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His Excellency Sir Robert Black, Governor of Hong Kong, talking to Cpl. John Broom when inspecting the Guard at Government House. Cpl. Broom is the son of Mr. A. V. Broom who was Acting R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in 1948 and is now steward of the Officers' Mess, 4th Queen's Surrey (T.A.), at Kingston-upon-Thames. Also in the photograph is Sgt. Frederick Rickman



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## Editorial

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As the result of a comprehensive reorganisation of the Australian Military Forces our alliances with The City of Newcastle Regiment and the 17/18th Battalion The North Shore Regiment came to an end. The reorganisation is now complete and we are delighted to report that an alliance has been approved between The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and The Royal New South Wales Regiment. As both of our former allied regiments are incorporated in The Royal New South Wales Regiment the previous connection and association is being maintained. In order to explain the basis of the new arrangement and how it came about we publish in this issue the correspondence, in its entirety, which took place on the subject.

Lt. J. E. A. Samuels, 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) at present studying at Cambridge University, spent a week in West Germany with eight other T.A. Officer undergraduates as guests of the West German Defence Ministry. He has sent us a very interesting description of the visit and the impressions which he and his friends brought away with them. We reproduce his article "Germany 1962."

Another contributor from 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) is Lt. D. Woodward Smith. We include his interesting "Letter from Ghana."

On 8th September, 1962, there took place at Oostaker, near Ghent an event of great historical interest to the Regiment. A monument to the wartime 1/6th Queen's was unveiled in the Belgian National Shrine. A description of the ceremony, together with a photograph of the monument, is included in this issue.

This is a great year for our two Territorial Army Battalions. On Friday, 12th July, they are to receive their new Colours, from Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of Surrey, The Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E. Subscribers to this Journal will already have received the relevant information circular; if, how-

ever, any reader has not received the circular and requires the information he should apply, now, to Regimental Headquarters.

### Surprise Re-Union

Many who served in the Queen's during the 1914-18 War will be interested to know how three of their contemporaries met last summer in Dover. The account of their meeting was sent to us by Mr. W. Parsons, M.B.E. He was invited to spend a few days with his friend ex-Sgt. Tracey, D.C.M., M.M. One day, Tracey called him into the sitting room where he found his old friend of 1914-18 days, Jerry Fane, whom he had not seen since 1919. Tracey had arranged this reunion as a complete surprise. To commemorate the occasion a friend took a snapshot which we reproduce.

All three left the Queen's in 1919. Mr. Fane became a Railway Signalman; Mr. Tracey a Station Officer, National Fire Service; and Mr. Parsons a Bandmaster, Royal Air Force.

It is interesting to note that both Mr. W. Parsons and his brother Mr. Harry Parsons became Bandmasters in the Royal Air Force. As recorded elsewhere in this Journal, Mr. Harry Parsons died in February of this year.



SURPRISE REUNION  
Mr. J. Fane, Mr. Tracey, D.C.M., M.M., and  
Mr. W. Parsons, M.B.E.

## Germany 1962

*By Lieutenant J. E. A. Samuels, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and Queen's College, Cambridge.*

IN September, 1962, nine of us, all T.A. officers from Cambridge, spent a week in West Germany as guests of the West German Defence Ministry. We had been invited on the initiative of the student "Organisation for Defence Studies," and our visit was the first of its kind.

On arrival in Bonn we found the other members of our party. Two were students from Holland, the remaining dozen were German University students, who are serving officers of the reserve. Fortunately all the party spoke excellent English; although English is the official language of NATO, it was striking how fluently it is spoken everywhere. As a result, we learned little German, but were able to exchange information and opinions freely.

At the beginning of our first visit to the Federal Defence Ministry, we were impressed not only with the Union Jack which flew in our honour outside the Ministry, but also with the warmth of our welcome. We were conducted to an imposing conference room, with a battery of microphones and earphones festooned over the tables; enjoying the novelty of simultaneous translation, we received a lucid introduction to the organisation of the newly established German armed forces.

It was explained to us that the new Bundeswehr had in no way been built on the ruins of the Wehrmacht, but had been founded almost from scratch. The new ideal is of a "citizen army in uniform," and the wish to preserve and buttress the democratic system within the forces is carried to extremes that we might find strange. However, it was pointed out that Germany has no strong and long-standing traditions of democracy and toleration; hence democracy must be delicately nurtured. Accordingly peculiar emphasis is placed on two subjects during a soldier's training: "current affairs," and training in "innere Führung." This may loosely be described as a mental dose of liver salts; its objects include the nurturing of a democratic way of thought in the soldier, subjects we would classify as "morale-boosting" and generally making the soldier

feel that he "belongs" to an integral part of the State, and that by serving the State he is fulfilling his role in life. Although this is, indeed, an alien concept to the British Army, it must be viewed in Germany against the background of two lost wars, the falsification of educational standards over a whole generation, and severe national psychological and economic depression.

After lunch in the Defence Ministry canteen, where democracy decrees that senior officers and private soldiers serve themselves and eat together, we were addressed by the defence spokesmen of the two main political parties. They both stressed the threat from the East, and to oppose this, urged the necessity of building up German forces and the strengthening of NATO.

There is no doubt that the Germans are fully aware of the danger from the East, even to the extent of possibly over-emphasising it. If I may introduce a personal impression in parentheses, it was quite clear throughout our discussions that the Germans are most anxious for Britain to join the Common Market, not merely for the ultimate political union. In the defence context, they visualise the political union as a tangible method of strengthening NATO. It must be remembered how strong the German desire is for re-unification, and if it is only possible that this can be effected at any cost, it could conceivably lead to war. Without entering the lists on the vexed question of Common Market entry, it is necessary to remember what the tacit motives of our potential partner may be in seeking our entry, as well as considering the immediate and long-term advantages from our point of view.

The next morning we left Bonn for Dusseldorf, to visit the armament and ammunition factory of Rheinmetall A.G. We were shown everything without reserve, and saw the manufacturing processes of the cartridge for the 20 mm. cannon, of the German heavy machine-gun (the M.G. 42), and of the new German automatic rifle (the G. 3). Although we had heard pleas for standardisation within NATO on the previous day, the Bundeswehr is being equipped

with these weapons in preference to the FN and SLR. Economy seems to be a more cogent argument; the German automatic rifle is one-third cheaper to produce.

From Dusseldorf we went by bus to Kiel, and the next day visited the Officer Cadet School at Hamburg-Wandsbek. The Commandant explained that each potential officer spends the first three months of his military training in a recruit squad in his own Unit. Shortly after entering the School the entrant takes a stiff examination, to determine whether he is likely officer material; there is a 50% failure rate at this stage. However, the final exam has a very low rate of failure; the likely failures are weeded out at the beginning. After two years in the case of the short-service officer, and two and a half in the case of the regular, he receives his commission, and passes out on probation.

Groups of us participated in the classes in current affairs, basic artillery tactics, and drill. The last is performed solely to instil qualities of immediate reaction, rather than for any ceremonial purpose; it consists of doubling and halting rapidly; arms drill and the niceties of foot drill are unknown. The goose-step took a fortnight to teach; now soldiers are trained to be soldiers. The type of cadet we saw did not appear to come from an identifiable class but seemed a serious-minded, probably middle-class entrant, with educational qualifications corresponding to a little above our G.C.E. "O" level. Entry from the ranks and the universities is rare, except for specially-qualified technicians.

At the Joint Services Staff College, whose courses are attended by officers from all NATO countries, including Britain, the organisation was again ably explained. It does not differ greatly from its British counterpart, except that emphasis is placed on the teaching of subjects, such as Constitutional Law and Psychological Warfare, which would find no place in a British Staff syllabus.

From Kiel the next morning we set out for the East German frontier at Lubeck. Our visit commenced in the barracks of the frontier police who, although they are a branch of the police power, preserve the uniform and much of the style of the army. We were fully briefed about the frontier problems in a room through which, we were told, 4,500 visitors had passed in the previous

month, before touring the demarcation lines. The East Germans have established a permanent frontier, extending for over 1,000 kms., guarded physically with three guards per kilometre, heavily wired and mined, and throughout its length, seemingly impassable. Thus most of the recent defections have been from the East German frontier police who, in spite of elaborate security precautions (only officers are trusted to approach the frontier itself), cross at the rate of 350 per year. When we went out to the frontier we saw what was far more effective than propaganda. On the Western side children played in the gardens of modern houses within a few yards of the barrier; on the Eastern side all that could be seen was a sentry in a watch tower, barbed wire, and a deep minefield.

At 4.45 the following morning a sleepy voice woke us to prepare to leave for Berlin. This was the day we had all been looking forward to with keen expectation, including our German friends, for most of them had never visited their former capital. From our earliest moments in Berlin we found it a besieged city. Indeed, the approach to the airfield was so tight that the D.C. 4 was forced to fly below the roof level of a block of flats, with its wing-tip some 15 feet away. It was impressive to taxi direct to the VIP lounge before being escorted round the city. Our guide gave us a short history of the events leading up to the erection of the wall on 13th August, 1961, on the way to the Friedrichstrasse crossing (Checkpoint Charlie), where we debussed.

At the wall my feelings were a mixture of anger and sorrow; anger, that what is so patently a pawn in the political game, should so affect the lives of its innocent victims, and sorrow, that in spite of the so-called advances of the twentieth century, a barbarous and arbitrary frontier of concrete and wire can still be erected, apparently with impunity, in the heart of a city. Enough has been written elsewhere about the cruelty of the wall, and it needs no repetition here.

On our return to Bonn our visit really came to an end. The next morning we said goodbye to our hosts and friends, and are firmly resolved to meet again.

It remains to summarise our impressions. It may be that the Germans wished to impress us with the gravity of their position; at all events they loaded us with literature which, although informative and well produced,

must be regarded as propaganda, and as such has little more value than the equivalent amount of propaganda which, at an annual cost of £220 million, is coming off the East German presses. But I feel that our visit achieved something more concrete than this. Firstly, we all found great satisfaction in being able to discuss everything as friends, and to achieve a far deeper level of international understanding than any amount of propaganda can convey. Secondly, we were surprised to find that British Territorial officers are not represented at the Conference of NATO reserve officers, and we are all convinced of the need for the T.A. to become affiliated to, and to send its delegates to participate in, this conference next year.

Accordingly we all hope that it will be possible to arrange a return visit for our German colleagues; that British Territorials may meet their NATO opposite numbers to discuss mutual problems more frequently; and personally at least, I feel that without forgetting or condoning the past, this visit has helped us to come together in greater hope for the future.

## Belgian Memorial to War-time Battalion

IN September, 1944, 7th Armoured Division, with 1/6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment in the vanguard, closely followed by the 1/5th Queen's, entered the city of Ghent.

To commemorate the liberation of the city, a monument to the 1/6th Battalion was unveiled on 8th September, 1962, in the Belgian National Shrine at Oostakker, near Ghent.

The Shrine has been laid out on the actual spot where members of the Belgian Resistance were executed for their activities against the Nazis. It is the life work of Mr. Maurice Poelman and his committee and is in honour of all those who were executed. Mr. Poelman himself was a former Belgian Army officer who joined the Resistance and was captured. He was about to be executed when the city was liberated, and he was taken with other prisoners to a concentration camp in Germany where he suffered severely at the hands of his captors. Freed eventually by the British Army, he was restored to health in No. 8 British General Hospital and since then he, and others like him, have devoted their lives to making this Shrine a national one in perpetual memory of the fallen.

Now, under the patronage of King Baudouin of the Belgians, no higher honour could be bestowed on a British regiment than to have on this hallowed ground a monument to its memory.

The monument was unveiled by Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, T.D., who not only served with 1/6th Queen's throughout the war, including



The Monument to the 1/6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment at Oostakker, Belgium

(See Belgian Memorial to War-time Battalion)

Ghent in 1944, but was also its last Commanding Officer before amalgamation. The ceremony took place during the annual visit of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, who are maintaining the traditional visits and close links with Ghent and its citizens. Led by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, and including the Band and Drums, it was a most moving and impressive parade.

Others who were in Ghent in 1944 were C.S.M. Homersham, Sgts. Bryan and Clowes, and Cpl. E. Clamp, who are still serving in the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Surreys.

The Burgomaster and Councillors of Oostakker, in addition to Mr. Poelman and his committee, attended, as did a large contingent of Resistance Groupe "La Sarcelle" and members of the Ghent branch of the British Legion. The Groupe was led by their President, Mr. Albert Fassin, a valiant worker in war and peace, and included Adjutant R. Baeyens of the Belgian Army, who was wounded when guiding "A" Company, 1/6th Queen's across a swing bridge when the city was being cleared.

The President of the British Legion, Mr. Amand Vinck, left his home in Belgium in 1912 and joined the British Army, serving with the C.L.Y. (Roughriders) in the Middle East in the First World War. His son-in-law, also on parade, is Major F. Neville, M.C., T.D., now of the Buffs but formerly of the Queen's.

The conclusion of the ceremony was the handing to the Commanding Officer a sachet containing sacred earth from the Shrine, after which the parade marched through Oostakker, where the Burgomaster took the Salute before inviting everybody to a civil reception.

We should feel proud that on the honoured fields of Flanders is a memorial to one of our former Battalions as a reminder that they fought with brave and patriotic Belgians to free a country from its unbearable yoke.

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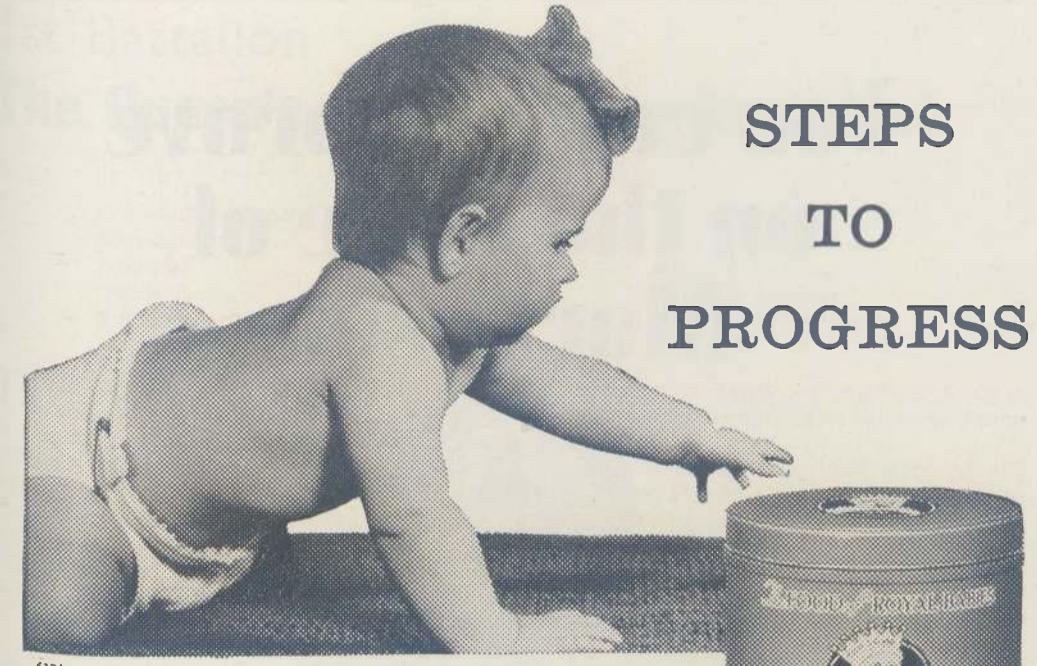
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# 1st Battalion **The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment**

THE six months from 1st September, 1962, to the end of February, 1963, has been an extremely busy period for the Battalion. The winter months in Hong Kong are the main training period, and exercises have followed each other in profusion leading up to the culminating Colony Exercise, which took place in the first week of March. The exercise period, however, has not seen any lessening of the varied activities and duties which fall to the Battalion's lot as the sole British Infantry Battalion in Hong Kong. We have also had our Annual Administrative Inspection and a number of the ancillary inspections which form part of this. Christmas, too, came and went, and we have engaged ourselves a number of times in things which, we hope, have given pleasure and help to a few of the local Chinese organisations. Life has, therefore, to say the least, been full, and that the Battalion has coped so well with all it has been required to do perhaps arises to an extent from the fact that we are now all

Regulars. Although the phrase "professional" soldiers may have unfortunate overtones, it is never-the-less true that the whole tenor of the Battalion has changed during the past few months in some indefinable way. Instead of the continual change-round of men within the various parts of the Unit, forced on us by the continual flow of National Servicemen going in and out, it has now become possible to keep men for longer periods in their various jobs. This has resulted in greater stability and a higher state of individual training which is beginning to produce a better sense of teamwork in all departments. This augurs well for the future, provided that we avoid the temptation to become too set in our ways and do not lose the ability to improvise and adapt, a prominent feature in the National Service Army. From the experience of the last six months, however, there seems little

chance of our being other than flexible, certainly while the Battalion serves in Hong Kong.

The chronicle of this half year of the Battalion's life starts with the aftermath of typhoon "Wanda," which was briefly mentioned at the end of our last notes. While we realise that to those who spent the winter in "England's green and pleasant land," weather stories other than their own may be of little consequence, there are few of us who were present here in September who will not remember "Wanda," and already some of those who have joined us since she came, are becoming tired of the stories that are still being told. That these stories have become slightly exaggerated over the months since, does not detract from the severity of the storm or its after-effects. The full force of Nature in the raw was a terrifying experience to all who witnessed it and it was lucky, indeed, that we suffered no casualties or more serious damage.

Immediately the storm was over, besides putting our own barracks and equipment in order, detachments from the Battalion gave valuable help in restarting life in our local village of Stanley and elsewhere. Besides the physical work of clearing debris, helping to rebuild, and the help given by our wives in collecting, sorting, and distributing clothing, there was an immediate response by all individuals to the Government Relief Fund. A sum of over 1,000 Hong Kong dollars was collected and the Commanding Officer received the following messages:

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From the Social Welfare Department of the Government: "Your generous donation to the Relief Fund is warmly appreciated and I should like to thank you very much for your prompt response to the appeal." From the Chairman of the Stanley Village Kai-phong, which is a Chinese equivalent of the local Council: "Your officers and soldiers

have helped Stanley a lot. You voluntarily rescued and relieved sufferers and donated the homeless people with food and clothing. Your kindness and assistance deeply impressed the people of Stanley."

There were also messages to the Army as a whole from His Excellency the Governor and the Commander-in-Chief Far East Land Forces. While therefore no one would wish natural calamities upon us, there is no doubt that through this a greater understanding and mutual respect has grown between the Army and the local population.

After the work of clearing up, a large part of the Battalion moved across to Stone Cutters Island to set up camp for the Rifle Meetings and to run the range. The main load of this work fell upon "B" Company under Major D. J. Wright and the W.T.O., Capt. M. E. Girling and, although the fact that everything had to be moved across the water added considerably to their difficulties, all arrangements went very smoothly. The Garrison Commander, Brigadier W. P. L.

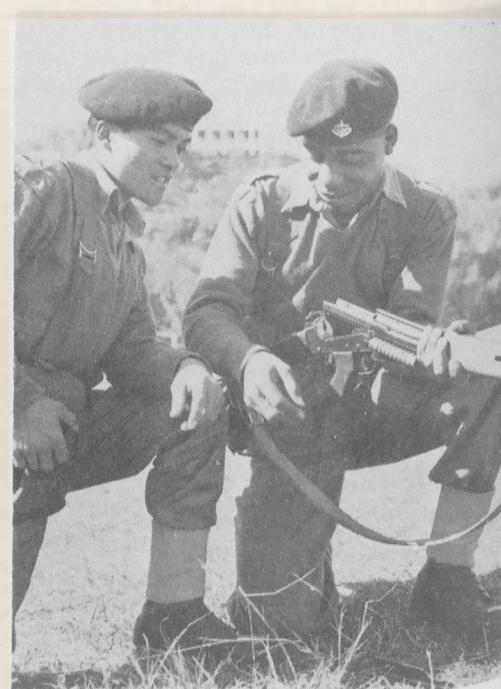
Lawson, M.C., in thanking the Commanding Officer, commented most favourably on this. Unfortunately, our own standard of shooting did not match our organisation, but this was to be expected as the opportunities for shooting up to that time in the Battalion's overseas tour had been very limited. In the time since the rifle meetings our results have already considerably improved, and one is confident that we shall soon be a good shooting Battalion again. In the Battalion Meeting, "C" Company won the Inter-Company Challenge Cup and Cpl. Broom of the Drums was Champion Shot. In the Garrison Meeting, in which we had to compete as and with other minor Unit teams, our main success was in the S.M.G. match, in which our teams filled the first three places and in which S/Sgt. Todd, R.E.M.E., our Armourer Sergeant, was Champion S.M.G. Shot.

So to October, when with the Administrative Inspection in front of us, we stood to for another typhoon, "Karen," which,



"Now, watch me, and I'll give you a complete demonstration"

Pte. Derek Hicks imparting military knowledge to one of the 1st Battalion's Chinese soldiers



"It goes in here, see"

Pte. Gladstone A. Crawford instructing a Chinese soldier of the 1st Battalion

fortunately, veered away at the last minute, and also for the two Chinese National Days, the 1st October and the "Double Tenth." At the same time "C" Company were deployed for five days in the New Territories as part of the anti-illegal immigrant operations. Preparations for the Administrative Inspection were therefore difficult. However, hard and willing work by all ranks got us ready in time, and the inspection by the Garrison Commander went well. In these days no formal grading of a unit is given, but in his report the Inspecting Officer said, "My overall impressions are of a well led, thoroughly competent, and dependable British Battalion."

From here we went directly into the first series of Battalion exercises, and between mid-October and early December dealt satisfactorily with "Night Flight," "Skip," "Moon Beam," "Nightingale" and "Flush." All these except "Flush" took place in the New Territories, where the hills are high and rough and where one must often carry all one needs for the time the exercise lasts. Sometimes we have had the support of mules from 29 Company R.A.S.C., but there are many places where men can go and mules cannot, and while the mules may be willing, muleteers are sometimes a mixed blessing.

As is evident from the Company notes, all these exercises have involved a lot of walking and climbing, and we have been at times hot, dusty, tired and cold—the latter in particular as the barren tops of the Hong Kong hills with the wind whistling down from North China can be as chilling and inhospitable as anywhere. In many of these exercises and those that have taken place this year, we have competed with and against the Gurkhas of 48 Gurkha Brigade Group, under whom we come for higher level field training. The competition has been without doubt very good for us, and in spite of the Gurkhas' knowledge and experience of hills, we have not been put to shame and, indeed, have received much praise for our ability to keep going and give as good as we receive in conditions in which the Gurkha tends to think of himself as supreme.

The odd one out amongst these exercises of which special mention must be made was exercise "Flush," which took place at the end of November and involved an amphibious landing at dawn on the island of Lantao. This exercise however was only particularly



"This is the correct way to hold it"

Pte. Michael Walker assisting in the training of Chinese soldiers of the 1st Battalion

noteworthy because of the amphibious aspect, as once ashore the pattern followed the usual one of walking and climbing before closing in to destroy a "terrorist band," represented by Training Company and the Recce Platoon. For the assault phase, the two assault Companies, "A" and "B," embarked in LCM's of 79 Company R.A.S.C. (WT) with Tact H.Q. on a GSL, and the second wave, of "C" Company and the remainder of Battalion Headquarters, boarded the destroyer, H.M.S. *Cassandra*. *Cassandra* came into the exercise at the last possible moment to replace our local mine-sweepers, and we were most grateful for the enthusiasm and interest she gave to the exercise and for her hospitality to all those who "cluttered her up" while we steamed to the assault area. In addition to this she provided beach clearance parties off shore during the landing and stayed with us some time to simulate naval gunfire support after we had landed. After the landing we had support from the R.A.F. Hunters of Hong Kong, controlled by our qualified F.A.C. Captain B. D. S. Burton. It was a truly combined operation, which received considerable coverage in the local press. The only drawbacks were that, due to the state of tides and silting on the assault beach, every

one went up to their waists in the water on disembarking from the LCM's. It was then we experienced perhaps the most bitter night of the year holding an ambush position, while the resurrected elements of Training Company tried, in the main vainly, to locate and attack us.

In spite of all these exercises our other duties continued and on the 2nd November the Battalion provided a full Guard of Honour, consisting of two officers and 96 men, at Kai-Tak Airport for the arrival in the Colony of President Sukarno of Indonesia. The same Guard paraded again on the 4th November, when the President left for Japan. The Guard was commanded by Major D. R. Bishop and was complimented on its bearing and turn-out by the President. The Commander British Forces, Lt.-General Sir Reginald Hewetson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., also wrote to the Commanding Officer, congratulating him on the high standard of the Guard. Extracts from General Hewetson's letter are:

"I and the children wish to thank you for your warm reception and entertainment. The children all said they spent one of the happiest days of their lives being shown the modern weapons, boxing, shooting, the cinema show, the large tea, and finally the Regimental Band."

The Superintendent of the Sea School also wrote in similar terms, and asked the Commanding Officer to let all who helped to organise the afternoon know "how much the efforts were appreciated."

After this we had our annual Small Arms and M.G. inspection. This is again something that calls for sustained hard work before hand, and as a result of this an excellent standard was achieved. The general report, indeed, said:

"The standard of maintenance of weapons in this Battalion is very high. The thought and hard work put into the organisation and preparation of weapons for this inspection are worthy of special note."

And so to Christmas with the Battalion pantomime to put us in the mood and then the usual succession of traditional events to make our one Christmas in Hong Kong a most memorable one. As points of interest the children's party was the largest ever with some 280 children attending, while the Christmas lunch was comparatively small, due to our large numbers of married men and the fact that so many of the families had invited the bachelors to join them in spending a Christmas "at home."

The pantomime was held during the week before Christmas and, though under new

children from Stanley village. The children came from both the village itself and from the Stanley Sea School and included girls as well as boys, but all threw themselves into the events arranged for them: firing on the 30 yards range with .22 rifles, using wireless sets, riding on our Ferret Scout cars, boxing (for the boys only) and so on. They were also shown some films. The afternoon finished with a noisy cliff assault demonstration laid on by "C" Company, Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums and tea for 450 in the dining hall. This event naturally necessitated a lot of hard work, but the enjoyment of the children made it all worthwhile. Afterwards the Chairman of the Kaiphong wrote to the Commanding Officer as follows:

management, proved a tremendous success. The chief "instigator" this year was Major W. G. R. Ambrose, who succeeded in gathering together a considerable amount of talent from his assistants and cast. The play was entitled "Sid, George and the Dragon," and was set, strangely enough, in Hong Kong. The amount of preparation and planning which went into this production was astonishing and, towards the end, Major Ambrose even managed to persuade the powers-that-be to allow the pantomime rehearsals to take precedence over both sport and training! However, the end result was well worth the effort. The show went with a swing, the production was wonderfully light and sure and the costumes, created by Mrs. Abbott and other wives, would have done credit to a professional stage. There were four performances in Stanley Fort for the Battalion and other units in Hong Kong and one performance at the Military Hospital, and every show received a tremendous reception. It is amazing too what a "cheong-sam" and a bit of make-up will do to the figures of some of the officers.

Mention must also be made of the traditional Officers v. Sergeants football match on Christmas morning. The Sergeants' team turned out in 1661 uniforms, looking very smart, almost too smart for such an occasion. The Officers chose various forms of "fancy dress" and battle was joined at 1100 hrs. The struggle was an epic one and, as there was plenty of room to move about, the match being played on the full Battalion football pitch, there was not an undue number of hand-to-hand contests. The M.I. Room the following day, however, was like a scene from the film "The Longest Day." There were no less than six officers and sergeants in plaster as a result of the contest mostly broken or strained wrists. The only explanation seems to be that the ground was bone-hard. As for the result of the game, it must go down in history as yet another honourable draw.

Our Chinese Other Ranks proved very useful by doing nearly all the duties round the barracks over the Christmas period, so that the rest of the Battalion could enjoy Christmas. At Chinese New Year it became their turn to celebrate. On the 25th and 26th January the whole of the Chinese population hold their big celebration and, with the exception of our Chinese other ranks, the

Battalion was confined to barracks—just in case some of our more exuberant spirits decided to join in with too much vigour. Two days before the actual date of Chinese New Year, the Chinese Other Ranks held a New Year dinner, to which some Officers and Warrant Officers were invited. The dinner was held at the Majestic Restaurant in North Point and even S.Q.M.S. Chick was amazed at the quantity and excellence of the fare. To the relief of Major Ewart and others, our hosts also adopted the Scottish habit of drinking whisky as part of their celebrations.

Before we leave Christmas and the New Year, mention should also be made of two visits made to the Sandy Bay Children's Convalescent Home for Disabled Children at Christmas and the Chinese New Year. This Home caters for Chinese children, in the main with tubercular deformities, and does most wonderful work supported by voluntary contributions. Parties of about 20 all ranks attended on each occasion together with members of the Band to provide some music, and for Christmas the cooks iced a delightful cake to add to the sweets which were distributed. The Battalion also made a donation of 250 Hong Kong dollars to the Home. Again, as with our "At Home" day in December, the happiness and cheerfulness of the children, many of whom have terrible disabilities, made one's small effort in going very worthwhile and were an inspiration not to be easily forgotten.

January was, in general, what might be described as a quiet month, though there was little let up. Perhaps the main event was another tour of "Force Guards," when the Battalion became responsible for providing guards at Government House, Flagstaff House, and Headquarters Land Forces. Although this is a regular chore the event was marked this time by the Commanding Officer having obtained permission for the Government House Guard to be mounted in scarlet. This is probably the first time for very many years that scarlet has been worn in public outside the United Kingdom, and the Guard looked very smart indeed. A lot of pleasure was given by this and much favourable comment was received in both the local press and by word of mouth. We hope, too, that the army magazine "Soldier" may include an article on this in the near future. The Band and Drums have, of course, been wearing scarlet uniforms too,



His Excellency Sir Robert Black, Governor of Hong Kong, talking to Cpl. George Braiden during his inspection of the Guard at Government House

and have won high praise from many quarters for their immaculate performances of "Beating Retreat" in front of large audiences in both Hong Kong and Kowloon. During January also we sent off a further detachment for the "Honour Guard" in Korea. This detachment is under the command of Lt. C. G. Reeves, and we expect them back in May, when they will have to forget their U.S. Army drill and get used once more to the S.L.R., instead of the old No. 4 rifle, which has to be used for ceremonial purposes in Korea.

January, however, was not all ceremonial as during the month we had both the annual M.T. and the radio and tele equipment inspections. Thanks to the hard work of those involved these also produced very good reports, and fully maintained the Battalion's reputation for high administrative standards. Then towards the end of the month the training pressure came on us again in preparation for the final fling of exercises in February.

While the exercises before Christmas in the main concentrated on the advance and attack, our February exercises were mainly

defence and withdrawal, culminating in a five-day inter-battalion exercise, "Fleet Foot," in which we "battled" against the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles. It does not matter so much which way one goes in Hong Kong, for exercises still consist of walking, climbing and then walking again, as the rifle companies found out only too well on "Fleet Foot." During "Fleet Foot" we were glad to have on our side a squadron of the Hong Kong Regiment, doing part of their annual training, and were most impressed by the performance of their Recce Troops. We were also most grateful to their Adjutant, Capt. A. B. S. (Brian) Faris, for so much patient and invaluable work acting as a relay station on top of Cloudy Hill where only he was not screened.

The Colony Exercise will complete our year in Hong Kong, and we shall be glad when this Exercise is over, as many people have not seen much of Stanley during the last month. However, we shall then be back to brushing up our I.S. training and preparing again for the Queen's Birthday Parade in April, accompanied no doubt, after the cool sunshine of winter, by our private cloud, which will stay with us until the heat and the rains come once more.

This story of the last six months has so far not included our sporting activities and while these are covered in their individual sections the whole period has been a busy sporting one too, when the time has been available. Opposition in Hong Kong is to some extent limited, but we have had considerable success in many fields and we hope that the basis of successful teams for the future is being built up. Among our successes have been:

#### Swimming

##### Major Units:

Swimming League .. Winners  
Water Polo League .. Runners-up

#### Soccer

##### Major Units League .. Runners-up

#### Hockey

Major Units Cup .. Winners  
Colony Services Championship .. Winners

#### Rugger

Major Units Cup .. Winners

#### Basket Ball

Land Forces Championship .. In the final



Bandmaster W. Snowden after the Parade on 5th December, 1962, at which he was presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.

#### Boxing Land Forces Championship .. Winners

Individual congratulations are due to Capt. T. C. Rogerson and Lt. S. J. Petzing for winning Colony Caps at Rugger and to 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling for a number of very fine running performances.

Outside the realm of sport we also congratulate Lt. D. J. C. Dickins, who is now at the Brigade Depot, on being first in the order of merit in the Land Forces Subaltern's Essays.

On a final note the departure of Bandmaster Snowden in early December after guiding and leading the Band for over nine years was a sad occasion. As is well known, however, he has not left the Regiment. Just before his departure it was a pleasure for the Battalion to take part in a small parade to see him presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by the Commanding Officer.

#### "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
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 A. Quickenden
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. R. Riley

In September the Company relieved "C" Company at Lyemun for a stay of six months or so. On the day we took over, typhoon "Wanda" arrived to see us in. Rarely has such a heaven-sent opportunity been given to incoming and outgoing Colour Sergeants to reach amicable agreement on the extent of barrack damages. C/Sgt. Riley had a quiet smile on his face for days and was even heard to say that "C" Company weren't such a bad crowd after all. His loyal henchmen, Ptes. Harrington and Mathiot soon had the store looking like one of the better laid out departments of Selfridges—even to ankle deep carpeting on the floor and soft background music provided by the local rediffusion services. While commanding their initiative, the Company Commander insisted that they issue the carpeting—bedside rugs—to the men and confine the "restful music for housewives" to after parade hours. Meanwhile the remainder of the Company were removing trees which had made forced landings in the Company area after giving a remarkable exhibition of aerobatics during the typhoon.

Shortly after our arrival in Lyemun, our Number One charwallah decided that life with "A" Company was too hectic and returned to the sanctuary of the charwallah's headquarters at Stanley. Number Two remained true to the flag, however, and a new Number One was quickly installed. No promotion for Number Two, alas; although he has passed all his charwallahs' Battle Efficiency Tests and is a marksman on the tea-urn, he still cannot turn out a banana banjo to Capt. Burton's taste.

Since the last edition of these notes, the Company, like the rest of the Battalion, has been on numerous exercises of all types, shapes and sizes. Our wives still recognise us but the children are having their doubts. One of the main effects of such intensive field training has been to throw the expertise of our Company cooks into sharp relief. Messrs. Hinch, Chamberlain and Turner

have faced up to the challenge of composition with all the desperation of men who realise that they are performing before an audience of professional critics unhindered by the laws of slander. One of their unqualified triumphs has been the development of the "A" Company "all in" stew. One of the Company Commander's early edicts was that no stew should appear in the Company area unless it were full bodied. Since then the cooks have gradually worked up the strength of this formidable dish, reaching a climax on exercise "Skip," when the stew had virtually to be cut off the containers and served in blocks. No one has had the courage to ask Capt. Burton what the ingredients are or where they come from. The stew was generally reckoned to be the main reason for the speed of the Company's night advance up a 1,000 foot beast of a hill during "Skip." The Company was in the lead, and anguished appeals from the rest of the Battalion for a slower pace were of no avail; the stew was in full control. The *South China Morning Post* has not reported the loss of greyhounds by the Hong Kong Kennel Club but we in "A" Company sometimes wonder . . .

There was one other theory to explain a pace described by the Commanding Officer as "motoring at 20 m.p.h." On his way to the "O" Group before the advance the Company Commander fell head first into a damned stream (he described it rather more strongly) some four feet deep. For the rest of the night he had to move at a run to keep warm.

Most of our exercises have concentrated on night operations. We now move like cat burglars even in daylight—a thing which displeases S.M. Bert Quickenden mightily on those rare occasions when he can get the Company on a drill parade. Still, he has achieved the difficult task of adapting his famous "rockets" to night conditions. He can now impart his displeasure in a voice which sounds like a thunderclap to the unfortunate recipient but which is inaudible five yards away.

Night operations invariably entail some time spent in a concentration area. This can be slightly tedious but not in "A" Company when Pte. Albert Murray is on hand to relate extracts from his autobiography. This is an unpublished work but fame, fortune, and a series of monumental

libel actions await the publisher with the courage to accept it. Like all true artists, "our Albert" is not the man to be impeded by the literal truth. Encouraged by an enthusiastic audience, he warms to his themes and draws freely on a fertile imagination. We now know that, compared with him, Casanova was the sort of chap any girl could trust, Robin Hood was a petty sneak thief and Fabian of the Yard a blundering village policeman. Even Albert falls quiet though, when off on a task headed by his platoon commander, 2/Lt. Anthony Ling. 2/Lt. Ling has made a habit of winning race after race at distances from 800 to 10,000 metres in Hong Kong open competitions; his breathless platoon are still vainly trying to persuade him that Hong Kong is not a giant, permanent, running track.

Our last exercise before Christmas was an amphibious assault landing, exercise "Flush," and gave C/Sgt. Riley a chance to demonstrate his eye for administrative detail. He was one of the last men off the Company landing craft and at the foot of the ramp saw Pte. Rosalie sliding backwards into the water. This in itself was not unusual since the combination of slippery ramp and stones under the water gave many of the Company an early morning swim, but in addition to his ordinary kit, Rosalie had a three-inch mortar barrel strapped to his back—and the barrel was quickly filling up with water. With a great cry of "save the kit," the Colour Sergeant up-ended Rosalie and his mortar barrel and poured out the surplus water before propelling both towards the beach. Turning from his task he saw a pair of gloves go floating past; the owner was some way ahead, struggling towards the beach. "Right," the Colour Sergeant bellowed at the retreating back, "I'll have a P1954 ready for you when we get back to barracks." But there were many hills of the "unfit for mules, fit for men" variety to be climbed before we got back to Lyemun.

On our return, our efforts were concentrated on preparations for education exams and for Christmas. In the educational field we set up the University of Lyemun with three faculties—those of English, Mathematics and Current Affairs. The professional staff, engaged at vast expense, looked strangely uneasy in the atmosphere of mortar board and gown and bore a remarkable resemblance to Lts. Westing, Dickins and Titcombe, Sgts. Wheeker, Elcombe and

Holledge and Cpls. Gill and Patterson. Preparations for Christmas and examinations became rather intermingled; the senior professor of mathematics, Lt. John (Woolly Bear) Westing, was found on his own in the Platoon Commander's room between classes rehearsing a song and dance act for the Battalion pantomime. It is the only time he is known to have blushed. However, he was well supported on the opening night of the pantomime. The Company attended in force and added a great deal of unscripted humour to a most enjoyable performance.

The following night we held the Company Christmas dance. The strong, silent, masculine appeal of the men of "A" Company was demonstrated by the large number of very feminine girls they brought with them. Sgt. Lemon's Dance Band provided the music, Cpl. Brown and the Company cooks provided a most excellent buffet supper, and Messrs. San Miguel, Gordon, Haig and others provided liquid refreshment. The food and drink had to be paid for, but since we had raised £100 for the dance there were no complaints of shortage. The Company moved with rather less than its habitual agility the following morning and the previous night's cries of "Why don't we have one of these every week" were missing. Our thanks to Capt. Burton and the Dance Committee, particularly Cpl. Hammond, for organising such a memorable evening.

The Officers and Sergeants joined forces to play the Rest at football as the curtain raiser on Christmas Day. A veil is best drawn over a match which from beginning to end looked like a riot gone mad, and left the pitch apparently a smoking ruin. However, when the smoke cleared it proved fit for play and an inter-platoon knock-out soccer competition developed a suitable pre-Christmas thirst. The Company Fund proved equal to the occasion and we settled back for an hour's contemplation of the brewer's art. The Commanding Officer took time off from a very crowded programme at Stanley Fort to take a glass with us and the Company sat down for another of Cpl. Brown's magnificent feasts which was repeated a few days later at a New Year's Eve supper.

The New Year finds "Happy 'A'" ready for anything—except another Christmas—and already the cry is being raised "Back to the hills." And so into 1963.

### "B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major D. J. Wright
Second-in-Command	Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson
Platoon Commanders	Lt. C. E. J. Allanson Lt. C. G. Reeves 2/Lt. R. P. Murphy
C.S.M. . . .	W.O.2 P. Warner
C/Sgt. . . .	R. Proud

"B" Company's progress during the past months has been varied and successful. We have played our part fully in all Battalion activities and have achieved success in several sports.

In September we completed our Company Training in the New Territories with an advance to contact and night attack exercise. Whatever others may have thought, "B" Company was convinced that we had taken the correct objective although the high feature was far from being "Nameless" by the time we had reached the reorganisation phase.

The Company had only a few days back in the comparative comfort of Stanley Fort when we were nearly blown off the rocky peninsula upon which our barracks is built. Typhoon "Wanda" struck Hong Kong with unbelievable force, and only then did we realise the terrors and troubles brought by winds up to 164 m.p.h. After the typhoon damage to Stanley Fort seemed sufficiently impressive, but when our rescue parties were sent to places outside our barracks, we saw only too well how terribly the Chinese squatters and villagers had suffered. Everyone worked extremely hard for 10 days and soon Hong Kong returned to normal.

During September "B" Company set up and ran the range camp at Stonecutter's Island, first for the Battalion and then for the Garrison Rifle Meetings. On exercise "Skip" (22nd to 24th October) we led the Battalion on an advance to contact exercise in the New Territories and by the end we were quite sure that "B" Company had covered more ground than anyone else.

On 29th October "B" Company's cross-country team won the Battalion event in very convincing style. Cpl. Lamkin, B.E.M. (Team Captain), L/Cpls. McKenna, McMullen and Ptes. Giles, Croft, McLean and Cahalane are to be congratulated on this excellent result. Several of our Company team also represented the Battalion in later races.

In November we took part in three Battalion exercises and in addition provided men for Guard of Honour for President Sukarno and also for the Remembrance Day parade in Hong Kong. Two of the Battalion exercises were night attacks, the last, exercise "Flush," started with a sea assault landing on the neighbouring island of Lan Tao in which we were assisted by the Royal Navy and R.A.S.C. Water Transport Company.

The cooler season in Hong Kong had started about a week earlier with a 20 degrees drop in temperature and none of us will forget how cold it was during our night on Lan Tao.

At the beginning of December our Support Platoon, commanded by Lt. C. E. J. Allanson, carried out a week of enjoyable training in the New Territories in preparation for the Battalion support weapons concentration in the New Year. The platoon was based at 29 Company R.A.S.C. (Pack Transport) Camp at Lo Wu on the Chinese border.

Shortly after this our Company hockey team, led by Lt. C. G. Reeves, held a very strong "H.Q." Company team to extra time before losing 5-4 in the Battalion knock-out competition. However, on 13th December our Company boxers won the Battalion Novices' Competition. L/Cpl. Rogers, Ptes. Geraghty, Ingham, Burnett, Freeman, Ward, Stutter, Fowle and McLeod are to be congratulated upon their success, and special mention must be made of Geraghty, Stutter and McLeod for their very excellent and spirited bouts.

Throughout this period our Company football team has played in the Garrison Minor Units League. We have had some success, but recently have lost to stronger teams from H.M.S. *Tamar* and H.Q. Land-forces. Although we lost on these occasions, the standard of play was high. L/Cpl. McKenna is to be congratulated on playing for the Army team in all their games this season. Ptes. Beckingham, Collins and Fowle in addition to L/Cpl. McKenna have played regularly in the Battalion team.

The Battalion Christmas activities were enjoyed by us all, but mention should be made of our Company party at which both beer and song flowed freely.

During these months we have had to say farewell to Capt. K. R. Burnett, who left us in October to take up an appointment in

London; Sgt. Hopkins who, on promotion to W.O.2, is now with "H.Q." Company and to Sgt. Lane, who has returned to the U.K. to become a Special Recruiter for the Regiment. We would like to record our thanks to them all and to wish them every success in the future. Our Company Commander underwent a shoulder operation in October. We are pleased to have him back with us once more.

Amongst our arrivals we welcome Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson from "H.Q." Company, 2/Lt. R. P. Murphy from the R.M.A.S., Sgt. Smith who has returned from the T.A. and Sgt. Stredwick who has recently joined us from the Outward Bound School.

Finally, the New Year was welcomed in by some adventurous members of the Support Platoon, who hoisted the Company flag at the top of the new American Hotel in Hong Kong some 16 storeys high.

#### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major P. G. F. M. Roupell
Second-in-Command	Capt. T. C. Rogerson
No. 9 Platoon Commander	2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld
No. 10 Platoon Commander	2/Lt. D. M. Tucker
Support Platoon Commander	Lt. S. J. Petzing
C.S.M. ..	W.O.2 W. G. J. Warren
C.Q.M.S. ..	C/Sgt. R. Gould

Our previous notes saw us about to leave Lyemun, and before doing so we won the Inter-Company Radiac Competition. Our team comprised Cpl. Wilson, L/Cpl. Edwards, Ptes. Rice and Stower and was trained by Sgt. Pearson.

We had enjoyed a successful six months at Lyemun and gave up our isolated freedom from guards, fatigues and O.P. duties not without regret. The Company arrived at Stanley on 31st August, and typhoon "Wanda" arrived the following day.

Ten days after our move the Company shooting team went to Stonecutters Island for the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which happily resulted in our winning the Champion Company Shield. The team comprised Cpls. Braiden, Rough, Ptes. Bingham, Conway, Barry, Boreham, Conner, Maye, Lewis and the Company Commander. Against

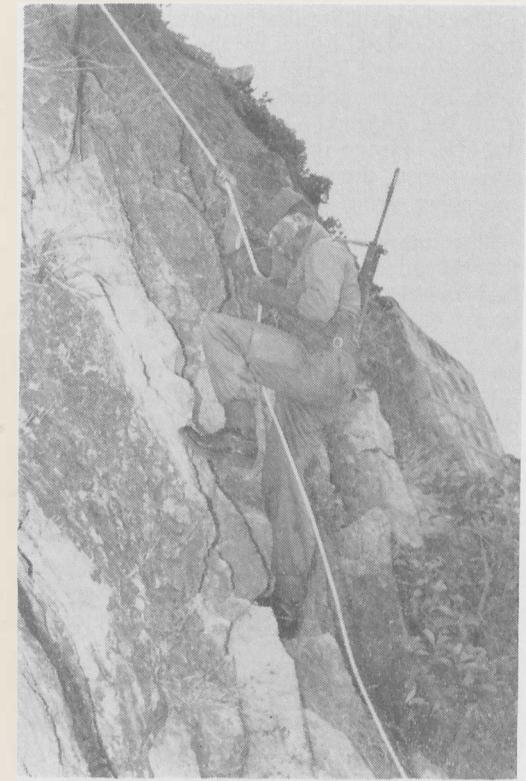
strong competition from "A" Company we won the main match, match (i) the "Roupell" Cup, match (iii) Small Arms Cup, and came second in the other two team matches; Cpl. Rough was the best shot in Class "A"; Pte. (now L/Cpl.) Bingham was the best shot in Class "B," and Pte. Conway was the best shot in Class "C" at the Garrison Rifle Meeting on 18th September.

On Saturday 29th September we celebrated Salerno Day with Battalion Inter-Platoon Six-a-side football and hockey competitions; this proved another successful day, 9 Platoon winning the hockey and Support Platoon winning the football.

On 4th October we moved up to the New Territories and took over anti-illegal immigrant operations from a Company of 2/7 Gurkhas off to celebrate Dasira. In addition the Recce Platoon under Lt. Anderson came under command of the Company for the operation. Our area was the whole west coast of the New Territories, with Company H.Q. at Ping Shan. The Platoons were spread out down the coast, each with an area of about five miles to cover by O.P.s and patrols day and night. Each Platoon had attached to them a party of four civil policemen, some of whom spoke English. Each patrol was accompanied by a Chinese policeman and in this respect we were a good deal better off than the Gurkhas, who had found considerable difficulty in communicating in a language common to neither party and often unknown to both.

We moved out early in the morning with a typhoon hovering in the area. 9 Platoon base at the southern end of our area was accessible only by sea or 1½ hours march along narrow tracks up hill, down dale and fording two rivers.

The police had agreed to ship the Platoon into position from Castle Peak. A requisitioned Health Authorities launch eventually arrived some two hours behind schedule. A further two hours bobbing about in a very rough sea resulted in them ending up where they started much the wetter and colder. All their equipment, stores and rations for the week's isolation were removed from the launch and reloaded onto a three-tonner which took them round to the Recce Platoon base camp where a section of mules were waiting in the rain to help carry the stores on the march in. Some 10 hours in the rain



Pte. Baron, "C" Company, on cliff assault training

since leaving Stanley saw the Platoon setting off on foot for their camp, led by a loaded mule, which bolted off down the track pursued by an irate mule handler and lots of helpful advice from 9 Platoon. Their efforts were rewarded by a good camp site adjacent to a pleasant little village. During their stay the Platoon played two football matches against the village which, by their popularity, appeared to have been the major sporting event of the century in that area.

The Recce Platoon, 10 Platoon and Support Platoon had more accessible but less comfortable Platoon bases perched on the tops of small knolls and narrow ridges. Sad to relate our operational Sitreps continued the unbroken sequence of N.T.R. of our predecessors.

We returned to Stanley on the evening of 9th October in time for the Annual Administrative Inspection on 12th October.

On the night of the 16th/17th October we acted as the rioting crowd to test 1 Green Jackets in their I.S. drills.

The peace of Stanley's night was shattered from 0100-0200 hours by the wild screaming mob throwing water from the roof and a miscellaneous collection of old vegetables from the ground. The exercise ended with tea and sausage rolls for both parties in the cook-house, the crowd by then being almost speechless from shouting.

The following week we acted as enemy to the Battalion in the New Territories. Our first contact was when Pte. Faulkner sited in a "stay behind deception role" captured a patrol from the Recce Platoon, including an A41 wireless set. We were under pressure all day and withdrew to our Company base area where we were attacked the following morning.

On 14th/15th November we took part in a Battalion night attack exercise in Sek Kong area in preparation for the exercise set by H.Q. 48 Brigade for the following week. On the Battalion exercise we held the start line on top of T.W.S.K. route and at midnight set off with the Recce Platoon and a Recce engineer party in a right hook along the top of a ridge and then down into the valley, which proved to be considerably steeper than it appeared from the map or from the air. On leaving the ridge it was decided that the slope was too precipitous for the engineers' mules so we had to leave them at the top. Some 2½ hours of nightmare descent splendidly led by the Recce Platoon finally brought us to our destination, an aqueduct, only to learn that it had been blown up by the enemy in error some hours before.

The following week found us wading ashore on to Lan Tao Island into a bridgehead established by "A" and "B" Companies. We led the breakout from the bridgehead and after much ground had been covered we spent the night defending what must be the most exposed hill-top in the Eastern hemisphere. There was a bitterly cold wind, which, by some freak of nature, attacked the hill with equal ferocity from all sides.

The following week we spent two days at Stonecutters Island range and prepared for the visit of the Stanley school children for whom Support Platoon provided a demonstration and display and 9 and 10 Platoons put on a cliff assault demonstration. A happy Christmas was then upon us and at the moment 2/Lt. Tucker and Sgt. Carr still have their arms in plaster as a result of the

Officers versus Sergeants football match on Christmas Day.

In the individual field of sport Capt. T. C. Rogerson and Lt. S. J. Petzing are the only two members of the Forces to obtain Colony Rugby Caps. Cpl. Winfield plays soccer for the Army, Pte. Price plays cricket for the Army 1st XI, Lt. Petzing and 2/Lt. Winterfeld have been selected for the Colony hockey trials and Pte. Taylor was runner-up in the Land Forces boxing championships. L/Cpl. Brazier, on our Company strength but attached to the Brigade Depot, won a Bronze Medal for boxing in the Empire Games.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major D. Abbott
Second-in-Command	Capt. M. E. Girling
Recce Platoon Commander	Lt. S. T. W. Anderson
Signals Platoon Commander	Lt. R. W. Acworth
M.T. Platoon Commander	Lt. R. W. Bing
Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander	W.O.2 L. H. Piper
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. E. K. Hopkins
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. B. Dunkeld C/Sgt. R. Vickers

We have to start on a slightly sad note. C.S.M. Hopkins seems to have inherited C.S.M. Harry Skilton's luck with Company Commanders. C.S.M. Skilton said that he had changed Company Commanders more often than he had had pints of ale in the Mess. Major Ambrose leaves us in early March for the comforts of the War Office. We wish him a soft seat and tea three times a day. We welcome in his place Major Abbott, who in fact has been in the Company for some while as P.R.I. He is also no novice at looking after "H.Q." Company, for, as some of the older hands will remember, he had a spell in the job back in the heated, operational days of Cyprus.

Headquarters Company goes from strength to strength and large numbers of this noble corps have given great assistance and encouragement to the Rifle Companies during the many Battalion exercises over the past months. On one of the first exercises in the Autumn, all the echelons were gathered together in one area, due to lack of space in the training area. Even the Quartermaster, Major Kemp was out. He spent most of

his time scattering curry powder in vast quantities into every dish produced by the Colour Sergeants. The food was carried forward to the Companies by mules, attached to us for the purpose. Inexpert loading at our end caused constant havoc and mules were seen leaping about all over the place, scattering C/Sgt. Bruce Dunkeld, his staff and their pots and pans, and No. 1 burners, etc. The other incident of note on this exercise was that the Company Commander lost his paper back novel with all his "O" group notes on the back. We don't know the name of the book because the front page was torn. The only word visible was "Lady . . .".

We welcome back C.S.M. "Pip" Piper to take over the Assault Pioneer Platoon. Prior to C.S.M. Piper's arrival, Sgt. Herd went on leave for three weeks and came back with a magnificent beard. The Assault Pioneers, with "Pip" Piper in the lead, smoke pouring from his pipe, and Sgt. Herd yelling "hard a starboard" instead of right wheel make it all rather "Naval."

Sgt. Herd also got himself into the news during exercise "Flush" on Lantao Island. As he waded ashore during the assault landing, his denim trousers came apart at the seams. To cover his "embarrassment" he adapted a lightweight blanket and later there were reports of Highlanders in green kilts having been introduced into the exercise.

To turn now to sport, "H.Q." Company has continued to shine. Our basket ball team, consisting of C.S.M. Morris, C/Sgt. Dunkeld, S.I. Pope and L/Cpl. Driver, won the Inter-Company event, with the very valuable assistance of several Chinese Other Ranks, namely S/Sgt. Mok and Sgt. Chow Jor, and others. All the above-named have represented the Battalion in this sport and the Battalion team are now in the finals of the Land Forces Major Units Competition.

S.I. Pope, L/Cpl. Ballard, Cpl. Emery and Pte. Stovold have been very active in the Khud and long distance running world. Pte. Stovold has also had considerable success at long-distance walking and is now considered one of the best walkers in the Colony.

Some members of the Company have been prominent in the world of boxing. Cpl. Chambers, L/Cpl. Ballard and Coulter and Ptes. Whitehurst, Kelly, Newham, Hassan and, once again Stovold, have all represented the Company and most of them have represented the Battalion at this sport.

In the final of the Land Forces Major Units Competition, Hassan, Ballard, Coulter and Whitehurst all fought very well, Whitehurst in particular, who knocked out his opponent in double-quick time. The Regiment won this event.

A soldier's jobs are many and varied. Ptes. Casey, Miles and Alexander of Company H.Q. have built a fine reputation as local Chinese children's entertainers. On two occasions, once at Christmas and again at Chinese New Year, they volunteered to assist in entertaining at a Children's Home. All reports indicate that they made an excellent job of it. In fact, Casey was absent for a short while since, because of his small stature, he had been absorbed into the Home as an inmate. With much difficulty we managed to extract him again and he is now back to duty.

The Annual Arms Inspection is one of the yearly headaches for "H.Q." Company and this one, held in November, proved no exception. There were several purges beforehand but, just to make doubly sure, it was arranged that each weapon should be inspected on the day it was handed to the Armourer. There being some 500 weapons on charge to the Company, this was no mean order. Thus it was that, in the chill period before dawn on several late November mornings, all the senior ranks in the Company could be seen frantically peering down barrel after barrel, trying to ensure that the list of horrors was smaller than yesteryear. On one such occasion the Company Commander was heard to snarl that a barrel was so rusty that he couldn't see through it. On investigation, it was found that he had got hold of a brooms bass by mistake. However, our efforts were worth it, as the Battalion's weapons were graded "excellent."

One recent event of note was the birth of a daughter, Susan, to the Orderly Room Sergeant, Sgt. David Roland-Shrubb, and his wife. We understand that Susan can already quote page after page of Q.Rs and A.C.I.s. We offer our congratulations to them both on this happy event.

As we go to press news has just come that the R.S.M. wants numbers of men for the Queen's Birthday Parade. There will be many of our readers who will realise what that means.

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## TRAINING COMPANY

Company Commander ... Major J. G. F. Naumann  
 Training Sergeant ... Sgt. S. Lea

At the end of our last Journal notes there was a postscript about typhoon "Wanda," an awe-inspiring experience for all of us. In fact, "Wanda" makes a good start-point for these notes, as, at the end of the last instalment, we had just started on our second Junior Leaders Cadre and "Wanda" finished it. Not literally, of course, but fairly and squarely on the last day of the course.

The course itself was a success and a number of private soldiers earned promotion on it. The course took the usual week in the New Territories at Sai Kung towards the end of the Cadre and it was during the final exercise that "Wanda" overtook us. In fact, if it had not been for the keen eyes of Cpl. Perryman, who spotted the typhoon warning signal on the mast of Sai Kung Police Station from the top of the hill, we might have been caught in the open on the hill. As it was, there was a very rapid retreat back to camp, spurred on by a heavy rainstorm. The weather looked very menacing, indeed, and the Nissen huts of Sai Kung Camp seemed like paradise to the men on the cadre. However, soon after we got back the rain cleared and we began to think that we had been a bit windy. The radio still continued to utter dire warnings so we battened down the camp as best we could and went to bed. At 4 a.m. next morning we were only too glad that we were indoors for it started to blow in earnest and down came the rain. At 8 o'clock the noise was terrific, trees and debris were blowing about and even the C.S.M. was looking anxiously at the top of his Nissen hut wondering if it was securely lashed down to terra firma. An hour later everyone was distinctly worried—there were several shattering crashes when all the water-towers in the camp descended from their supports and several windows caved in. This made the Company Commander's hut untenable and the senior members of the Company packed their kit in double time and moved down to the stores hut, which seemed to be a little more secure. The C.S.M. dashed outside to see if he could shut one of the windows which had come adrift and was blown flat on his back for his pains.

Eventually the storm blew itself out and we emerged to survey the scene. It was

pretty awe-inspiring. There were bits of trees everywhere, bent bits of water pipe, gushing water in all directions, from the fallen tanks, and telephone wires down all over the place. Worst of all, we knew from the wireless that the ferries back to the island would not be working until the following day and we were, therefore, short of food. This last problem was solved by a sortie by the Company Commander and C.S.M. to the Supply Depot, where they obtained a box of compo, not without a certain amount of argument. The Depot said that the Battalion had compo for such emergencies; we said that, as the ferries were not running, how were we going to get them? In the end all was well. We made our way back to Stanley the following day to find that the Barracks also was looking pretty untidy, but that there had been no loss of life or injury.

After this course there was a period of about three weeks when there were no soldiers to be trained and the Permanent Staff were able to have a useful period of interior economy. During this time leave was granted to those who had earlier missed the opportunity and the remainder began preparations for the Administrative Inspection. From our point of view the Inspection went off very well. Nobody came near us. We said a sad farewell to C.S.M. Jennings and welcomed Sgt. Lea to the Company.

A further course of continuation training was the next commitment for the Company. This ran from 21st October to 17th November and went according to plan. The only change was the training of men as enemy on a Battalion exercise towards the end of the course. This was quite a popular idea and, in fact, worked quite well, even though it meant that we had to go off to Sai Kung immediately after the exercise. However, this we did, and had a pleasant three days camping on the range itself. The only untoward incident which occurred was a fire on the field firing range, started by a smoke bomb. It took us over two hours to get it out, a wonderful demonstration of "Fire and Movement."

Then to Junior Leaders' Cadre 3/62. This started on 26th November and ended just before Christmas. On this course we had four N.C.O.s from the Royal Signals, and two Chinese Sergeants from the Hong Kong Military Service Corps, who were preparing themselves for a course at Hythe. They are

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the first Chinese to go to Hythe and, as they did well on the course, we are sure they will do well at the Small Arms School.

On the second week of the course, the Cadre, a Support Platoon from "B" Company and the Recce Platoon came under command of Training Company as enemy for Battalion exercise "Flush," which involved landing by landing craft on Lantao Island, something which many people in the Battalion had never done before. The enemy force went over by landing craft on the day before the exercise began. We were accompanied by the section of mules allotted to the Battalion, luckily in another craft. The sight of 16 mules being disembarked was something which the enemy force will not forget for a long time; some of the muleteers tried to pull their charges down the ramp, others tried to ride them. One of the latter "cowboys" took a beautiful header into about three feet of chilly sea water, much to the delight of the whole enemy force and several Chinese onlookers as well. Then off we set into the hinterland to our positions. The Recce Platoon had been given the task of fighting the battle on the beach itself; the remainder were required further inland. Off we set, soon to find that the hills on Lantao are just as steep as those in the New Territories. One of the Royal Signals N.C.O.s, who had had little or no experience in the field, was seen carrying his pack in his arms like a baby. When asked why, he explained that it was too heavy to carry on his back. However, no one fell out, except the mules, or was it the muleteers who were tired? There were frequent complaints that the mules were tired.

There followed a very cold night for the force. Vain attempts were made to start a fire but to no effect as there was no suitable fuel and the only result was a cloud of acrid smoke. The only consolation was a small quantity of beer which our friends, the mules, had managed to carry up for us.

The following morning the battles started in earnest. Despite acres of barbed wire and boxes of trip-flares and thunder flashes, the Battalion stormed ashore just as dawn was breaking. The main enemy force could not see this initial attack but we could hear it quite clearly and it was not long before we could see lines of men struggling up the way we had come the day before. We moved up to our defensive positions and awaited the main attack. Though the weather was

beautifully sunny, it was still surprisingly cold on the bare hillside and we sat and shivered, hoping that the Battalion would not take too long to reach us. The Recce Platoon were, however, doing their task of delaying the Battalion well and it was not until after mid-day that the first attack eventually came in, but it had not reached more than the first stage when a thunderflash started a fire in the very dry grass and the battle had to be stopped while we put it out. Training Company seems to have a jinx over hill fires.

About an hour later the main attack came in, and after a spirited battle the enemy force disappeared and went into hiding. We, in fact, went down to Silvermine Bay area, where the paddy fields were more "aromatic" than anywhere else we have been, and then along the coast to the beach where we originally landed. There we found a place as much out of the wind as possible and got organised for the night. Several patrols were sent out to find and harass the enemy, that is the Battalion, but the country proved too much for most of them. Cpl. Perryman, however, did succeed in finding a company position at about first light and put in a successful assault.

In the week before Christmas we again set off for Sai Kung, only this time Sai Kung camp was not available to us, so we went instead to Erskine camp, a camp similar to Sai Kung but a little further from the range. Our visit was brightened by the presence of Lt. R. P. Williams, R.M.P., who was attached to us to gain some experience of infantry work. Despite the "awe" with which all military policemen are held by our soldiers this one was ragged unmercifully by all and sundry. However, he took it splendidly and in most instances gave as good as he got, so all was well. There were no other incidents of note, except that this time we managed to start a fire with one round of tracer. More "Fire and Movement."

Christmas proved to be another quiet period for the Permanent Staff for again there were no men to train. As these notes go to press we have just embarked on another Continuation Squad, a small one of 12 men.

There have been a number of changes in the Permanent Staff since the last notes; Pte. Rodmell has returned to 3-in. mortaring in "C" Company, L/Cpl. Rathbone is now propelling a vehicle with considerable skill in M.T., and Pte. Lee has also gone to "C" Company. Pte. Renaud has moved

from the Stores to be Company Clerk and we congratulate him on promotion to Lance Corporal. We now have Pte. Stevens from "A" Company and Pte. Biston from "C" Company as storemen. We still have Cpl. Perryman as an instructor and we also have Cpl. Rough from "C" Company as the other. Cpl. Rough has just returned from Hythe where he got "B" grading. We congratulate him on this excellent result.

#### Officers' Mess

These notes start with typhoon "Wanda," which struck the Officers' Mess in its exposed position with great force on the 1st September and caused considerable damage. A commanding position with a wonderful view is not always ideal.

However, the damage was soon put right and a regimental dinner night was held on the 4th September, when Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira was dined out. Mike Pereira had been Adjutant of the Battalion for longer than most can remember, and for much of the time had been senior living-in member of the Mess. His dining out was, therefore, quite a party and never has the Band been conducted in such an expert fashion. We are indebted to him also for a lovely Chinese

picture, which he presented to the Mess on leaving.

The weather turned much cooler in October and the locals informed us that winter had come. As a result there were loud demands for fires in the ante-room in the evenings and a string of complaints that the bath water was never hot. However, the days were still warm and, on 7th October, an informal drink party was arranged, to which a number of private guests were invited. The Band played, the sun shone and the perfect view from the front of the Mess made a wonderful setting for this party.

On the 12th October, Annual Administrative Inspection Day, the Garrison Commander, Brigadier W. P. L. Lawson, M.C., and some of his staff, lunched in the Mess. After the "rigours" of the morning, the atmosphere was pleasantly relaxed—just as it should be.

Our third event was a regimental dinner night on the 25th October when our guests were Air Commodore J. H. N. Whitworth, A.O.C. Hong Kong, Capt. Le Blanc Smith of H.M.S. *Hartland Point*, and Lt.-Col. D. G. Swift, the A.A.G. at H.Q. Landforces, Hong Kong.

Another dinner night was held on the



Officers' Mess Tercentenary Tray

23rd November, when the guests were Brigadier J. B. A. Glennie, B.G.S. at H.Q., FAREL, Brigadier S. P. M. Kent, Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, the Rev. M. G. Tyler, D.A.C.G. in Hong Kong, and A. J. Schouten, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Island.

Our Christmas functions were, firstly, a Christmas ball on the 22nd December, which was attended by 150 officers, their wives and guests, and secondly a cocktail party, held on the 28th December for the Warrant Officers and Sergeants and their wives. Both parties were voted great successes by all.

Since the New Year there have been two further occasions of note. On the 18th January we had a ladies' dinner night attended by officers and their wives, when we sat down 50 strong. The Band not only played at dinner as normal, but some of the fitter members of it stayed behind to provide dance music, which proved a very popular move, far more than the "wheel," which was produced with a flourish but never spun.

On the 1st February there was another dinner night, at which the chief guest was Col. M. T. N. Jennings, Brigade Colonel of the Home Counties Brigade, out here on a visit to the Battalion.

Other activities indulged in by members of the Mess include Scottish country dancing, which takes place on Tuesday nights and which has caught on very well. Such occasions are most energetic and enjoyable, only being marred by the absence of the most Scottish member of the Mess, who presumably considers the whole affair to be rather "subversive".

The "L" Class sailing boat, owned by the Mess, has been helmed regularly by Major or Mrs. D. J. Wright, with other members of the Mess as crew.

They have achieved considerable success in the races, held at the Yacht Club, coming third or fourth each Saturday with almost monotonous regularity in a class where the opposition is fairly stiff. On the 20th January they came first in an off shore race, when Rosemary Wright was at the helm. This was a fine ending to a very good season for her as, earlier in the season, she had won the Yacht Club Ladies' Dinghy Championship against all comers. As she had not sailed before coming to Hong Kong, this is all the more remarkable.

Finally, the Tercentenary Tray has now arrived and is a fitting addition to the Mess

Silver. A photograph of it is included in this edition.

#### Sergeants' Mess

The past months have seen many changes of faces in the Mess and even more noticeable changes in the weather. To the seasoned members, who have spent some time in hot climates, the weather seems very cold, but the new arrivals say that it is quite warm. However, we all consider ourselves very lucky to be out here this winter and not in U.K.

September literally hit us, with the advent of typhoon "Wanda." With winds of up to 100 m.p.h. whistling around us we thought it best to lash the furniture down but the bar did not close and more than one member wished that he had been in the Mess when the typhoon struck.

We celebrated Salerno Day with an excellent dance in the Mess, which was enjoyed by all and we were pleased to have the officers and their ladies with us on this occasion.

Several of the members' wives jumped at the opportunity of seeing (and tasting) the product that takes up most of their husbands' time and cash, when the Wives' Club visited the San Miguel brewery. We hear that the firm has decided that it will be much cheaper to invite the husbands and not the wives in future.

October was a comparatively peaceful month during which Sgts. Dick Smith, Dave Wheeker and Peter Dent arrived. The first two are helping run "B" and "A" Companies private armies (Support Platoons), while Sgt. Dent is now Officers' Mess Sergeant.

The big event in November was Guy Fawkes Night and the Mess organised a huge bonfire and plenty of fireworks. In charge was C.S.M. Jack Warner who, even though he won't admit it, enjoyed it more than the children. Arrivals during the month were our new Bandmaster, W.O. 1 Short, Sgt. Keith Newman-Knott, now Provost Sergeant, and Sgt. Jerry Stredwick, who has gone to "B" Company.

During December we dined out Bandmaster W. Snowden and at the same time welcomed Bandmaster W.O. 1 F. Short. We wish Mr. Snowden every success in his new job and we hope that Bandmaster Short will enjoy serving with our Regiment. As he

comes from the Royal Leicesters, he will not be a complete stranger in our midst.

On the 15th December the Mess held its annual Christmas draw, ably presented this year by C.S.Ms Bill Warren, Jack Warner and Sgts. "Blondie" Lane and Terry Swift. The prizes were an absolute array of glitter and magnificence and nearly everyone managed to win something. As with all successful events, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes and, apart from those mentioned above, C/Sgts. Jack Chaffer, Bruce Dunkeld, Sgts. Mick Pearson, Jimmy James and Fred Isaacs did more than their fair share. S.Q.M.S. Derek Chick and Sgt. "Trough" Stagg were I/C. decorations (they volunteered for it) and made our somewhat austere Mess look very gay and festive.

In January some of the husbands decided to follow their wives' example and visit the San Miguel brewery. It is a very nice place but they will give beer to drink instead of a nice cup of tea.

The local darts league is now in full swing and we find that the Mess is about half-way up (or down). Anyway, after the darts matches are over, they provide a good excuse for a social evening and we have met some very nice people on these occasions.

W.O. 2 "Pip" Piper (with pipe) is now back with us and Sgts. "Blondie" Lane and John Elcombe have left to become Special Recruiters in U.K. Unfortunately R.S.M. P. Floyd has had to return to U.K. on medical grounds for a while. We wish him well and hope to see him again soon.

There is a rumour that some members of the 3rd Battalion (T.A.) may be coming out to Hong Kong for a holiday (sorry, annual training), in a couple of months or so. If this is true, they can be sure that they will be well looked after whilst under our wing.

#### Junior Ranks' Club

The biggest event as far as the Junior Ranks' Club activities are concerned, was the production of the mammoth, all star pantomime, "Sid, George and the Dragon." This pantomime was presented on what must be the smallest stage in South East Asia, because there was nowhere else except the Junior Ranks' Club.

Doubtless the show will be discussed at length elsewhere in the Journal and we must not mention the name of any particular player in case we offend the others. Sufficient to say that the whole enterprise was a great success and five performances were

given to full houses, much to the gratification of the producer and cast. The only thing which is still rather worrying—did the Commander British Forces ever get his car flag back?

A long list of activities would not make interesting reading, especially as Christmas brought some sort of entertainment every four or five nights. The Christmas party for the Regiment's children was so big that we had to give them their tea in the dining hall. It took an hour and a half for Father Christmas and his Chinese warlords to give out the presents.

The time has nearly come for us to say goodbye to our W.V.S. lady, Miss Irene Bennett, who goes home to England very shortly after three-and-a-half years in Hong Kong. Thank you, Irene, for all you have done for us and the best of luck in the future.

#### REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster .. .	F. Short, A. Mus. T.L.C.
Band Sergeant .. .	B. Matlock

Life for us in the past six months has been busy, as usual, and even more so for the Dance Band who are rather overworked and, dare we say it, "overpaid." Around Christmas especially there were a considerable number of engagements for as many "combos" as we could find; so long as it is well paid, however, we cannot say we mind.

In December, the Hong Kong Light Operatic Society produced "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert and Sullivan, and we were asked to provide the pit orchestra. Having no string section, the string parts were transcribed for clarinets. Now, the mere mention of "The Gondoliers" is enough to set our clarinet players perspiring at the memory. The performances went down very well with each audience and we ourselves thoroughly enjoyed it, probably because it was such a change from our routine tasks.

In December we said a sad farewell to our Bandmaster, Mr. Snowden, who guided our musical activities so ably for nine years. He has been granted a Quartermaster's Commission in the Regiment, so, although we have said farewell to him as Bandmaster, we may well serve with him again in his new capacity. To mark the occasion we presented Mr. Snowden with a silver tray and he, in turn, presented us with an automatic darts scorer, which is in great demand, though not,

of course, in working hours. Our new Bandmaster is Mr. F. Short, from the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, who joined us from Kneller Hall just before Mr. Snowden left.

We have also welcomed to the Band, Bdsm. H. Beeson, from Kneller Hall, Bdsm. Constable, Hale, Wells and Willis, all from Canterbury, Bdsm. Mitchell from the R.A.S.C. Staff Band who, incidentally, cannot get used to a full working day, and lastly Bdsm. Burdock, direct on enlistment.

Bdsm. Fletcher has left us to go to Kneller Hall on a pupil's course and we wish him the best of good fortune.

We have said farewell to some old friends in Sgt. Machin, Cpl. Benn and Bdsm. Swift, who have all left us on discharge, and we wish them all the best in their new venture, though we are sure they will miss us.

L/Cpl. Lemon is now a proud father and Cpl. Reynolds has increased his family to two. Our congratulations to them both.

On 4th January we held our annual Christmas party and raffle and, as usual it was a great success, with Bdsm. Willis winning the top prize, a free trip to Macao for two people.

We now look forward to another busy year and hope it will be as successful as the last one.

#### Association Football

The Battalion team has done well so far this season, losing only one game in the League, and reaching the semi-final of the Knockout Competition.

In the Major Units League we have played 5 games, losing only to 4th Regiment R.A. There has been some good constructive play with plenty of keenness among the team, though we have been dogged by an unusual number of injuries.

We still have to play three postponed matches against 4th Regiment R.A., 2/2 and 2/7 Gurkhas, but at the time of going to press we are lying second in the League, with 8 points from 5 games, next to 4th Regiment R.A., who have 12 points from 7 games.

In the Knockout Competition we played 2/2 Gurkhas in the first round, beat them 2-0 at Stanley, and then went on to play 4th Regiment R.A. at the Gun Club Barracks, where after a very hard game we held them to a draw. The replay was held at the Army

Sports Ground, Boundary Street, where the R.A. fielded a stronger team and we lost after a very good game. 4th Regiment went on to beat 34 Regiment R.A. in the final.

With the departure of Sgt. Putman to England in October, Cpl. Winfield took over the position of team captain and has done a very good job. L/Cpl. Newham has played some quite brilliant games in goal, and together with L/Cpls. McKenna and Ebbens as full backs, we have had a very strong and safe defence. The half-back line consisted of Pte. Fowle, Cpl. Jackson and Sgt. Gardener. The forward line has been changed several times, but regular players have been Pte. Dougan at centre forward, Cpl. Winfield inside left and Dmr. Marshall inside right. Cpl. Owen, Ptes. Rossette, Taylor and Gilbert have all played on the wing on occasions.

Others who have played for the team are Cpl. Kettles, L/Cpl. Martin, Ptes. Beckingham, Collins, Morris and Hickman.

Cpl. Winfield and L/Cpl. McKenna have both been playing consistently for the Army League Team (Hong Kong), which is at present at the head of the Colony League Division 2 and will probably be promoted to the First Division next year. They received their Colours from Lt.-Gen. Hewetson at the final of the Knockout Competition, at Boundary Street, on the 31st January.

L/Cpl. Loates and Cpl. Pratt have already been refereeing for the Football Association and Cpl. Braiden having recently passed the referee examination is now also refereeing.

#### RESULTS

##### Major Units League

v. 2/7 Gurkhas	..	..	Won 4-1
v. 2/2 Gurkhas	..	..	Won 3-1
v. 4 R.A.	..	..	Lost 1-0
v. 2/2 Gurkhas	..	..	Won 4-1
v. 2/6 Gurkhas	..	..	Won 2-1

##### Major Units Knockout Competition

1st round: v. 2/2 Gurkhas	..	Won 2-0
Semi-final	..	Lost 1-2

#### Athletics and Cross-country

The runners in the Battalion have had a varied and full programme of events during the winter months in Hong Kong, and although few wins have been achieved the various teams, under the leadership of 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling, have always been well to the fore and have achieved a high reputation for effort and performance in a sphere which

has always been considered very much reserved for Gurkhas and local Chinese. A great deal of the running in cross-country events is of necessity over steep, rough and rocky courses, and under these conditions, the Gurkha in particular has a definite advantage by reason of experience and upbringing. The performances of the Battalion runners have, however, continually improved throughout the season, and Lt. Ling, by determination and application, has himself produced a series of outstanding results, culminating in his finishing second in the Colony Cross-country Championships on 3rd February. It is understood that his departure from the Colony with the Battalion before the next cross-country season will be welcomed with some relief by 48 Gurkha Brigade Group, as the Brigade Commander said after the Khud Race that to have a British runner defeating all the Gurkhas would be shattering to Gurkha morale.

The running has not, however, been only across country and up and down the hills, and although the Services athletic meetings are not held until April and May there have been four "Open Meets" sponsored by the Hong Kong A.A.A. and various round-the-houses or island individual and relay runs. Further details of some of these are given below, while in the "Open Meets" we have collected nine 1sts, seven 2nds and three 3rds. Mention must also be made of the A.A.A.'s annual Pentathlon Championships, in which the events are long jump, javelin, 200 metres, discus, and 1,500 metres. In these 2/Lt. Ling was 4th, Pte. Pouponeau 8th and Cpl. Creane 10th. Details of some of the main events of the season are as follows:

On 29th October the Battalion held its own cross-country championships over a course which through necessity was mainly run on the road. The results were: 1st, "B" Company, 67 points; 2nd, "A" Company, 76 points; 3rd, "H.Q." Black, 88 points; 4th, "C" Company, 110 points; 5th, "H.Q." White, 148 points.

The Battalion cross-country team as individuals entered the Minor Units Championships on 23rd November, where we unfortunately lost L/Cpl. Rundle for the remainder of the season, when he fell and badly injured his tendon while leading. The course was hilly and very tricky, strongly favouring 28 Company, R.A.S.C., who in fact won easily. The leading Battalion runners were:

2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling, 3rd; Pte. Taylor, "C" Company, 12th; Cpl. Emery, "H.Q." Company, 16th.

On 7th December the Battalion came 4th in the Land Forces Cross-country Championships held over a flat course around Sek Kong in the New Territories. We once again proved ourselves superior to other British Units, but were nowhere near the high standard set by the Gurkhas, whose Battalions took the first three places. On this occasion our first runners home were: 2/Lt. Ling, 4th; Pte. Taylor, "C" Company, 29th; Cpl. Winfield, "C" Company, 34th.

The Battalion Inter-Company Khud Race held on 4th January on the slopes of Mount Parker proved a great success. "A" Company led all the way to win by 6½ minutes. The results were: 1st, "A" Company; 2nd, "C" Company; 3rd, "H.Q." Black; 4th, "B" Company; 5th, "H.Q." White.

A Battalion team then went to the 48 Brigade Khud Race at Sek Kong on 5th January where we won the shield for the first British Unit home. The course was steeper than Mount Parker but not so long. 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling was the first British soldier to finish.

In open competitions a team took part in the gruelling Kowloon 10-mile around-the-houses race on 16th December and finished 4th behind the 2/7 Gurkhas, 2/Lt. Ling being the individual 2nd.

Run concurrently with the 10-mile race was a 2½-mile walk, in which Pte. Stovold finished 5th and Pte. Curtis 13th. Stovold, who is one of the strongest middle distance walkers in the Colony, was unfortunate in this race to be misdirected when well in the lead. A team was also entered for the Hong Kong A.A.A. around-the-island relay race. We finished 4th, being narrowly beaten by the 2/7 Gurkhas.

During the cross country season the difficulty has been regular daily training. Most athletes seem loath to train in their own time and until they are prepared to make some sacrifices, we will not reach the top line times our potential could muster.

The following have represented the Battalion in open meetings and cross country: 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling, L/Cpl. Rundle, Cpl. Emery, Pte. Whitehurst, Cpl. Creane, L/Cpl. Meadon, Cpl. Winfield, L/Cpl. Ballard, L/Cpl. Rogerson, Pte. Kelly, Pte. Taylor, L/Cpl. Hands, Cpl. Lamkin, Cpl. McMullen, Pte. Burdock, Pte. Stover, Lt. A. J. Tit-

combe, Ptes. Stovold, Smith, O'Grady, Gerraghty, O'Reilly, Knight, Honey, Pouponeau and Curtis and S.I. Pope.

#### Rugby

The Battalion XV has had an enjoyable season playing against a wide variety of teams in the friendliest of terms. Considering the state of the ground we have had remarkably few injuries and have, as a result, been able to call upon the same XV to represent the Battalion in the majority of our games. The team was not fully aware of the true import of Noel Coward's meaning when he sang about "Mad dogs and Englishmen" until we played 42 Commando in the sizzling heat of August. Despite being 3 points down shortly after half-time, our stamina outstayed that of 42 Commando and we dictated the game in the last 20 minutes allowing Lt. Reeves to go over for a try which Cpl. Harfleet failed to convert.

We went down 8-0 to the strong Police XV but played intelligent Rugby. The pack worked well together in the game, with Lts. Westing and Titcombe outstanding and all of the three quarters covered and tackled well. Lt. Petzing at scrum half had a particularly good game.

Against Club Dragons we played most of the game without Pte. Glazier, who had a mild concussion. We were trailing by 8 points when Capt. Rogerson kicked a 'Garry Owen' which Lt. Reeves collected to score a beautiful try after a 40 yard dash. Although we lost 11-5 it was a most enjoyable game and Club Dragons later remarked what attractive open Rugby our side played.

Playing Hartland Point the Battalion won by 14-5 and the back division worked well together. Both Lt. Ling and L/Cpl. Rogerson on the wings had plenty of the ball and Lt. Reeves, improving in every match, had some very strong runs.

One of the hardest fought games of the season was against H.M.S. *Quiberon*. The Aussies play a very tough brand of Rugby, but until Capt. Rogerson was taken off for trying to run through the steel goal post (to cries of "typical of old Rogerson"), honours were even. Cpl. Harfleet and Capt. Redfern both played an energetic game and Lt. Bing, probably the finest lineout specialist in the Colony, dominated in this department once again. The final score was 8-6 against the Battalion.

We were unlucky not to win our first game against Club Selection. We went down 8-6

after being in the Club's half for most of the match. Lt. Petzing played a good tactical game at stand-off scoring a try and a drop goal.

Our game against Whitfield Strangers was exciting but scrappy and was won in the closing minutes by a drop goal by Lt. Petzing after Lt. Reeves had scored a run-away try and Cpl. Harfleet had landed a penalty goal against two unconverted tries from the Strangers.

Capt. Rogerson and Lt. Petzing are the sole Army representatives for the Colony XV and five others have represented the Army XV: Lts. Westing, Bing, Titcombe and Reeves, Cpl. Harfleet and L/Cpl. Rogerson.

Special mention must be made of our R.E.M.E. and R.A.P.C. contingent. Cpl. Brown, Cpl. Phillips, Cpl. Storr and Cfn. Langton have been very enthusiastic members of the team and help considerably in putting up our pints average after each game.

It would be unfitting to close these notes without mentioning the names of Ptes. Glazier and Whitehurst. Whitehurst has provided so much of the power in the front row that our other prop, Cpl. Harfleet, was heard to say during his first game, "you do the shoving mate, and I'll grunt." Glazier has played consistently well throughout the season and was most unlucky not to have been selected for the Army XV.

Ahead of us lies the Land Forces Major Units Championship, the Army Seven-a-Side and several other friendly fixtures. The spirit within the team is a good one. It is our aim to enjoy our game but we refuse to win at the expense of our enjoyment.

#### Hockey

The Battalion hockey side has, to date, had a very successful season. We have won the Major Units Knock-out Cup by defeating 2/6 Gurkha Rifles by 6-0 and the Colony Championships by defeating 50 Command Workshops with a score of 4-0. Apart from this, however, Battalion hockey has been a little disappointing, as we have been unable to play at weekends with the Army "A" and "B" teams taking seven and sometimes nine of our players to play in the Senior Civilian League. Mid-week games have often come to grief on the rocks of Battalion or Brigade exercises or with our opponents crying off. It was a pity that we were not allowed to compete in the Civilian League as a complete side. This decision



1st BATTALION HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row: Bandmaster W. Snowden (Umpire), L/Cpl. R. Fernandez, S/Sgt. P. Todd, Lt. C. G. Reeves, Pte. Whitehurst, Cpl. Storey  
 Front Row: Lt. S. T. W. Anderson, Capt. B. D. S. Burton, Lt. J. Jessop, Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., Major J. W. Sewell, Lt. J. M. B. Westing, Lt. S. J. Petzing

has, in fact, been commented upon in the local papers.

Four Battalion players, Lts. Anderson, Petzing, Reeves and Jessop, were selected to represent the Combined Services against Kyō University in Tokyo. Typhoon "Karen", however, put the lid on that enterprise by stopping all air traffic. It is said that one "hockey widow" is still burning joss sticks to the God of Typhoons!

A welcome addition to the side is 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld who, since his arrival, has been selected to play in a series of Colony trials as a potential inter-Port player. Lt. S. J. Petzing has also played in this series.

It is now in the lap of the gods whether or not the Battalion team will be able to play in Singapore for the FARELF Championships. Commitments are such that we cannot go until after the Queen's Birthday Parade in April, and it is still not known whether or not the organisers will be prepared to postpone the final until then.

#### Cricket

As with rugby and hockey, the cricket season in Hong Kong lasts from September to March. The Battalion side has played

several fixtures and has met with moderate success. A number of would-be Battalion cricketers also play other games and it has often happened that we have not been able to turn out our strongest side. However, a number of enjoyable games have been played.

So far we have beaten R.A.S.C. and the Command Pay Office, and have drawn with the "Yamsingers" (British American Tobacco Company). Lost to the H.K.C.C. Wanderers, "Yamsingers," H.M.S. *Ark Royal*, R.A.F. Kai Tak, and 4th Regiment R.A., the last two in very close finishes. Ptes. Price and Crawford have made a lot of runs and these two have been backed up by Major J. W. Sewell, Lt. C. E. J. Allanson, and Lt. S. J. Petzing when his rugger and hockey commitments have allowed him to play. Major J. G. F. Naumann has bowled well with the new ball, and Lt. A. J. Titcombe has given him good support. 2/Lt. A. F. S. Ling has been an asset with his left arm spinners but, on the whole, the bowling has been a bit thin. The Colonel has been our regular wicket-keeper.

Over Chinese New Year a most enjoyable inter-Company competition was held. To

ensure that games were over in time, a limit of ten overs was allowed for each side, everyone having to bowl except the wicket-keeper. This artifice produced some exciting cricket and the competition ended with "C" Company beating "A" Company in the final.

It has been an enjoyable season and we still have a few more games to come. In local cricket Major Sewell, Lt. Allanson and Pte. Price have represented the Army XI regularly in the senior league and Pte. Crawford the Army 2nd XI in the junior.

#### Boxing

Boxing has suffered more than most sports from lack of competition in Hong Kong. The Gurkhas do not box and so the field is limited to the Battalion and the Gunners only.

After the summer rest the first event was the Land Forces Championship. Boxers were entered from the Battalion and the results were as follows:

*Flyweight:* Pte. Geraghty won on points.

*Bantamweight:* L/Cpl. Ballard lost by K.O. after a clash of heads.

*Featherweight:* Pte. Hassan won on a W.O.

*Lightweight:* Pte. McLean won by a K.O.

*Welterweight:* L/Cpl. McKenna won on points.

*Light Middleweight:* L/Cpl. McMullen won on a W.O.

*Middleweight:* Cpl. Chambers won by a K.O.

*Heavyweight:* Pte. Whitehurst lost on points.

What really matters though in Unit boxing is to have a team that can "lick the pants off any other Unit or put up a very good show in trying to do so. When the inter-Unit championships were held in February, as has already been mentioned, the field was small and we found ourselves preparing to meet 34 Regiment R.A. in the finals. We had lost five of last year's team and also the coach and trainer, C.S.M. Skilton. However, with several good novices and a score of experienced boxers, training was started under S.I. Pope and Cpl. Chambers. We felt confident in the lower weights, but knowing that 34 Regiment R.A. had several very strong Fijians we were uncertain about the heavier weights.

The inter-Unit finals provided a most entertaining evening's sport, resulting in a 7-4 victory for the Battalion. In the first bout L/Cpl. Ballard won a good fast and clean fight on points at bantamweight. Pte. Hassan lost on points, not being able to close with his taller opponent. Pte. Taylor then won his first string lightweight bout in excellent style; he used his superior reach to great effect and showed that he is potentially one of the best boxers the Battalion has had for some considerable time. L/Cpl. Coulter then lost on points and the score was two-all.



Cpl. Chambers receiving the Land Forces Individual Middleweight Trophy



Pte. G. McLean ("B" Company) being presented with the Land Forces Light Welterweight Individual Trophy by Lt-Gen. Sir Reginald Hewettson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander British Forces

We now look forward to the 1963 Colony Championships and hope that we can better last year's effort.

#### Basketball

The basketball team have had a very good season to date. We have had plenty of practice and one or two very pleasant friendly games; so far we have not lost a game. Our team has been greatly strengthened by the addition of some of the Chinese O.R.s who are extremely keen basketball players, as this game is very popular amongst the Chinese in Hong Kong. Mention must be made of S/Sgt. Mok Chow Yuen, who was last year's team captain of 56 Company R.A.S.C. This team won the Land Forces Championship in 1962 and also the FARELF Championship, so he is a useful man to have in the side.

At middleweight Pte. Scott was facing a very strong Fijian and although a novice he showed a great deal of skill which, combined with his wonderful physique, proved too much for the Fijian. Pte. Whitehurst made short work of his opponent and the score stood at 7-3.

In the last bout, which was one of the best, L/Cpl. McKenna showed great courage in losing to Cfn. Smith on points. The Commander British Forces, when presenting the prizes, gave this bout a special mention.

A word here for Cpl. Chambers. After representing the Battalion for many years, Cpl. Chambers decided this year that it was time to stop. He has been a great asset as trainer and has the knack of imparting some of his own skill to the younger boxers. He has been instrumental in the success of the team.

This year the team have reached the finals of the Land Forces Championships and we hope, of course, to emulate 56 Company's performance of last year. In the first two games in the competition we won fairly easily, but in the semi-final against the 2/2 Gurkhas we were lucky to beat a fast and fit side by one point. We had a very good start and then nearly let things slip as our opponents got into their stride. By half-time the scores were level and towards the end of the game we were trailing by four points. However, we then got one point from a penalty and then two quick baskets just in the nick of time. It was a most exciting game.

Playing against Chinese or Gurkha sides we have a great advantage in Lt. Bing and Drum-Major Morris. Both are well over 6 feet tall and this is a great help in this game. They are also very able players. Also prominent in the team are C/Sgt. Dunkeld and L/Cpl. Driver. S.I. Pope is the team coach and trainer, and very much a playing captain.

#### RESULTS

<i>Land Forces Championships</i>	
v. Camp H.Q. L.F.	Won 40—10
Quarter Final: v. H.Q.	48
Gurkha Inf. Bde	Won 63—32
Semi-Final: v. 2/2 Gurkha	
Rifles	Won 32—31

At present we do not know who will be our opponents in the final, due to be played on 22nd March, but it will probably be Hong Kong Military Service Corps, who are all Chinese and have a very good side.

The following have represented the Battalion: Lt. R. W. Bing, W.O.2 J. W. Morris, C/Sgt. B. Dunkeld, Drum-Major Morris, S/Sgt. Mok Chow Yuen, S.I. Pope, Sgt. Chow Jor, L/Cpl. Driver, L/Cpl. Yung Kam Cheong, Pte. Wong Ram Tin, Pte. Ip Po Wah.

#### Land Forces Tetrathlon, 1962

Both the Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment had a successful history in a very wide range of sports and since amalgamation the Regiment has won many new honours on various playing fields. However, this year saw the Battalion's initiation into a new sphere of sport, viz. modern pentathlon.

The origin of this event was the ancient Greek Olympic games. In those days the pentathlon, a contest of five events, in all of which each competitor had to take part, was considered to be of such importance that the winner was acclaimed "Victor of the Games." The modern pentathlon was reconstituted in 1921 and has always been well supported by the Services. The five events are: riding, swimming, running, fencing and pistol shooting.

Owing to the difficulty in providing horses the riding event was excluded from the Land Forces Hong Kong Competition which was therefore titled Tetrathlon.

Because of the vast difference between the four events, the selection of suitable material for a team willing to train for a long period was not an easy one. Capt. T. C. Rogerson

was appointed team coach and manager, and S.I. Pope, Cpl. Winfield, L/Cpls. Emery, Rundle and Rogerson, none of whom had participated in this event before, were selected for 14 weeks training.

Capt. Rogerson moved the party up to Fanling one week before the competition date in order to acclimatize them and make full use of the competition swimming pool, shooting range, and type of ground for the cross country. Unfortunately, 10 days before the competition, L/Cpl. Emery went to hospital with acute appendicitis leaving only four from which to select a team of three. The standard achieved by the four remaining competitors was extremely high and Cpl. Winfield was entered as an individual only after much deliberation and calculation by the team coach.

There were, unfortunately, only three other teams in the competition, 252 Signal Squadron entered two teams, and 2/6 Gurkha Rifles entered one.

The first event of the competition, pistol shooting, was held on Monday, 3rd October, 1962, at the 17/21 Lancers pistol range, Sek Kong. The conditions for shooting were ideal but unfortunately the team's shooting was disappointing. The high standard set was 170 out of a possible 200 to score 2,000 points. Each point on the target below or above that number meant the adding or deducting of 20 points. This was definitely a case of "competition nerves," as although the team had been shooting very well in practice, S.I. Pope was the only one to score. He totalled 121 out of 200 to score 265 points, far below his best, and thus enabled the team to stay in the running. The end of this event found 252 Signal Sqn. "A" leading with 1,725 points, 2/6 Gurkha Rifles next with 800 points, 252 Signal Sqn. "B" third with 685 points, and 1 Queen's Surreys fourth with 265 points.

On the same afternoon the swimming took place at Sek Kong Pool. The distance was 300 metres and 4 min. 30 secs. scored 1,000 points. For each second above or below that time 5 points were added or deducted. L/Cpl. Rundle "swam his heart out" to complete the distance in his best time ever of 6 min. 21 secs., this gave him 445 points. He was followed by S.I. Pope who turned in a first class swim, his time was 5 min. 23 secs., scoring 735 points. This was the fastest time so far and remained so right until the end, when L/Cpl. Rogerson "swam like a fish" to record 5 min. 5 secs., to score 825 points.

and became the individual winner of the event. The team made up some of the leeway lost in the shooting, the total points after this event being: 252 Signal Sqn. "A" 3,635 points; 252 Signal Sqn. "B" 2,335 points; the Battalion, now in third place with 2,270 points, followed by 2/6 Gurkha Rifles with 2,230 points.

On 4th October the cross country running took place. The venue was Sek Kong air strip, the course was 2½ miles long. A time of 15 min. for that distance scored 1,000 points and for each second above or below that time 3 points were added or deducted. A high wind and driving rain made the course treacherous in parts. In spite of these adverse conditions the team performed magnificently. S.I. Pope showed many of the younger competitors the way home by completing the course in 15 min. 3 secs., scoring 991 points; L/Cpl. Rogerson then turned in a fine time of 14 min. 31 sec., scoring 1,087 points; then the favourite for this event, L/Cpl. Rundle, completely demoralised the opposition by scoring 1,198 points, his time being 13 mins. 54 secs., which

made him the individual winner of this event. Thanks to this first class team effort, the Battalion now moved into second place with a total of 5,546 points, 252 Signal Sqn. "A" being still in the lead with 5,738 points; third were 2/6 Gurkha Rifles with 4,693 points, and 252 Signal Sqn. "B" were trailing with 3,493 points.

The final event of the competition, the Epee fencing, was held on the 5th October, in the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. Each team and competitor fought each other twice, the bout being decided on the first hit scored. In spite of their opponents' experience, the team fought very well but could not hold the 252 Signal Sqn. "A" team. 2/6 Gurkha Rifles made an effort to beat the Battalion but failed.

Thus ended the competition, the final results being:

	Points
1 252 Signal Sqn. "A" ..	7,280
2 1 Queen's Surreys ..	6,548
3 2/6 Queen Elizabeth's Own	
Gurkha Rifles .. ..	6,235
4 252 Signal Sqn. "B" ..	5,035

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## Home Counties Brigade Depot

DURING the six months ended 28th February, 1963, the Depot dispatched 53 recruits to the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Col. M. T. N. Jennings, Brigade Colonel, visited the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong during the last week of January and first week of February.

At final parades of recruits held at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, during the period under review awards were made to the following men of the Queen's Surreys:

Date	Award	Recipient	Inspecting Officer
21st Sept. 62	Best Recruit	Pte. A. R. Peterson	Brigadier G. Laing, C.B.E., A.D.C., Commandant, Duke of York's Royal Military School.
21st Oct. 62	Best Shot and best at P.T.	Pte. L. Harding	Col. M. T. N. Jennings, Brigade Colonel.
23rd Nov. 62	Best Shot	Pte. J. Haithwaite	Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D., O.C. 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
14th Dec. 62	Best Recruit	Pte. E. T. Morgan	Major J. R. Anderson, The Royal Sussex Regiment.
11th Jan. 63	Best Recruit	Pte. R. Swanton	Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C., The Queen's Own Buffs, O.C. Home Counties Brigade Depot.
11th Jan. 63 1st Feb. 63	Best Shot Best Recruit	Pte. A. J. Crawford Pte. M. Shreeve	Maj.-Gen. R. W. Craddock, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Associate Colonel, The Queen's Own Buffs.

At the final parade of recruits on 1st February Major-Gen. R. W. Craddock, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who has since been appointed Commander British Forces, Hong Kong, presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to R.Q.M.S. D. Adkins and C.S.M. D. Harding. Both of these warrant officers live in married quarters at Canterbury. R.Q.M.S. Adkins's father-in-law, Sgt. L. Wright, received the clasp to his Long Service and Good Conduct medal in October, 1959, when he was on the staff of the Regimental Depot at Canterbury. It was presented to him by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Good service of a different kind was given by Pte. R. Nash, who, with another soldier from the Depot, rendered valuable assistance to the police when a man was arrested for shop-breaking and stealing watches and jewellery. The soldiers were commended by the Canterbury magistrates.

Among postings out the first was Capt.

J. G. W. Davidson, who relinquished the appointment of Adjutant on 20th September, 1962, on going to the Staff College.

W.O.2 L. Piper left for the 1st Battalion on 12th January, 1963.

Postings in included Capt. P. A. Gray from the 1st Battalion to take over command of "H.Q." Company.

W.O.2 R. Morris has already arrived from H.Q. Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison to take over from R.Q.M.S. D. Adkins, who leaves on 1st April to take up an appointment

with 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) T.A.

Before leaving Hong Kong Capt Gray recorded messages on tape from the following: Pte. Michael Reason, of Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon; Alan Gilbert, Palace Square, Upper Norwood; John Walker, North Downs Crescent, New Addington; and Martin McKinney, Elm Grove, Sutton. He played back these messages to the relatives or recorded it on to their own tapes on his arrival in England.

L/Cpl. Brian Brazier has again had a busy and successful period of boxing, and, as the Amateur Boxing Association, Imperial Services and Army Boxing Association light-welter weight champion, has travelled thousands of miles in this sphere.

He started the period under review by beating T.A. champion Jim Neill, in the Army v. Ulster match. Then he went to Perth as England's light-welterweight for the



A CHAMPION'S  
HOMECOMING

L/Cpl. Brian Brazier, Light Welterweight Champion Amateur Boxing Association, Imperial Services, and Army Boxing Association, showing to his wife and son the bronze medal which he won at the Commonwealth Games held in Perth, Australia

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Station House, Canterbury

Commonwealth Games. In the second series he outpointed G. Gakungu of Kenya, but in the semi-finals was himself defeated on points by Quartey, the Olympic silver medallist from Ghana. Of this bout the *Times* said that they handed out steady punishment to each other for three rounds, and, although the decision went to Quartey, Brazier could be proud of his brave showing.

After returning to England with his Commonwealth Games bronze medal L/Cpl. Brazier represented the Army v. R.A.F. On this occasion he beat S.A.C. Jury, the referee stopping the fight.

For his first fight of 1963 Brazier was selected by the A.B.A. to fight for England v. Ireland at the Royal Albert Hall, but was unable to do so because of 'flu.

In February he represented England v. Denmark and lost on points to P. Rasmussen in Copenhagen. Three days later he defeated B. Petersen on points at Aalborg. At the end of the month he was invited to Wolverhampton to fight Dick McTaggart, the Olympic, Empire, and European lightweight champion. McTaggart, a Sergeant in the T.A., fought in the Commonwealth Games as a light-welterweight and in the final lost to Quartey who had already defeated Brazier in the semi-finals. The result at Wolverhampton was a win on points for McTaggart, though the spectators did not seem to approve of this decision.

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## Alliances with Australian Military Forces

From: Brigadier S. L. M. Eskell, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

To: Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

17th July, 1961.

DEAR GENERAL METCALFE,

**ALLIANCES: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY: 2nd INFANTRY BATTALION (THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE REGIMENT)**

It is with deep regret that I am writing to advise that the alliance between 2nd Infantry Battalion and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment must be terminated.

As you are no doubt aware, the Australian Army is in the process of being reorganised to meet the changing requirements of modern warfare, and the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion has now ceased to exist, being absorbed by the 2nd Battalion of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

On behalf of the Commanding Officer, officers and other ranks of the 2nd Infantry Battalion I would like to thank yourself, the Commanding Officer, officers and other ranks of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for the interest you have taken in this alliance and the close friendships which have been formed throughout the past years.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) S. L. M. ESKELL, Brigadier.

From: Brigadier S. L. M. Eskell, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

To: Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

17th July, 1961.

DEAR GENERAL METCALFE,

**ALLIANCES: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY : 17th/18th INFANTRY BATTALION (THE NORTH SHORE REGIMENT)**

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Lt.-Col. Connor showed me the letter which you wrote him on 23rd June, 1961, and in answer to several of the points you raised, I can advise that both the 2nd Infantry Battalion and 17th/18th Infantry Battalion have been incorporated into the 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment. Regarding alliances, we have already formed a Regimental Committee and this subject is on the agenda for consideration at our next meeting. However, like yourselves, we are experiencing the heartburning task of terminating existing alliances, and then initiating new ones on a reduced scale.

On behalf of the Commanding Officer, officers and all ranks of the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion I would like to thank yourself, the Commanding Officer, officers and other ranks of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for the interest you have taken in this alliance and the close friendships which have been formed throughout the past years.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) S. L. M. ESKELL, Brigadier.

From: Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

To: Brigadier S. L. M. Eskell, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

21st July, 1961.

Thank you very much for your letters Nos. 131/1/2 of 17th July, 1961, notifying me that, owing to the reorganisation of the Australian Army, the alliances of the 2nd Infantry Battalion (The City of Newcastle Regiment) and the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment) with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment must be terminated. This news will cause the greatest sorrow and regret to all ranks of this Regiment.

However, I note that the Regimental Committee of the newly-formed 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment will be considering new alliances, and I would like you to know that we should regard it as a great honour and privilege to have an alliance with that Regiment.

The initiative in this matter must, of course, lie with you, but perhaps you will forgive me for reiterating some reasons why an alliance with the 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment might be arranged. These are:

- (a) That we are the 2nd Regiment of the Line, and therefore our two Regiments bear the same number.
- (b) That both our former Allied Regiments, the 2nd Infantry Battalion (The City of Newcastle Regiment) and the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment), have now been incorporated in the 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment.
- (c) That we are both "Royal" Regiments.

For our part we consider it our duty and our privilege to contribute to the strength and unity of the British Commonwealth, and to the mutual respect and brotherhood in arms between the Armies of the Commonwealth by having alliances with Regiments of other Commonwealth countries. It would be a sad day for us if we were unable to have an alliance with a Regiment of the Australian Army.

(Sgd.) J. F. METCALFE.

From: Col. P. H. Pike, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

To: Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

22nd July, 1962.

DEAR GENERAL,

**ALLIANCES: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY : THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT : THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT**

Further to correspondence between yourself and Brigadier S. L. M. Eskell of July, 1961, I am very pleased to be able to say that the Military Board (Australian) has given approval for the Royal New South Wales Regiment to seek an alliance with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The Committee greatly appreciated your letter of the 21st July, 1961, and has been concerned that there has been such a long delay in making this unofficial approach.

The object of this letter is now to seek your views and support on the forming of this alliance before taking official action.

I have attached an outline of the very brief history of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

Yours,

(Sgd.) P. H. PIKE, Colonel.

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### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

As a result of the changing requirements of modern warfare, the Australian Military Forces were reorganised in June, 1960, part of that reorganisation consisted of a change from a Territorial Battalion System to a Regimental System.

This resulted in the State of New South Wales having one Regiment—to be known as the Royal New South Wales Regiment. It has three Battalions, numbered 1, 2 and 3. The 1st Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment was not changed and remains the City of Sydney Commando Battalion. The 2nd Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment absorbed all units in the northern half of the State, such units being: 6th New South Wales Mounted Rifles, 2nd Infantry Battalion (City of Newcastle), 13th Infantry

Battalion (The Macquarie Regiment), 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment), 30th Infantry Battalion (The New South Wales Scottish Regiment), and elements of 41st Infantry Battalion (The Byron Regiment). The 3rd Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment absorbed all units in the southern half of the State, such units being: 3rd Infantry Battalion (The Werriwa Regiment), 4th Infantry Battalion (Australian Rifles), 34th Infantry Battalion (The Byron Regiment) and 45th Infantry Battalion (The St. George Regiment).

The Royal New South Wales Regiment is a part of the 1st Division (Pentropic) which is a fully integrated Division (i.e. mixed Regular Army and Citizens' Military Forces units).

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*From:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

*To:* Col. P. H. Pike, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

30th July, 1962.

Thank you very much for your letter No. 131/1/2 dated 22nd July about the proposed alliance between the Royal New South Wales Regiment and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

I am delighted to hear of this proposal and I give it my strong and unhesitating support. I take it that you will now initiate the necessary official action and that in due course I shall be asked by our War Office for my official agreement. This I will, of course, give.

There is one point on which I am not clear, but it would not in any case affect my agreement. Is our alliance intended to be with the whole of the Royal New South Wales Regiment, or only with the 2nd Battalion which incorporates our two former allied Battalions (the 2nd Battalion (City of Newcastle) and the 17th/18th Battalion (The North Shore Regiment))?

Everybody in the Queen's Surreys will be extremely pleased to hear about this new alliance. We were all very sad when your reorganisation brought our former alliances to an end and we thought we should have no further direct connection with the Australian Military Forces.

Two things that may be of interest. Our

1st Battalion is now serving in Hong Kong, where it is likely to be until early 1964, and would be very pleased to welcome any members of your Regiment who may be passing that way. Also, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., retired, but late Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment, is just starting on a world tour and will be visiting Australia. He may look you up as he has friends in the old 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (The North Shore Regiment).

The best of luck to you all from us all.  
(Sgd.) J. F. METCALFE.

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*From:* Col. P. H. Pike, E.D., Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

*To:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

8th August, 1962.

DEAR GENERAL,

Thank you for your letter QS/8 dated 30th July, 1962.

On behalf of the Regimental Committee I would like to thank you for your support in forming this alliance, and you will be pleased to know that the Committee has now made an official request to Army Headquarters (Australia) to implement the proposal.

In answer to your query, the alliance is proposed for the whole of the Royal New South Wales Regiment. Briefly, the background is that when the Australian Army was reorganised each State Regiment was allowed three alliances, on the basis of one per Battalion. However, in our case (the Royal New South Wales Regiment) we took over a Scottish Battalion (30th New South Wales Scottish) and consequently we inherited a Scottish alliance, and whilst the Regiment was very happy to accept this situation, none of the Battalions were prepared to relinquish their former ties, hence the very long delay in obtaining Army Headquarters blessing for the Royal New South Wales Regiment to effect four alliances, and the present situation is that we are now proposing, and have reciprocal agreement, to form the following:

1st Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment (Commando) : The Royal Marines.

2nd Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment : The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, The Black Watch (The Royal Highland Regiment).

3rd Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment : The Welch Regiment.

However, all proposals are on the Regimental basis.

I will be very happy to welcome Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., when he arrives in Sydney. Actually he was Colonel of the East Surrey Regiment during portion of my period as C.O. of the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion.

May I on behalf of the Royal New South Wales Regiment extend the very best wishes to yourself and all members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) P. H. PIKE, Colonel.

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*From:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

*To:* Col. P. H. Pike, Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

16th August, 1962.

Thank you very much for your letter reference 131/1/2 of 8th August, kindly giving me further information about the alliances with the Royal New South Wales Regiment, which I found very interesting.

I was particularly interested to note that you have an alliance with the Royal Marines, because we as a Regiment also have a very close liaison with them.

When these new alliances are officially confirmed I propose to publish our correspondence on the matter in the Regimental Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment so that all our members, past and present, should understand the basis of the new arrangement. I am sure they will all be

delighted to know that our previous connection is being maintained.

(Sgd.) J. F. METCALFE.

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*From:* Brigadier R. M. Allen, C.B.E., Deputy Director of Personal Services.

*To:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

13th February, 1963.

Dear General,

#### ALLIANCES—AUSTRALIA

The alliance proposed between your Regiment and the Royal New South Wales Regiment has now been formally approved by Her Majesty The Queen. Notification will in due course appear in Army Orders.

(Sgd.) R. M. ALLEN, Brigadier.

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*From:* Maj.-General J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

*To:* Col. P. H. Pike, E.D., Chairman, Regimental Committee of the Royal New South Wales Regiment.

18th February, 1963.

I have been informed by the War Office that the alliance between the Royal New South Wales Regiment and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has been formally approved by Her Majesty The Queen and will in due course be published in our Army Orders.

I need hardly tell you that all of us in the Queen's Surreys are extremely pleased at this happy outcome of our respective reorganisations, and you may be sure that we shall do all in our power to keep the Alliance alive and active.

Thank you very much for all your personal interest and help in the matter.

(Sgd.) J. F. METCALFE.

12th July, 1963

**Presentation of new Colours to the  
3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.)  
at the Woking Football Ground at 2.30 p.m.**

## Charterhouse C.C.F. and The Regiment

As a result of the removal of our Regimental Depot from Surrey the affiliation between the Regiment and Charterhouse C.C.F. has been terminated with the greatest mutual reluctance.

The following letters passed between the Headmaster of Charterhouse and the Colonel of the Regiment:

*From:* The Headmaster, Charterhouse, Godalming.  
*To:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.

7th December, 1962

Dear General Metcalfe,

I cannot let our many years of happy association with The Queen's Regiment come to an end without putting on record my awareness of the immense debt of gratitude we owe to them. From the very early days of rifle volunteers, through the time of O.T.C., and then J.T.C., and then C.C.F., The Queen's Regiment has given most generous help to Charterhouse, and our affiliation with them has been a very real source of pride to us. Now with new conditions bringing a change in our affiliation, our contact with the Queen's is bound to be a little less close; but I should like to tell you that our gratitude continues, and that the happy memories of our association with the Queen's is something that will never be forgotten.

I should be most grateful if you would pass on the very warmest message of appreciation from Charterhouse for all that the Queen's Regiment has done for us.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Sgd.) BRIAN YOUNG.

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*From:* Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.  
*To:* B. W. M. Young, Esq.

11th December, 1962

My dear Headmaster,

Thank you very much for your generous letter marking the termination of Charterhouse C.C.F.'s affiliation to The Queen's

Royal Surrey Regiment. I hope you will not mind if I publish it in our Regimental Journal so that it may be read by the many members of the Regiment, past and present, who have been privileged to work with the Charterhouse C.C.F. in the past.

It is a source of great sadness to us that our affiliation had to come to an end, but it was inevitable that the removal of our Regimental Depot from Surrey meant that we could no longer give your contingent the help it deserves.

We shall always take great interest in the affairs of Charterhouse, particularly as a number of distinguished Old Carthusians have served in the Regiment, and we sincerely hope that the school will continue to produce officers to follow in their footsteps.

(Sgd.) J. F. METCALFE.

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## Letter from Ghana

I THOUGHT you might be interested in a recent exercise I went on here in Ghana and also to learn that I am still keeping my hand in.

During January I was asked to lecture and assist with the running of a scheme "Bush-crash," which was held in the dense jungle in Western Ghana. As it happened it ceased to be an exercise shortly after it started and became more or less the real thing which, of course, made it much more interesting.

The party consisted of newly commissioned officers from the Military Academy who have transferred to the Air Force for training as pilots. They were all very fit and in my opinion were a credit to the Ghana Army.

I flew down to Takoradi on the Tuesday afternoon to give two lectures before moving out, one on survival and the other on snakes and how to deal with them, etc. This went off very well and the following morning we left by truck for an area about 30 miles away where we set up a base camp and cut an area for a helicopter to land. This went very well also and only after dismissing the trucks did we learn by radio that the regular officer instructors that were to assist had to be put on standby and would not be able to join us. This left yours truly with the entire field operation to take over.

No additional equipment was available so I had to move out without machette, compass, or any of the other bits and pieces normally issued in a survival kit; in fact, all I had was what I stood up in plus a bush

jacket that I borrowed, a knife which I had with me, and a single standard-size water bottle. Emergency rations consisted of one tin stew, one small tin milk, two packets (single cup) instant coffee and four small slabs hard tack. No maps had been delivered so all I had was a rough map drawn from 4,000 feet whilst flying over the area the previous day, this turned out to be so incorrect that I would have been better without it. Incidentally, these rations were to be divided between two people and, of course, I was the only person with a map.

Regardless of this we decided to go ahead and the following morning I led the boys out on an eight-mile trek, dropping them off in pairs at various points and finishing up at the furthest point myself with one young officer. The arrangements were that each pair built themselves suitable shelter, etc., cut a landing area for the helicopter, set up the various signals and settled back to await an airdrop the following day, after which we would cut our way back to base camp. You can probably guess that no helicopter arrived, and with the limited rations gone we really did have to survive, for we had instructed the groups that without suitable supplies they were not to move out under any circumstances. Absolutely no water could be found and the only form of edible vegetation was coconuts. These we lived on for 36 hours apart from a few roots which we discovered. Green mambas, the most deadly of African snakes, were in



Lt. D. Woodward-Smith in Ghana

(See "Letter from Ghana")

great force and I have never experienced so many mosquitoes in all my years in the bush. I have been bitten every bit of 60 to 100 times. Eventually we were picked up by another helicopter and returned to base camp after which I visited all the sites and assessed the performance of each pair.

The whole thing was most interesting and I learned a great deal myself, apart from refreshing my memory after just on 20 years since I last had a similar experience.

On our return we were met by the local chief and all his elders and that evening I was invited to attend an official ceremony at his palace about 10 miles away. Needless to say The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has now an entry in the visitors book there.

You will see from the picture enclosed that even after the ordeal everybody looked reasonably happy and also that I got myself "promoted." I had to borrow most of my kit and they do not have such low things as subalterns among the British types out here, so I grabbed what I could. Actually there are a number of officers from my old unit here in Ghana—The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada—this made my search for kit a little easier. About the only thing I had was a

Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment hat badge.

So much for that little effort. I don't suppose I will be able to get any more in before I leave. However, apart from helping me to get fit and being very enjoyable, the experience may prove very useful, even if only as a fill in lecture at sometime.

(Signed) DEREK WOODWARD SMITH,  
3rd Battalion.

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Adjutant (T.A.)	Major J. R. Gill
Quartermaster	Major G. C. Forman
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Capt. R. W. Strutt, M.M.
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O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 R. E. Alexander
Chaplain	Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, R.A.Ch.D.
R.M.O.	Major J. Attenborough, T.D., R.A.M.C.
Administrative Officer	Capt. B. H. Robinson, R.A.M.C.
	Capt. E. J. Weeks

THE announcement that the Battalion is to receive new Colours in July has provided us all with an extra incentive to work and train as hard as we can; all ranks are looking forward to the great day with enthusiasm and are contributing voluntarily towards the cost. It will, however, be a parade not without its difficulties. Old soldiers will understand these readily when we say that all drill will be with the new rifle; for this it is necessary to teach basic arms drill to the majority of our Warrant Officers and Sergeants to whom the drill is new and unfamiliar.

The last six months have been a period of routine autumn and winter training; we can say that some companies or detachments of volunteers of the Battalion are "out training" almost every weekend. There are, however, a few special highlights which will long remain in the memories of those present. The chief of these was our visit to Ghent and the ceremony at the Belgian National Shrine at Oostakker, where a monument to one of our parent units, the 1/6 Queen's was unveiled; an account of this appears elsewhere in this Journal. The second day of our visit was no less memorable. We paraded in Audenarde, near where the 1/5 and 1/6 Queen's first went into action in May, 1940. After a short ceremony at the town's War Memorial the Battalion party marched to the Town Hall across the great market square; few of us will ever forget the scene, a

fine September morning, the Band and Drums playing "Braganza" with the splendid 16th century Town Hall and old Flemish houses as a background. The crowd called on the Band and Drums for repeated encores of British Military marches, and the Burgomaster entertained our whole party to a reception to sample the local Audenarde brew, which we found much to our liking.

On 23rd September a special Church Service was held in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The Battalion marched to the church preceded by the Band and Drums, with the Colour Party carrying the Regimental Colours of the old 4th, 5th and 6th Queens. The service was conducted by the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. Michael Hocking and our own Chaplain, the Rev. Colin Pilgrim. After the service the Battalion marched through Guildford, the Mayor taking the salute. The Officers were subsequently entertained to tea in the Guildhall. The Band and Drums also paraded in Guildford on Armistice Sunday.

In October we held another of our special recruit training weekends, introducing new recruits to infantry weapons and elementary fieldcraft. Later in the month we held another of our Inter-Section Patrol Competitions which was won by a team from "B" (Camberley) Company. The competition took the form of a patrol exercise across Hankley Common, involving observation and action on "bumping" the enemy.



General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, presenting the Meritorious Service Medal to C.S.M. F. Firman, 3rd Battalion's P.S.I.

Also in the photograph are Major J. H. S. Burgess and R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose.

Photo by Thomas A. Wilkie, F.R.P.S., A.I.B.P., 41/42 Drummond Road, Guildford

The Battalion has again been active in the sports field. On 24th February the Battalion won the 44th Home Counties Division Cross Country Championship at Richmond Park. Pte. Harris of "C" Company was the Divisional Champion, and the team included Pte. Gardner, "A" Company; Pte. Hassell, "H.Q." Company; Pte. Alloway, "D" Company; Sgt. Nugent, "B" Company, and Cpl. Ward, "A" Company. The team trained under Lt. J. Pullinger, "A" Company, who also ran in the competition, and C.S.M.I. Griffiths. To make the occasion a family one, the prizes were presented by Brigadier G. A. White, M.B.E., of the Regiment. The Divisional Championship has been held by this Battalion or one of its parent units, for six years. In the Eastern Command Championships, the Battalion team came third, Pte. Harris winning third place; the two competitions were held concurrently. Major

competitions were held concurrently. Major Jack Schofield is training a Battalion boxing team. Capt. David Robinson was selected for the Territorial Army hockey team to play the Regular Army. Our football team was not, unfortunately, able to retain the laurels it won last year, and lost to 135 Survey Regiment R.E. in, from our point of view, a

depressing game.

We congratulate Major D. B. Pullen on the award of the T.D., and were also pleased to hear that he is to take over command in August.

We also congratulate Sgts. Bromage and Ell and Pte. Harper on their award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal. Very warm congratulations, too, go from us all to W.O. 2 Fuller of Croydon, on the award of the second clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal, and to Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Pollitt on their award of the first clasp.

It was with very great pleasure that we learnt that W.O. 2 Firman, who had been our P.S.I. at Reigate and then at Bermondsey, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on his leaving the Army. We greatly valued his loyal service with us, and he is taking with him the good wishes of many friends in the Unit.

We also congratulate L/Sgt. J. Bryan on his award of a Meritorious Service Certificate from the County of London T.A. Association. This was presented to him by Field Marshal Earl Alexander in November at a ceremony at the Duke of York's Headquarters in Chelsea.

## “A” COMPANY

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

Company Commander	Major T. E. Parsonage, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. C. O. Savage
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. C. Stevens
P.S.I.	Sgt. R. Gardner
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Playford

The Company is greatly thrilled at the news that the Borough of Reigate is to give the Freedom of the Borough to the whole Regiment at a parade on the 13th July, the day after the presentation of new Colours. The Borough Council adopted a motion proposed by Alderman B. L. Bourne and seconded by Alderman Daniels, the text of which was:

“ That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgessesses of the Borough of Reigate in the County of Surrey, acting by the Council, being sensible of the great record and glorious traditions of The Queen’s Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment, now together forming The Queen’s Royal Surrey Regiment, and being desirous of recognising, cementing and fostering the close association which is now and has for so long been enjoyed between the Borough and the Regiments, do confer upon The Queen’s Royal Surrey Regiment in perpetuity, the title, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through Reigate on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and drums beating.”

This will be a great day for the Regiment as a whole and our Company in particular.

Our new P.S.I., Sgt. R. Gardner, has settled down very quickly in the Company and there is no doubt that he is making his mark in all corners of our "far flung Empire." It is suspected that a considerable gap has been left in the 1st Battalion as a result of his recent departure, not only in respect of his boxing prowess but certainly in respect of his proficiency and keenness as a soldier. We wish him a successful tour whilst with our Battalion.

With the somewhat warmer climate he must surely be enjoying. Lt. John Rae has recently left the Battalion and he is now living in Canada. Lt. John Pullinger has taken over command of the Dorking Platoon. We are, in fact, expecting great things from this detachment in the coming year. A fair proportion of this Platoon will be training with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong in April. No doubt we shall be hearing a lot about their Oriental experiences, that is, if they are not too busy spending their new-found

On 1st November Major T. E. Parsonage, T.D., took over the command of "A" Company from Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford, who has been transferred to "H.Q." Company at Guildford. Major Parsonage had previously been M.T.O. at Guildford. We welcome Capt. Malcolm Brothers, late of the 4/5 King's Own, who has recently joined this Company and taken over command of the Support Platoon at Coulsdon. We understand there is no truth in the rumour that Cpl. Clamp participated in this event complete with signals equipment.



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attendance has been exceptionally good within the Company.

After having been postponed once, our Children's Christmas Party was finally held at Reigate on 12th January. About 40 children attended and there is no doubt that all of them thoroughly enjoyed their film show, games, and the food which was carefully prepared by an enthusiastic band of helpers. The presentation of gifts took place at the end of this event and the part of Father Christmas was most ably performed by L/Cpl. Heard. We were very pleased to have the Secretary of the Surrey T. and A.F. Association with us on this somewhat noisy occasion. In the evening a very successful social was held in the clubroom for members of the Company together with their friends, and moves are now on foot to hold a further event of a similar nature in the near future.

#### "B" COMPANY

London Road, Camberley

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

Owing to a non-adjustable nonsense our MSS. for the last Journal never reached the printers and the I.O. very kindly filled in for us. We omitted, therefore, to pay tribute to Major M. H. Prescott, T.D., who left us last year after more than ten years with "B" Company. He is still very much missed and more than welcome when he attends our social events. We also miss the cheerful smile of Sgt. Putman, but welcome Sgt. Maume as our new P.S.I. in his place.

Lt. Mike Sims has left us to go to New Zealand and our best wishes go with him and his family. We welcome Capt. Stevenson and Lt. Hopton from the Hereford L.I.

The Company team of Lt. Sims, C.S.M. Guest, Sgts. Burnham, Nugent and Smith, and Cpl. Humphries obtained the highest score in the Battalion (395 points) in the High Sheriff's Shield.

C.S.M. Guest, Sgt. Burnham, B.E.M., and Sgt. Nugent represented the Battalion at the T.A.R.A. Central Meeting at Bisley.

In the Battalion Inter-Section Competition Sgt. Nugent led our team to a winning total of 128 points out of a possible 170 points. Each member of the team was presented with a tankard as a memento.

We held a very successful Company Dinner

and later a Christmas Dance at the Drill Hall. We had a capacity attendance and were lucky to have the R.M.A. Band. We also held a Children's Party for over 60 and Father (C.S.M.) Christmas distributed gifts after a film show and tea.

A "Burns Night" party was very successful and we now intend to take haggis on our Company schemes as a staple diet provided Cpl. Ogilvie continues to supply the Scotch.

There are a number of ever-readies in the Company and Capt. D. A. Robinson, Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Thornhill fly to Hong Kong to join the 1st Battalion for two weeks in April. Sgt. Putman, who was on leave in England in January, has promised to act as a guide.

We congratulate Pte. M. Crowley on winning the competition recently organised for the design of a recruiting poster for the Home Counties Brigade. Pte. Crowley is, in civil life, a student at the Farnborough School of Art. Entries for the competition were judged by a professional advertising executive.

#### "C" COMPANY

T.A. Centre, Mitcham Road, 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
C.Q.M.S. .. .. ..	C/Sgt. J. V. Russell
P.S.I. .. .. ..	Sgt. D. Lay

The greater part of the last few months has been spent in moving house to our new location at Mitcham Road, Croydon, a return home for many of the Company who served in 598 L.A.A. Regt. R.A. (Queen's) (T.A.) and 565 L.A.A. Regt. R.A. (Queen's) (T.A.). There has been a great deal of work to do in sorting out accommodation, moving stores, etc., but all ranks have worked with a will and we all feel that the new Centre will be a great improvement, especially in the summer when we can take full advantage of the excellent parade ground.

Recruiting has continued steadily and a number of likely lads have joined recently. We congratulate W.O. 2 Fuller, who once again has won the Battalion recruiting prize for enlisting most recruits.

In the Middlesex Tough Training Competition, our team, led by Lt. A. B. Daly, defended its last year's title of winner of the "Adjacent Hunts" Cup, but in spite of

noble efforts were not so successful this time. Two teams competed in the Battalion Patrol Competition on Hankley Common and, strange to relate, the No. 2 team, led by Sgt. Crockett, very much a scratch crew, came third in the competition.

The Company took part in the Remembrance Day Parade through Croydon, leading in style, with an excellent turnout, and were afterwards thanked by the authorities for their efforts.

A most enjoyable All Ranks Christmas Social was held on 15th December, and it was good to see so many of the wives and families of members of the Company at this function. Sgt. Rolfe and his band of cooks put on a splendid buffet, and Sgt. Woods and Sgt. Rose acted as M.C.s.

On 22nd December we held our annual party for the children, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Cpl. Pollitt as radio operator kept in touch with Father Christmas by W/T. and was able to report his imminent arrival. It was an exciting moment for the children when the doors of the Drill Hall were flung open and Father Christmas (our genial P.S.I., Sgt. D. Lay in disguise) drove in with his vehicle loaded with parcels for distribution to the waiting throng. Our thanks are due to the ladies and to Sgt. Rolfe who helped with the sumptuous tea. We extend our thanks also to Sgt. Woods who, more or less immaculately clad in top hat and tails and leading an invisible dog with only the collar and lead apparent, organised the games for the children.

Our Judo exponents have continued throughout the winter, and Ptes. Luff, Notman, Scott and Springer have graduated to the next grade, while Pte. Lockett did so well that he jumped two grades.

At the time of going to press W.O. 2 Fuller is laid low with a slipped disc, and we all hope that he will be back with us soon.

#### "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
C.Q.M.S. .. .. ..	C/Sgt. J. F. Beckett
P.S.I. .. .. ..	W.O.2 J. Bermingham

Life at Bermondsey and Sutton has been as usual most hectic. We have partaken of

all manner of weekend exercises and entered teams for all the competitions. In the Inter-Company Patrol exercise, Bermondsey team, led by Sgt. Duncan, did well to finish equal third. The Sutton Platoon, for once not supporting, disappeared in the wrong direction at high speed, making their normally wheel based umpire march miles much to his great consternation.

Two Company weekend exercises at Hankley Common have proved very popular and were of good value on the training side. Not all our Bermondsey volunteers take easily to the country and one was seen highly camouflaged in autumn tint bracken, in the middle of a green pasture, but nevertheless we are learning fast, and our P.S.I. W.O. 2 Firman was at last managing to retain his eyebrows at their normal level. But, unfortunately, his time with the Army is now nearing its end and after a short demobilisation course he will be a civilian. Anyway, we wish him good fortune in civvy street, and congratulate him on the award of the M.S.M.

W.O. 2 Bermingham has come as a stop-gap, just for three months, and we welcome him warmly even if only for such a short time.

Just before Christmas the Support Platoon organised a Platoon Dinner at which the guests of honour were the officers. This was a most splendid feast, and all ranks started the festive season in the correct manner.

At Bermondsey, Major Faulder, attached to us from the King's Own, and W.O.2 Edwards and some secret committee whom no one has ever seen, organised one of the best dances ever held at Bermondsey. No doubt next time they will make a profit, but we forgave them that as it was all such fun. Perhaps that's why the committee was secret!

The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Bermondsey, Mrs. E. V. Coyle and Mrs. M. Burns; the Mayor of Deptford, Mrs. F. Dolby; former members of 6th Queens, and a party from the Petty Officers' Mess of H.M.S. President.

We offer our congratulations to Lts. Cutcher and Clark who attended an N.B.C. course, and came back with astonishing A and B gradings respectively. No one else from the Company now dares to attend a course.

Lt. Cutcher relinquished command of the Support Platoon on 1st January so that he can be Company Recruiting Officer, and is succeeded by Lt. Cunningham, no stranger to Sutton Drill Hall.

We have two teams in training to represent the Battalion in the future, namely, the First-Aid team being trained by Capt. Robinson, recently returned from the United States, and the Courage Trophy team being trained by Lt. Dorey; more news of these we hope, anon.

Recruiting has been encouraging and "D" Company had a small net gain of volunteers last year.

The Support Platoon, with recruiting in mind, are running a weekend exercise for Army Cadets at Haslemere Drill Hall.

Winter training tends to be rather between one camp and the next, but this year we have had lectures and practical instruction from the Fire Service which resulted in most ranks becoming rather wet; a lecture on the law from a local inspector; and some lectures and a practical period on mines and mine-laying by the Royal Engineers at Hankley.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.

Wey Hill, Haslemere.

Walton Road, Woking.

Company Commander ..	Major J. Schofield
I.O. .. .. ..	Capt. A. H. LeQ. Clayton
R.S.O. .. .. ..	Capt. P. B. Bowen
M.T.O. .. .. ..	Lt. R. M. Stanley
C.S.M. .. .. ..	W.O.2 J. Homersham
C.Q.M.S. .. .. ..	C/Sgt. T. G. Shuff
P.S.I. .. .. ..	W.O.2 H. Skilton

The prevailing arctic conditions have not prevented the Company from carrying on; in fact, the cold weather presented a sort of challenge to do so, and after all there is still a supply of C.S.M. Homersham's special 100 per cent. warmer in the canteen.

Many have been the happenings at Guildford during the past few months. C.S.M. H. Skilton, our new P.S.I., arrived just in time to become the Company Commander's right- and left-hand man in organising the Regular Army *versus* Territorial Army boxing match at Guildford on 10th November. What a wonderful night that was and afterwards the Company Commander seemed miles away. Even now, whenever boxing is mentioned, a funny look comes into his eyes.

There have been various comings and goings lately. Major T. Parsonage has left us to command "A" Company. We wish him well in his new job. Capt. M. Stevenson has also left us to become second-in-command of "B" Company. Lt. C. Stoddart has now

completed his studies in horticulture and has taken over the Special Patrol Platoon. 2/Lt. D. Peters has been recently commissioned into the Regiment and has joined the Recce Platoon at Woking. Several new recruits have been enlisted and we were glad to re-enlist Ted Wright who, against our advice, got married and went off to the Midlands, but the call of "H.Q." Company was strong enough to bring him back.

In January the Company held a Company weekend. In spite of bad weather, volunteers from all our detachments arrived in Guildford. Fresh snow on the Saturday threatened to stop our outdoor exercise on the Sunday and anxious eyes were looking at the sky. After specialist training and briefing a stag party was held in the canteen. A game of pool provided some hilarious moments. L/Cpl. Brady (Signals) ruined his chances by potting the Company Commander twice in a row, and Lt. Stoddart accused the Company Commander of sabotaging his efforts to pot him. On the Sunday, Exercise "Arctic Run" was held. This was a map-reading exercise in which the Company had to locate the beautiful blonde Princess Mai Viskey. Most people were surprised to find she actually existed, but none could say the password. This was not surprising unless you were Welsh. In spite of bad road conditions everyone completed the exercise safely and successfully.

The Intelligence Section at Sutton have been training with the Wimbledon Civil Defence, and is now proficient on radio-activity, isodose maps and other profound mysteries. They even look quite knowledgeable when talking about the "problem of overlapping plumes on the nuclear battle-fields," but whether they are really as knowledgeable is, of course, another matter. We congratulate Cpl. Rettie on receiving his second stripe.

The bad weather has curtailed some of our social activities, but the Christmas shoot was held. We were glad to see so many old members of the Company at the shoot.

The children's party had to be postponed, but it was eventually held on 26th January. Many thanks are due to the band of willing helpers for making the party a great success.

A great deal of training is being done towards the Colour presentation ceremony in July and "H.Q." Company, traditionally the "shining bottoms" of any Battalion, are leaving their chairs, hidey holes and cabs for drill practice.

#### BAND AND DRUMS

Band .. ..	Mitcham Road, Croydon
Drums .. ..	Jamaica Road, Bermondsey (part)
	London Road, Camberley (part)
Band President ..	Lt. B. M. Sidwell
Bandmaster ..	W.O.1 F. W. Braddick
Band Sergeant ..	C/Sgt. R. Gibson
Drum Major ..	Drum Major V. St.J. Colley

Your chronicler received some Journal notes from the Band, which he thinks all ranks in the Battalion would regard as far too modest, and at the risk of being repetitive, he would say again how much the Battalion owes to the enthusiasm and musical talent of the Band and Drums, and how much their contribution to the life of the Battalion is appreciated. Their performance in Belgium was magnificent, our only regret is that many bandsmen missed the generous Audenarde hospitality as the large Belgian crowd insisted on more and more music. At a loss for inspiration the Drums performed their stick drill which is normally only used when Beating Retreat, and the applause of the Belgian crowd became even more enthusiastic.

The Band continues to grow in size and reputation, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Braddick and C/Sgt. R. Gibson, with the loyal support of senior N.C.O.s. A number of Battalion functions have been most ably supported, both musically and socially.

The Corps of Drums have received scarlet tunics, which greatly enhance their smartness. There is, however, a shortage of flute players, but nevertheless its separate musical identity is still maintained. The Corps are sorry to lose L/Cpl. Williams who joined the Drums of the Grenadier Guards, and wish him well in the future.

The Band and Drums are now busily preparing for the highlight of the Battalion's year and a milestone in its history—the Colour Presentation Parade.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

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

A Guest Night was held at Bermondsey in December, when the guests included our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., and the new Secretary of

the County of London T.A. Association, Brigadier H. E. C. Weldon, C.B.E.

We held our Officers' Christmas Dance at the Star and Garter Hotel at Richmond in December, and a Guest Night at Guildford in January. At the latter, guests included the Mayor of Guildford, Alderman G. Swayne, and Aldermen E. A. Jones, C. E. Nicklin, E. B. Nicklin and D. V. Wilkins, Councillors E. M. Colebrook and R. M. Hardy, together with officers of the Council, and Col. M. T. N. Jennings of the Home Counties Brigade Depot.

With a Battalion so widely scattered as ours, mess life is necessarily somewhat restricted, but we feel that we make up for this on the occasions when we can foregather. Seven or eight officers sit down to supper every Tuesday in the Bermondsey Mess; on one memorable and particularly chilly evening in February the supper even included strawberries and cream. Those officers who use the Bermondsey Mess were greatly touched by the gift of a tankard from Major David Holford of the R.A.D.C.

We congratulate Capt. Noel Napier-Ford and his wife on the birth of a son; we look forward to his joining us in a few years time!

We welcome Lt. Derek Peters to the Battalion and the Mess, and bid farewell to Lt. Mike Sims, who is emigrating. We are also sorry to lose Capt. John Blumson who is transferring to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He had served 11 years with us and our parent Unit, the 6th Queen's, during which he had represented the Battalion in a number of sports. He is the son of another 6th Queen's officer, Capt. T. G. Blumson, who served with the 2/6th in the war. We dined John Blumson out during the Bermondsey Guest Night and wish him well for the future. Capt. Brian Robinson has rejoined us after his stay in America, and we are very pleased to see him again.

Following custom, the officers presented W.O.1 R. L. Wildgoose with a sword to commemorate his promotion to the rank of Regimental Sergeant-Major.

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

## Attachment to 2 East Anglian Regiment, B.A.O.R.

ON Friday, 3rd August, Majors Schofield and Parsonage, Capts. Stevenson and Greenhow and Lt. Herd, all of 3 Queen's Surreys, assembled at Gatwick Airport for flight to B.A.O.R. to spend 15 days with 2nd Battalion East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own). Also in the party were five members of the Royal Fusiliers under command of C.S.M. Hinton. After baggage weighing and ticket checking we retired to the lounge for coffee. Suddenly, over the loud speaker system came a call for Parsonage; great speculation ensued, the main concern being overweight baggage. He disappeared to the reception desk, reappearing later with a file and stating that he had been detailed as O.C. plane passengers.

Eventually we boarded the British European Airways Viscount which was to take us to Gutersloh, occupied our seats, and took stock of the hostesses. The Captain informed us that there would be a delay in take off as some part was missing. Half an hour later we did become airborne in spite of rude remarks by four members of the party.

The Captain gave a commentary on the flight and we crossed from Dover to Antwerp in four minutes—different from H.M.S. *Plover* in 1961. He also announced when we were over Ghent. A haversack ration lunch and coffee were served by most attractive air hostesses and it is not surprising that we had second cups of coffee.

The one and a half hours seemed to go very quickly and we touched down at R.A.F. Station, Gutersloh. Movements met us and after having passed through the Customs we were met by Major Colin Gardner of the D.G.O. Introductions over, we boarded a R.A.S.C. bus for Osnabrück. Major Gardner informed us that as the Battalion was on leave until the following week, we would also be on leave.

One and a half hours later we arrived at Mercer Barracks and were conveyed to the Mess. Lunch had been kept for us and we really did the roast beef, etc., justice. A quick brief on Mess prices, gin 3d., whisky 4d., cigarettes 1s. for 20, and we went off to our quarters. In our block the

painters were at work, but we got used to them eventually.

Bath and change and back to the Mess to sample the duty free. Having four days leave a car was essential and numerous telephone calls were made, but no joy. Parsonage tried out his German on a Mess waitress. He asked for writing paper and envelopes and she brought the *Daily Telegraph*.

The rains came and we managed to get a taxi into Osnabrück (about 4 miles). We visited two night spots but nothing very bright, and tried a German pub. We were feeling a little peckish by this time and Greenhow tried to get a sandwich by putting his fingers between two beer mats—no use. Our German improved and Herd soon found out that "D" on a door means "no entry" to him.

Saturday started wet and in mackintoshes we trooped down to the bus stop. The bus stops at "George's" pub. George is an ex-British soldier who married a German girl and then returned to Germany. He is also a cook in the Officers' Mess.

Osnabrück is a very old town, a good shopping centre and has had connections with the Army for a very long time. In the Napoleonic Wars it raised an infantry Battalion of the King's German Legion, the Osnabrück Landwehr Battalion, and under Col. Halkett distinguished itself at Waterloo. The Waterloo Gate in the town is in honour of this unit.

We lunched at the Valhalla, famous for its connections with the German composer Lortzing. On that day there was a Folk and Youth Festival and the square in front of the Rathaus was filled with men and women folk dancing in national costume.

On Sunday we managed to hire a car—a large black Mercedes Benz—and so this enlarged our scope. Stevenson is a keen sailor so we set off for the British Sailing Club at the Dummer See. The Dummer See is a large lake about one mile wide by one and a half miles long. It is quite shallow and in most places one can stand up. On arrival at the Dummer See we saw a fine palatial

club house and we thought "Ah, this is it," but Stevenson, who has sailed in Germany, said that this was probably the German Club, and we were to look for an insignificant, probably dingy set up. How right he was, but the members of the British sailing club made us very welcome and immediately agreed to us having two "Pirate" Class dinghies. Attired in various rigs which would not be acceptable at Cowes, we rigged and tried to get out of the yacht basin. It was rather windy that day and we had to get out of the boat and push it over the sand bank. However, we did get out and had a very enjoyable sail. Stevenson/Schofield, Parsonage/Herd. When we returned to the Club House we learned that the betting had been 40 to 1 against us getting out of the basin and 40 to 1 that we would capsize. However, our success made everyone happy and we were "in."

On Monday the D.G.O. laid on a conducted tour of Bass Essen and Bad Oeynhausen. The latter is very similar to Harrogate. A squirrel (red variety) in the park took exception to being photographed by Stevenson and ran up his leg—no comment.

Tuesday was a very frustrating day; a high gale prevented sailing and it was too cold for swimming. However, Monsieur Herd displayed his ability as chef when he cooked lunch at the sailing club.

Wednesday—ah, yes, we started training. We reported to the Signals Officer and were briefed on exercise "Pocket Poacher." This exercise, a signals exercise, is typical of exercises in B.A.O.R. The main idea is advance to contact to an obstacle, usually a river line. The Watch and Ward Company sets up its "pots" (observation posts) along the obstacle and reports enemy movement and crossings. The enemy is "contained" by the other companies, destroyed by nuclears, and driven back beyond the obstacle. The officers represented companies and Parsonage, on account of his T.D., acted as C.O. We were briefed by the R.S.O., Robin Drummond, and collected various items of kit (including a bottle of rum at 7s. 6d.). The command post vehicles are Humber one-ton armoured vehicles fitted with a C42 wireless and a 62 set. The convoy moved off to a concentration area and the radios were netted in. Maps were marked up and each Company C.P. moved off to its assembly area just behind the start line.

Assembly areas are usually farms and here we found a marked difference in attitude. In the towns the Germans do not really want to know you, but at German farms you are most welcome, probably on account of compensation for damage.

Next morning at the appointed hour just before dawn we crossed the start line at various points. Fortunately the first 15 Kms. of my route lay across tracks; fortunate because the lights on my vehicle did not work.

Now a word about the tactics of this advance to contact. The advance is made with 3 companies up. Each company group advances along an axis parallel to the other two. These axes are 5 to 7 Kms. apart. Each company had a troop of tanks under command and an F.O.O. The advance continued and various spots of enemy opposition were cleared up. If a company encounters enemy opposition which is too strong then flank companies can come to its aid along the lateral roads between the axes of advance.

The weather was fine and it is an exhilarating experience to belt along the road, head out of turret of the armoured one-tonner. Map reading presents an initial problem as all roads are marked in red, and the maps are not all that accurate. However, we soon got used to it.

The exercise gallantly fought its way south and in the late afternoon we reached the obstacle—the Ems-Weser Canal. Schofield nipped across the canal and went on to the disused airfield. He regretted this, as being in an exposed position he was the only set in touch with everyone and he spent an hour relaying messages, at least his relay procedure is O.K. now.

Reports on bridges were sent back and map squares for right positions were given. Schofield, commanding "B" Company (Watch and Ward Company), was given a map square with only one track on it and a farm at the end of the track. This farm proved a wonderful place and we had great difficulty in persuading the old frau to take payment for the eggs and milk.

During the night, "pots" of "B" Company reported enemy build up across the obstacle and by dawn the enemy had succeeded in putting an infantry Battalion across the river and almost an armoured Brigade.

At first light the fighting began. The enemy were contained and then an N.U.C. was released on their concentration. The other companies started mopping up operations, appropriately known as "head hunting."

The night positions were restored and the exercise ended. We were weary after spending most of the time actually on the set, but the value gained was enormous. We learned a lot of tactical stuff, but most of all our wireless procedure became very good standard.

On Saturday we went sailing. It was a very windy day, but nothing daunted we sailed. This time we got wet, but we didn't disgrace ourselves. Sunday was a glorious day and sailing again. Signor Herd cooked the lunch and in the afternoon we actually took part in the races. Stevenson was hampered by carrying top weight and finished 12th out of 15, the other three having retired. Parsonage and Herd finished 11th. Of two collisions, we were to blame, and the least said the better. In the second race Stevenson carried a lighter crew and finished well up the list.

On Monday we started a series of visits beginning with a visit to 12 Infantry Brigade Workshop R.E.M.E. This was a most interesting visit and now we know what happens to items of equipment sent to workshops. There we met Major Hipkiss, the C.O., shortly coming to F.V.R.D.E., Major Peter Humphreys, more of him later, and Capt. John Hawkes, the R.A.O.C. section commander, a man with 10,000 items in his stores, anything from a split pin to a new engine for a Conqueror. Hawkes is the Army and Combined Services wicket-keeper, but then he is a Yorkshireman.

In the afternoon we visited 16/5 Royal Lancers. There Parsonage was in his element nipping in and out of Centurions and Conquerors.

Peter Humphreys of the Infantry Brigade Workshop is a keen shot and is a member of a "Schutenguild." This is really a small bore club. Humphreys has several medals to prove his prowess. On Monday evening the Osnabruck Schutenguild was electing its Konig and with Humphreys and Hawkes we went along. The method of appointing the Konig is quite interesting. A large wooden eagle is set up in the range and it is systematically shot down, beak, head, tail, wings, and finally body. As the eagle is made from solid oak it takes many shots to remove

a piece. The man who shoots off a wing, tail, etc., hangs it around his neck and the whole Guild, headed by a three-piece band, escorts him to the beer tent where he buys a round. Later he exchanges his piece of eagle for a medal. When only the body remains the number of firers dwindles as the man who shoots down the body becomes Schutzenkonig. Being Konig is expensive—estimated cost £1,000 for his year of office. In the smaller clubs it is sometimes fixed with electro magnets. The members of the Guild were dressed in beautiful green jackets, white tie and green plumed hats and had scores of medals.

At last the body fell and the new Konig was "crowned" with a huge garland of oak leaves. There is also a fair for the commoners and Parsonage's conduct on the dodgem cars was quite unbecoming that of M.T.O.

Tuesday we visited 211 Field Squadron R.E. and saw bridge building and road building. We also visited the Brigade Signal Squadron and saw the Brigade wireless network, including equipment for sending messages and pictures direct by wireless.

The afternoon was spent in preparation and briefing for exercise "Swift Poacher," a similar exercise to "Pocket Poacher." This time the officers of 2nd East Anglian Regiment took part and we operated Brigade Headquarters. Brigadier Schofield, B.M. Parsonage, and G.S.O. 3 (Pooh Bah) Greenhow. Stevenson went with "B" Company and Herd went to Hilden to visit his old regiment the Lancashires. He didn't say much about this visit except some reference to "Ten Mark Alley," some game we presume.

"Swift Poacher" took place over the same ground, but nevertheless was most interesting. We at Brigade gave information on enemy buildups and flanking formations, in fact, the East Anglians had more information from us than they ever got from their own Brigade.

During the night a big build-up of enemy across the obstacle and a B.U.C. at first light. A good exercise and more experience in wireless procedure.

On Thursday evening we had a farewell party with our friends from the R.E.M.E. and R.A.O.C. On this jaunt we were accompanied by Miss Victoria June Hawkes, a beautiful young lady of the ripe old age of six weeks. I think a veil had better be drawn over this orgy.

On Friday we nursed sore heads, said our official farewells and went to the Mess for lunch, but the officers of the 2nd East Anglians were there in force. A grand farewell party and, in spite of their efforts, we managed to catch the train to Dusseldorf, our departure airfield.

On the return flight Schofield was O.C. plane, but thank goodness all went well. No trouble with the Customs and we went our separate ways.

We would like to thank 2 East Anglians for putting up with us, at least their bar

sales went up during our stay.

*Epilogue by the Commanding Officer*

I sent these officers to Germany to train. They sent a shorter and more truthful version of the above by postcard—"The scenery is first class—"O" groups held at every pub. Have selected Battalion and Company H.Q.s. All systems—"GO".

They were good to add: "What can we say but wish you were here."

For their own good they will spend the next year on Audit Boards, etc.

## The Main Regimental Events for 1963

4th May	Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association Annual Dinner.
22nd May	Regimental Golf Match with Royal Marines, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
1st June	"Glorious First of June."
21st June	Officers' Club Reunion—Cocktail Party, Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.
23rd June	Church Service in Guildford Cathedral, 11.15 a.m. Regimental Association Summer Reunion—Garden Party—Stoughton Barracks, Guildford.
30th June to 14th July	3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) Annual Camp.
12th July	Presentation of new Colours to 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) at Woking Football Ground, 2.30 p.m.
13th July	Freedom of the Borough of Reigate. 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) will receive the Freedom on behalf of the Regiment.
26th July	3rd Battalion (T.A.) Officers' Colour Ball, London.
27th July	3rd Battalion (T.A.) All Ranks' Colour Ball, Dorking.
24th and 25th August	4th Battalion (T.A.) Rifle Meeting, Henley Park.
9th September	Salerno Day.
2nd and 3rd October	Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
4th October	Officers' Club Annual Dinner, Claridge's, Brook Street, London, W.1.
5th October	Regimental Association Annual Dinner, Clapham Drill Hall.
18th October	4th Battalion (T.A.) Officers' Ball.
10th November	Remembrance Sunday. Guildford, Kingston, Croydon, Bermondsey, and Clapham.

## 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.
Bandmaster	...	...	...	W.O.1 A. Pearce
Drum Major	...	...	...	C/Sgt. H. Stuart-Williams, M.B.E.

### Battalion Headquarters

THE planning and preparation for the presentation of new Colours, due to take place at Annual Camp this summer, started several months ago. However, it has not prevented the continuation of the Battalion's normal activities.

The weather was excellent for the Battalion rifle meeting which took place early in September. The Cadet Battalions and the Veterans Company entered teams for several of the competitions, and a number of wives and families attended the meeting. The prizes were presented by Col. Martin.

The Leadership Competition took place on Salisbury Plain in very difficult weather conditions, and few members of the Battalion will forget the temperature during the night exercise, early in December in the Lulworth area, with the Commando Wing of the Royal Marines Force Volunteer Reserve.

The exercise was immediately followed by training with the boat section of the R.M.F.V.R., and members of the Battalion, including very senior officers, experienced how cold and wet the sea can be at that time of year.

On Remembrance Sunday the 4th Battalion represented the T.A. at the Cenotaph. The contingent was commanded by 2/Lt. P. E. Merchant and consisted of W.O. 2 Anderson and 30 N.C.O.s. and men.

The first Battalion all ranks dinner to be held since amalgamation took place at Kingston early in November, and the first New Year's Eve dance was well supported by the younger members of the Battalion.

Just before Christmas the Sergeants' Mess held their annual Christmas dinner and dance. This was a tremendous success, and was attended by more members and their guests than ever before.

R.S.M. Oram and his Mess followed this up by another successful function in January, their annual ladies' dinner night.

The Officers' Mess ball was again held at the Richmond Hill Hotel in October, and the following month good use was made of the newly decorated Mess at Clapham Junction when a ladies' dinner night was held.

Early in the New Year the Mess dined out Capt. J. B. Ray, Major R. A. Arthur (R.A.M.C.) and Capt. B. A. Ramsey, and dined in Capt. J. W. Francis.

The Battalion football team lost to the 4/5 Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (T.A.) in the first round of the T.A. Association Football Challenge Cup. Plans to get more practice and experience as a team have since been squashed by heavy falls of snow.

The Band and Drums have continued to be very active, and several concerts have been held at Kingston, Clapham, and Richmond.

### "A" COMPANY Clapham Detachment

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

As a follow-up to the last notes, we have had another exercise organised by Lt. Talbot,



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"C" COMPANY, 4th QUEEN'S SURREYS  
Exercise "Princess Glamour." The Protection Party  
Pte. R. Taylor (Leatherhead), Pte. M. A. McCauliffe (Leatherhead), L/Cpl. W. Brothwell (Cobham), Miss Anne Fraser, Miss Jackie Shurvell, Lt. G. A. J. Cameron (Cobham)

and as was the case with the last exercise this one again had the added incentive of two female enemy. It makes such a change from the usual belligerent P.S.I., who in a dawn attack looks even worse than in the Drill Hall, and who never gives in easily. This exercise went under the delightful title of "Wench." L/Cpl. Lee was so interested in the prisoners that he lost his kit; we only trust he wasn't playing strip-poker.

We should like to congratulate Capt. Landen, C/Sgt. Ryder and L/Cpl. Lee on their promotion. We also congratulate 2/Lt. Archer-Davis on gaining his commission, and welcome him to the Company.

We also welcome Lt. Fairhead, to take over Richmond Detachment, and Lt. Rodwell who has been attached to us from the 3rd Battalion Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

In December Capt. Blackwell presented four pewter tankards to the following winners of the Company competition for L.M.G. stripping:

Best Officer, W.O. or Sergeant, Sgt. Wilkin; best trained soldier, Corporal or below, L/Cpl. Brazier; best recruit, Pte. Ricketts; best recruit runner-up, Pte. Birmingham.

It was a very interesting competition, and a great deal of enthusiasm was created. However, in the beginning there were a few sore knuckles and bent L.M.G.s.

As the notes started off with an exercise we will finish with the details of the last exercise which has just been held. This was back to the normal type of enemy, but for all that it was very instructive with the emphasis on map reading and patrolling. It was this weekend that the National Press referred to the part of the country in which we were exercising as "The Yukon Comes To Surrey." Map reading in a blizzard has its complications, but one lesson was learnt, that is, when it's as cold as that, keep moving. One member of the Company managed to get lost even before the exercise started and Cpl. Lee managed to hold on to his kit this time.

**"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

During September the Company held a Weapon Training Weekend at Lydd. During this period the troops had the good fortune to fire the G.P.M.G. for the first time—thus in some cases stealing a march on their Regular counterparts.

The Company won the Leadership Competition on Salisbury Plain in October, 1962; needless to say the weather conditions were foul.

In mid-January "B" Company held an escape evasion exercise over the Lydd marshes. In the guise of escaped P.O.W., troops were dropped in parties of three and had to march 10-12 miles across the frozen marshes by compass. In spite of the cold and snow, the objectives were obtained, and, surprisingly, a good time was had by all.

We congratulate Cpl. Francis and Sgt. Yeldham 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	Lt. C. A. J. Cameron
Leatherhead Detachment Commander	Lt. C. D. Young
C.S.M.	W.O.2 T. Collins
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. L. Wood, M.M.
P.S.I.	W.O.2 P. Todd

"You," said the Company Commander, "will write the notes for the Regimental Journal." "What shall I put in it?" said I. "That's your problem," said he.

In fact the problem is not so much what to put in but what to leave out. So much has happened in the last six months that it is impossible to put everything on record. Firstly, we waved a sad farewell to W.O.2 Crowther, who left us in June for Hong Kong. His place was taken by W.O.2 P. Todd, who is our new P.S.I. We congratulate C.S.M. Collins on the award of the Territorial Army Efficiency Medal; Major J. S. D. Wright on the award of the Territorial Decoration; 2/Lt. G. A. J. Cameron on

his promotion to Lieutenant; Lt. P. R. H. Thompson on promotion to Captain; Pte. David Bowen to Lance-Corporal; L/Cpl. Basil Elliott to Corporal; and Cpl's John Izant and Bill Loveland to Sergeants. (Who says we are drunk with power?)

Our new P.S.I. has rejuvenated the Company. Socials are now held regularly at Cobham, and Chertsey will soon be following suit. Great fun is had by all, especially with the raffles and the mystery prizes. Leatherhead operates on a higher plane—they held a "Tramps Ball." Pte. Gerry Beadle finally succumbed to the feminine wiles of Miss Pat Barfe (the sister of Pte. Barfe) on the 29th September. We even play Cupid in this Company!

Volunteers are rolling in now. In fact we had seven in January, our highest number ever in one month which is quite a feather in our cap. Talking of feathers, Cpl. John Frazer of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers has been accepted by the Regiment, and he has had to take down his red hackle. We were ankle deep in tears for a few hours!

"C" Company won the main competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting and came second in the Exercise "Festerling Blister"—the Leatherhead competition.

"Shiny 'C'" has its own Company magazine which keeps us informed of events, past and present and of the future. "Charlie's Own" is the title and it is edited by the P.S.I. It even has an Aunt Mabel corner for wayward hearts, which keeps the ladies of the Company happy. A cartoon also appears on the front page which keeps everyone else happy.

**"D" COMPANY**

Company Commander	Major W. E. McConnell.
	T.D.
C.S.M.	W.O.2 J. Partridge
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. F. Hodgin
P.S.I.	Sgt. G. Terry

Since our last notes the Company has been fully committed in various kinds of training and at the time of writing we are seriously contemplating whether we should put our Platoons on skis, so that they can take part in our next exercise! Our Company Commander has just left for 14 days' training in Switzerland so that on his return he can show us how it is done.

In the Middlesex Tough Training Competition held in October Lt. Neal and his

team of seven were placed 25th; we congratulate them on their fine effort and hope that we will have another chance to better our position.

We congratulate C.S.M. J. Partridge and Sgt. Rice on their promotion and extend a warm welcome to all the new recruits who have joined in the recent months.

We welcome Capt. V. Blackwell as our second-in-command and also 2/Lt. Arnold who has just been posted to us after gaining his commission. A change always means a farewell and it is with great regret that we surrender Lt. A. Fairhead who had always been a great asset to the Company.

**"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

Platoon training has continued since camp, but there has been a steadily increasing emphasis on all Company training in foot drill and arms drill so that an early but very essential start is made in preparation for this year's Ceremonial.

We have had two useful Company weekends when weapon training and drill have been combined. This has also enabled the whole of the Company to work together which is not normally an easy thing to achieve with H.Q. Off duty we have had two well attended "Socials" when a punch set things off to a good start and S.M. Figgins, Sgt. Haynes and the cooks produced a splendid cold buffet.

The Recce Troop had its first weekend training with a fairly difficult map-reading route which certainly baffled some of the umpires. The M.T. Platoon took part in the Divisional Exercise "Wally's Folly."

Members of the Signals Platoon attended a weekend course at Hythe, which proved of value. We congratulate 2/Lt. Arnold on gaining his commission. He is now posted to "D" company and so the Signals Platoon have lost a useful member. We also congratulate Sgt. Stokes on his promotion.

A certain amount of overdue but very essential spring cleaning has been in evidence in the Company office in preparation for the Annual Admin. Inspection. The O.C. has been observed tearing up every piece of paper which does not conveniently fit into the general filing system.

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Battery Commander .. .. ..	Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D.
Battery Captain .. .. ..	Capt. J. N. Beevers
Troop Commanders .. .. ..	Capt. J. D'A. Westlake, T.D. Capt. M. F. Collett Lt. D. A. Wright
B.S.M. .. .. ..	W.O.2 C. H. Morris
B.Q.M.S. .. .. ..	S/Sgt. J. T. Collyer

MAJOR P. H. DUNSTONE, T.D., due to pressure of business, had to leave the T.A. which he joined in 1939, and this Unit which he has served so loyally for the past 12 years. For the same reason B.S.M. G. W. H. Worm has also left after very many years' service. We miss them both. This has involved a change round in the Battery, details of which are shown in the heading above.

In November last the Battery joined its strong and flourishing Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association on Remembrance Sunday at St. Mary's Church and at the Memorial in Kennington Park. It is heartening that notwithstanding the amalgamation and disruptions the T.A. has suffered since the war, there is always a strong turnout

and genuine feeling of remembrance on this national day each year.

Looking forward, we go to Manorbier in South Wales for annual camp on 22nd June. This is a “firing” camp and we hope for good weather, shooting, numbers and spirits. Mentioning numbers, we are recruiting volunteers in a steady stream, and happily the Battery increases in strength slowly but surely.

We hear constant rumblings of work that is due to be done to this ancient Drill Hall in the spring. Incidentally, the buildings also rumble, and it is hoped the repairs and renovations already forecast may start before the place collapses. Certainly we expect a vast improvement before the end of the year.

### Publications

These Publications are still available and can be obtained from

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## Army Cadet Force

### 1st Cadet Battalion

#### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Honorary Colonel ..	Col. J. F. E. Goad, O.B.E.
Commanding Officer ..	Major W. H. J. Sale, M.B.E., M.C.
Second-in-Command ..	Capt. J. H. Patterson
Selhurst Detachment ..	Lt. C. F. Wells
Redhill/Reigate ..	Capt. C. H. Wilson
Dorking ..	Lt. R. A. M. Newton
Wallington ..	Capt. L. H. S. Bishop
John Ruskin ..	Capt. K. G. Maggs
Queen's House ..	Capt. R. O. Nebel, T.D.
R.A.S.C. ..	Lt. J. Wilkinson
Sharpshooters ..	Capt. P. Tween

ANOTHER crowded period of Battalion activity has passed since the last notes were prepared for the Journal. Probably the most noteworthy occasion was our outstanding success at the National Inter-Services Cadet Meeting at Bisley on 29th and 30th September, 1962. L/Cpl. Ian Macdonald won the Lady Gwendoline Guinness Cup for the Champion Shot in the Cadet Hundred Competition. He also received the Rifle Brigade Cup for the Champion Shot in the Army Cadet Force, the runner-up Medal (after a tie-shoot) in the Patriotic Shield Competition at 500 yards and a medal as a member of the winning A.C.F. team which gained the Inter-Services Trophy. At the same meeting, Sgt. Duncan Smith and L/Cpl. Thomas Hopkins also qualified for Cadet Hundred Badges. L/Cpl. Macdonald is 15 years old and a member of our John Ruskin Detachment. Over 500 Cadets from all parts of the British Isles took part.

The County swimming championships were held on 13th October, 1962. The Battalion won both of the main awards. The Senior Trophy was won by John Ruskin Detachment and the Junior Trophy was won by Sharpshooters Detachment.

One-hundred and thirty Cadets of the Battalion visited the Royal School of Military Engineering for the weekend of 17th and 18th November, 1962. A most interesting programme was arranged including practical demolition training, booby traps, watermanship, bridge-building, river crossing and the heavy ferry. We finished up with a glorious battle and plenty of bangs, which all Cadets love. We are greatly indebted to the Royal Engineers for their enthusiastic re-

ception of our Cadets and their wonderful hospitality. Our Cadets were most impressed by the Royal Engineers, but we got the feeling at the end of the weekend that the Engineers were most impressed by the standard of our Cadets.

On 15th December, we held our Annual Dinner for the shooting teams, which has become a regular feature of our programme. Our Guest of Honour was Mr. Phillip Hall, winner of the 1962 Queen's Prize at Bisley. Many other distinguished guests were present, but the highlight of the evening was to see our National Champion, L/Cpl. Ian Macdonald, shaking hands with Phillip Hall the Queen's Shot. After dinner, the Commanding Officer congratulated Mr. John Martin, the Battalion shooting coach, for the wonderful successes our teams have gained under his teaching. He also thanked Capt. Bishop for the hard work he was putting in as Battalion Shooting Officer, in finding the best shots and arranging extra practices for them.

Our annual Battalion Parade and Carol Service was held at Croydon, on Sunday, 16th December. We were most fortunate in obtaining the services of the band of the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn. The salute was taken by Brigadier A. R. Saunders, O.B.E., Commanding 47 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) who is also the Affiliated Formation Commander for Surrey.

C/Sgt. R. Mucklestone and Cpl. D. Tyler were awarded County Colours for boxing and athletics respectively.

Under Officer R. Elford and C/Sgt. R. Mucklestone, both of John Ruskin Detachment were awarded the County Commandant's Badge for outstanding service to the Surrey A.C.F. C/Sgt. Mucklestone is also a holder of the Gold Badge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

We are now preparing for a four-day exercise over Easter which will be held, this year, at Bisley, and we are hoping to have another three-day exercise at Whitsun, but we shall have more to say about these in the next issue of the Journal.

## 2nd Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Honorary Colonel ..	Col. H. R. Power, O.B.E., D.L.
Commanding Officer	Major C. W. Summers, T.D.
Second-in-Command	Capt. A. J. Fell
Adjutant ..	Major R. G. Butterfield
O.C. 'E' Company	Capt. G. West
O.C. 'F' Company	Capt. L. Spiers
O.C. 'G' Company	Lt. A. Todd

*Battalion Headquarters:*  
T.A. Centre, Walton Road, Woking

Since camp the Battalion has been consolidating its strength and getting down to training for Certificate "A," Parts I and II under the new syllabus. Platoon Commanders have been guided in training by a Battalion Training Directive and once a month a special weekend course has been run at the Weekend Training Centre. The attendance at these courses has been most satisfactory and although only 35 cadets were expected, over 50 have actually attended each time. On 3rd February, 21 cadets successfully passed Certificate "A" Part I.

Honours came our way this year as Capt. G. West was awarded a Certificate of Good Service in the New Year's Honours List for outstanding service to the Army Cadet Force, an honour richly deserved after many years hard work in the Battalion. Cadet Sgt. Budgen (Farncombe Platoon) has been awarded the County Commandant's Badge and Award.

We are extremely sorry to lose Lt. Jordan who retired on business grounds and Cadet Sgt.-Major D. Rees and Cadet Sgt. Baxter, both of whom have gone up to a university

and were the "King Pins" of our shooting eight.

On Remembrance Sunday, Guildford Platoon paraded at Ockham Church for a service conducted by the Surrey A.C.F. Brigade Padre, The Reverend C. Wall, at which Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, The Earl of Munster, was present. After the service the parade marched past the saluting base on which were the Earl of Munster, the Honorary Colonel, the County Cadet Commandant, the Deputy Commandant and the Commanding Officer.

In the Surrey County Boxing Championships we won the Major Henson Shield for cadets aged 16 and 17 years and tied with the Special Arms Group for the Championship Trophy "The Queen's Shield."

Since going to press last time, it is known that 12 cadets have joined the Regular and Territorial Army. These include Cadet Sgt. Budgen who has gone to the Junior Leaders' Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and Cadet Sgt. Fitzgerald to the Junior Leaders' Corps of Military Police.

Our present strength is ten officers, 11 S.M.I.s and S.I.s, and 222 Cadets which, of course, can be considerably increased within the establishment. If any readers of the Journal are interested in serving with the Cadet Battalion would they contact the Commanding Officer as soon as possible. The Platoons are situated at Guildford, Farncombe, Haslemere, Woking, Chobham, Sheerwater, Camberley (2) and Bagshot.

## 5th Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

#### Appointments

*Regimental Sergeant-Major:* We welcome the appointment of S.M.I. L. R. Green as Regimental Sergeant-Major to the Battalion.

*Sergeant Instructors:* We also extend a welcome to Sgt.-Instructor Hughes (late 4th Battalion (T.A.)), who has joined the Battalion and is serving with the Leatherhead Platoon "A" Company.

*Cadet Sergeants:* Cpl. Hawkett (Walton Platoon) and Cpl. Patterson (St. Paul's Addlestone Platoon) have both been pro-

moted Cadet Sergeants and we all wish them well in their future role with the Battalion.

#### Resignations

Owing to business and other commitments we are sorry to lose the services of Lt. Field (Cobham Platoon) and Lt. Welch (Sports Officer).

We also bid *bon voyage* to S.M.I. Wolland (Walton Platoon) who leaves us for New Zealand after 12 years' service as cadet and adult.

#### Regular Army Enlistment

L/Cpl. J. Rowe (St. Paul's Platoon) has enlisted in the Junior Tradesmen R.A.O.C. and Cadet Finch (Leatherhead Platoon) has enlisted in the Junior Soldiers' Wing Home Counties Brigade, Canterbury. We wish these Cadets every success in their future career in the Regular Army.

#### Courses

The following officers attended a qualifying course of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; Lt. Burnett (Chertsey Platoon), Lt. Lenham (Sutton Platoon) and Lt. Boxhall.

Capt. McLean ("C" Company Commander), Lt. Russell (St. Paul's Platoon) and Lt. Banfield (Kingston Platoon) have completed phase II of the qualifying course and it is hoped they will be able to complete the final phase in the near future.

#### Training

At the last Certificate "A" Part I Test, on 14th October, 1962, 11 candidates were successful but ten failed the test. Better luck next time.

At the recent Certificate "A" Part II Test of the 18 candidates taking part, 17 passed of which four obtained credits. This indeed was most gratifying.

Under the direction of the Army Formation Commander, the majority of the Battalion S.I.s and Cadet Sergeants have been attending a course on weapon training with Instructors provided by the 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.). In view of the Special to Arms training for post Certificate "A" Cadets and the S.L.R. instruction which will form part of the Certificate "A" syllabus in the autumn of this year, this has proved a most important course and enjoyed by all ranks.

Companies continue to make good use of the weekend training centre at Haslemere in spite of the adverse weather conditions which have prevailed since Christmas, 1962.

#### Annual Camp

Camp this year will be at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, and will be from the 28th July until the 10th August. Details have not yet been worked out but it is envisaged that the camp will be preceded by a Battalion Church Parade and March Past on the Sunday prior to camp. Full details of our camp will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

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

Chaplain .. Rev. A. G. Wedderspoon

Attached:

Training Officer .. Capt. E. J. Hillier  
R.S.M. .. R.S.M. L. R. Green

**"A" Company**

Commander .. Capt. R. B. Kitchen

Leatherhead Platoon .. 2/Lt. C. Dawes

Chessington Platoon .. Lt. A. Willoughby

Cobham Platoon .. Lt. G. R. Strong

**"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. W. Banfield

Sutton Platoon .. Lt. Lenham

#### Shooting

*Empire Test Competition:* We are pleased to report that once again we won the Association Porringer Cup for 1962 by obtaining 49.54 per cent. Our nearest rival was the 1st Cadet Battalion with 30.6 per cent. This Cup has never been out of our hands and we hope to retain it for many years to come.

*Frankfurt Challenge Shield:* Owing to adverse weather conditions the 500-yard shoot was cancelled and we did not win the shield. We like to feel that this was due to our not being able to fire at 500 as we have found in the past that our team shoot better at 500 yards especially when it is "raining."

*The Cadet Hundred:* We are pleased to say that Cpl. Breeze (Kingston Platoon), Cpl. Railton (Chessington Platoon), Sgt. Hawkett (Walton Platoon) and Cpl. Reeves (Chessington Platoon) all obtained their Cadet Hundred badges and are to be congratulated.

*.22 Shooting:* We are at present competing with the 4th Battalion in the winter .22 shooting league but the results will not be known until later on in the year and we will report the results in the next issue of the Journal.

#### Sport

*Gates Cup, 1962:* We gained second place in this competition (which is for all-round

sport attendance throughout the year) with an average of 8.85 per cent. (1,570 points). If we had played two more football matches, which were cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances, we would have quite easily won the cup. Better luck next time.

*County Boxing Championships:* We obtained 8 wins and 4 walk-overs and suffered 14 losses. Chertsey Platoon won the Class X County Sports Officers' Shield and all the cadets taking part are to be congratulated on putting up a good show, the Battalion having its strongest team for many years.

*London District Boxing:* At this stage we had one win, 3 walkovers and 4 losses. It can be said in all fairness that the Battalion has put up a very good show in boxing this year and it is hoped we shall follow up with

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Adjutant ... Capt. J. de C. Griffin

#### "A" COMPANY

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

Under their new Company Commander, 2/Lt. A. Hyams, "A" Company have built up a formidable boxing team, which has met with local successes and has high hopes for the future. Recruiting is going well and the strength of the Company is the highest it has been since before the war.

#### "G" COMPANY

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

"G" Company shooting team has met with considerable success recently, winning the County of London section of the *News of the World* .22 National Cadet Shooting Competition, and thus retains its unbeaten record for over a year in inter-cadet unit competitions.

Cadet Pelle won the County of London under 10-stone class boxing championship and went on to fight in the London District

successes in the athletics, swimming and cross-country yet to come.

#### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

We are pleased to report that Cpl. Delanghe and McQuilkin and Cadet Robertshaw all of Chessington Platoon have entered the scheme and we wish them success.

#### General

The training programme for this year is very full indeed and calls for hard work and co-operation by all concerned and we feel this may prove to be one of the best years in this Battalion. We are also arranging visits to Regular Army Units for the Cadets which we are sure will prove both instructive and enjoyable to them.

Championships at Ewell where he lost in a keenly contested bout.



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

#### Extracts from Regimental History, 1962

##### June, 1962

JUNE, 1962, saw the Regiment at an all high strength of over 450 all ranks. Training during the month was largely devoted to Trade Testing of personnel who had completed the various portions of their courses. A very high percentage of those writing said tests were successful.

The Regiment was short of their "call-out" who had been called away to summer camp. In consequence "A" and "Q" matters suffered from his absence.

##### July, 1962

The Regiment stood down for the summer months. The Commanding Officer took a large contingent of officers and men to summer camp at Sarcee, Alberta. Other officers and men were attached to the Cadet camp at Vernon B.C. Still others including C.W.A.C. personnel went to Camp Wainwright. At the latter camp, two officers, Capts. E. M. Moore and S. Cyganik, took the Part II Major qualifying and were successful in the practical portion of their course. Having successfully completed Part I, they were now qualified for the rank of Major in the Militia when such vacancies exist. Other Junior Subalterns attending the Wainwright Camp were successful in passing their examinations and in consequence were full Lieutenants on their return to Unit.

##### August 1962

The Regiment stood down for the month. However, the Commanding Officer, 2IC, Adjutant, and selected Other Ranks carried out administrative parades. During the month, the Regiment was visited by Major N. Pepperall of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment who was passing through the city. He is attached to the British Liaison Defence Staff in Ottawa, Ontario.

Also during the month, the cold breath of austerity was first felt. Certain problems existed seemingly in the matter of over expenditure of funds for the Group and the

Regiment was told to continue to stand down and do no training in September.

##### September 1962

The Regiment continued to stand down. Administrative parades were carried on, to ready the Unit for resumption of training in October.

During the month the Regiment was favoured on 14th September by a visit from Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell from England, who was passing through on a lengthy tour. He was accompanied by his charming wife, Rachael, and they were here for three days in all. A Regimental Dinner was held in his honour and presentations were made to him on behalf of the Regiment in honour of his visit.

##### October 1962

Training recommenced but was cut back to one day per week on Thursday evenings. The Young Soldier plan was cut back to Saturday mornings only, with no lunch provided. The net result was a vastly altered training plan, coupled with a heavy decrease in numbers. Patriotism in the young is one thing and dollars are another. In an effort to conserve funds, other restrictions were placed on the Regiment which was already without their main call-out, and a replacement authorised but nobody to hand by the end of the month. On the 15th October the other call-out, was also released making it next to impossible to carry out "A" and "Q" routine in the time available. At month end no replacement for either call-out was in sight.

The Commanding Officer attended the Annual Armoured Corps Conference in Ottawa, Ontario on the 17th, 18th and 19th. At this meeting the Regiment was awarded five trophies for their training programme during the 1961-62 training year. One of the five trophies awarded the Regiment was the Worthington Trophy which represents the

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## The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

THE Autumn Meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday, 3rd and 4th October, 1962, at Sudbrook Park. We were favoured with a very good sample of "Surreys' weather," both days being autumn at its best. The attendance was good, a total of 25 players turning out. It was very nice to see Lt.-Col. Abbott and Major Grierson, neither of whom have been able to attend for some time, and we also welcomed a new member, Major F. C. Ridger, a recent convert to the noble art and philosophy of golf, who signalled his first appearance in a sensational manner. Playing in the Bogey Greensomes with John Clark, they returned the fabulous score of 9 up. Certainly one in the eye for Colonel Bogey! And that was not the only unusual happening; one of our most senior and respected members, having put his ball in a bunker, hit it hard against the face of the said bunker, from whence it rebounded over his shoulder and went full toss into his bag! Some of the wide boys said he was a bit of a clot not to have wheeled his trolley onto the green and emptied ball from bag into the hole. It was as well that he did not, for that would have presented a very nice problem of interpretation of the Rules of Golf.

The sweep was again well supported by the gamblers in Hong Kong, and they had their

reward, for one of them drew the player who had the best handicap return in the Medal Round.

In short, it was a most successful meeting, and a good time was had by all.

### RESULTS

#### 1ST DAY—STABLEFORD

*Heales Memorial Trophy:* A. F. Ridger, 40 pts.

*Veterans' Halo:* H. S. Adcock, 36 pts.

*Senior Division Memento:* Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, 36 pts.

*Junior Division Memento:* A. F. Ridger, 40 pts.

#### BOGEY GREENSMES

Capt. J. A. Clark and Major F. C. Ridger, 9 up.

#### 2ND DAY—MEDAL ROUND

*Autumn Bowl and President's Prize:* Capt. Davidson, 68.

*Glasgow Greys Cup and Captain's Prize:* Lt.-Col. B. A. Hannaford, 70.

*Best Last Nine Holes (Seniors):* Capt. Davidson, 39—4 = 35.

*Best Last Nine Holes (Juniors):* Capt. M. J. Doyle, 44—12 = 32.

*Nine Hidden Holes (Seniors):* Capt. A. Mason, 31.

*Nine Hidden Holes (Juniors):* Lt.-Col. B. A. Hannaford, 36.

#### PETRI PLATE

*Best Net Aggregate, Spring and Autumn Medal Rounds:* Capt. A. Mason, 70 + 70 = 140.

*Bogey Foursomes:* Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown and Lt.-Col. B. A. Hannaford, 5 down.

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"Best Armoured Regiment (Militia) in Canada." The Trophy was officially presented by Major-General Worthington to the Regiment on 1st December, 1962, and other formal ceremonies were held in both Messes and in the canteen to celebrate the winning of this trophy.

#### Extract from the "Medicine Hat News"

"Members of the South Alberta Light Horse are to be congratulated for attaining such a high standard of training that they have been named the best militia armed corps regiment in Canada.

"This is a high distinction and one of which every resident of the city and district may be justly proud."

## Regular Forces Employment Association

During 1962 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 15,665, which was 83 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 5,657 were from the Army and 34 were from your Regiment.

If when you get home you have mislaid 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.

## King Edward VII Convalescent Home for Officers

### Osborne House, Isle of Wight

1. The attention of officers is drawn to the facilities afforded by the King Edward VII Convalescent Home for Officers, Osborne House, Isle of Wight.

2. The home is open for the reception of those who are recovering from recent illness or surgical operation (psychiatric and incurable patients with active or infectious tuberculosis are not eligible for admission). The total accommodation is 50 beds. The following categories are eligible for admission:

(a) Men who are serving or who have served as officers of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces of the United Kingdom, or who held commissions as officers of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown in India before 15th August, 1947, and are British subjects.

(b) Serving officers of the naval, military or air forces of any country within the Commonwealth, being officers entitled to admission to service hospitals in the United Kingdom.

(c) Women who are serving or who have served as officers of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces of the United Kingdom, including the Nursing Services and of those forces and the Women's Royal Naval Service.

(d) Women who are serving or who have served as Commandants or Assistant Commandants in Voluntary Aid Detachments attached to the Royal Navy, Army or Air Force.

(e) Women who have been granted permanent commissions or appointments in the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India or the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

(f) Cadets of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

(g) Cadets training for permanent commissions in the Regular Army or regular Royal Air Force.

(g) Officers of the naval, military or air forces of foreign countries who are attached to the Royal Navy, Army or Air Force.

3. The present policy at Osborne House is to provide active remedial treatment and it is the desire of the House Committee to play a part in the early restoration to duty of serving officers, or for retired officers to render them fit to resume their normal avocations, after recent illness or surgical operations. There is a hot pool for the treatment of fractures, joint conditions, poliomyelitis, etc. There are also well-equipped departments of physiotherapy and occupational therapy and a fully equipped remedial room in charge of a qualified gymnast. It is considered that if these facilities were more widely known, much more use would be made of Osborne House.

4. The grounds of the house cover about 350 acres and include a golf course, tennis courts, a bowls lawn, croquet lawn, putting green and rifle range. There is also a private bathing beach. A sailing dinghy is available for the use of officers.

5. All officers admitted to Osborne House are charged 2s. 0d. a day as a contribution to the Amenities Fund, other charges are as follows:

(a) Serving officers—no charge.

(b) Retired officers and ex-officers who are recommended by the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance for treatment at Osborne House—no charge.

(c) Other retired officers and ex-officers whose disabilities are certified by the appropriate Service Government departments as due to service—no charge.

(d) Officers who do not fall within the categories in sub-paras. (a), (b) and (c) are charged 15s. 0d. a day.

6. (a) Applications for the admission of serving officers should be made, on the forms provided by the medical officer in charge of the case and should be addressed to The House Governor, King Edward VII Convalescent Home for Officers, Osborne House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight. A supply of application forms for admission to Osborne House has been sent to all military hospitals with the "Osborne

booklet." A further supply of the admission forms and booklets will be sent by the House Governor on application.

- (b) Retired and ex-officers should obtain an application form from the House Governor. This is then completed by the applicant, given to his general practitioner for the insertion of the medical details, and the general practitioner will then send the form to the House Governor.
- (c) Disabled ex-officers should make application through the Ministry of Pensions.

7. Serving officers on full pay who arrange to enter Osborne House for treatment while on leave will report to the O.C. units the dates of admission and discharge. Os. C. units will publish this information in Part II Orders (officers) to avoid erroneous credit of lodging and ration allowance for the period during which the officers are accommodated and subsisted at public expense.

8. Travelling expenses in respect of serving officers only are permissible under Regulations for the Allowances of the Army, Section 6, para. 180(a).

9. Accommodation is available for officers' wives in a hostel in the grounds about half a mile away from Osborne House. The charges are from 10 gns. a week.

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# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

#### Management of the Association

CERTAIN changes have been made in the management of the affairs of the Regimental Association which may be of interest to members. The Colonel of the Regiment has assumed the appointment of Chairman of the Main Committee and his overall knowledge of all units of the Regiment, and the work of other Regimental Committees, are of great benefit to the Main Committee. The detailed composition of the Main Committee is shown in the Annual Report of the Regimental Association which all readers should have now received. In brief, the Committee consists of Commanding Officers, and Other Rank representatives nominated by them, the Officer IC R.H.Q. and his Chief Clerk and certain retired officers and other ranks nominated by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The day-to-day work of the Association is conducted by the Working Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of the Officer IC Regimental Headquarters. Most of their work is dealing with cases of ex-members of the Regiment who are in need of help. Last year we were able to assist over 250 ex-members of the Regiment or their dependents.

#### The Regimental War Memorial Holiday Scheme

It may not be generally known that the Regimental Association has funds especially to help people take holidays who could not otherwise afford them. Full use has not been made of these funds recently, and we should like more families to take advantage of these opportunities. The procedure is for the Association to obtain from a local society, such as S.S.A.F.A., a confidential report on an applicant's circumstances, and the Working Sub-Committee then decides on the grant to be made.

#### Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Association has been sent out on a wide distribution, but as we seldom hear from any of the members we have no idea whether the report is reaching them, or even whether they still want to receive it. Next year we intend to include in the Annual Report a questionnaire with a

reply paid envelope to find out who our active members are.

#### Summer Reunion

The Summer Reunion this year will be held in Guildford on Sunday, 23rd June, and we expect a good gathering of past and present members of the Regiment. There will be a Regimental Church Service in Guildford Cathedral at 11.15 a.m., followed, we hope, by a march past.

In the afternoon the Garden Party will be held in Stoughton Barracks by kind permission of the present Commanding Officer, Col. J. A. Smith, R.A.P.C.

#### Regimental Association Dinner

The Association Dinner will again be held in the Clapham Drill Hall this year. The date is Saturday, 5th October. Particulars of both these functions will be found in the Annual Report, further copies of which may be obtained from Regimental Headquarters, if required.

#### Star and Garter Home

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

Frederick Browning, 1 Surreys, 1900-1908; Harry George Gaiters, Queen's, 1914-1917; Arthur Ernest Lawrence, 2/6 Queen's, 1940-1944; Alfred Porter, 6 Queen's, 1917-1919; James William Randall, Surreys, 1916-1920; George Pearson Steggles, 1/5 Queen's, 1912-1917, 11 Queen's, 1939-1941; Ernest Arthur Vause, 2/4 Queen's, 1914-1919.

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

#### Members Overseas

R. T. D. Thompson (formerly 6140697, Corporal, 2nd Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment) is now living at 189 Mount Joy Terrace, Manly, Queensland, Australia. He would like news of old comrades, and hopes some of those he served with may write to him.

We have also heard from C. S. A. Avis, formerly 9661 (and 6076259) who served in 1st Queen's before and during the 1914-18 War. Avis, who kindly sent his brass bed plate for the Regimental Museum, would like to hear from anyone who remembers him. His address is 202 Jack Dyer Centre, 172 Esselen Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, South Africa.

#### Jersey Branch

It is with regret that we have to announce that the Jersey Branch of the Regimental Association has decided it can no longer continue to function. Dwindling numbers and the advanced age of the majority of the existing members, coupled with the fact that there is no fresh blood coming in to resuscitate the Branch, has forced this decision. It is a measure of the success of the President, Capt. C. G. Pile, that the Jersey Branch has been kept going for so long in the face of increasing difficulties. We send our best wishes to our members in the Channel Islands, and hope that one day it may be possible to reform after their enforced "suspended animation."

#### 2/4th Battalion

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

Following our very successful reunion dinner in April 1962, we had a very strong attendance at our Shrine Service at the Croydon Parish Church in November, and afterwards at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the closing of Queen's House, Croydon, the Annual General Meeting was held, by the courtesy of Officer Commanding 3rd Queen's Surreys, at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon. The Secretary gave an encouraging report of the year's working and despite the fact that, very regrettably, quite a number of our members had passed on during the year, we had also gained in the acquisition of some new members, even at this late stage, mainly through the medium of the Press. One new member in Brazil, who had not been heard of since 1923, was contacted through the auspices of the 5th Queen's Old Members Association. The Treasurer's report showed a healthy position, although quite substantial grants had been made in order to subsidise the reunion dinner and the Journal. Benevolent payments and wreaths accounted for £59 7s. 6d., 40 per cent. of the total sub-

scription revenue of the Old Comrades' Association. We only wish that more could have been paid out to these deserving cases.

During the year we took up the case of the neglected and dilapidated War Graves Cemetery on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, wherein lie many of our dead. We would, of course, like to bring the Cemetery up to a satisfactory state but have been unable to do so because it is situated in a more or less no man's land between Israel and Jordan. The War Graves Commission have tried unceasingly since 1948 to reach an agreement with the two governments concerned to enable us to visit the cemetery, but all their efforts have so far been unsuccessful.

We have been represented at other Regimental functions during the year. These include the all-ranks dinner at Clapham; the 5th Queen's old members dinner at Guildford; the Regimental party; and the amalgamation parade of the 3rd Queen's Surreys at Guildford. A member also attended the Memorial Service to Major-Gen. Ivor Hughes in November last.

Committee member Len Merrow Smith, a 5th Queen's man originally, like many of us, has been appointed London representative for that Association. They have launched an appeal for subscriptions towards the cost of certain items of Regimental equipment required by the 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.) who, together with the 4th Battalion, are receiving new Colours on 12th July at Woking. This equipment can only be purchased by private subscription and includes Colour belts, Drum-Major's sash, emblazoning of drums, etc., and other items amount to £560. Subscriptions can be sent to the Old Comrades' Association and all enquiries, etc., should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. Mann, 22 Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon. 'Phone Spring Park 1641.

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

There was a good muster at Sandfield Terrace Drill Hall, on Saturday, 3rd November, for the Annual Reunion Dinner of 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Members' Association. Over 100 members attended, the guests were the Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe; Petty Officer Peterson,

R.N., of H.M.S. *Excellent*, whose presence typified the historic link between the Regiment and the Royal Navy, and members of the permanent staff of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The Chairman of the Association, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, who is also Honorary Colonel of the Battalion presided, and was supported on the top table by former Commanding Officers, Major-Gen. J. Y. Whitfield (2/5th); Brigadier G. V. Palmer (1/5th); Col. L. C. East (1/5th); Col. C. R. Wigan (5th); Lt.-Col. L. S. Sheldon (2/5th); Lt.-Col. H. M. W. Harris (5th), and the present Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn. Also present were two former Adjutants, Lord Spens 1914-18, and Brigadier H. G. Veasey 1924-25. Amongst the members present were two South African War Veterans, Mr. W. J. Christopher of Guildford and Mr. W. J. German of Farnham.

Col. Kealy welcomed the guests and reminded members that the dinner was only possible by courtesy of Lt.-Col. Llewellyn and its success was due to the hard work put in by serving members of his Battalion who, supervised by Major George Forman, cooked and served an excellent meal.

After recounting the present Battalion's successes, and they are many, Col. Kealy said its annual camp next year would be at Crookham and would culminate on Friday, 12th July, with the presentation of new Colours, by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey at Woking. He hoped that members of the Association would turn out on that day to support and encourage their successors now of 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to carry on the reputation and traditions which members in their time had helped to create and enhance. All members would be informed of the details of the event in due course.

Col. Kealy went on to say that it was difficult to fix a date for the Annual Reunion convenient to all; he wished to ascertain what time of year was most popular. On a show of hands it was clear that April or May were most favoured and every effort will be made to arrange future functions accordingly.

The Chairman reminded members that for the first time they, and all old members of the Queen's and the East Surreys, were invited by the 3rd Battalion to parade with them on 11th November at 10 a.m. at Sandfield Terrace to take part in the Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity Church. He hoped there would be a good attendance.

Music during the dinner was provided by the Band of the Battalion and the bar catering was in the capable hands of Mr. K. J. Stiles of The Row Barge Inn, Guildford, who is also a member of the Association.

Over the signatures of Cols. Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith and C. R. Wigan as former Honorary Colonels of 5th Battalion, and Col. J. B. H. Kealy, our Chairman and Honorary Col. of 3rd Battalion, an appeal has been addressed to all members for donations to a special fund opened by the Association to assist 3rd Battalion Queen's Surreys in meeting expenses connected with the presentation of new Colours in July.

#### The 23rd London Regimental Association

THE 23rd London Regimental Association held a service at their Headquarters at 27 St. John's Hill, S.W.11, on Sunday, 7th October, to rededicate, in its new form, their Memorial to the 1,148 Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned officers and Men of the Regiment who died in the 1914-18 War. The Hall was crowded with relatives of the fallen, many of whom were wearing medals, and with members of the Regimental Association. Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Battersea; Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., the Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.); Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., the Commanding Officer; Brigadier R. Maxwell, C.B., the President of the Regimental Association; Lt.-Col. W. J. Wykes, M.B.E., T.D., and Capt. L. J. Kent-Jones, M.C., Vice-Presidents and Lt.-Col. W. H. A. Robinson, T.D., a former Commanding Officer.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A., C.F. After Binyon's well-remembered "They shall grow not old . . ." and during the singing of "O God Our Help in Ages Past," the congregation moved to the memorial which was flanked by the Queen's Colour and the Regimental Colour, and where a Guard of Honour, found by the Detachment at Clapham Junction, was mounted. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Col. Martin and the memorial was then dedicated. Buglers of the Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" and wreaths of Flanders Poppies and flowers were laid by the Regimental Association and by relatives of the fallen. The address was

given by the Chaplain and the Service closed with the singing of Parry's "Jerusalem" and the National Anthem. The music was provided by the Regimental Band.

The assembled company were then entertained to tea by the Regiment and many old friendships were renewed. Welcoming the guests, Capt. W. A. Hillier, Chairman of the Association, said that the memorial, in its new form, had become necessary as the lettering on the original memorial had, with the passage of time, become almost illegible and the Association had gladly accepted its responsibility to preserve the names of the fallen. He thanked the officers and men both of the Regiment and of the Regimental Association for all they had done to make the occasion a success.

## The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

It is very gratifying to be able to announce a continued increase in membership. At the end of 1962, with 36 new members, a grand total of 430 was achieved. This says much for the earnest co-operation and unstinting efforts of a number of members, to whom we are grateful.

It is with deep regret that the passing of Capt. P. F. Wright, M.C., after a short illness, is recorded. Capt. Wright was a founder member and a very staunch supporter of the Association; he was Hon. Treasurer for 17 years and during this period his sound advice and guidance in the financial affairs of the Association was of great benefit.

As we go to press we are extremely sorry to learn of the death of one of our oldest and staunchest members, Lt.-Col. A. C. Bromhead, C.B.E., J.P., at the age of 86. A full and detailed Obituary appears elsewhere in this Journal. We wish to include here our appreciation of his services and membership and our deepest sympathy and regret at his passing.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, 1962, the Association once again combined with "R" (Surrey) Battery in a most successful parade. The Association, despite the rather adverse weather conditions, mustered 89 and included a contingent of 11 from Northampton and members from Dorset and Dover. The Battery too was strong with 40

"volunteers." The co-operation of the Battery Commander, Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., is sincerely appreciated.

The Remembrance Service was held at St. Mary's (Newington) Church, Kennington Park Road, at which many relatives of the fallen and friends attended and helped fill the church to capacity. Following the Service, the parade marched to the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park where a Dedication to the Fallen was read and wreaths laid. Afterwards, the parade marched past, the salute being taken by Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., supported by the Deputy Mayors of Southwark and Lambeth, who also joined in the reunion held in the Drill Hall after the parade.

The Annual Reunion Dinner held on 9th March was very well attended and proved to be a great success.

## The Queen's (Bermondsey) Regimental Association

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

A number of our members went on the annual visit to Ghent in September, and took part in the various parades held there, including the unveiling of the memorial as reported in this issue of the Journal. The Salerno Day reunion, the second of its kind, was held at Jamaica Road on 8th September, and although it coincided with the visit to Ghent, was very well attended. Mr. Peart again worked very hard and ensured that this occasion was as much, if not more, of a success as last year. On 20th October, we held a Bermondsey Reunion and the numbers attending were very gratifying to the Social Committee who organised it. We were pleased to have with us on that evening members of the Belgian Resistance Movement. Armistice Day this year, saw quite a large number of 1914-1918 veterans, more than we have been used to seeing, and we were pleased to feel that our local Association is gaining strength. Our meetings at Jamaica Road on the first Tuesday in every month at 6.30 p.m. are gaining in popularity and we hope to see an increase in visitors as the weather improves.

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## The Veterans Company

Old Comrades' Association  
4th Battalion Queen's Surreys

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

Company Commander	Col. T. A. Buchanan, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D.
Second-in-Command C.S.M.	Major R. W. Stephens Mr. A. E. Grimwood
C.Q.M.S.	Mr. E. L. Handson

THIS is the first time that notes from the Veterans Company have appeared in the Regimental Journal and so perhaps a few words of explanation are necessary.

The Veterans Company is in effect the Old Comrades' Association of the 4th Battalion. This of course includes those who are past members of the appropriate Battalions and Regiments before amalgamation. As is normal in a Company of the Battalion, the H.Q. staff are appointed by the Commanding Officer.

Space does not permit a write-up of past history of the Company but a brief reference must be made to the bowler hat and umbrella drill of Col. Rodney Martin Commanding the Company at the Amalgamation Parade and to the endeavour of the R.S.M. to hide the fact that at the Battalion rifle meeting held at Henley Park in September, 1962, the Veterans beat the rest of the Battalion and produced the two best shots, Col. Nash and Mr. Henman.

On the 17th November, 1962, a very successful Company dinner was held in the Orchard Room, T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. About 60 attended.

Every third Wednesday of the month the Company meet at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road and compete in the inter-Company miniature range competition. We have a very keen team ably captained by Mr. George Charlton but as we are only lying second there is room for improvement and so other keen shots will be welcome. Of course you will also be welcome if you do not shoot and so why not come along one "parade" night—the third Wednesday of every month at about 8 p.m.

Plans are in hand for a trip to Cassino in May, 1964—the twentieth anniversary of the battle.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of one of our members, Major A. L. White-

house, T.D., who joined the 3rd Volunteer Battalion in 1903. An obituary notice appears elsewhere in this Journal.

## Items of Interest

L/Cpl. B. Brazier won a Bronze Medal for boxing at the Commonwealth and Empire Games, in Perth, Australia, in November, 1962.

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The following is an extract from the *Wimbledon Borough News*.

"For the past two years, boys of the Queen's County Secondary School have been sending parcels of books and magazines to Old Boys of the School serving with the School's namesake, 1 Queen's Surreys. This came about as the result of an approach made by a former member of the School, Cpl. Reginald Fiddy, of the Reconnaissance Platoon, and recently the School received an embroidered silk badge, made by the Chinese, which Old Boys in the Battalion had obtained and presented to the School as a mark of their gratitude."

## Personal Notices

### BIRTHS

REDFERN.—On 10th March, 1963, at the Military Hospital, Hong Kong, to Maureen (nee Minshall), wife of Captain G. B. Redfern, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Lucinda Anne, a sister for Susan.

DOYLE.—On 8th March, 1963, at Camberley, to Anne and Capt. M. J. Doyle, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Fergus Hugh Michael.

GIRLING.—On 19th March, 1963, in Hong Kong, to Jane, wife of Capt. M. E. Girling, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Anne.

SANDYS.—On 26th January, 1963, at Victoria Maternity Hospital, Barnet, Hertfordshire, to Pauline, wife of Major E. G. Sandys, late 1/7th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, a son, Rowland Guy Allan.

MORGAN.—On 12th November, 1962, at Motherwell, Scotland, to Margaret Anne, wife of Pte. B. Morgan, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Lorraine Anne.

ETHERINGTON.—On 7th December, 1962, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent, to Brenda Ann, wife of L/Cpl. M. Etherington, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Margaret Joan.

### MARRIAGES

LAWRENCE—PARNABY.—On 6th October, 1962, at St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, Clive Lawrence, late Lieutenant The Queen's Royal Regiment, to Lisbeth Mary Parnaby.

MURPHY—HARRIS.—On 29th September, 1962, at the Parish Church, Faversham, Kent, Pte. A. Murphy, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Maureen Kathleen Harris.

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

MCCABE—ARSBY.—On 1st December, 1962, at the Register Office, Croydon, Pte. J. McCabe, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Pamela Ann Arsbys.

### Obituary

#### LT.-COL. J. R. G. COWAN

THE last issue of this Journal contained a brief announcement of the death of Lt.-Col. J. R. G. Cowan.

John Ray Cowan died suddenly on his farm near Kitale, Kenya, on Sunday, 16th September, 1962.

"Hearty" Cowan, as he was always known in the Regiment, was commissioned in the Queen's on 7th April, 1916, and served with the 1st Battalion in France from August 1916, until December 1917, and again from August 1918, until the cessation of hostilities. He was severely wounded. A brother officer writing of him says, "He was fantastically devoted to the Regiment, and although wounded and blown-up several times and badly shell-shocked, his one idea was to get back to the 1st Battalion in France. By sheer determination he got back to the front line."

After the war he served with the 1st Battalion in Ireland and was then seconded for service with the King's African Rifles from 1923 to 1929. He also served with the Administrative Service, Somaliland.

When "Hearty" retired he took up farming in Kenya. With his characteristic enthusiasm and determination, and assisted by his wife, Gwen, he established and developed a prosperous farm. His widow is continuing to run the farm. There are two young sons who are at school in Nairobi.

To the widow and sons we extend the sincere condolences of all members of the Regiment.

The funeral took place at Kitale Cemetery, Kenya, on 18th September, 1962, at which Lt.-Col. D. J. ff. Campbell, M.B.E., late of The East Surrey Regiment, represented the Regiment and very kindly laid a wreath on our behalf.

#### MAJOR F. W. H. DENTON

With very deep regret we record the death, on 11th February, 1963, at the age of eighty-one, of Francis William Hugh Denton.

He was educated at Epsom College and was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment from the Militia on 20th May, 1905.

He served in the 2nd Battalion from 1905 to 1908 and was then seconded for service with the West African Regiment until 1910. He was A.D.C. to the Governor of Sierra Leone in 1908.

In the Great War 1914-18 he served with the 1st Battalion in France until he was severely wounded at the Battle of the Aisne on 14th September, 1914. He later served again in France in the following staff appointments: G.S.O.3, 67th Division; D.A.Q.M.G. at G.H.Q.; Instructor, Young Officers' School at G.H.Q. For his gallant and distinguished services he was Mentioned in Despatches.

At the end of the war he was appointed D.A.A.G., H.Q. Southern Command, and was afterwards Adjutant of the Regimental Depot at Guildford from 1920 to 1922. His next appointment was Adjutant, Inns of Court O.T.C., from 1922 to 1925, and he was then appointed to command the Queen's Depot. From 1929 to 1932 he again served with the Inns of Court as Adjutant, after which he assumed the appointment of Assistant Provost Marshal, Southern Command. This was his last appointment in the active list and on 25th April, 1936, he retired.

After retiring he was employed as Recruit-

ing Officer, Southern Command, from 1936 to 1946.

In his younger days he was a very keen and good shot; he was very prominent in Regimental rifle and revolver teams and in 1907 was in the Army Revolver Eight.

#### SGT. G. W. EBBUTT

The sudden death of George Ebbutt, Chairman of the 2/4th Queen's Old Comrades' Association, came as a great shock to all members. He had been our Chairman since 1953 and a committee member since 1947 and was a keen and willing worker in the cause of old comradeship. George was always doing good turns for everybody and nothing was too much trouble for him. He called on Old Comrades at home or in hospital in times of sickness or trouble and he felt it one of his special duties to carry out this work. He dedicated his life to those who were sick or needy and always thought of the "other fellow" before himself. He was Scout Sergeant at one time during his war service and all who came into contact with him loved him for his cheerfulness and his kind and helpful nature.

We have not only lost our Chairman, but a very real and personal friend. His loss is irreplaceable and we shall all miss him very much. He will be long remembered as an inspiration and a spur to all of us.

He was aged sixty-nine, and leaves a wife and son, to whom we offer our very sincere condolences.

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#### LT.-COL. A. C. BROMHEAD, C.B.E., J.P.

Alfred Claude Bromhead died suddenly at his home, Douglas House, Petersham, on 5th March, 1963. He was 86.

He enlisted in the 4th Volunteer Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1898 and was commissioned as Second-Lieutenant on 23rd April, 1904. He resigned, with the rank of Captain on 31st March, 1908. Reappointed on 1st October, 1914, he was Adjutant of 3/24th London Regiment (the Queen's) 1915 and 1916. He served with a Special Mission to the Russian Armies in 1916-17 and headed a British Mission to the Italian Armies in 1918-19.

He was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1918 and received the Imperial Russian Orders of St. Anne and St. Stanislaus and the Italian Orders of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus.

Col. Bromhead was always keenly interested in Regimental affairs and was the generous donor of the beautiful carved oak Lectern for the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Richmond in 1941, and was a former Chairman of the House Committee of the Star and Garter Home, Richmond. Founder and first Chairman of Gaumont British Picture Corporation, and a director of Anglo-Scottish Investment Trust.

A Memorial Service was held at St. Matthias Church, Richmond Hill, on 14th March, 1963, at which the Regiment was represented by Col. H. G. Duncombe and Major F. J. Reed.

To the widow and family we tender deepest sympathy and condolences.

#### LT.-COL. S. B. COPE

We were very shocked to learn of the tragic death of Selby Burgoyne Cope which occurred in a fire at his home in St. Laurence, Jersey, on 19th March, 1963.

Bill Cope, as he was affectionately known by all who knew him, was commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment on 30th August, 1924. He was promoted to Captain on 30th August, 1937, and Major on 30th August, 1941.

He was seconded for service with the West African Frontier Force from 30th October, 1929, to 10th October, 1935, and held a Special Staff Appointment from December, 1936, to October 1939. He was also A.D.C. to the Governor of Gambia.

During the 1939-45 War he served with the Special Operations Executive and amongst other activities he was dropped by parachute in Yugoslavia and operated behind the enemy lines in Italy. He was Mentioned in Despatches for his gallant and distinguished services.

He commanded the Depot of The East Surrey Regiment, at Kingston, from 1947 to 1949, and retired, with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, in June 1959.

Bill Cope was one of our distinguished officers and was well liked and highly respected by all who knew him in the Regiment. He will be remembered particularly for his very pleasant and quiet disposition and his friendly and likeable personality.

Major C. R. Ricketts represented the Regiment at the funeral.

On behalf of all members of the Regiment,

past and present, we offer sincere sympathy and condolences to all of Bill's relatives.

#### MAJOR A. C. BLUNDEN

With the deepest regret we record the death, on 30th December, 1962, of Alfred Clement Blunden.

He was granted a temporary commission, from the Honourable Artillery Company, in The East Surrey Regiment in 1915, and went to France in 1916. He received a Regular Commission in 1917 and in the following year was an instructor at Eaton Hall and joined the 2nd Battalion in 1920.

He retired in 1921 to take up an appointment in the Civil Service.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was recalled from the Regular Army Reserve and served for two years at the Infantry Training Centre at Kingston-upon-Thames and afterwards on the staff of a Military Convalescent Depot at Richmond Park Camp.

He and his wife, Madge, have always taken an active interest in the Regiment. Mrs. Blunden was a prominent member of the Ladies' Committee of The East Surrey Regiment and the kneelers in the Surreys Chapel in Kingston Parish Church are her personal work and gift.

To Mrs. Blunden we extend deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

#### MAJOR A. LANDON WHITEHOUSE, T.D.

News of the death of Major Landon Whitehouse on the 3rd January, 1963, will recall happy memories of a former officer of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (1/6th Battalion during the 1914-1918 War).

Major Whitehouse served with the Battalion from 1903 until 1920 and maintained his interest in the Battalion until his death.

In 1903, Major Whitehouse, who had then recently qualified as a doctor and as a dental surgeon, was commissioned in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the then Volunteers and was posted for duty to the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of The East Surrey Regiment as Medical Officer. This was the Volunteer Battalion which became the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in 1908 when the Territorial Force was created.

During his service as Medical Officer he took the opportunity of studying all branches of the work of the Battalion including the Machine Gun Section. With the formation of the Territorial Force a number of former

Volunteer Officers retired and Major Whitehouse applied to be transferred from the R.A.M.C. to the 6th Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment. He was duly gazetted and took charge of the Machine Gun Section. His service with this sub-unit was, however, short as he was soon posted to command "C" Company at Richmond.

In 1914 when the Territorial Force was mobilised he was given the option to transfer to the R.A.M.C. but preferred to remain with the 1/6th Battalion and served with the Battalion for the whole of the 1914-18 war. The Battalion was thus fortunate to secure the services of an officer whose loyalty to the ideal of service in the Territorial Force was so strong that he preferred that service to returning to his own profession. Major Whitehouse in due course became 2IC and served in that capacity on service with the Battalion with the Aden Field Force in 1917-18 taking part in many actions in that area.

This sounds more like a history of the Volunteer and Territorial Force than an appreciation of an officer who served in both but the purpose is to illustrate by the actions of officers like Major Whitehouse how it became possible for the Territorial Force to achieve the objects for which it was formed. Major Whitehouse was one of many who were quite convinced of the necessity of having a citizen Army and who set out in 1908 to help achieve that object by personal service and example.

Major Whitehouse was a man of many parts and wide interests possessing an alert mind and endowed with a great humanity. Modest, quiet, and humourous he represented the ideal officer for the Territorial Force. Not only was he a most efficient soldier and administrator but he was also well qualified to compose music, discuss philosophy, write a libretto, deal with tropical diseases and, as the writer knows from personal experience, assist in a complicated dental operation. Many former members of the 1/6th Battalion have cause to remember him with gratitude for his medical work in 1919 when, with little staff, he organised and attended to some very serious cases of Asian influenza at a time when the ordinary Army Medical Services were overwhelmed.

He always maintained his interest in the 6th Battalion and latterly in the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and has attended important parades and functions within the past few years. He was a Trustee

of the 1/6th Battalion (1914-18) Benefit Fund.

Whilst we mourn his passing let us at the same time be grateful that we have had the privilege of knowing and serving with him for many years.

T. MCD. BAKER.

#### C.S.M. A. J. BULL, D.C.M.

Alfred John Bull died on 8th December, 1962, at the age of 76. He had served for 21 years with The East Surrey Regiment, having enlisted in 1906. His last appointment was R.S.M. of the 6th Battalion with which he served from 1925 to 1927.

On the outbreak of the First World War, Sgt. Bull returned to this country with the 2nd Battalion after six years in India. Soon after arrival in France in January 1915, the Battalion was in action, and Sgt. Bull won one of the first awards for gallantry at Spanbroek Molen two months later.

On this occasion part of the Battalion were ordered to withdraw, but Sgt. Bull and four men who were engaged with two German machine guns succeeded in holding their ground under very heavy fire. For his gallantry and leadership under the most exacting conditions, Sgt. Bull received an immediate award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Before the war ended he had also been awarded the Croix de Guerre, and for his services in North Russia the Cross of St. George and the Order of St. Stanislaus.

He was promoted W.O.2 on 23rd March, 1924, and the remainder of his service was at home. During the last war he served in the Home Guard with the rank of Major.

To Mrs. Bull and her family we offer our deep sympathy.

#### SGT. W. PLAW

Many who served in the Queen's in the First World War, or during the years between the wars, will be very sorry to hear of the death of William Plaw. He was invariably known as "Jock."

Enlisting in September 1914, he served in the two World Wars, and also in operations on the North West Frontier of India. He will be remembered mostly as the very efficient and sturdy Provost Sergeant of the 1st Battalion in Malta, Tientsin, and Quetta. Of robust stature and genial appearance he was an imposing figure. Strict, though kindly disposed, he was very well liked by everyone.

He was with the 1st Battalion in Quetta at

the time of the earthquake in 1935 and played a prominent part in the rescue operations.

Since his retirement in 1945 he had lived in Guildford and was a very staunch and regular supporter on all Regimental occasions. He died in hospital in Guildford on 11th December, 1962. He was 66 and had been ill for a long time.

Cremation took place at Woking on 15th December. Among Regimental representatives present were Major F. Waspe, M.B.E.; Capt. W. Roadnight, M.B.E.; Capt. A. D. Foster; Mr. W. Coldman and Mr. J. Witcomb. The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was represented by R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose.

#### SGT. H. A. HARRIS

As recorded briefly in our last issue the death occurred last July of Sgt. H. A. Harris, 9018, at the age of 74 years. He joined the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment on the 18th September, 1906. After service in Jersey and India he returned home with the 2nd Battalion in December 1914 and went to France in January 1915. He was invalided home later in the same year and served at Dover as a Physical Training and Gas Instructor. He then served in Salonica from 1916 until 1919 and was discharged in 1920 after 12 years' service.

During the Second World War he served as an Air Raid Warden. He was a very keen and active supporter of the Regiment but due to poor health, during the last few years, he was unable to attend many functions. The last one he attended was the Tercentenary Parade and Ceremony on Putney Heath in October 1961.

On the 7th June, 1962, he was admitted to the University College Hospital and after a long illness passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 15th July, 1962.

The funeral took place at Stoke Newington on 21st July, 1962. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was represented by Major P. G. E. Hill.

To the widow and family we tender sincere condolences in the passing of this devoted member of the Regiment.

#### 22718534 CPL. K. J. BURTON

Kenneth John Burton died in Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank on 8th November, 1962, after a long illness. He was 28. Kenneth Burton joined The East Surrey Regiment as a National Service-

man on 18th September, 1952, and served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt. On completion of his National Service, Burton served a further two years with the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.), where he gave valuable service as a drummer.

After completing two years with the Territorial Army, Burton decided to make the Army his career, and re-enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment on a Regular engagement. On rejoining the 1st Battalion he again became a member of the Corps of Drums. He was soon promoted to Corporal, and all drummers will remember him as a cheerful and conscientious N.C.O. Corporal Burton was a keen sportsman, and played hockey for the 1st Battalion.

His last appointment was a Corporal Drum Instructor at the Junior Soldiers' Wing of the Home Counties Brigade Depot. During his long illness Cpl. Burton never failed to set a fine example of steadfastness, courage and thought for others. It is by this quality of unselfishness that Kenneth Burton will be chiefly remembered.

Cpl. Burton was buried in Claygate Cemetery with military honours, a bearer party being provided from his comrades in the Junior Soldiers' Wing. He leaves a widow and three young children. The Regiment mourns the untimely death of a fine young soldier. To Mrs. Burton, and to his parents and their family, we offer our heartfelt sympathy in their very sad loss.

#### R.Q.M.S. A. E. WALKLIN

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of Albert Edward Walklin, who died suddenly at his home at Surbiton on 13th December, 1962, in his 62nd year.

"Bud" Walklin enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment at Kingston in January 1920, and later joined the 1st Battalion at Collinstown Camp in Ireland. He proceeded overseas with the 1st Battalion, and was a member of the Old Machine Gun Company for many years, serving in Egypt, Sudan, Hong Kong and India.

During the last war he was well known as R.Q.M.S. at the Regimental Depot, being discharged in 1945.

On the reconstitution of the Territorial Army in 1947, Bud was the first man to present himself for enlistment into the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) where he remained until 1951. However, his services were not lost to the Regiment as he

was then appointed Civilian Q.M. Clerk with the 6th Battalion East Surreys. He was serving in this capacity with the present 4th Battalion Queen's Surreys up to the time of his death.

After a total of 42 years' service to the Regiment, he died in harness, as he would have wished. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Walklin and her son in their bereavement.

#### PTE. H. FAIRHEAD

We regret to announce the death of Henry Fairhead who died in November 1962, at the age of 76. Fairhead joined the Regiment in 1904 as a long-term Regular soldier. His career was terminated by wounds in 1915, as a result of which he was incapacitated. He was then taught the trade of shoemaking and repairing, which he followed for many years. To Mrs. Fairhead and her family we offer our deepest sympathy.

#### We regret to announce the passing of the following former members of the Regiment.

**ARMIGER.**—On 26th March, 1962, David Samuel Armiger (244406, Pte.), aged 66. Served with 8th Queen's during the 1914-18 War.

**BASTIN.**—On 12th November, 1962, Frederick George Bastin (6076274, C.S.M.), aged 66. Joined the Queen's in 1910, and served in both World Wars.

**BLUNDEN.**—On 30th December, 1962, Major A. C. Blunden, Surreys, aged 66 (see Obituary).

**BROMHEAD.**—On 5th March, 1962, Lt.-Col. A. C. Bromhead, C.B.E., J.P., Queen's, aged 86 (see Obituary).

**BULL.**—On 8th December, 1962, Alfred John Bull, D.C.M. (C.S.M.), aged 76. Joined the Surreys in 1906 and won the D.C.M. in France, in 1915. R.S.M. 6th Surreys (T.A.) from 1925 to 1927 (see Obituary).

**BURTON.**—On 8th November, 1962, Kenneth John Burton (22718534, Cpl.) (Queen's Surreys), aged 28, after a long illness borne with great fortitude (see Obituary).

**CLEAVER.**—On 15th January, 1963, Gordon Donald Cleaver (5184593, Pte.), aged 43. Served with 1/7th Queen's between 1943 and 1945.

**COPE.**—On 19th March, 1963, suddenly in Jersey, Lt.-Col. Selby Burgoyne Cope, Surreys, aged 58 (see Obituary).

**CORDREY.**—On 6th January, 1963, Theodore Richard Cordrey. Served in 2/4th and 6th Queen's in the 1914-18 War.

**DANIELS.**—On 28th January, 1963, A. W. Daniels (11438, L/Cpl.), aged 66. Served in the 11th Queen's in the 1914-18 War, and was well known as an artist.

**DENTON.**—On 11th February, 1963, Major F. W. H. Denton, Queen's (see Obituary).

**DIMOND.**—On 17th December, 1962, Robert Dimond (Sgt.). Served with 1st Surreys from 1912 to 1932, and will be remembered as Sgt. Shoemaker and later on Provost Sergeant in the 1920s.

**EBBUTT.**—On 6th March, 1963, George W. Ebbutt, 2/4th Queen's (see Obituary).

**ELSEY.**—On 5th November, 1962, Ernest Edward Elsey (6078412, C.S.M.), aged 83. Served in the Queen's during the South African and 1914-18 wars.

**FAIRHEAD.**—In November 1962, Henry Fairhead (8206, Pte.), aged 66. Enlisted in Queen's in 1904 and invalided out with wounds in 1915 (see Obituary).

**HOWARD.**—On 28th January, 1963, James William Howard (7515, Pte.), aged 80. Served in Volunteer Service Battalion The Queen's, during South African War.

**KING.**—On 21st January, 1963, Albert John King (7038, Sgt.), aged 80. Served in the Queen's during 1914-18 War.

**KIRBY.**—On 4th February, 1963, J. Kirby (6087567, Cpl.), aged 52. Served with 4th Queen's in 1939-45 War.

**KNIGHT.**—On 11th February, 1963, Leonard Arthur Knight (240236, Cpl.) aged 67. Served with 1/6th Surreys from 1912 to 1920. A well-known and respected social worker.

**LE CLUSE.**—On 5th February, 1963, Ernest Alfred Le Cluse (4999, R.S.M.). Served with The Queen's during 1914-1918 War.

**McMILLAN.**—On 5th October, 1962, J. McMillian (6147801, Pte.). Served with Surreys from 1920 to 1946.

**MCNAUGHT.**—On 3rd November, 1962, in Australia, John Pollock McNaught (6142685, Cpl.). Served with Surreys in 1938 and 1939 before transfer to Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

**MILLS.**—On 12 January, 1963, D. H. T. Mills. Served in 6th Surreys.

**MORTON.**—On 7th September, 1962, Capt. G. C. Morton. Served with the Queen's.

**NORRIS.**—On 8th March, 1963. After many years in hospital, Charles John Norris (6094010, C.Q.M.S.), aged 56. Served in 2/7th Queen's from 1940 to 1946.

**PARSONS.**—On 10th February, 1963, Harry J. Parsons (10552, Drum-Major), aged 64. After service in the Queen's from 1914 to 1922, he was transferred to The Welch Regiment as Drum-Major. In 1926 he joined the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, later becoming Bandmaster.

**PLAW.**—On 11th December, 1962, William ("Jock") Plaw (6077599, Sgt.), aged 66, after a long illness courageously borne. (Served in the Queen's in 1914-18 and 1939-45 Wars (see Obituary).

**PRESS.**—On 12th February, 1963, Robert Charles Press, aged 68. Joined the Surreys in 1912. R.S.M. 23rd London Regiment 1928 to 1931. An all-round sportsman.

**PRITCHARD.**—In 1962, Thomas William Pritchard (6710, Pte.). Served in 2nd Surreys in South African War.

**SPENCER.**—On 23rd March, 1963, as the result of an accident during a T.A. exercise, W. G. Spencer (22803535, Sgt.), 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

**WALKLIN.**—On 13th December, 1962, Albert Edward Walklin (6134443, R.Q.M.S.), aged 62. Served in Surreys 1920 to 1945, and re-enlisted in re-constituted 6th Surreys (T.A.) as their first recruit in March 1947 (see Obituary).

**WHITE.**—On 28th October, 1962, Frederick White (71286, Pte.), aged 76. Served with Queen's 1915 to 1919.

**WHITEHOUSE.**—On 3rd January, 1963, Major A. Landon Whitehouse, T.D. Served with The East Surrey Regiment (see Obituary).

## Regimental Service

A Regimental Service will be held in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd June, 1963, to which all past and present members, their families and friends are invited. No tickets will be issued.

# LOCATION STATEMENT

Regular and Short Service Officers and Warrant Officers of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt.

(a) Regular Officers

Maj-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.	G.O.C. Aldershot District.
Maj-Gen. F. J. C. Piggott, C.B.E., D.S.O.	Assistant Chief of Staff (Int.), Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.
Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O.	H.Q., Allied Forces, Central Europe.
Brigadier D. G. Loch, O.B.E.	Commander, Western Area, Cyprus.
Brigadier M. V. Fletcher	Military Attaché, British Embassy, Bonn.
Brigadier F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.	D.A.G., H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Col. G. A. White, M.B.E. (Temp. Brigadier)	Commander 56th (London) Infantry Brigade, T.A.
Col. D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (Temp. Brigadier)	Commander 24th Indep. Infantry Brigade Group.
Col. M. T. N. Jennings	Brigade Colonel, Home Counties Brigade.
Lt.-Col. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	H.Q., Allied Forces, Northern Europe.
Lt.-Col. M. E. M. Mac William, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.	G.S.O.I., Staff College.
Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Army Operational Research Group.
Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
Major F. M. J. Halliday	Army School of Preliminary Education.
Major I. P. Thomson, M.C.	H.Q., 42 (Lancs) Division/District.
Major P. R. H. Kealy	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major J. U. Stobbs	The War Office (Q.M.(2)).
Major R. C. Taylor	Army School of Recruiting.
Major R. C. Guy, M.C.	Army Methods of Instruction Centre.
Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C.	G.H.Q., Far Eastern Land Forces.
Major L. Brown	H.Q. Northern Command.
Major R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E. (Temp. Lt.-Col.)	Canadian Army Staff College.
Major I. M. Craig-Adams	Trucial Oman Scouts.
Major S. S. Ashby	The War Office (2(b)).
Major C. S. Fitzpatrick	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major P. R. Swanson	S.O.P.T., 17th Gurkha Division.
Major B. S. Burns, M.C.	Army Apprentices School, Chepstow.
Major M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E. (Temp. Lt.-Col.)	Inter-Service Planning Teams (J.P.S.) The War Office.
Major (Q.M.) J. C. Cox, M.B.E.	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major G. B. Curtis, M.C.	H.Q., 1st Division.
Major J. W. Sewell	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill	4/5 Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (T.A.).
Major K. Osborne	1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
Major (Q.M.) G. C. Forman	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major P. G. F. M. Roupell	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major (Q.M.) J. E. Griffin	G.H.Q., Far Eastern Land Forces.
Major G. Mason	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major (Q.M.) C. G. Rousell	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major P. G. Collyer	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major H. C. Millman	1st Battalion The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment.
Major D. R. Bishop	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major A. G. Jones	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major P. H. Clayton, M.B.E.	Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment.
Major G. G. Strong	H.Q., Allied Forces Central Europe.
Major N. G. Pepperall	1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
Major D. J. Wright	R.A.S.C. Officers' School.
Major A. Donaldson	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major J. A. George	5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) (T.A.).
Major D. Abbott	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major J. H. S. Burgess	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).

Major (Q.M.) J. W. Kemp	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major J. G. F. Naumann	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major R. B. Johnson	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major J. B. Ray	The War Office (M.O.4).
Capt. J. T. Day	1st Battalion The Jamaica Regiment.
Capt. M. F. Reynolds (Temp. Major)	Army Operational Research Group.
Capt. M. N. O'D. Pereira	Assistant Military Attaché, Rangoon.
Capt. A. B. S. Faris	Adjutant, Royal Hong Kong Regiment.
Capt. M. E. Girling	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. P. M. P. Stamper	H.Q., Troops, Malta.
Capt. (Q.M.) N. J. Turner	2nd Battalion Federal Regular Army, Aden.
Capt. M. E. C. Rixon	School of Infantry.
Capt. H. G. Greatwood	Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion.
Capt. J. W. Francis	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Capt. G. C. Sharpe	A.D.C. to G.O.C. Aldershot District.
Capt. M. J. Doyle	Staff College.
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson	Staff College.
Capt. H. M. Hare	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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.
Capt. R. G. Stiff	654 Lt. A. C. Squadron, Army Air Corps.
Capt. K. R. Burnett	Adjutant, London University O.T.C.
Capt. B. D. S. Burton	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. T. C. Rogerson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. T. L. Trotman	No. 13 Signals Regiment, B.A.O.R.
Capt. A. F. Ridger	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. P. A. Gray	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. (Q.M.) W. G. Woolley	Army School of Civil Defence, Millom.
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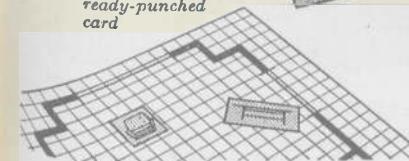


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