knocked off with 25 minutes to spare.

In the match versus the Royal Marines only 70 minutes play was possible on the first day. After persistent rain all the morning and early afternoon, play started after tea. Capt. Davidson won the toss and decided to bat on a sodden wicket, and at the close of play, after one further interruption for rain, the Queen's Surreys had scored 94 for 4. Play started the next morning at 10.30, and the remaining batsmen had orders to hit out; they added 53 runs in 30 minutes. The Royal Marines were then all out for 140 in two hours. The Queen's Surreys second innings was only saved from disaster by a fine attacking innings by Cpl. Waters who scored 42 not out, and, amongst other things, hit two consecutive balls for six on the same car! L/Cpl. Brazier, the last man in, managed to hold out until tea, thereby enabling Capt. Davidson to declare after batting for two overs after tea, leaving the Royal Marines to score 150 at 82 runs per hour. The Royal Marines at one stage were well behind the clock, but after being tempted with a few easy runs they caught up, losing wickets in the process. Capt. Thompson bowled leg breaks, on an unresponsive wicket, with considerable



THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT v. H.M.S. EXCELLENT

Back row: Lt. R. Bond, Lt. A. Wheatley, Pte. T. Crowhurst, Lt.-Cdr. B. E. Spicer, A.B. P. E. Kerr, P.O. R. Howland, Sgt. R. Woolcott, C.P.O. R. H. Sanders, W.O.2 F. Stuart, Sgt. N. T. Dawson, C.P.O. R. G. Knight, L/Cpl. B. Waters, L/Cpl. B. Brazier, W. L. Allen, Esq.  
Seated: Lt. J. B. Bowden, Lt.-Cdr. P. Hames, Capt. G. C. Sharpe, C.P.O. R. D. Healey, Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, Capt. J. G. Wells, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, Lt.-Cdr. R. O. Tordoff, Major C. F. Greenwood, Lt. J. G. Brittan, Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford, Lt.-Cdr. I. D. Lewis

guile, and brought the Queen's Surreys right back into the match by bowling the Marines' captain when he was going well with 56 runs to his credit. Capt. Davidson then started the last over with the Marines needing 8 runs and the Queen's Surreys needing 1 wicket. The first ball was nicked over slip's head for 4 and the fourth was nicked between pad and wicket for what looked like 4 runs to end the match; Cpl. Brazier, however, running at full speed, saved the boundary by 6 in., and his powerful throw from the boundary to the top of the stumps run out the last man as he was attempting to complete a third run. So ended a great day's cricket with over 500 runs scored and as exciting a finish as one could ever wish to see.

### QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

v. H.M.S. "EXCELLENT"

At Whale Island, 31st May and 1st June, 1962

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

##### First Innings

Lt. J. G. Brittan st Crowhurst b Napier-Ford	..	29		
C.P.O. Healey b Greenwood	..	13		
Lt.-Cdr. P. Hames b Napier-Ford	..	47		
C.P.O. R. H. Sanders not out	..	49		
Lt. A. Wheatley not out	..	11		
Extras	..	9		
Total, for 3 wickets declared	..	158		

Lt.-Cdr. I. D. Lewis, Lt.-Cdr. B. E. Spicer, P.O. R. Howland, A.B. P. E. Kerr, C.P.O. R. G. Knight and Lt.-Cdr. R. O. Tordoff did not bat.

##### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Bowden	.. 9	—	20	—
Stuart	.. 5	2	7	—
Greenwood	.. 5	—	17	1
Dawson	.. 6	—	20	—
Napier-Ford	.. 10	2	37	2
Davidson	.. 8	1	37	—
Woolcott	.. 2	—	11	—

##### Second Innings

Lt. J. G. Brittan not out	..	12		
C.P.O. Healey c Brazier b Bowden	..	5		
Lt.-Cdr. P. Hames c Stuart b Davidson	..	14		
C.P.O. R. H. Sanders c Davidson b Bowden	..	15		
Lt. A. Wheatley lbw b Davidson	..	7		
Lt.-Cdr. I. D. Lewis c Davidson b Napier-Ford	..	20		
Lt.-Cdr. B. E. Spicer b Stuart	..	28		
P.O. R. Howland c Bowden b Stuart	..	6		
A.B. P. E. Kerr st Crowhurst b Napier-Ford	..	29		
C.P.O. R. G. Knight b Stuart	..	0		
Lt.-Cdr. R. O. Tordoff c Bowden b Napier-Ford	..	6		
Extras	..	3		
Total	..	145		

##### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Bowden	.. 4	—	31	2
Stuart	.. 11	1	37	3
Napier-Ford	.. 6	—	19	3
Davidson	.. 10	—	55	2

### THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

#### First Innings

Sgt. N. T. Dawson c Tordoff b Healey	..	13		
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson lbw b Sanders	..	17		
W.O.2 F. Stuart run out	..	0		
Capt. G. C. Sharpe b Sanders	..	2		
Lt. J. B. Bowden lbw b Sanders	..	7		
Pte. T. Crowhurst c Kerr b Sanders	..	82		
L/Cpl. B. Waters c Healey b Sanders	..	13		
Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford b Sanders	..	0		
Sgt. R. Woolcott not out	..	23		
L/Cpl. B. Brazier c Healey b Sanders	..	0		
Major C. F. Greenwood b Kerr	..	1		
Extras	..	9		
Total	..	167		

##### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Healey	.. 15	3	43	1
Tordoff	.. 3	1	10	—
Sanders	.. 20	5	50	7
Knight	.. 2	—	24	—
Kerr	.. 6	—	31	1

##### Second Innings

Sgt. N. T. Dawson b Tordoff	..	31		
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson b Kerr	..	43		
Capt. G. C. Sharpe not out	..	37		
Lt. J. B. Bowden not out	..	13		
Extras	..	14		
Total, for 2 wickets	..	138		

W.O.2 F. Stuart, Pte. T. Crowhurst, L/Cpl. B. Waters, Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford, Sgt. R. Woolcott, L/Cpl. B. Brazier and Major C. F. Greenwood did not bat.

##### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Healey	.. 8	1	31	—
Tordoff	.. 5	—	30	1
Sanders	.. 6	1	34	—
Kerr	.. 7	—	29	1

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment won by 8 wickets.

### The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers (Continued from page 314)

gamation between the Company and the recently formed Newspaper Makers' Company was effected, since when the Company has been known as The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

The adoption of the Regiment by this ancient and honourable Company is a highly-prized and valued distinction.



# THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT v. THE ROYAL MARINES

At Deal 16th and 17th July, 1962

## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT

### First Innings

Capt. J. G. W. Davidson c Shuldham b Green	33
Lt. B. A. Hoffman b Sayers	7
Pte. T. Crowhurst c Green b Sayers	24
Capt. B. H. Thomson c and b Sayers	2
Capt. G. C. Sharpe c Porter b Green	23
Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford c Porter b Green	11
Sgt. R. Woollcott c Sayers b Coulter	19
Bdsm. D. Howell c Taylor b Coulter	6
Cpl. B. Waters c Porter b Coulter	7
Drum-Major P. Howells not out	8
L/Cpl. B. Brazier b Green	2
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Green	14	3	50	4
Coulter	16	4	59	3
Sayers	7	1	17	3
Freeman	4	—	18	—

### Second Innings

Capt. J. G. W. Davidson b Coulter	1
Lt. B. A. Hoffman b Green	14
Pte. T. Crowhurst c Porter b Green	4
Capt. B. H. Thomson lbw b Sayers	16
Capt. G. C. Sharpe b Green	25
Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford c Bellamy b Green	0
Sgt. R. Woollcott c Bellamy b Coulter	8
Bdsm. D. Howell st Porter b Freeman	10
Cpl. B. Waters not out	42
Drum-Major P. Howells lbw b Sayers	5
L/Cpl. B. Brazier not out	2
Extras	15

Total, for 9 wickets declared .. 142

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Green	13	3	34	4
Coulter	13	2	49	2
Sayers	10	1	17	2
Freeman	9	2	26	1

## THE ROYAL MARINES

### First Innings

Capt. J. Lovell lbw b Howell	18
Cpl. M. G. Griffiths c Howells b Davidson	1
Major E. T. G. Shuldham c Woollcott b Howell	4
Capt. C. G. Bellamy c Crowhurst b Howells	11
Lt. J. J. S. Coulter c Waters b Thompson	66
Lt. T. M. Tayler c Woollcott b Thompson	2
Sgt. A. J. Sayers c Hoffman b Napier-Ford	4
Lt. M. M. Phillips run out	0
Bugle Cpl. J. E. Porter c Howells b Thompson	25
Cpl. J. Freeman not out	0
Cpl. M. G. Green b Thompson	0
Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Davidson	8	2	27	1
Howell	7	1	20	1
Howells	5	1	16	1
Thompson	8.3	—	45	4
Napier-Ford	4	—	18	1

### Second Innings

Capt. J. Lovell c Hoffman b Thompson	22
Cpl. M. G. Griffiths b Howell	1
Major E. T. G. Shuldham c Brazier b Howell	4
Capt. C. G. Bellamy b Thompson	10
Lt. J. J. S. Coulter b Thompson	56
Lt. T. M. Tayler run out	19
Sgt. A. J. Sayers st Crowhurst b Thompson	11
Lt. M. M. Phillips c and b Thompson	2
Bugle Cpl. J. E. Porter b Howell	1
Cpl. J. Freeman not out	16
Cpl. M. G. Green run out	3
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Davidson	9	1	47	3
Howell	10	3	26	5
Thompson	11	1	47	—
Hoffman	3	—	25	—

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment won by 2 runs.

## Resettlement

### Employment Opportunities

The United Services Corps requires ex-Servicemen of good character and bearing for the following types of employment in the London area: Commissionaires, clerks, messengers, receptionists, security.

Members of the Corps wear uniform. This is compulsory, and each member is required to purchase it on enrolment. The current price of the first full issue of kit is approximately £15. Uniform allowance is generally given by the employer.

The enrolment fee is £7 5s. plus £1 deposit (which is for payment of Fidelity Bond costs), and there is an annual subscription of £1 10s.

The initial starting wage is approximately £12 per week with further allowance for luncheon vouchers and uniform. There are opportunities for promotion, and for changing jobs within the range of Corps appointments.

Applications for interview should be made in writing to: The Secretary, United Services Corps, 19 Hand Court, Holborn, W.C.1.

# The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

THE Spring Meeting was held on 1st and 2nd May, at Sudbrook Park. For one reason or another the attendance was rather below average in quantity, but of select quality—V.S.O.P. one might say. The weather was perfect on both days—two of the best days of the so-called spring. The golf was reasonably good, and we were glad to welcome one or two new faces, which we hope will become regular embellishments to the meetings. It was also very nice to see luncheon on the first day so well supported by the old brigade, including Lt-Col. John Congdon, who once again presented two boxes of golf balls as prizes for the Hidden Holes in the Medal Round.

Probably the most interesting happening of the meeting was that the President, Capt. Alec Mason won the Challenge Cup with the best gross return in the Medal Round—the first time that this has been accomplished by a President of the Society while in office. As he also returned the best net score, and his elder brother had drawn him in the sweep, a good time was certainly had by the Mason brotherhood. This was most popular and satisfactory, for the Society has, over the whole course of its existence, owed a lot to the encouragement and assistance, so willingly given, of George and Alec Mason.

We must also gratefully acknowledge the splendid support of the Officers' Mess in Hong Kong; between them they had no fewer than 55 entries in the Sweep.

## RESULTS

### MEDAL ROUND:

Challenge Cup (Scratch): Capt. A. Mason (77).  
Dodgson Cup (Handicap): Capt. J. A. Clark (85 less 14 = 71).  
Best last nine holes (Seniors): Capt. J. A. Clark (35 net).  
Best last nine holes (Juniors): Capt. H. C. Mason (40 net).  
Nine hidden holes (Seniors): Capt. J. A. Clark (33 net).  
Nine hidden holes (Juniors): Capt. H. C. Mason (33 net).

### STABLEFORD:

Heales Memorial Trophy: Capt. J. G. W. Davidson (36).  
Veterans' Halo Trophy: Major J. C. Drane (41½).  
Memento (Seniors): Capt. J. G. W. Davidson (36).  
Memento (Juniors): Major J. C. Drane (31½).

BOGEY FOURSOMES: Lt.-Gen. Sir A. Dowler and Capt. J. G. W. Davidson (5 down).

STABLEFORD GREENSOMES: Major J. C. Drane and H. P. Mason (36½).

On Tuesday, 29th May, we visited the Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, for our annual match against the Royal Marines. Our hosts' hospitality was in the best traditions, if not more so, and the afternoon was wet. So that our lot finished the day thoroughly soaked and very happy, in spite of losing the match 5—7. We now look forward to returning the compliment next year, at Petersham.

### Details:

## THE ROYAL MARINES v. THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT GOLF SOCIETY

### SINGLES

Capt. C. G. Bellamy (1 hole)	1	Brigadier G. A. White 0
Bugle Major J. Wagstaffe (3/2)	1	Capt. H. C. Mason .. 0
Sgt. J. Trevor (4/2)	1	Capt. A. Mason .. 0
D. R. Tooms	0	H. P. Mason (5/4)
		Capt. J. G. W. Davidson (1 hole)
J. L. Bowring	0	son .. 1
Col. R. H. P. West (2/1)	0	Major M. F. Reynolds (4/3)
		son .. 1
Lt.-Col. F. V. Dunn	1	Lt.-Col. B. A. Hannaford
Major S. D. Smith (4/2)	1	Capt. J. A. Clark .. 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b> .. <b>3</b>

### FOURSOMES

Bellamy and Tooms (2/1)	1	White and H. P. Mason 0
		A. Mason and Davidson (8/7)
Smith and Bowring	0	son .. 1
Dunn and Wagstaffe (3/2)	1	H. C. Mason and Clark .. 0
		Hannaford and Reynolds (1 hole)
West and Trevor	0	son .. 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b> .. <b>2</b>

Result: The Royal Marines 7 matches, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment 5 matches.

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## Regimental Chapels and Memorials

The memorial gates erected in memory of the officers and men of The East Surrey Regiment who fell in the 1914-18 War, and which stand at the Market Place entrance to Kingston Parish Church, were painted and completely refurbished in July of this year.

The Regiment is extremely grateful to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames for a very generous grant towards the expense involved. In carrying out the work, meticulous care and trouble was taken by the contractor, a late councillor of the borough, and several improvements were incorporated.

Mrs. Blunden, the wife of Major A. C. Blunden, has made and presented to the East Surrey Regimental Memorial Chapel two further kneelers bearing the battle honours "Dettingen" and "Albuhera." This brings the total made and presented by this lady to eight. We are indeed grateful to her for her generous gift, and for the pains-taking work that she has put into this task.

## Army Beagles Association

The Army Beagles Association was formed on 4th May, 1961. Beagling is now a recognised Army sport and details appear in "Games and Sports in the Army." All military packs are members and the object of the Association is to promote and encourage the sport in the Army. There are no financial arrangements as the Association plans to work on a mutual self-help system.

The aims are as follows:

- To help and advise those wishing to start a pack of beagles in an Army station.
- To effect a close connection between Army packs already in existence.
- To help and advise in cases where difficulties may arise.
- To encourage the breeding of a sound type of hunting beagle by Army packs.
- To ensure that close liaison is maintained with the Association of Mas-

ters of Harriers and Beagles which is the recognised authority on hare hunting in the country.

- To maintain a roll of officers and other ranks capable of hunting hounds or having hunting experience.

Already the R.E. beagles at Chatham have re-formed and are going well, and assistance has been given to other packs in a number of instances. It is to be hoped that the many advantages of being a recognised sport and the backing of a flourishing Association will encourage keen sportsmen to form more military packs. Should anyone wish for further information, their queries should be addressed to: Major A. F. Mackain-Bremner, M.H., H.Q. School of Infantry, Warminster, Wilts (telephone: Warminster 3101, Ext. 13).

An annual meeting is held at the Aldershot Hound Show in May. There is a special military class of two couples of hounds from Army hunts, which is always well supported and keen interest taken. All members of the Association look forward to seeing any Army beaglers who will be able to come in May 1963.

H. FOSTER, Lt.-Col.,  
Chairman, Army Beagles Association.

## Regular Forces Employment Association

62 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1

During 1961 the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 16,953, which is 85 per cent. of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 49 branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number 6,118 were from the Army and 45 were from The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

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

# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## Summer Reunion

THE Summer Reunion of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was held in the Barracks at Kingston-upon-Thames on Sunday, 17th June. The occasion was blessed with glorious weather, and there was a good gathering of old members of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment from all over the country, including many from Guildford and Croydon.

During the afternoon, a musical programme was played by the Bands of the 3rd and 4th Battalions The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.). For the children there were pony rides, and a number of entertaining sideshows which had been organised by the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.). The 3rd Battalion also conducted a shooting competition for the Hughes Trophy. The latter is a silver cup presented by the late Pte. John Frederick Hughes of The Queen's Royal Regiment to be competed for annually at the Summer Reunion.

Among those in uniform were old members of the Regiment from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, resplendent in their red coats, and cadets of the 1st, 2nd and 5th Cadet Battalions The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The oldest member present was Mr. George Thake who joined The Queen's Royal Regiment on 16th May, 1890. Mr. Thake now aged 90, was in excellent health and spirits.

After the musical programme the familiar voice of Major Waspe could be heard organising races for the children and their parents. It was evident that the degree of enthusiasm decreased in inverse ratio to the ages of the participants. The prize winners were as follows:

*Girls under 8 years of age:* 1st, Janet Duff; 2nd, Jacqueline Cook.

*Girls 8-14 years of age:* 1st, Maria Cappuccio; 2nd, Teresa Moysey.

*Boys under 10 years of age:* 1st, James Major; 2nd, Robert Fincher.

*Boys 10-14 years of age:* 1st, Terry Lucas; 2nd, John Donovan.

*Mothers:* 1st, Mrs. Duff; 2nd, Mrs. Bell.

*Fathers:* 1st, Mr. B. J. May; 2nd, Mr. W. T. Bayliss.

The Hughes Trophy: Mr. J. Morgan

The prizes were kindly presented by Lady Dowler, and three cheers were called for in his inimitable style by the organiser of these sporting activities.



Photo by M. DeMan for "Surrey Comet"

SUMMER REUNION—THE OLD AND THE NEW  
In-Pensioner P. A. Foster, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, chatting with Cadets.





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### SUMMER REUNION

Cpl. L. S. Duncan, 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.), imparting knowledge and encouragement on the rifle range

The finale to the day came with the ceremony of Beating Retreat by the combined Bands and Drums, during which the Regimental flag was lowered. The Salute was taken jointly by Lt.-General Sir Arthur Dowler, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.L., formerly Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment, and Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., formerly Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Since the Reunion we have been seeking ideas for the place and form of next year's events, and a number of interesting suggestions have been received. In considering this problem, two main considerations should be borne in mind. First, we have no footing in either Stoughton Barracks or Kingston Barracks, and can only use our former depots by special arrangements with the District Headquarters and the present occupiers. Second, manpower is a major problem. On the day itself the Cadet Battalions help us out most nobly, but the greater part of the burden falls on the T.A. Battalions without whose willing co-operation very little could be achieved. However, the T.A. have their training commitments, and their permanent staff

instructors are very thin on the ground, so it is no easy matter to produce the manpower required.

We have to accept the fact that it is no longer possible to run these functions in the same way as when we had our own Depots, and we should now consider what form the Summer Reunion should take in view of the changed circumstances. We should welcome constructive suggestions from our members on this subject.

### The Association Dinner

There were a few criticisms after the Tercentenary Banquet last year about the price of drinks, but the majority of our members appreciated the fact that top prices must be expected at a first-class catering establishment in the heart of London's West End.

This year the place for the Dinner was the Drill Hall, St. John's Hill, Clapham, and a report will be included in our next issue. One thing is certain, the price of drinks was more in keeping with everyday standards.

### Annual Report

The Annual Report was sent out during June and July. The only way in which we can tell whether members are still going strong is by their keeping in touch with Regimental Headquarters. If there are any members who have not had the Annual Report, a copy will be sent on request. The portion of the Annual Report dealing with Keeping in Touch is reproduced below:

### Keeping in Touch

"Keep in Touch" may be described as the motto of the Regimental Association. You can help by the following means:

#### By Receiving the Annual Report

We hope that you will be interested to receive the Annual Report but if you do not want it in future, please let us know. Our postage bill is very heavy.

Do you know of any other member who has not received this report? If so, drop us a postcard, and we will see he gets a copy.

**By Encouraging Others to Join the Association**  
A lot of men come to the Regimental functions who do not belong to the Association. We are very pleased to see them, but we hope they will join the Association.

### Information Required

L. T. Frowd (6141542) would like to hear news of any member of "D" Company 2nd Surreys who served with him in Malaya, particularly Pte. "Pop" Hodgson and Pte. Miles. Frowd's address is 26 Grafton Road, Newport, Monmouthshire.

The address is wanted of L. Brooks who served in the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in North Africa in 1942/43. He was batman to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. B. S. J. A. E. Wilberforce, D.S.O., when the latter was killed at Peter's Corner near Tunis on 6th May, 1943.

The death of Sgt. W. H. M. Osborn is recorded in this issue of the Journal. Sgt. Osborn served throughout the 1914-1918 War with 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, winning the D.C.M., M.M. and Bar and being Mentioned in Despatches.

His widow, who lives at 254 Camberwell New Road, London, S.E.5, would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers her husband.

If you want to get in touch with old friends, let us know their Regimental particulars and period of service, and we will do our best to help you.

If you know of anyone who would like to join, please let us know, or ask the prospective member to write to us himself.

Life Membership costs £10 for officers and 10s. for Other Ranks. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary.

#### By Attending Regimental Functions

Normally there is a Reunion in the summer at which we are very glad to see families. The dinner, which is for men only, is generally held in October.

#### By Taking the Regimental Journal

The Journal is published in May and November and contains many items of Regimental interest. The subscription of 6s. which covers both numbers, should be paid to the Editor at Regimental Headquarters.

#### By Passing Information

The Regimental Association depends on its members for information. If you hear of anyone who has died, or changed his address, or who is in need of assistance, please let us know.

We are always glad to receive news of ex-members of the Regiment who are abroad.



Photo by M. DeMan

### SUMMER REUNION

Mr. Wilshaw, late the Queen's Royal Regiment, takes aim on the rifle range



### Royal Marines' Association

The Regimental Association was honoured by an invitation from the Royal Marines' Association to take part in their annual church parade on Sunday, 15th July, 1962. A representative detachment under the command of Col. T. A. Buchanan, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D., attended the impressive parade service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and later took part in the march past at which the salute was taken by Gen. Sir Robert Sturges, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

The following letter, which we have permission to reproduce, was later received from the secretary of the Royal Marines' Association:

*"I write to thank you and your members for their continued support of the occasion of our annual church parade. In writing to thank you for the compliment so paid to our Association, I do not think I can do better than say that one of the best Regimental Sergeant-Majors we have ever had in our Corps was so impressed by the bearing of one contingent that he was impelled to ask which it was. It was with somewhat mixed feelings that he was informed, 'The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment'!"*

Coming from the Royal Marines we feel this is praise indeed. For our part, we were glad to have had the opportunity of fostering the affiliation between ourselves and the Royal Marines.

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

OUR Annual General Meeting and Dinner were held this year on new ground, at the Drill Hall of the 4th Battalion at Clapham Junction. This Drill Hall is immediately opposite Clapham Junction Station and solves the transport problem experienced by many of our members when attending the Dinner and Annual General Meeting.

Mr. W. A. Dorsett, our Chairman presided at the Annual General Meeting. The Agenda was mainly of a routine nature with perhaps the exception of the replacement of Mr. Stan Bays as Secretary and Mr. Jack Tatum as Assistant Secretary. Their places have been taken on the Committee by R.S.M. F. B. Oram as Secretary and Mr. Arthur Scriven as Assistant Secretary.

At the conclusion of the Dinner, Major-General J. F. Metcalfe, Colonel of the Regiment, was asked by our President to make the Association's presentation to Stan Bays. The gift was an extremely attractive canteen of cutlery suitably inscribed and the presentation was followed by some words of thanks and appreciation of Stan's work as Secretary. I should just like once again, on behalf of the Association, to thank Stan Bays for the way in which he has carried out the duties of Secretary since the Association was formed over 12 years ago. Also for the way in which he has devoted his spare time to

Association matters, and his continual striving to build the Association up, with his personal contact with each individual member of the Association over these past years. His efforts will be greatly missed by us all. His loyalty to the Regiment and the Association is such that although he has retired as Secretary he still serves on the Committee and can be regularly found waiting in his usual chair at the Committee Meetings each month.

The Association social evenings, which take place in the Sergeants' Mess of the 4th Battalion on the second Saturday of each month, are now firmly established and well supported by Association members; we of course would always welcome more members and their wives on these evenings.

The Sergeants' Mess which is at the Drill Hall, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, is on the floor above Regimental Headquarters.

The advertising agents are the Combined Service Publications, Ltd., 67-68 Jermyn Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1. Applications for space to advertise in this Journal should be made direct to them.

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

There is little to report on social gatherings which were, of course, much curtailed by the holiday season.

A goodly party went by coach to the Royal Tournament—a really first-class show and a most enjoyable evening. Our warm thanks to Mr. Bob Chapman, our social secretary, for his great work in organising this.

We learn with the deepest regret of the death of Maj.-Gen. I. T. P. Hughes—many of us remember him before the last war as one of the truly great Commanding Officers of our Battalion.

Also with great sorrow we record the death of Mr. Bert Rolfe who collapsed and died at Queen's House.

The Association continues in very good heart and looks forward to the various winter reunions.

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

The activities of the Association are largely directed towards benevolent purposes and our balance sheet shows that, for a small Battalion Association, a good percentage of the funds are used to help Old Comrades who have fallen by the wayside and, although large payments cannot be made, we have grateful and touching acknowledgments from members that are assisted and at Christmas time this help is particularly appreciated.

The Association is most grateful to all its members for their loyal support and to those who are able to subscribe that little bit extra that helps to keep up the good work. Often, too, members who are ill are visited at home or in hospital, and this gives the members concerned the feeling that they are not forgotten. More voluntary visitors are needed.

This year the 33rd annual reunion dinner took place in Grants New Devonian Restaurant at Croydon, aptly named by all as the "Starlight Roof." High up on the Croydon skyline, with grand panoramic views through the large picture windows, the com-

pany of 125 sat down to a splendid repast in these excellent surroundings. It was a grand and boisterous evening. Capt. R. C. Ball, M.C., was in the chair, supported by other officers of the Battalion. Col. Sir Frank Watney, now in his 93rd year, received a tremendous ovation and a touching farewell as he left after the dinner. Our guests included Col. H. G. Duncombe, Major "Buzz" Wasp, Major P. G. E. Hill, Rev. Peter Simpson, Senior Curate, Croydon Parish Church, and Mr. Joe Dennis and Mr. C. Langley, representing the 4th Queen's O.C.A. Reporters from various newspapers also attended.

Our Shrine remembrance service will be held at the Croydon Parish Church on Sunday, 18th November, 1962, at 3 p.m. All are welcome. Afterwards the annual general meeting of the O.C.A. will take place at Queen's House, Poplar Walk, Croydon.

The O.C.A. was represented at the Regimental garden party at Kingston upon Thames on 17th June and some of our members attended the Regimental reunion dinner in October. Our journal, published yearly, and our November News Sheet help to create the link that binds us together to keep the Association going. Our reunion dinner and shrine service further cements the bond of comradeship which started in 1914-1918 and continues as a live and vital thing today.

All enquiries regarding the activities of the O.C.A. should be addressed to Sgt. H. Mann, 22 Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon. Telephone: Spring Park 1641.

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

When our News Letter was published last year the title and badge of the amalgamated Battalion were in doubt, but one of our forecasts was correct. The title 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was approved. The sister Battalion, formed by the amalgamation of 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment and 23rd London Regiment, became 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The collar badge worn by 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, consisting



of our own Paschal Lamb superimposed on the eight-pointed star of The East Surrey Regiment was approved by Her Majesty The Queen as the cap badge of the Territorial Battalions and the same badge is also worn on the lapels in both Battle Dress and No. 1 Dress. The Regular Battalion, in common with the Queen's Own Buffs, the Royal Sussex Regiment, and the Middlesex Regiment, wear the Home Counties Brigade cap badge. It consists of a short sword piercing a Saxon crown. It is thus easy to distinguish the Territorial from the Regular.

There is no doubt at all that the serving members are proud to wear the new badge, incorporating as it does the traditions of both County Regiments. It is up to us old members to give to the serving members of the 3rd Battalion, and the Regiment as a whole, the same service and loyalty as we gave in our day.

The amalgamation will, of course, entail new Colours. It may be confidently expected that within the next year or two we shall all have the opportunity of participating in two ceremonies, i.e. presentation of new Colours and the laying-up of the old Colours.

Membership now stands at 367, made up of life members 117, and 250 annual members. The latter includes those who paid subscriptions in 1959, 1960 and 1961, but not all have paid up each year. As we said last year, we cannot go on sending out notices and News Letters indefinitely for one year's subscription, and we must now give warning that after this year's function we shall strike off the list all those who have not paid a subscription since 1959, and next year it will be the turn of those who lapsed in 1960 to be struck off. We realise that not all of you can get to the reunion (whatever form it takes) every year, but we do appeal to you to pay up your subscription each year and thus help us to keep going.

We regret to report the deaths of the following old members of the Battalion:

Mr. H. Fyfield, Aldershot (1914-19).

Mr. C. Simmonds, Guildford.

Mr. "Lofty" Wild, Lightwater (1939-42).

#### Battalion Museum

During the past year several more gifts have been made but the Commanding Officer would welcome more. His plan is not to confine interesting relics to an obscure room where they may never be seen but to spread them around the various rooms and corridors which form the Headquarter Rabbit

Warren, so that all visitors and serving members may see them. In addition to items of Regimental or Battalion interest there is need for suitable showcases, frames and the like; such items, or contributions to the cost of purchasing, would be most welcome and may be sent to the Admin. Officer at Battalion Headquarters.

If this appeal is successful someone is going to have to look after the exhibits, arrange their display to best advantage and perhaps do a little research on some of them. It is suggested that this offers an opportunity for one of our retired officers living within reasonable reach of Guildford to give really valuable help to the serving Battalion and at the same time to ensure the preservation of the records of the past. Anyone interested in this proposition is invited to get in touch with the Commanding Officer.

#### Liaison with Serving Members

When this Association was formed it was hoped that our members would frequently visit drill halls, but they do not appear to do so. We therefore remind you all again that you will be made most welcome if you put in an appearance—it might be as well to have your membership card handy in case some enthusiastic Lance-Corporal asks who you are!

We give below the present locations of drill halls, and the names of Company and Detachment Commanders and also show the drill nights.

At Camberley all ranks would especially welcome visits from our members on the last drill night of each month (a Monday or Thursday as the case may be). There is always a miniature-range shoot that night and our members may compete if they wish.

It will be realised that, with a scattered membership such as ours, it is not possible for the central committee or the hon. secretary to arrange local functions, but we do suggest that there may be occasions when our members could combine with serving members of Detachments to organise their own functions or to assist the serving members.

It is up to individuals to put up suggestions—but if they do they must not expect the serving members to do all the work—they have enough on their plates already to keep up with the many training commitments, so our members must be prepared to get down to work themselves. We are, however, sure that Company and Detachment Commanders

will render every possible assistance. The Association's funds are limited and local functions must be self-supporting.

The addresses of area representatives, drill halls and Company and Detachment Commanders in the West Surrey area are as follows:

Area	Area Representative	Drill Night	Drill Hall and Company Detachment Commander
Guildford	Mr. K. J. Stiles, The Row Barge Inn, Riverside, Guildford.	Tuesdays and Thursdays.	Major J. Schofield, O.C., "H.Q." Company, Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.
Cranleigh	Mr. L. A. G. Cook, East Whitley Cottage, Cranleigh.		
Haslemere	Mr. T. R. Jones, 26 Lower Street, Haslemere.	Tuesdays and Thursdays.	Capt. M. Stevenson, Drill Hall, Wey Hill, Haslemere.
Farncombe	Mr. E. C. Keen, 29 Hallam Road Farncombe.		

Our Secretary has had several letters from people who say they joined as Life members many years ago, so there is obviously some confusion in their minds as to the difference between our Association and the Regimental Association. In case this meets the eye of anyone in doubt we would explain that whereas we cater only for those who have served at any time in or with a Battalion of The Queen's bearing the numeral 5 (or 3rd Volunteer Battalion) or who are serving in the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), the Regimental Association caters for all Queensmen and all East Surrey men, irrespective of Battalion.

After many years of service as Secretary of the Regimental Association, Major "Buzzy" Waspé has now retired and handed over to Major P. G. E. Hill. The address of the Regimental Association is: T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

Any of our members who joined the old Queen's Royal Regiment O.C.A. and have lost touch, perhaps through change of address, are requested to write to Major Hill when no doubt their address will be noted, and thereafter they will receive notification of all events organised by the Regimental Association.

#### Mr. W. Presland

Mr. W. Presland living at Gorleston-on-Sea, now aged 76, would like to have news of his old comrades of the Dorking Detachment

of 1914, in particular he has asked for news of Sgt. Trueman. It would be very much appreciated if any members who knew Mr. Presland or can give news of his old friend would write to him c/o British Legion, 41 Clarence Road, Gorleston-on-Sea.

#### Major M. Prescott, T.D.

Major Martin Prescott, T.D., retired in February, 1962, after having served with "B" Company at Camberley for some 12 years. At his farewell party in March he produced his Commission which was dated September, 1939, and which he received on 17th March this year!

He read the sonorous phrases enjoining him to well discipline the inferior officers and men placed under his command. He remarked that he was glad to know what it was he was supposed to have been doing during the past 23 years.

#### Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D.

Major R. C. H. Saunders of H.Q. Guildford who has Captained the Battalion and 44 Home Counties Rifle Team with such distinction during the past few years has been awarded the Territorial Decoration.

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

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

The Association, thanks to the enterprise of the Social Sub-Committee, had another very





THE QUEEN'S (SOUTHWARK) REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER, 1962  
Some of the elite at the "top" table. Left to right: Major P. G. E. Hill, Brigadier A. P. Block, Major K. Jessup, Maj.-Gen. D. S. Gordon and Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths

successful social season, resulting in a handsome addition to the funds.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, on Saturday, 3rd March last. Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., was in the Chair and 138 members and guests were present. After the usual pre-dinner get together of old friends, all took their places at the festive board to enjoy an excellent dinner.

A warm ovation was given to the Guest of Honour, Major-General D. S. Gordon, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who commanded 1/7th Queen's for a period during the last war. In replying to the Toast of "Our Guests," he paid tribute to the last Col. W. G. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., and reminded members of one or two rather humorous incidents during his tenure of command. Major P. G. E. Hill, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association, in proposing the Toast of "The Regiment" mentioned some very interesting Regimental News and Capt. J. M. A. Tamplin proposed the Toast of "Absent Comrades" in an appropriate and feeling manner.

We are very pleased indeed that The (Surrey) Battery, formerly "Queen's" have acquired from the family, the Victoria Cross and other medals awarded to the late L/Cpl. L. J. Keyworth. It is a matter of extreme satisfaction that the group of medals are now in a permanent home and are not the subject of bargaining by disinterested collectors. Sincere thanks is extended to Capt. J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., for his interest and efforts in arranging the acquisition.

L/Cpl. L. J. Keyworth serving with 1/24th London Regiment (The Queen's) was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry at Givenchy, 25th/26th May, 1915. He died of wounds subsequently received, in October, 1915.

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

2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey,  
London, S.E.16.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Major-General I. T. P. Hughes, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., whose help, guidance, and example was always an inspiration to those who served with and under him. His memory will for long be a matter of pride to all members. It is pleasing to recall that one week before he entered hospital, he was with us at Boston; we know he enjoyed greatly what was, perhaps, his last public appearance, and we are proud to feel that amid all his other public duties, he was with us on that occasion.

Several of our members were able to make the journey, and were greatly impressed by the warm welcome accorded to us by the people of Boston. The mutual affection is still as great as ever, and it was a day that will be remembered.

The members who made the pilgrimage to Ghent this year, voted it as one of the best so far. They attended the opening of the memorial in the old execution yard, com-

memorating the liberation of Ghent by The Queen's.

A very successful Salerno Day reunion was held at Bermondsey on 8th September. This is now an annual affair, and great credit goes to Frank Peart for all his hard work in this connection.

A Bermondsey Association reunion is planned for Saturday, 20th October, at the Drill Hall. Full particulars will be sent to members by the Secretary.

We were sorry to learn of the death of W. J. Mills, former Machine Gun Sergeant of the 22nd London Regiment.

### The 11th Lambeth Battalion

The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.  
(1915-1919) Old Comrades Association

On 12th May, 1962, the 11th Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment O.C.A. held their 35th Annual Dinner, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.

The Chair was taken by Capt. A. L. Potts. Also present was His Worship the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor A. C. Dennis, J.P.

An excellent repast was enjoyed by about 70 Old Comrades and their Guests. The Mayor spoke of the close tie which existed between the O.C.A. and the Council and said that the Council was always willing to help in any possible way.

One of our three Officers present, Capt. W. G. H. Chapman, proposed the Toast "Our Fallen Comrades." The Toast "Our Guests" was proposed by C. J. Bendall, Esq. and Lt.-Col. Marcus Lipton, O.B.E., M.A., J.P., M.P., responded in his usual breezy style. Other officers present were our one-time Padre The Rev. J. Cawley, Mr. E. W. J. Neave, and Capt. May; the latter had recently returned from India.

It was a very enjoyable evening. Entertainment was provided by Jack Train of I.T.M.A. fame. He was present as the guest of C. J. Bendall, Esq.

Our Annual Armistice Service was held in St. Matthews Church, Brixton, on Sunday, 11th November, 1961. An Armistice Supper was held on Monday, 12th November, at the Hanover Arms, Kennington Oval.

The address of our Hon. Secretary is Mr. Greg Page, 362 Eden Park Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

### The 23rd London Regimental Association

The annual Givenchy-Gazala Church Parade was held on Sunday, 27th May. The Old Comrades of the 23rd London Regiment were joined by a detachment of the Burma Star Association and by our own Cadet Corps, and the Band was augmented by the City of London Corps of Drums.

We were lucky with the weather. The rain stopped just before the "Fall-in" and did not start again until we were safely back at Headquarters.

At the Annual General Meeting Lt.-Col. W. J. Wykes, M.B.E., T.D., and Capt. L. J. Kent-James, M.C., were appointed Vice-Presidents of the Association. These two appointments, which received unanimous and enthusiastic support, are a measure of our appreciation, not only of their long and distinguished service with the Regiment, but also of their continued and active support of the Regimental Association.

Arrangements are now nearly completed for the unveiling of the new 1914-1918 War Memorial and an account of this will appear in the next issue of the Magazine.

We regret to record the passing of C.S.M. T. Burton after a long illness.

### Military Essays Competitions 1963

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

2. Details of two of these competitions are now available, namely:

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

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

3. The primary purpose of these competitions is to encourage original thought and good writing on military topics of general interest. Particulars are given in A.C.I.s, and Notes and Information on Training Matters.



### Details of Essays

**Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition, 1963:** Prize, £80; closing date, 22nd June, 1963.

**Subject:** The R.A.F. is at present building up a short-range transport force which will operate in the battle area in support of the Army. One Commando ship with helicopters is already in service and a second will shortly be available.

Discuss the tactical and logistic opportunities which these developments will afford a commander.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1962 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 440 of 1961.

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**George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay, 1963:** Prizes, 1st £35, 2nd £15; closing date, 31st March, 1963.

**Subject:** In the recent past armies have relied on reservists to bring units up to war establishment on mobilisation and the British Expeditionary Forces sent to France in 1914 and 1939 included a high proportion of reservists. Some critics doubt if, under modern conditions, this method of reinforcing units is still practicable. They doubt if we can rely on always having the time, or means, to do so—especially in the case of B.A.O.R.

Discuss in general terms the problems of service reserve personnel and with special reference to reinforcing Army units, in Germany and elsewhere overseas, in an emergency.

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General conditions for this competition will be the same as for the 1962 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 308 of 1961.

## Items of Interest

IN the last issue of the Journal mention was made of George Huston who joined the Queen's in 1891 and who is now living in Canada. We receive news of him from his friend Mr. William Crompton, who served throughout the 1914-1918 War in The Lancashire Fusiliers. Mr. Crompton has very kindly sent us a copy of the recently published "Model Soldiers—A Collector's Guide." This exceptionally interesting work of reference will make a valuable addition to the library of the Regimental Museum, and we are most grateful to Mr. Crompton for his gift.

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We have had a letter from Mr. F. T. Eatwell who served in the 9th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from 1915 to 1918. He sent us the following anecdote of Lt.-Col. C. A. Clark, D.S.O., M.C., who had assumed command of the 9th Battalion when Lt.-Col. Le Fleming was killed.

On 26th March, 1918, the Battalion was in the line near Rosieres, much reduced in

numbers and short of ammunition. During a lull in the bitter fighting in which the Battalion became completely cut off, Col. Clark addressed his men as follows:—

"We have nothing on our flanks, and there are no supports in rear. You will either be killed or captured before the morning is out. Stick it out for the honour of the Regiment."

The remnants of the Battalion fought on to the last man and the last round. When the last shot had been fired the Germans charged in and took prisoner two officers and 55 men, among them Col. Clark and Mr. Eatwell.

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An Index is being prepared of Volumes II and III of the Regimental History of The East Surrey Regiment.

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## Personal Notices

### BIRTHS

JACKSON.—On 10th March, 1962, at Shorncliffe, Kent, to the wife of Cpl. C. Jackson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Karl, and a daughter, Nicola.

LAMKIN.—On 8th April, 1962, at Deptford, London, to Mavis Celeste Lily, wife of L/Cpl. B. Lamkin, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Paul Thomas.

NAUMANN.—On 1st July, 1962, at Stanley Fort, Hong Kong, to Anne, wife of Capt. John Naumann, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son.

BARROW.—On 8th July, 1962, at the Military Hospital, Kaduna, Nigeria, to Janne, wife of Capt. P. de S. Barrow, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Nina Petronella.

GREATWOOD.—On 10th October, 1962, at Oswestry and District Hospital, to Elizabeth, wife of Captain H. G. Greatwood, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Anne Mary.

### MARRIAGES

WINFIELD—FAGG.—On 3rd March, 1962, at St. Thomas Church, Canterbury, Cpl. J. C. Winfield, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Mary Fagg.

EADE—SHAW.—On 24th March, 1962, at Egham, Surrey, Pte. R. Eade, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Vivien Carol Shaw.

PROUD—HESSEY.—On 26th March, 1962, at Ealing, Middlesex, Pte. K. Proud, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Patricia Ann Hessey.

BURTON—JACKSON.—On 7th April, 1962, at Felton Park, Northumberland, Capt. Bertam Dennis Stuart Burton, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Anne, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. P. S. F. Jackson, of Felton Park, Northumberland.

GISSING—MC CARTHY.—On 19th May, 1962, at Greenwich, London, L/Cpl. G. Gissing, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Phyllis Elsie McCarthy.

HOEY—TATCHELL.—On 23rd June, 1962, at Morden, Surrey, Pte. P. Hoey, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Brenda Catherine Tatchell.

SOAFT—OVAR.—On 23rd June, 1962, at St. Pancras, London, Pte. G. Soaft, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Brenda Ovard.

HAYES—BUZEL.—On 15th September, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, Capt. J. F. G. Hayes, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Marlene Buzel.

WARING—WELLS.—On 29th September, 1962, at the Church of St. Gregory the Great, Canterbury, Cpl. A. Waring, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Rosemary Florence Wells.

### DEATH

DONALDSON.—On 9th July, 1962, at R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Ann, beloved wife of Major Andrew Donaldson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, and mother of Katey and Mark.

## Obituary

LT.-COL. H. C. WHINFIELD

WITH great regret the Regiment learnt of the death of Lt.-Col. Henry Charles Winfield who died at Cape Town, South Africa on the 9th May, 1962, in his 90th year.

Col. Winfield was born on the 18th November, 1872. Educated at Shrewsbury and Sandhurst, he was commissioned to the Queen's and was posted to the 2nd Battalion on 9th January, 1892.

Promoted Capt. 3rd July, 1900, he served in the South African War 1899-1902, was wounded, and took part in the following operations: Relief of Ladysmith; Spion Kop; Vaal Kranz; Tugela Heights; Orange River Colony, receiving the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

He was Adjutant to the Volunteer and Territorial Forces January 1904-1908, then an Instructor at Royal Military Academy Woolwich from October 1909 to December, 1913. Promoted Major 22nd September, 1914, he went to France with the 2nd Battalion, and was wounded during the First Battle of Ypres. Mentioned in Despatches.

From April, 1916, to July, 1918, he was a Commander of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the R.M.A. Woolwich, and from July, 1918, to July, 1920, was Chief Instructor there. Promoted Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3rd July, 1919, and substantive Lieutenant-Colonel, 15th May, 1920.

Col. Winfield commanded the 1st Battalion The Queen's from May, 1920, to May, 1924. During his command the Battalion was engaged in operations in North and South Ireland during the troubled times.

His death will be most sincerely felt by those who served with him in the Regiment. Many young officers of those days will remember him with gratitude, for his kindly disposition, understanding, and encouragement, and these sentiments I am sure will be shared by a countless number of gunner officers whom he instructed at the Shop in Infantry tactics.

A keen sportsman, a good cricketer in his younger days. He was a shrewd judge and critic of all the games which he watched and his advice was eagerly sought and usually followed when selecting teams to represent the Regiment.

At the time of his death he was the oldest regular surviving officer of the Regiment. To his relatives we extend our most sincere sympathy.

MAJOR-GENERAL I. T. P. HUGHES,  
K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L.

It was with great sorrow that the Regiment learned of the death on 16th August, 1962 (on the 46th anniversary of his commissioning) of Major-General Ivor Hughes, which occurred in the Westminster Hospital after a brief but severe illness. The General had been present as recently as June at the Officers' Annual Re-Union in London, and although he was his usual charming self, those of his older friends were disturbed by the fact that he was looking far from well. Nevertheless it came as a great shock to hear that he had been admitted to hospital for observation. Some weeks later came the announcement of his resignation of the appointment as Sergeant at Arms, and we all heard the sad news of his death only two days later.

Ivor Thomas Percival Hughes was born on 21st December, 1897. He was the son of the Rev. F. G. Hughes, Rector of Slinfold, Sussex. He was educated at Wellington College and at the R.M.C. Sandhurst, whence he was commissioned into The Queen's Royal

West Surrey Regiment on 16th August, 1916. Before very long he was posted to the 1st Battalion in France, where he served for two years, being twice wounded. He was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Cross.

In 1919, when the two Regular Battalions were being reorganised, Lt. Hughes was posted to the 2nd Battalion, which left that year for India. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Assistant-Adjutant. During the usual tours of duty at that time the Battalion took part twice in operations on the North West Frontier. He received one of the few Mentions in Despatches, and was awarded the Indian General Service Medal, with two Clasps.

In these early days of his service Hughes impressed everyone by the way in which he identified himself with every aspect of the Battalion's life, and although not a particularly great games player, there was never any doubt that he was there and taking part.

In 1925, Hughes was appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, which was then under the command of Lt.-Col. J. Rainsford-Hannay. His high principles and integrity, combined with his charming personality and kindness quickly earned him the respect and admiration of All Ranks who recognised that here was an exceptional Adjutant. The R.S.M. of the time has described him as a model officer, and a splendid example to the Battalion. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and when in 1926 the time came for the Battalion to leave India for Khartoum on its journey homewards, everyone noted how smoothly the machine worked, and appreciated that this was primarily due to the Adjutant's care and forethought.

Shortly after reaching Dover, where the Battalion was to be stationed for several years, Capt. Hughes, who had been promoted in 1928, entered the Staff College, Camberley, from where he graduated "p.s.c." in 1931.

Hughes rejoined the 2nd Battalion for about 12 months and was then appointed Staff Captain R.A. Scottish Command. After two years in Edinburgh he returned to Dover as Brigade Major of 12 Infantry Brigade, where he served first under Brigadier M. Kemp-Welch, himself a distinguished former officer of the Regiment, and secondly under Brigadier C. Howard. The latter was to exercise a decisive and far-reaching influence on Hughes's future career as in 1935 Brigadier Howard was appointed Sergeant at Arms in



the House of Commons, and Capt. Hughes his Assistant. To his friends in the Regiment this seemed to be a premature ending to a promising military career; but events were to prove that it was a wise decision. In his new sphere those qualities which had already made their mark in the Army, were to have an increasing influence on all with whom he was associated at Westminster. Moreover, events were also to prove that higher military distinctions were in store for him.

Many members of the Regiment have cause to be grateful for the ready help and kindness given to them by the new Assistant Sergeant at Arms whenever they or their friends wanted to attend Sessions in the House.

Despite the arduous duties which now claimed him at the House of Commons, Hughes was determined not to lose touch either with his old Regiment or with the Army generally, and in 1937 he became 2IC of the 4th Battalion, succeeding to the command early in 1938. Almost at once he had to prepare for the Presentation of new Colours by Her Majesty Queen Mary. The ceremony was a model of efficiency and forethought, and the Commanding Officer earned high praise from Her Majesty. All ranks in the Battalion recognised his wise guidance and determination to ensure that each officer and man, not only played his part, but understood fully what was expected of him individually and of the Battalion as a whole.

Later in 1938, the reorganisation of the Army involved the transformation of 4th Queen's from an Infantry Battalion to an A.A. Searchlight Unit. Hughes applied himself to this important task with his accustomed enthusiasm and tact, and despite the unpopularity of the change, his example and leadership quickly carried officers and men with him, so that the strength of the Battalion increased daily, and the new role was successfully assumed. During the Munich crisis the Unit manned its Emergency Stations with a quiet efficiency which provided valuable experience for the future. From the outset Hughes had created a deep impression, and the influence which he exerted on everyone was not just the passing influence of a good Commanding Officer, but the lasting qualities of confidence and trust. Indeed all ranks, for his 2IC from the latest joined recruit felt that their C.O. was indeed their friend. Perhaps the greatest tribute which his old Battalion could have paid to him was

that by midnight on 24th August, 1939, 4th Queen's (63 A.A. Regiment) had deployed with exemplary speed at their War Stations at a strength of 1,400 and without a single absentee.

Early in 1939, to his great regret, Hughes found that his duties at Westminster could no longer be combined with those of a T.A. Battalion Commander, and he felt obliged to give up the latter, to the great regret of all in his Battalion.

During the ensuing months Hughes gave much valuable time and advice to the 5th Battalion, including an intensive period of officers' training during the Battalion's annual camp. This course of training paid a handsome dividend a little later, when 1/5th and 2/5th Battalions were able to start their separate existences with a good quota of trained officers.

At the outbreak of war, Hughes rejoined the Army, and in November, 1939, was appointed to command 1/6th Queen's, part of 131 (Queen's) Brigade in 44 Home Counties Division, with which he proceeded to France. When the Germans attacked in May, 1940, 131 Brigade advanced to the line of the River Escaut which they were ordered to hold. The river was very low and a negligible obstacle to the Germans who attacked in force, using the many covered approaches available. 1/6th Queen's, in the words of the Divisional Record, fought a magnificent fight and held their front for nearly 36 hours when, the enemy having broken through on both flanks, Lt.-Col. Hughes decided he must extricate his Battalion which he successfully did. For his gallant and skilful leadership during this action he was awarded an immediate D.S.O. Throughout this period he was a tower of strength, not only to his own Battalion, but to other Units of the Brigade, as he was one of the very few who had been in action in World War I. Subsequently he led his Battalion back to Dunkirk and thence to the United Kingdom.

During the next two years of threatened invasion, Hughes was promoted first to command 219th Infantry Brigade, and later 131st (Queen's) Brigade, whose task was to help in defending the dangerous S.E. corner of the Homeland. One Second-Lieutenant in the Brigade speaks simply of how kind and human his Brigadier was, not only to him but to all with whom he came in contact. Early in 1942 Brigadier Hughes, to the delight of



MAJOR-GENERAL I. T. P. HUGHES  
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all in his Brigade, was promoted to command his own Division, 44th Home Counties, and was, of course, promoted temporary Major-General. Shortly afterwards the Division was ordered to the Middle East, where it joined the 8th Army, and fought with distinction in the tremendous Battle of Alamein.

Subsequent regrouping of the forces in the Middle East involved the break up of 44th Division, Hughes being appointed to command XXV Corps in Cyprus, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-General. For his services in the Western Desert Campaign he was made a C.B. A year later he was sent to take over our Military Liaison Forces in the Balkans, where he travelled extensively, and was Mentioned in Despatches for his excellent work. In May 1944 he was awarded the Greek Military Cross (First Class).

At the end of the fighting in 1945, Hughes was released from the Army, was granted the honorary rank of Major-General, and returned to his duties at Westminster. He was determined, however, not to lose touch either with the Regiment or the Army, and for several years he held the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the 6th, his old Battalion. He served for two years as chairman of the Surrey T.A. & A.F.A., being also made a Deputy Lieutenant for the County. He was a member of Council of the R.U.S.I., and also held an Air Ministry "A" licence.

In 1940, during his absence, Hughes had been promoted deputy to Sir Charles Howard, and in the years following the war he made a great impression on all those with whom he came in contact during the course of his duties and, although it was unusual, it was no surprise to his friends when it was announced in 1957 that the Queen had approved the appointment of Maj.-Gen. Hughes as Sergeant at Arms in succession to the late Sir Charles Howard.

To his splendid work at the House of Commons eloquent tribute has been paid elsewhere, and the following extract from *The Times* sums up his special contribution to the high office with which he was so closely associated for so many years: "... Parliamentarians will regard Hughes's death with deep sorrow rather than a formal regret. His career as Sergeant at Arms gained immensely in authority by the extent to which he immersed himself in the life of Parliament during his time as deputy to his predecessor, the late Sir Charles Howard. The result was that upon his appointment to office in 1957

Hughes's friendly and direct personality was already familiar to members, who came to know him as an expert on the procedure of the House... it could be said that Hughes enlarged his office and brought it up to date. Those who had to deal with him usually felt that he had a particularly vivid sense of the practicalities of parliamentary life, as well as of the traditional dignities and ceremonial which surround his office." One of his contemporaries in the Regiment commented: "It was interesting to read the obituary in *The Times* relating to his life in the House of Commons, which seemed to show that the impact made on members of the House was strangely similar to that made by the young man in very different conditions and circumstances in India many years ago."

During these latter years Hughes never failed to maintain his interest in the Regiment, and his wise counsel was always available and freely given on a number of difficult problems.

Those who were fortunate enough to enjoy his close friendship, and many others of all ranks, were inspired by the simple and quiet, yet resolute, way in which he applied himself to every task. There was a kindness, magnanimity and courtesy which touched those who met him, and the unassuming modesty which marked his approach to everything accounted to a great degree for the affection in which he was held, and for the admiration which his unselfish devotion to duty and singleness of purpose invariably aroused.

In 1951, as Deputy Sergeant at Arms, he was made a C.B.E. In 1962 the Regiment learned with much pleasure and satisfaction of the award by Her Majesty the Queen of a K.C.V.O. in the Birthday Honours, and it was a grievous sorrow to us all that he did not live to receive the accolade from Her Majesty.

To Mrs. Hughes and their family the Regiment extends its deepest sympathy, and would like them to know that it cherishes many happy memories of a noble and a splendid life.

CAPT. H. R. JONES

Capt. Jones, who died on 21st September, 1962, will be remembered by older members of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. He enlisted in 1896 and served in the South African War. He was Drum-Major of the 2nd Surreys in 1908 and, five years later,

was commissioned into the Unattached List of the Indian Army before being gazetted to the 30th Punjab Regiment. It is of interest to note that Capt. Jones's grandfather served in the 70th Foot in India and the New Zealand War 1861-65. Capt. Jones retired from the Army in 1920 after 24 years' service, and then served for 12 years in Tanganyika under the Colonial Office. When the 1939-45 War broke out, Capt. Jones, then aged 57, immediately offered himself for service. He was accepted in the Royal Air Force, with which he served until 1945, when he finally retired with 29 years' service.

Capt. Jones was a life member of the Regimental Association, and a member of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association. He attended the Tercentenary Banquet in October 1961.

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

SGT. W. H. M. OSBORN, D.C.M., M.M.

The late Sgt. Osborn, who died on 16th May, 1962, served during the 1914-18 War with the 8th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. This Battalion was one of the hardest-fought units of the Regiment, and had a magnificent record from the time of its entry into the France and Flanders theatre of operations in July 1915 until disbandment four years later. The 8th Surreys were brigaded with the 7th Queen's, and fought side by side with them on many occasions.

Osborn first made his mark during the battle for Montauban Ridge in July 1916 when, coming across an abandoned German machine-gun, he was able to use it to good effect against its former owners. In April 1917, after the action at Cherisy, L/Cpl. Osborn was awarded the Military Medal and Mentioned in Despatches. During that summer Osborn was promoted Corporal, and for his brave conduct during the confused fighting at Poelcapelle in October, he was awarded a Bar to his Military Medal. Osborn's final award for gallantry was the notification in the 1918 New Year's Honours List that His Majesty the King had been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sgt. Osborn for his distinguished service in the field. To the family of this gallant soldier we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Osborn, who lives at 254 Camberwell New Road, S.E.5, would be interested to

hear from any old member of the 8th Battalion of the Surreys who remembers her husband.

R.Q.M.S. G. W. PROSSER, M.M.

We regret to announce the sad news of the death of Mr. G. W. Prosser—Charlie Prosser, as he was always known. Most of Mr. Prosser's service was with the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, with whom he won the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in the First Battle of the Somme in 1916.

Mr. Prosser was a founder member of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association, and was serving as Treasurer up to the time of his death. To Mrs. Prosser and her family, we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

## An Appreciation

MAJ.-GEN. IVOR HUGHES

K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L.

The following is a letter of appreciation received from Lt.-Col. J. R. Birch, D.S.O., late the Cheshire Regiment:

SIR,

May I please, an outsider from an old Machine-gun Battalion, be allowed to say a few words about the late Gen. Ivor Hughes?

I had the honour and good fortune to serve under him when he commanded the 219th Infantry Brigade, the 131st Infantry Brigade, and the 44th Division—two full years in all.

To my soldiers (6th Cheshire) and myself he gave his sound advice and much-valued help at all times. He never forgot his supporting arms and gave us every encouragement.

I know we loved him a lot and would have done anything for him.

It was a bitter pill for him and for us when his 44th Division was disbanded after the final battle of El Alamein.

However, for us of the 6th Cheshire, we were to find once again splendid help and comradeship when we were transferred to the 56th Division to serve with yet more Battalions of The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.) JAMES BIRCH, Lt.-Col.,  
late 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment.

37 Park Crescent,  
Brighton.  
31st August, 1962.



**List of those known and reported to have died  
since the last publication of the Regimental  
Journal**

Number	Rank and Name	Unit	Service	Date of Death
	Capt. R. A. Anslow .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .		7.1.62
	Lt.-Col. H. C. Whinfield .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1892-1924	9.5.62
	Lt.-Col. E. Tebay, T.D. .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1934-1946	7.6.62
	Major J. Dewsnap, T.D. .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1938-1950	17.7.62
	Major-Gen. I. T. P. Hughes, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L. .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1916-1935 1936-1945	16.8.62
	Lt.-Col. J. R. G. Cowan .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1916-1929	16.9.62
	Capt. H. R. Jones .. .. .	Surreys and Indian Army R.A.F. .. .. .	1896-1920 1939-1945	21.9.62
6078176	Pte. C. Hankins .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1915-1923	20.12.60
6084390	Pte. W. H. Watson .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1929-1945	15.9.61
21033527	Pte. P. C. Brown .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1947-1949	23.10.61
33241	Pte. E. C. White .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1917-1919	22.1.62
3307	Pte. A. Liddington .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1914-1916	12.2.62
6088006	Pte. W. A. Burroughs .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1938-1945	18.3.62
	Pte. C. J. Luff .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1914-1919	19.3.62
9656	Q.M.S. I. F. Gillett .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1910-1918	8.4.62
4602646	C.S.M. W. J. Buery .. .. .	R.T.R. .. .. . Queen's .. .. .	1916-1923 1939-1942	10.4.62
6045	Sgt. W. H. M. Osborn, D.C.M., M.M. .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1914-1918	16.5.62
9018	Sgt. H. A. Harris .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	—	15.7.62
2291	Cpl. F. W. Poynter .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1914-1919	27.7.62
1043388	Sgt. H. Rolfe .. .. .	R.A. .. .. . Queen's .. .. .	1915-1919 1939-1945	18.8.62
200330	Sgt. R. S. Knight .. .. .	Queen's .. .. .	1913-1919	1.9.62
5530	Pte. W. J. Beale .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1897-1900	17.9.62
	W.O.2 W. Parks .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1911-1932	26.9.62
	R.Q.M.S. G. W. Prosser, M.M. .. .. .	Surreys .. .. .	1914-1945	4.10.62

### War Graves

It has been brought to our notice that a Mr. G. D. Watson residing at 10 Hollins Street, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs., recently visited the Military Cemetery at Abbeville in France, and whilst there took several photographs of the surroundings and graves. The photographs are in his possession. Amongst these is the grave of No. 6088975 Pte. E. Spratt, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Mr. Watson will be glad to send a copy of the photograph to the relatives of the late Pte. Spratt if they can be traced.

If the present address of the relatives is known by any reader, would he please either notify them direct or communicate with the Secretary, Regimental Association, at Regimental Headquarters, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Kingston-upon-Thames.

## LOCATION STATEMENT

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### (a) Regular Officers

Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E. .. .. .	G.O.C. Aldershot District.
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Brigadier D. G. Loch, O.B.E. .. .. .	Commander, Western Area, Cyprus.
Brigadier M. V. Fletcher .. .. .	Military Attache, British Embassy, Bonn.
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Col. G. A. White, M.B.E. (Temp. Brigadier) .. .. .	Commander, 56th (London) Infantry Brigade, T.A.
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Lt.-Col. M. T. N. Jennings (Temp. Colonel) .. .. .	Brigade Colonel, Home Counties Brigade.
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Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C. .. .. .	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D. .. .. .	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
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Capt. H. G. Greatwood	.. .. .	Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion.
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Capt. J. G. W. Davidson	.. .. .	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Capt. G. B. Redfern	.. .. .	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson	.. .. .	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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W.O.2 (O.R.Q.M.S.) E. A. C. Pott	.. .. .	1st Battalion Tanganyika Rifles.
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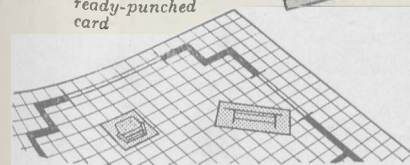


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