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PRESENTATION OF COLOURS, AT WOKING, 12TH JULY, 1963

Lt. A. W. Fairhead receiving the Queen's Colour of the 4th Battalion from the Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of Surrey. Also in the photograph are Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., and Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.



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## Editorial

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THE summer of 1963 has been a memorable and historic season for the two Territorial Army Units of the Regiment. On 12th July, at Woking, they were presented with their new Colours and on the following day they received, on behalf of the Regiment, the Freedom of the Borough of Reigate. Fully illustrated accounts of these splendid ceremonies are included in this issue.

In April, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell and his wife returned from a tour abroad lasting nearly nine months; their itinerary included Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong. In the course of their tour they established close contact with our Allied Regiments and also visited the 1st Battalion. Brigadier Roupell has very kindly written an extremely interesting account of their tour and we are delighted to publish his letter.

After many disappointments and postponements we are at last able to announce that our new Regimental Museum is open to visitors. Our greatest handicap in establishing the Museum has been the complete lack of suitable manpower. However, the three retired officers on the staff at R.H.Q. are now fully experienced in the crafts of furniture moving, picture hanging, and exhibit shuffling. We owe a measure of sincere thanks to Mr. J. Chenery and Capt. Bob Berrow; the former for his exquisite signwriting and skilful carpentry, and the latter for having devoted most of his weekends for the last year to the mammoth task of unpacking, checking, and sorting of exhibits. We include some notes on the Museum contributed by the Curator, Major F. J. Reed.

This year has seen an innovation in the training of our T.A. personnel. A detachment of the Regiment's T.A.E.R., the "Ever Readies," was flown out to Hong Kong to spend a two weeks' training period with the 1st Battalion. The officer commanding the detachment, Major D. G. Wilson, has contributed an exceptionally interesting account of their experiences.

In the "Blitzkreig" in France and Belgium

in the spring and early summer of 1940, the 1/6th Queen's lost their drums; during the last year efforts have been made to locate their present whereabouts or to discover their fate. The story of the search, and its result, has been written for us by Capt. A. H. LeQ. Clayton. It is both interesting and historical.

With the publication of this issue Volume I of the Regimental Journal is complete. It seems to be the appropriate moment for the editor to express his thanks to our readers for their support, his gratitude to the sub-editors for their co-operation, and his appreciation to Mr. D. Levy, of our printers, for his advice and assistance.

### Honours and Awards

On behalf of all past and present members of the Regiment we offer sincere congratulations to the recipients of the following Honours and Awards announced in the Birthday Honours List, 1963:

Companion of the Order of the Bath  
Major-General F. J. C. Piggott, C.B.,  
C.B.E., D.S.O.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Brigadier M. Forrester, C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
M.C.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire.  
Lt-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire.  
(Civil Division), Lt-Col. A. J. Sullivan,  
O.B.E.

### TRUCIAL OMAN SCOUTS RENDEZVOUS LONDON

The Scouts have recently established a central meeting place in London where past and present members, irrespective of rank, can meet over a pint of ale or the like.

The place is "The Crown" situated in Brewer Street, London, S.W.1. It is best approached from Piccadilly Circus and is just behind the Regents Park Hotel.

It is thought that Scouts and former Scouts living in or passing through London might conveniently use the Crown early on Friday evenings or at midday on Saturdays.

## Presentation of Colours

To the 3rd & 4th Battalions The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, T.A.  
at Woking on the 12th July, 1963

THE Presentation of New Colours to the two Territorial Battalions of the Regiment marked the final stage in the formation of the two battalions consequent upon the amalgamation of previous units under the 1961 reorganisation of the Territorial Army. The 3rd Battalion was formed by the amalgamation of the former 565 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A. (part of which had once been the 4th Queens); the 5th Queens and the 6th Queens. The 4th Battalion was formed from the amalgamation of the 6th Surreys and the 23rd London Regiment. The Battalions first started training together early in 1961, and it was decided that they should receive their new Colours at the end of their 1963 annual camp.

The new Colours are similar to those of the 1st Battalion, with the addition of the Battle Honours "Festubert, 1915" and "Gaza" and on the Regimental Colour of the 4th Battalion the addition of the Royal Tank Regiment badge, commemorating that part of the history of the 23rd London Regiment when they were a tank regiment.

Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of Surrey, the Right Honourable The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., did the Regiment the honour of presenting the new Colours. Preparations for the ceremony began at the end of 1962, and although they involved many conferences and much detailed planning, they were enthusiastically taken on in addition to the normal training commitments of both battalions.

Full scale rehearsals began as soon as both battalions arrived at annual camp at the end of June, and were continued daily throughout the camp in an atmosphere of ever increasing interest and enthusiasm for the parade, coupled with anxiety for the weather which deteriorated as camp progressed. On the 12th July, after a cloudy and very uncertain morning, both battalions moved to Woking Football Ground, where, by 2 p.m. the stands were filling with spectators. At 2.10 p.m. the Advance was sounded and the battalions marched on to the parade, led by



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R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose handing the Old Colours to Ensigns of the 3rd Battalion

their combined Bands and Corps of Drums, over 70 in number playing "A Life on the Ocean Wave." After the parade had formed up the Adjutant handed over to the Parade Commander, the senior of the two Commanding Officers, both of whom took post in front of the Guards. Shortly before half-past-two the Army Commander, Lt-General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., arrived and was received with a General Salute.

At exactly half-past-two the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, and the honorary Colonels of the two battalions, came on to the Parade ground and mounted the dais. A Royal Salute was given, and the Parade Com-

mander, moving forward to the dais, reported the parade present and ready for inspection. After the inspection, the music for which included "Scipio," the Lord Lieutenant returned to the dais, and the Parade Commander gave the word of command "Troop."

The Band and Drums marched across the front of the four guards in slow time to "Les Huguenots" and then countermarched in quick time to "Bonnie Dundee."

The Escort then left its position on the right flank of the parade and moved across to receive the Old Colours. The 10 ensigns, six from the 3rd Battalion and four from the 4th Battalion, received the Colours from the Regimental Sergeant Major, the National Anthem was played and the Escort, with the Colours in their care, moved off to the strains of the "Huntingdonshire Slow March." As they entered the ranks of No. 4 Guard on the left flank, the Parade Commander brought the parade to the "Present," this position being held until the Escort had regained its place on the right flank and had also saluted the Colours.

No one can watch the marching off parade of Old Colours without emotion, and none present on that day will ever forget the last appearance on parade of the 10 Colours, the oldest of which dates back to 1909. On the command "March off the Old Colours," the 10 Ensigns moved forward from the Escort, and having completed a left form marched past in line across the front of the parade in slow time to "Auld Lang Syne." As they approached the dais, all 10 Colours were lowered together and held so that they hung just clear of the ground, with pikes parallel to the ground, for 20 paces as they passed in front of the Lord Lieutenant.

Then they were again raised into the Colour Belts, a gust of wind blew them clear of their pikes as if to give the parade and spectators a last view of them, and then joined by their Escort, they disappeared from view.

For a moment the parade, with the New Colours still cased and looking like great black rockets, seemed incomplete and almost empty.

Then two piles of drums were formed, and colour returned to the scene as the new Colours, their rich gold embroidery catching

the sunlight, were uncased and laid across the drums. The parade formed a hollow square and the Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to the Queen, Chaplain General to the Forces, came forward with his Assistant Chaplain and the two Battalion Chaplains, to consecrate the new Colours. He asked for God's blessing upon them. All then said the Lord's Prayer, and the Chaplain General then said the Prayer of the Regiment. After the service was over, the Lord Lieutenant came forward, and taking a Colour in turn from each of the Field Officers who had lifted them from the drums, presented them to the four waiting Ensigns. He then returned to a position in front of the Colours and addressed the parade. He said the trooping of the Old Colours will have recalled the memories of the honours gained by past battalions, and that he knew the New Colours would inspire the same devotion. He then commanded the battalions, in the name of Her Majesty The Queen, to take the Colours into safe keeping. The Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion in reply said they would endeavour to be worthy of the great trust they had received, and of the great traditions handed down to them. The Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion said that the new Colours finalised their amalgamation and would always represent their loyalty and devotion to Sovereign, Country and Regiment.

The New Colours were then marched back into the space between the two Guards furnished by their respective Battalions. The parade with the New Colours, then marched past by Guards in quick time to the Regimental Marches "Braganza" and "Lass O' Gowrie." The parade back in line once more, an Advance in Review Order was ordered by the Parade Commander, the Band playing "The British Grenadiers." A last Royal Salute was given, the Colours slowly lowered to the ground, and the Lord Lieutenant left the parade. The Guards then marched off by battalions to "Braganza," "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky," and "My Boy Willie." A historic parade had ended.

The Battalions were then hosts to a very large number of guests and spectators at tea.

A. H. Le Q.C.

## Parade State

Commanding Officers of the Battalions  
3RD BATTALION: Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E.  
4TH BATTALION: Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.

Officer Commanding the Parade  
Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E.  
Parade Adjutant  
Major J. R. Gill

### Regimental Sergeants-Major

3RD BATTALION: R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose

4TH BATTALION: R.S.M. F. B. Oram

### The Queen's Colour

Lt. B. M. Sidwell  
C/Sgt. T. G. Shuff, C.S.M. F. J. Burrows  
No. 1 Guard  
Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D.  
Major D. G. Wilson  
Capt. D. A. Robinson  
C.S.M. J. B. Homersham

### The Regimental Colour

Lt. J. F. A. Pullinger  
Sgt. G. L. Evans  
No. 2 Guard  
Major R. E. C. Brookes, T.D.  
Major T. E. Parsonage, T.D.  
Capt. J. H. Napier-Ford  
Capt. D. H. Miller  
C.S.M. H. J. Guest

### The Old Colours

Lt. A. W. Cutcher  
Lt. J. C. Stoddart  
Lt. P. J. Dorey  
Sgt. L. S. Duncan, Sgt. L. C. Ridley

Lt. H. A. N. Clark  
2/Lt. M. Baird  
Lt. A. B. Daly  
Sgt. M. R. Nason

### 4th Battalion, The New Colours

The Queen's Colour  
Lt. A. W. Fairhead  
C/Sgt. L. M. Wood, M.M., C.S.M. J. Partridge  
No. 1 Guard  
Major J. A. R. Mitchell  
Major P. Labbett, T.D.  
Capt. J. W. Brewster  
Capt. C. J. S. Cullum  
C.S.M. L. H. Jelley

The Regimental Colour  
2/Lt. R. M. Arnold  
C/Sgt. E. F. Ryder  
No. 2 Guard  
Major J. S. D. Wright, T.D.  
Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.  
Capt. J. W. Ennis, T.D.  
Capt. P. R. H. Thompson  
C.S.M. H. A. J. Coombe

The Old Colours  
Lt. J. B. Harmon  
Lt. R. W. Harrington  
Sgt. O. J. Hyman, C/Sgt. A. J. Locke

Lt. G. M. R. G. Sinclair  
2/Lt. P. E. Marchant  
Sgt. H. A. Goble

3RD BATTALION: W.O.1 F. W. Braddick

4TH BATTALION: W.O.1 A. H. Pearce

3RD BATTALION:  
Sgt. V. St. J. Colley

4TH BATTALION:  
C/Sgt. H. L. Stuart-Williams, M.B.E.

### In attendance and handing over the New Colours

3RD BATTALION  
Major D. B. Pullen, T.D.  
C.S.M. L. A. Fuller

Major J. H. S. Burgess  
C.S.M. W. G. Edwards

4TH BATTALION  
Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.  
R.Q.M.S. G. A. Hurley

Capt. J. W. Francis  
O.R.Q.M.S. A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.

Sgt. W. M. Woods

3RD BATTALION  
Sgt. J. A. Bryan

Sgt. T. W. R. Quinnell

C/Sgt. F. Hodgin

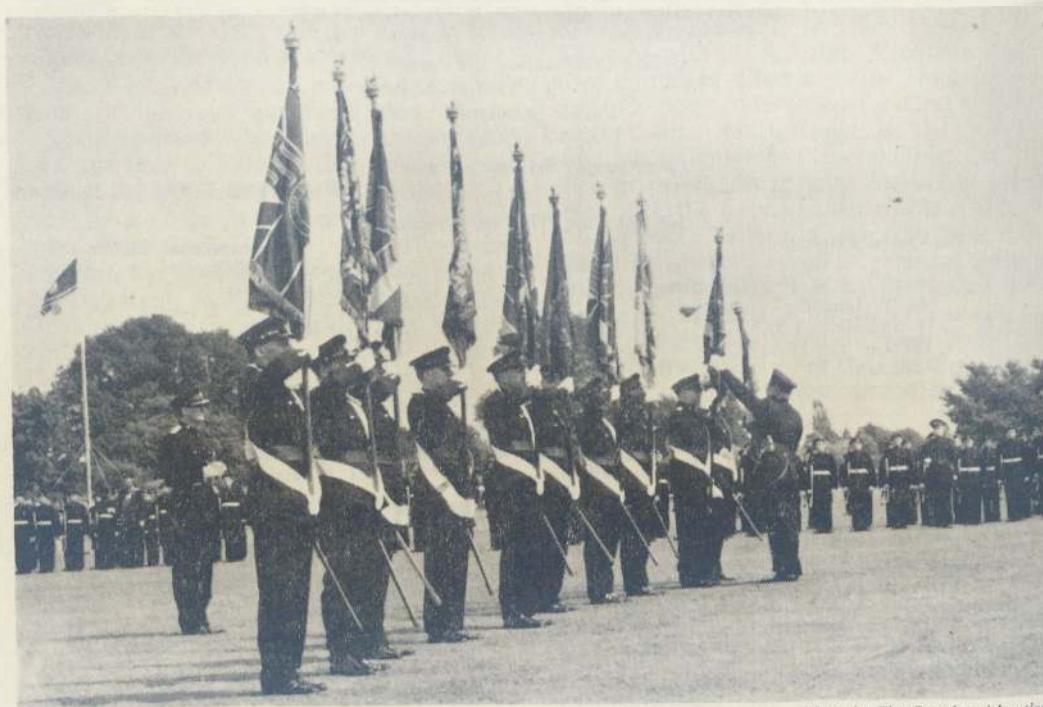
4TH BATTALION  
C/Sgt. A. G. Francis

Chaplains on Parade  
CONDUCTING THE SERVICE  
The Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to the Queen, Chaplain-General to the Forces

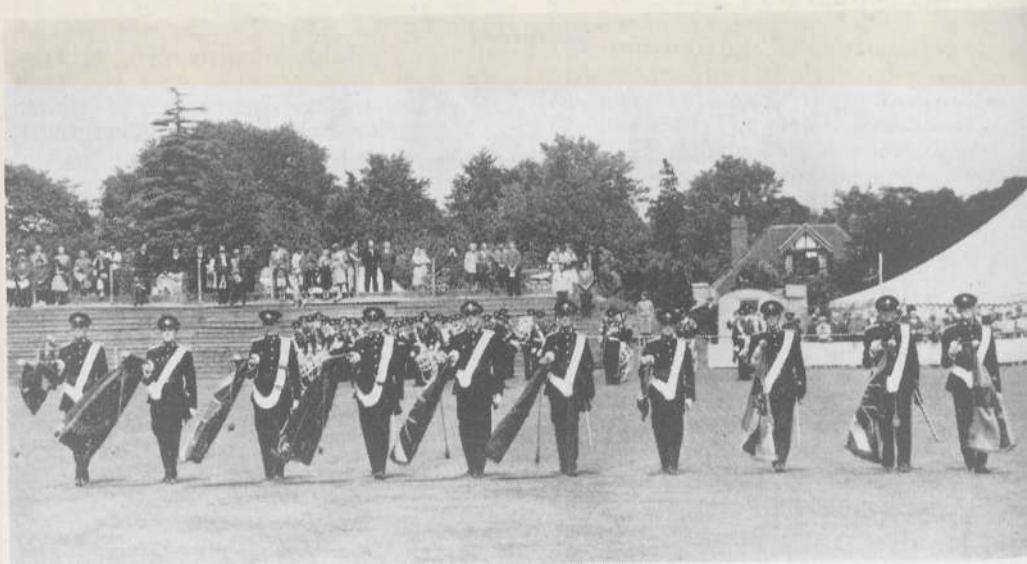
### IN ATTENDANCE

The Reverend A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain-General, Eastern Command  
The Reverend D. Landreth, T.D., M.A., C.F. (T.A.), Chaplain to the 4th Battalion  
The Reverend R. C. L. Pilgrim, M.A., C.F. (T.A.), Chaplain to the 3rd Battalion  
The Reverend C. B. McKenna, O.B.E., T.D., S.C.F. (RC) Eastern Command

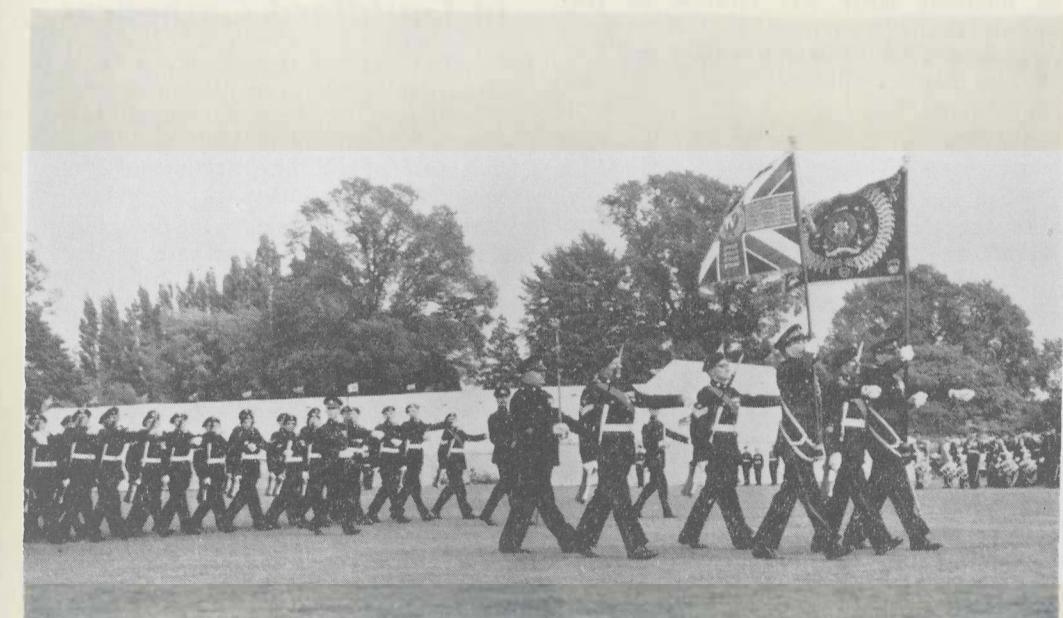
The Reverend H. Hughes, C.F. (T.A.), Attached to Headquarters Royal Engineers 44 (HC) Division/District

*The Trooping of the Old Colours**Photo by The Croydon Advertiser*

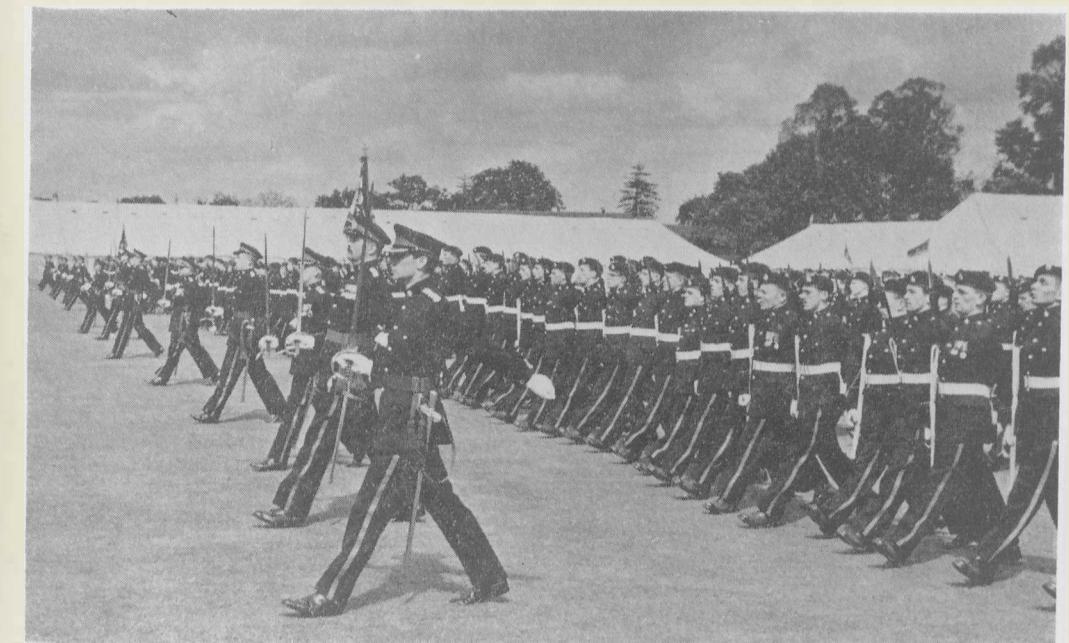
R.S.M. F. B. Oram handing the Old Colours to Ensigns of the 4th Battalion

*Photo by The Croydon Advertiser*

The 10 Old Colours dipped in salute as they march off parade for the last time

*The New Colours**Photo by The Croydon Advertiser*

The New Colours of the 4th Battalion in the March Past

*Photo by The Surrey Comet*

The Advance in Review Order

### Colour Presentation Parade

The following letter was received by the Colonel of the Regiment from Mr. R. W. Strong, managing director of James Walker and Co. Ltd. Lion Works, Woking.

19th July, 1963.

Dear General Metcalfe,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th July expressing the thanks of all ranks of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for the use of the Woking Football ground for the Colour Presentation Parade on the 12th July.

This was most certainly a most memorable ceremony and both my wife and I would like to thank you and your officers and men for asking us to be present to witness it.

I was most impressed with the ceremony and the organisation and effort which had obviously been put into it, apart altogether from the excellent execution of the Colour trooping itself. Still believing, as I do, that Britain is the greatest country in the world as regards moral fibre and the basic will and ability to carry through to the end those things which we judge to be our duty, and having been severely shaken by some recent much publicised events, I must say that the presentation parade did much to restore my confidence in the will of our young people to serve their country and to do their duty.

No damage has been reported to me and the members of our staff who witnessed the parade and the dress rehearsal were also full of praise for a very successful event. I will convey your words of gratitude to the members of our staff who helped you and I know that they will be very pleased to read your kind words.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. W. STRONG.

Please make a note of  
the date

Final copy for the May 1964  
issue should reach the Editor  
by 1st March, 1964

### Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

IN perfect weather conditions on Sunday, 23rd June, 1963, came past and present members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, together with their families and friends, to Stag Hill for a Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral.

Early on the scene to make the preparations was R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose with a party of P.S.I.s and N.C.O.s from the 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.). The regimental flag was hoisted on one of the giant flagstaffs in front of the cathedral and the saluting dais was placed in position together with a flagstaff on which was hoisted a small Regimental flag.

The Service, which began at 11.15 a.m., was combined with the morning service in the cathedral. With the kind permission and assistance of the Dean of Guildford, The Right Reverend G. W. Clarkson, M.A., the

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Photo by W. Dennett, 21 Church Road, Guildford

The Colonel of the Regiment taking the salute during the March Past. Standing by the dais is The Right Reverend G. W. Clarkson, M.A., Dean of Guildford

### Members of the Regimental Association in the March Past



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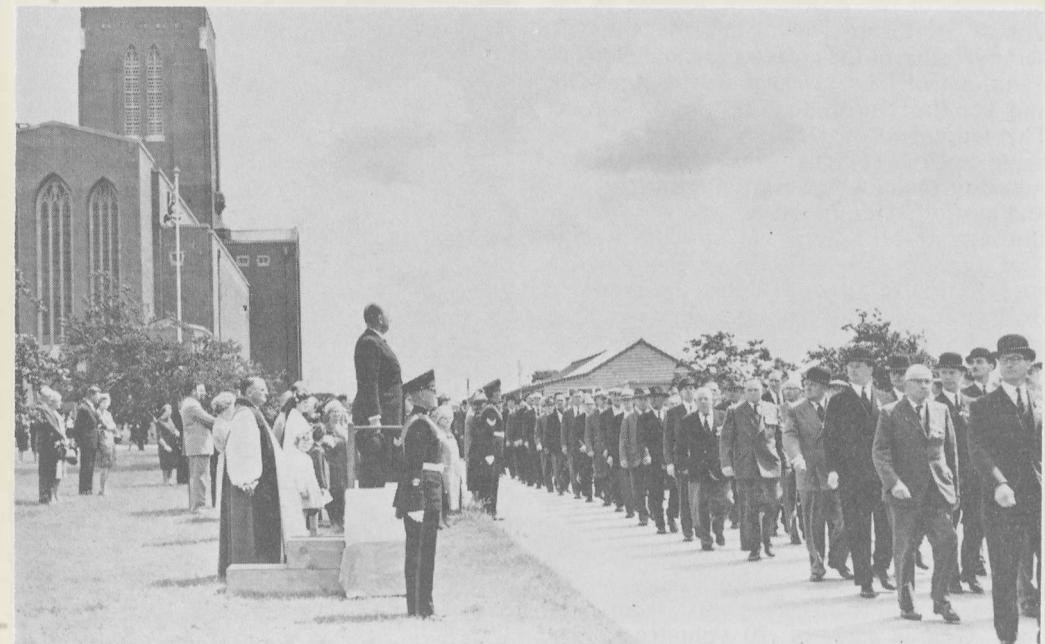


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Order of Service was specially arranged to suit the Regimental occasion.

The Regimental representatives with their families numbered more than 500.

Led by the excellent Choir and the powerful Cathedral organ, the singing of the hymns was very inspiring.

The Address was given by The Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, M.A., Chaplain, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.). In the course of his Address he said "Regiments understand better than most how to make the best of every man, the stronger supporting the weaker. Such a first-class unit as this Regiment, formed from two rival units, The Queen's Royal Regiment and

the East Surrey Regiment, both with a long and valorous history, is both a lesson to the Church and a demonstration of the Church, especially to you who come here for your briefing for the work of the world."

After the Service, about 300 members of the Regimental Association, commanded by Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and headed by the combined bands of the 3rd and 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.), took part in a March Past at which the salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment.

It is intended to make this function an annual event and Sunday, 21st June, 1964, has been booked for next year.

## The Freedom of Reigate

THE Freedom of the Borough of Reigate was conferred upon The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment in the following resolution:

"That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses 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 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 Regiment, 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."

It was decided to hold a special parade to mark the granting of the Freedom on the 13th July, the day following the presentation of New Colours to the 3rd and 4th Battalions. The parade was held in Reigate Priory Grounds, and the two Territorial Battalions received the Freedom on behalf of the Regiment. They paraded with their colours, combined Bands and Corps of Drums, and four Guards each of 70 volunteers. The parade commenced at 10.30 a.m. in fine



Alderman H. G. Daniels, D.L., J.P., Mayor of Reigate, handing the Scroll to the Colonel of the Regiment

### The Freedom of Reigate



The Colour Party waiting to march on to parade

*Photo by Surrey Mirror Series*



His Worship the Mayor of Reigate about to carry out his inspection of the parade

*Photo by Surrey Mirror Series*



The Mayor, accompanied by Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., during the inspection

drizzle. At 11.45, the Mayor of Reigate, Alderman H. G. Daniels, D.L., J.P., arrived and inspected the parade, while the Band played "Scipio." All ranks were wearing No. 1 Dress with white rifle slings, gloves and belts. Against the green of the Priory grounds this made a most impressive spectacle spoilt only by increasingly heavy drizzle.

After the inspection the Mayor and the Colonel of the Regiment returned to the covered stand where the members of the Borough Council and guests were seated. Mr. Heber Davies, the Town Clerk, read the Borough Council minutes conferring the Freedom. The Mayor's speech of welcome, however, was almost inaudible against the sound of the ever increasing rainfall. The Colonel of the Regiment signed the Roll of the Honorary Freemen of the Borough and received from the Mayor the Scroll recording the Freedom. He then ordered the troops to march off, as the rain had by that time

reached the volume of a very heavy tropical downpour. The parade marched off, with the Band playing, despite the difficulties, to the cover of the trees along Bell Street. Here they sheltered and sang popular songs, including "Singing in the Rain," until the buses could reassemble to return them to Crookham. The march through the Borough had unfortunately to be cancelled.

At a Civic Luncheon, at which representatives of all ranks of both Battalions were present, Alderman Daniels proposed a Toast to the Regiment, congratulating the troops on their steadiness on parade and expressing his regret that the march through the Borough could not take place. The Colonel of the Regiment replied, thanking the Borough warmly for their hospitality and most loyal support in the past. Messages of greeting were exchanged with the 1st Battalion, in Hong Kong.

**A Letter from**  
**Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.**  
*TO THE EDITOR, THE REGIMENTAL JOURNAL*

THE Colonel of the Regiment has asked me to write an account of a tour which Mrs. Roupell and I started last August and finished in April. I am only too pleased to do so because the contacts I made with members of the Regiment and of our Allied Regiments may be of interest to your readers.

We left Manchester early in August in a freighter, sailed down the Manchester Ship Canal (surely one of the dirtiest and most evil smelling waterways in the world) and reached the Irish Sea near Liverpool. From there we sailed round the south coast of Ireland passing Kinsale which for me revived pleasant memories of my early days in the Regiment; it was there that in 1912 I joined the 1st Surreys as a Second Lieutenant, did my time on the square and eventually, with considerable pride, took over my first command, No. 4 Platoon of "A" Company.

It was about this time that the establishment of Infantry Battalions was reduced from eight to four rifle companies. "A" Company amalgamated with "E" Company and that brought me into my first contact with Nobby (A.C.) Clark who became C.S.M. of the new company and a very good one too. Nobby has worked his way up from Private to full Colonel, has been awarded the D.S.O. and the M.C. and now lives in well earned retirement in Folkestone: his efficiency kindness and enthusiasm made a deep impression on me as a young officer as it must have done on many other members of the Regiment.

I have not the space to digress otherwise I should like to have told you about Mr. Dorsett, now chairman of the W.O. and Sergeants Association, Mr. Butler and other members of the old 1st Battalion in Kinsale who still regularly attend our reunions.

Our voyage across the Atlantic was uneventful; there were only 10 other passengers on board and two unauthorised travellers, a pair of carrier pigeons which, blown off course, came on board, very tired, when we were two days out from Ireland and sat about on deck, usually near the galley, until we reached Canada.

We landed at St. John, New Brunswick, where we were shown the famous "Reversing Falls." At low tide the St. John River pours into the harbour down a waterfall of 50 feet; as the tide rises the height of the fall is gradually reduced until, at high tide, the sea is actually flowing up the river!

I had served in Canada from 1929 to 31 and now much enjoyed making contact with a number of old friends as we made our way across the Dominion. We spent two or three weeks in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and then went on to Kingston, Ontario. The Royal Military College is there, somewhat changed since my day as it now accepts cadets for all the three services, and also the Canadian Staff College where Col. Rowley Mans was on the Directing Staff. He and his wife kindly put us up during our stay, which we much enjoyed and we were very pleased to hear a few weeks ago that Rowley is now going to command a battalion in Africa.

The Commandant of the R.M.C. gave a party for my wife and myself to which he invited a number of officers and professors who had been at the college with me 33 years before, a very pleasant occasion with lots of "do you remember?"

I had left Canada with a profound admiration for the Canadian soldier and a delightful impression of the country as a whole and it was good to be back again.

While at Kingston we took the opportunity of visiting Fort Henry, close to the College, which was built in 1812 as a defence against the Americans; it is now an historic site with an interesting museum. During the summer undergraduates enrol in a special Corps, wear the uniform of the period (1812) and give displays of the old drill and gun-laying. Those of you who went to Earls Court recently will have admired their performance at the Royal Tournament where a detachment of the Fort Henry Guard gave a display similar to what one sees at Kingston, Ontario.

Our next visit was to Major Handley Geary an old friend of the first World War

who won the V.C. on Hill 60 in April 1915 whilst serving with the 1st Surreys. We spent a fortnight with Handley and his wife at their summer cottage on Soyer Lake bathing, boating and admiring the maple tree foliage which was just beginning to change colour, a remarkable sight; the weather was hot enough for us to enjoy bathing in the lake several times a day and most of our meals were taken in the open air.

From there we caught what was called a bus but what corresponds in this country to a luxury coach, to Toronto where we spent several days seeing the local sights and visiting the Niagra Falls; my wife and I had both seen them before but they never fail to impress one with their size and the enormous volume of water which pours over the falls day after day, year in year out. They are of course harnessed to some extent and the electricity generated there is supplied, I believe at a very cheap rate, to places hundreds of miles away.

While in Toronto we had the pleasure of meeting Lt.-Col. Johnston the newly appointed Commanding Officer of The York Rangers (1st American) one of our Allied Regiments and got some news of his Battalion. I understand that, like us, they have their recruiting problems and that a considerable part of their training is now devoted to civil defence.

From Toronto we went on by plane, in a jet airliner as far as Winnipeg and then in a small plane on what is called the "Milk Run"—as the plane comes down at various little towns and villages on its way across the prairie. This latter flight was particularly attractive because we flew low all the way and got a good view of the country-side which in this part of the world is divided up into square sectors and from the air looks like an enormous chessboard.

On arrival at Medicine Hat we received a great welcome from our Allied Regiment The South Alberta Light Horse. Lt.-Col. Ray, the Commanding Officer, met us at the airport and that evening Mrs. Roupell and I attended a special guest night in the Officers' Mess at the Patterson Armouries. It was a great occasion for us both and we had the pleasure of meeting all the officers and their wives.

At the end of dinner Col. Ray made some nice remarks about the Alliance and said how pleased they always were to see members of the Queen's Surreys in Medicine Hat; Col. Mans and Major Pepperall had already paid them visits and he hoped that other

members of the Regiment would follow suit. In my reply I told them about our regimental customs and said how delighted we should be to entertain any of their officers and their wives when they came to England, qualifying my remarks with the hope that they would not all come at the same time. A very delightful evening: my only regret was that after dinner I failed to hit the nose of the antelope whose head hung on the wall over the mantelpiece in the ante-room when I was placed about 10 ft. away, given an unopened bottle of champagne and told to hit it with the cork.

The prize for hitting the antelope's nose was the bottle of champagne but such was the hospitality of our hosts that I in no way suffered as a result of my bad marksmanship.

The following evening we were again entertained in the Officers' Mess and paid a visit to the Sergeants' Mess where a ball was in progress. The R.S.M. very kindly presented us with a copper tray and a set of coasters, all bearing their regimental crest. The previous night the officers had given to my wife a very attractive regimental brooch of the S.A.L.H. and to me a handsome Alberta plate decorated with a map of the Province and the Regimental crest; delightful souvenirs of a memorable occasion.

Col. Ray has done a fine job in raising the Regiment from Squadron to Regimental status and now has the honour of commanding what is acknowledged to be one of the most efficient units in the country. This alliance has a particular interest for me because it was first authorised during my term of duty in Canada 33 years ago, the connection being that both Regiments, The East Surreys and the South Alberta Regiment had the same number, the 31st Regiment of Foot.

During the remainder of our stay in Medicine Hat we were well looked after and entertained by members of the Regiment at lunch, tea and dinner and even at one splendid breakfast which, appropriately enough after a rather late guest night, started off with a "John Collins"! We carried away the most happy memories of our Allied Regiment and are most grateful for their kindness and hospitality.

After a short stay at Calgary we moved on through the Rocky Mountains, where one sees some of the most beautiful and majestic scenery in the world, to British Columbia. In Vancouver we contacted Major Basil Favelle, a late member of the Regiment, who kindly put us up for a few days: when he

left the Regiment he settled out there and is now Secretary to one of the Branches of the Canadian Legion. I had a letter and a 'phone call from Mr. (late Sgt.) Thomas Connolly but unfortunately we were unable to meet; he sounded in good form and sent his regards to old friends in the Regiment.

And so on by freighter to Hong Kong where we spent three happy weeks with my son and his family. We found 1st Battalion in good heart and, as usual, doing well in the sporting world. A day or two after we arrived we watched the Battalion hockey team beat the Gurkha Rifles and in so doing win the championship of the Colony; the Queen's Surreys had a good side which played well together and they thoroughly deserved their win. We also watched some entertaining games of rugger against visiting ships of the Royal Navy in one of which Capt. Tim Rogerson after a magnificent run down the field almost scored a try but at the last moment crashed into the goal post which he found rather harder than his head; he came out of hospital some days later, we hope none the worse for his dashing display.

The Remembrance Sunday parade gave us the opportunity of seeing the Battalion on parade and they put up a fine performance, as one would expect. Members of the Sergeants' Mess kindly invited us into their Mess on two or three occasions, including a cheerful party after the 5th November firework display and I was pleased to renew a number of old acquaintances and to meet the new members.

While in Hong Kong we found, besides the 1st Battalion, a number of other people connected with the Regiment; Col. J. A. H. Saunders now the manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank served with the 1st Surreys in North Africa where he gained the M.C. when, with two sergeants, he charged with the bayonet an enemy M.S. post. He was later transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers where he won the D.S.O. for gallantry in the field.

Miss Eileen Woods will be remembered by members of the 1st Surreys who served in Hong Kong between 1923-26. She and her sister both of whom sang remarkably well used to entertain the troops with concerts and were very popular. Miss Woods still has the most happy recollections of those days and asked to be remembered to any of her old friends who still survive.

I met C.S.M. Crowther at the Happy

Valley Race Course during one of the meetings; he is now serving with the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force and, I understand, finds time to do a good job of work with the Hong Kong Defence Force in between race meetings.

Another old Surrey in Hong Kong was Major Dickinson who with 29 years service claims to be one of the oldest serving members of the Regiment; some of you may remember him as a sergeant in 2nd Battalion in Malaya; he is now Staff Captain at Command H.Q. but proposes to retire soon and return to England. Col. T. MacD. Baker's son John is also out there; he did his National Service with the Surreys and will be remembered for, amongst other things, the number of runs he made for the Regiment; he is still making a lot of runs, for the Hong Kong Cricket Club now and it was good to see him again.

Our time in Hong Kong passed very pleasantly and all too quickly with bathing, picnics in the new territories, visits to the Officers' Mess etc., and in mid-November we left for Australia. The freighter in which we travelled called at a number of small ports in North Borneo to pick up logs; these were mostly teak and weighed from eight to ten tons apiece and it was no mean feat to pick them out of the water, swing them inboard and settle them into the hold especially when, as often happened, the length of the log was greater than the opening to the hold. Having filled the hold the natives then piled the logs on deck and although we were very low in the water we had a reassuring feeling that we could not sink.

In Sydney we had a delightful welcome from our Allied Regiment, The Royal New South Wales Regiment. As our readers are aware both the City of Newcastle Regiment and 17th/18th Battalion The North Shore Regiment are now, with other units, amalgamated under the above title. Col. Pike and Lt.-Col. Mackell came to meet us at the airport; the former had command of the 17th/18th Infantry Battalion and now commands the new Regiment; the latter is an old friend who still remembers attending one of our regimental dinners at Claridges some years ago; he got home about 2.30 a.m. the following morning but this was entirely due to misleading instructions from the staff of the Underground railway and the hospitality of the Regiment had no bearing on the matter at all, or so Col. Mackell would like us to think.

A few days later Mrs. Roupell and I were entertained to a dinner party at the United Services Club attended by a number of retired officers of the Regiment and a few of the serving officers with their wives, another pleasant occasion for my wife and myself. At the end of dinner Col. Pike and General Cameron said how pleased they were that H.M. The Queen had approved the alliance between the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and the New South Wales Regiment. On behalf of General Metcalfe I told them how delighted we were to have them as an allied regiment and so maintain our old connection with members of The City of Newcastle Regiment and 17th/18th North Shore Regiment and expressed the hope that when any of them come to England they would make themselves known to us personally and to our Regimental H.Q. Since then we have already had the pleasure of entertaining Col. Johnston and hope that more of them will come later.

One of the many interesting people we met that evening was Capt. Nobbs who, though totally blinded in the First World War, has completely overcome his disability and carries on as if he had normal sight. I had met him when he visited the Regimental Depot at Kingston in 1932 as a representative of the 17th/18th Fort Battalion, and during this last war he was appointed chairman of the committee to look after blinded men of the three services on their return to Australia. He and his committee have done splendid work in organising the training and re-establishment of these men in civil life and amongst other things they have arranged for a number of them, totally blinded, to play cricket! Capt. Nobbs gave me a little book he had written about the work of his committee which is of great interest: if anyone would care to apply for it I should be happy to send it on loan.

During our stay in Sydney members of The Royal New South Wales Regiment did all they could to make our visit a pleasant one and we are most grateful for their hospitality and sight-seeing drives. We were taken to see various well-known bathing beaches where surf-riding is a popular sport and we saw a remarkable display by one of the many "life-guard" teams, voluntary organisations for safeguarding the bathers.

From Australia we flew to New Zealand where, thanks to Mr. Bays who had given me his address, I was able to meet another old 2nd Battalion man Mr. W. S. Jones. He and

his wife live in a small country town called Shannon where they both play a prominent part in ex-service and local welfare organisations.

Mr. Jones enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment as long ago as 1904, he served for 17 years in the British Army, including the Great War in which he was Mentioned in Despatches for gallantry in the Middle East campaigns and then went out to New Zealand. When the last war broke out he joined up again and served for another 5 years before going into what he might well consider to be honourable retirement; a fine example of service by one who still remembers with pride his early days in the Regiment.

From New Zealand through the Panama Canal to Trinidad, in the West Indies where we stayed with my cousin in Fort George; in his garden he still has some old cannons, marked George II and George III, which helped to defend Port of Spain in the early days of our colonisation. When my cousin first took over the property he thought that it would be nice to have some of the old cannon balls around the guns so he offered a small reward for each ball found in that neighbourhood. The local inhabitants entered enthusiastically into this game, carried up armfuls of cannon balls every morning, removed most of them that night and reappeared with more armfuls the next day. My cousin soon found that although large supplies arrived daily his piles of cannon balls grew no bigger and the game was called off.

And so, in our last freighter, back to England.

It has been a wonderful tour the pleasure of which has been greatly enhanced by the opportunity of meeting so many men connected with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

G. R. P. ROUPELL.

#### 8TH BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT 1914/1918

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Battalion the date for next year's reunion dinner will be changed from May (Cup Final Saturday) to the 12th September, 1964 and on this special occasion the wives of members will be invited.

Full details will be sent later but meanwhile will all members interested please write to G. F. Steadman, 14 Wynchgate, Southgate, London, N.14, (Hon. Secretary).



Embroideresses at work on the new Colours in the workroom of Messrs. Hobson and Sons. The Colours are those which were presented to the 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) on 12th July, 1963

# 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer	... . . . .	Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C.
2IC	... . . . .	Major J. W. Sewell
Adjutant	... . . . .	Capt. H. M. Hare
Quartermaster	... . . . .	Major J. W. Kemp
R.S.M.	... . . . .	W.O.1 R. L. Wildgoose

ANOTHER six months has gone by and now the thoughts of the Battalion and many of its activities are orientated to the move home, leave over Christmas, and the subsequent move to Germany, where the Battalion is due to join 6th Infantry Brigade at Munster. Now that troopships are no longer in service all these moves are to be done by air, the main body leaving Hong Kong in a series of aircraft over the period 20th to 30th November and moving on Germany during the period 13th—17th January, 1964. Regrettably, the days of the arrival and departure of Battalions with a band playing on the quayside and the Regimental flag flying from the masthead are over, and therefore, too, the days of formal welcomes and farewells on board ship. The modern way will certainly be swifter, but whether it will be better we shall not be able

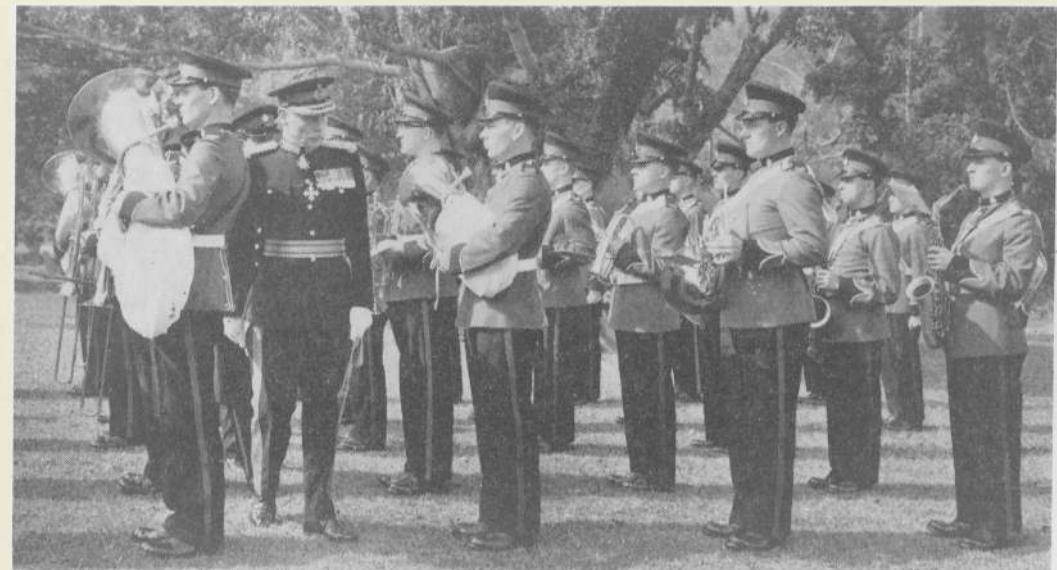
to say until everyone and all our stores are safely together again in Munster.

Looking back over the past six months, it seems to have been a time of only a few big events, but many small events, and members of the Battalion have been busy in many fields. We started the period with the final exercise of the Hong Kong Training Year, when for the first five days of March the Battalion operated as enemy to the complete strength of 48 Gurkha Brigade Group in the "Colony Exercise" set by Headquarters Land Forces. This entailed operation over a wide front and an eventual falling back to hold a part of the "Gin Drinkers Line" in the hills above Kowloon, where the British and Indian Battalions of the Hong Kong Garrison first stood against the invading Japanese Divisions in December 1941. The final morning of the exercise saw hordes of



Arrival of the new Commander British Forces

Air Commodore J. N. Whitworth, C.B., D.S.O., A.O.C., inspecting the Guard of Honour during his return call on the C.B.F. The Officer commanding the Guard of Honour is Major D. Abbott



Arrival of the new Commander British Forces, March, 1963  
Lt.-Gen. R. W. Craddock, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. inspecting the Band

Gurkhas pouring over our positions regardless of umpires and general orders to expend blank ammunition, and the training season came to an end in a blaze of unavailing musketry and thunderflash explosions. "A" Company however, one must report, were still inviolate on Golden Hill, although their Company Headquarters area had been shared for some considerable time by a Gurkha Platoon, whose Commander had been told to get to the top of the hill, and who refused to accept all directions that he had accomplished the impossible.

After the intensive field training that had been completed since Christmas everyone was glad to get back to a steadier life at Stanley and Lyemun. But after a short period of getting rid of the exercise dust, the main part of the Battalion was soon fully engaged on rehearsals and preparations for the Queen's Birthday Parade which took place on 26th April. The Battalion again had the duty of parading to receive His Excellency The Governor, and symbolically Her Majesty, and then firing the "Feu de Joie." For this four guards and the Colours paraded under the Commanding Officer, while a mechanised column under Capt. S. T. W. Anderson took part in the march past. Once more the Battalion received high praise for its drill, bearing, and turnout, but this as always was only achieved by the hard work put into the

preparations by all ranks. As the rehearsal programme again included a number of early morning parades in Kowloon, involving getting up at 3 a.m. at Stanley, there was a good deal of relief when it was all over.

This period before the Queen's Birthday Parade also saw in chronological order a full guard of honour being provided under the command of Major D. Abbott for the arrival of the new Commander British Forces, Lt.-General R. W. (now Sir Richard) Craddock; the change over of "A" Company to Stanley and "B" Company to Lyemun; a Battalion I.S. exercise followed by a Garrison one, and the visit of the "Ever Readies." This last, which may be reported elsewhere from the T.A. angle, was from our point of view an exciting regimental experience and the enthusiasm and willingness to learn of the whole detachment was most impressive. The Infantry Detachment for Hong Kong was under the command of Major D. G. Wilson of the 3rd Battalion, with Capt. D. A. Robinson also of the 3rd Battalion as his assistant, and consisted entirely of men of our two T.A. Battalions, to whom were added four members of the A.C.C., one of whom, Sgt. Hiles, had served in Hong Kong with the Somerset Light Infantry as far back as 1928. After a two-day journey out by R.A.F. Britannia the detachment arrived on the afternoon of Friday,



Relations with Stanley Village Kaiphong

Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., speaking at the Kaiphong Tin Hau Festival Dinner

19th April and left us again to return to England and civilian life on Monday, 29th April. There was no time available for any preliminary acclimatisation and we put the detachment straight to work, and in spite of the hottest weather of the year up to then—temperatures in the 80's—all came through with only a few minor cases of sickness. This was greatly to their credit. Unfortunately, during the stay of the detachment the main body of the Battalion was fully engaged on the final rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade so we were unable to integrate them into an exercise at Battalion level, and their training therefore fell in the main to the care of Training Company, under Major J. G. F. Naumann and C/Sgt. Lea. In fact this was Training Company's final task as a separate entity, as after this on Major Naumann's departure and C/Sgt. Lea's transfer to the M.T., "B" Company at Lyemun took over the Training Company tasks. However, even though there could not be an exercise at Battalion level the programme for the detachment was busy enough with two days of weapon training, a day on I.S., an assault landing exercise on Lan Tao Island and two days out on one of Training Company's own special exercises over Calf's Head and the Buffalo Hills, in the Sai Kung Peninsula. In 10 days anyway we felt that all saw a considerable amount of the Colony and in aggregate climbed a good many thousands of feet, and if any of them come again to the 1st Battalion in the next year or

so we feel they will be relieved like us that Europe is, in general, a good deal flatter than Hong Kong. One certainly hopes that opportunities will occur again for similar joint training exercises to be carried out, as there can be no doubt that for both sides many valuable lessons can be learnt and regimentally it is all to the good that relations between the Battalions of the Regiment can



Relations with Stanley Village Kaiphong

Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., with Mr. Cheung Shui Ting, Chairman of the Kaiphong, after presenting a shield from the Battalion, April 1963

be cemented through joint experiences shared together.

With the Queen's Birthday Parade over and the T.A. detachment returned to England we were able and ready at last to get down to the individual training season, which in Hong Kong comes in the summer. But before we started on this we had that major item in a Battalion's life when one says farewell to one Commanding Officer and welcomes another. Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C. assumed Command of the Battalion at Colchester in November 1960 and took it to Aden for the Tercentenary Year and then on to Hong Kong in 1962 before leaving us on 7th May this year. Throughout his tour of Command he worked selflessly and continuously for the good name of the Battalion and the Regiment, and the high reputation the Battalion gained first in Aden and then in Hong Kong rested a great deal on his personal endeavours, example, and attention to detail. Besides all he did in the purely military sphere he found time to represent the Battalion at just about every sport at some stage of his command, including turning out at full back for the Rugger side on one occasion last winter—the first time he had played for 16 years. He also found time to get married, and it was sad when the time came for he and Mrs. Lowry, to leave us. We wish them both very well, and hope that they are happily

settled at the School of Infantry, Warminster, and enjoying a not so busy time as they had with the Battalion.

To replace Col. Lowry we welcomed Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C. on joining the Regiment from The Queen's Own Buffs, and he was joined by Mrs. Woodman a week later. The new colonel immediately confirmed the plans for individual training, which were largely based on the likely role of the Battalion in Germany. It is understood that the Battalion will be A.P.C. equipped there, and therefore the main emphasis throughout the summer has been on driver training and signal training, which has included regular out of hours training for all officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants. We have also started learning the German language afresh, officially under Capt. M. E. Girling and voluntarily under Mrs. Bennett, the wife of Cpl. Bennett, "H.Q." Company. The annual round of improving weapon training, range shooting and classification, and doing the individual physical efficiency tests, both on land and in the water, has of course also figured prominently in training programmes. We have also dealt with the usual Hong Kong tasks of forces guards and penetration patrols, while in May we entered two teams for the "Round the Colony Race." These teams were found by "H.Q." Company under Capt. S. T. W. Anderson and "A"



The Queen's Birthday Parade, 26th April, 1963

The Battalion marching off parade

Company under 2/Lt. C. M. Howard. The race this year called for more varied military skills than last year, and although again the top places in the race result were filled by Gurkhas, both teams competed with credit and, but for a map reading error by one of the section, the "H.Q." Company team would have come well up the results table. As another varying interest in July, 2/Lts. J. A. Winterfeld and D. M. Tucker took off the Battalion Junk and some canoes with 10 men of "C" Company to explore the very under-populated north-east coast of the colony, which can only be reached from the sea or by foot. Then to finish with the training aspects of life August brought the annual inter-Platoon I.S. competition won by No. 1 Platoon of "H.Q." Company, and then a full turnout of the Battalion for a defence and patrolling exercise in the Lo Wu training area of the new territories. We seemed to have chosen two of the hottest and most humid days of the summer for this, and for some it well lived up to its exercise name of "Summer Trial."

The story of this last summer has however, contained one major trial for everyone, in the shape of the Hong Kong water situation. This really hit the colony in the first weeks of May when with the non-arrival of the expected rains a desperate situation was declared. The colony then had only about 25 more days of water available even at reduced rates of consumption, and drastic measures had to be improvised. Since then, along with all of the colony, except for parts of the new territories, we have had fresh water available for only four hours in every four days. This naturally, particularly in a hot and humid climate, adds considerably to the difficulties of life and the thought of being able to turn on taps and have a bath again looms fairly large in the attractions of the end of the overseas tour. The water shortage has however, produced a number of ingenious improvisations to alleviate the situation, notably the daily full employment of a three-tonner to shift sea water up to the Barracks; this was instituted by the Adjutant, and received considerable press coverage as the first of similar schemes in the colony, and whenever it rains every use is made of small private dams and buckets to catch all available rain water.

During the summer in Hong Kong competitive sports in the main are not prominent; however, mention must be made of the fine

athletics performance by the Battalion team in May when it took both the Garrison and Land Forces titles by a good margin, and also set up a new Land Forces record in the 120 yards hurdles shuttle relay. This success was largely due to the enthusiasm and leadership of Lt. A. F. S. Ling and we must also congratulate him on being chosen by the Hong Kong A.A.A. as the colony athlete of the year. This was a well deserved honour. Also in the athletic field Capt. T. C. Rogerson has stimulated considerable interest in Tetrathlon (Pentathlon without the riding event) and after a recent and most successful inter-Company event, which was won after hard competition by "C" Company, we hope to do well with two teams entering in the Land Forces event early in October.

Swimming, unfortunately, as a competitive sport has been much curtailed as, due to the water situation, pools as such have been closed for most of the summer. However, with their recent re-opening both our swimming and water polo teams have been got together, and in spite of the lack of practice have put up some creditable performances.

In the water, too, Sgt. Taylor, R.A.P.C. has introduced a number of people to underwater swimming, while full use has been made of the Battalion speed boat for water skiing throughout the summer.

Socially, too, the water situation has put a brake on some activities, particularly as due to this and the Borneo situation, visits by the Navy to Hong Kong have been very limited. We have only seen H.M.S. *Lincoln*, our affiliated ship, once, and no Royal Marines Commando has been given the opportunity to come. The small local Navy however, helped us to celebrate "The Glorious First of June," when, besides the usual Officers' and Sergeants' Mess functions, we again had a successful summer fair, which raised £40 for regimental charities.

The "Glorious First of June" this year was also notable for the publication of the first edition of a new Battalion monthly newspaper "Braganza." The editor of this is strictly anonymous, and the relationship between it and the editor's other daily publication of Part 1 Orders is not noticeably noticeable. The editor is anyway to be congratulated on the success of this venture, and his ability to put the pressure on potential contributors.

Reverting to the social side, it has been nice

to see something during the past six months of the 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, inheritors with us of the traditions of the British Battalion. They came out on an emergency move in March, but have unfortunately been stuck away in a corner of the new territories throughout their stay.

As final points we should also record that Major D. R. Bishop has been away from the Battalion for three months, as he had to be nominated for a staff job in Borneo for the period April to June. We, as well as his family, were glad to have him safely back in July. We have also just welcomed R.S.M. R. L. Wildgoose back to the Battalion to relieve C.S.M. Yonwin, who has competently and effectively acted as R.S.M. during the period January to August this year.

#### Deaths

It is with deep regret that we record the following:—Pte. Roy Adamson, Signal Platoon, "H.Q." Company. On 10th July, 1963, as a result of an accident during training in the new territories. Adamson had been a member of the Battalion since 1961.

Alan Peter Hicks, aged 5½ years, son of Pte. G. Hicks, "H.Q." Company. On 27th August, 1963 as a result of a swimming accident.

#### "A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	..	Major D. R. Bishop
2IC	..	Capt. B. D. S. Burton
Platoon Commanders	..	Lt. J. M. B. Westing
		Lt. A. F. S. Ling
		2/Lt. C. M. Howard
C.S.M.	..	W.O.2 B. Dunkeld
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. R. Riley

Early in the New Year, during a N.A.A.F.I. break, a small and rather furtive group of officers and men of "A" Company gathered on the football pitch at Lyemun, and began pacing distances and assembling something looking like part of an aircraft fuselage with an R.A.F. roundel attached. The remainder of the Company suspiciously downed their cups of tea and took up well-camouflaged positions to assess what new devilries were being cooked up to test their initiative. Within 10 minutes word had reached Stanley Fort that toxopholy had broken out in "A" Company. Only the quick action of an orderly room clerk, armed with dictionary and hence the explanation "bow and arrow shooting," prevented the management sending

off a team of doctors to deal with the outbreak.

Pte. Jones, an experienced hand, who would have been at home at Agincourt, led the way with three well placed arrows. He was followed by Lt. David Hutt, fresh from his Support Weapons course. He was appointed Company Archery Officer for being rash enough to mention that he had once read a book about Robin Hood. His three arrows disturbed the air in the approximate area of the target but left it unmarked. The Company Commander, too, had obviously been reading about Robin Hood for, before firing his first arrow, he murmured, "Where this arrow falls, there bury me." Since the arrow fell at his feet the grave-diggers would not have had far to walk. His second arrow nearly brought down a Boeing 707, the third would have got a derisory red flag from the butts on a rifle range.

The present state of affairs is that a Company committee is examining the organisational and administrative problems involved in equipping the riflemen with ordinary bows and arrows while Support Platoon, mounted on mules, converts to a mixture of crossbows and longbows. It may well be that "A" for Archery Company will have a decisive influence in the post-strike phase of nuclear exercises in Germany next year.

However, all this revolutionary thought and action had to be put aside for the last batch of Battalion exercises of the winter season, and once again we moved into the new territories hills and felt the love-hate complex they induce. Love and the Christmas spirit predominated in the heart of Capt. Burton however; he had actually got to like the mules and no longer rolled them over the khudside when they were being a trifle stubborn. The people who really enjoyed the exercises were the Company cooks; we lived on 24-hour packs all the time so they stayed back in barracks, affecting complete indifference to the jeers and war stories each time the Company returned to barracks.

On an inter-Battalion exercise against one of the Gurkha Battalions the Company seemed to be in perpetual motion for all five days. One of the highlights came when, after a seven-hour cross-country night march up and down hill we came out on the 2,000 foot crest of the Patsin Range. Between us and the rest of the Battalion, and our overdue ration packs, were two Gurkha companies. The Company set off downhill in the swirling

mist in fine style, albeit with rumbling stomachs, to "sort 'em out," as L/Cpl. Jamieson put it. When our scouts had located and pinpointed the Gurkha positions the Company pack was unleashed and for the next half-hour, using mist and dead ground, gave an exhibition of infiltration and surprise attack which outraged the Gurkhas who clearly regarded it as infringement of their copyright. Our Irish contingent was well to the fore, and the explosive Gaelic oaths of Messrs. O'Grady, O'Reilly, Corcoran and Co., together with the more familiar Saxon variety of the rest of the Company, played their full part in intimidating the opposition.

During winter, between exercises, the Privates of the Company were turned loose once a week in small groups armed with map, compass, sandwiches, and an improbable task. Meanwhile the Officers and N.C.O.s infested the hills acting as enemy, informers, and contact men. Wun Lung Ling featured prominently. Unfortunately, the initial standard of map-reading was not uniformly high and the officers and N.C.O.s were often to be found roaming the hills after dark crying "Won't you come home, Bill Bailey." However, the great day came when everyone got back on time and we never looked back. Subsequent suggestions that the Privates set exercises for the hierarchy were firmly nipped in the bud.

Shortly after the last Battalion exercise, the Company Commander left for a three month spell of duty with 99 Gurkha Brigade in Brunei. On his return he said that he felt that his presence had not been one of the decisive factors in the campaign, but he did produce a picture of himself with "Miss Malaysia 1963" which, he claimed, was part of his personal "Win the hearts and minds of the people" campaign.

At the beginning of April we moved back to Stanley. This time there was no typhoon to camouflage the Company's insatiable appetite for bolts, hasps, and wash-basin plugs, and the Company Barrack Damage Fund, financed from a 10% cut from a weekly long range tombola, took a pounding to refurbish the Lyemun buildings for "B" Company. Their tastes are reported to be different from our own and to run to lavatory chains and dustbin lids. During the next three weeks the Company was hidden by a cloud of blanco as preparation for the Queen's Birthday Parade moved to a climax.

When the dust of the actual parade had settled we launched on a series of cadres, designed to make every man his own signaller, first-aid orderly, driver, etc. Three months of this produced some puggled expressions and Cpl. Killian's complaint at a Company discussion that his "poor old brain was about to seize up," raised sympathetic and not cynical laughter.

The establishment of the Company has been experiencing the wind of change. C.S.M. Bruce Dunkeld took over from C.S.M. Bert Quickenden on the latter's appointment as R.S.M. of the 3rd Battalion. C.S.M. Bert spent his last month in the Company trying to adapt himself to T.A. conditions. The famous hat and pace stick ceased to fly and he reported that the Company thought he was touched or had succumbed to old age. 3rd Battalion views on this will be worth hearing. Lt. Tony Titcombe left to face the icy blast of civilian life. Lt. John Westing, on the other hand, reckoned he'd never had it so good and took a Regular Commission. 2/Lt. Colin Howard arrived from Sandhurst and has quickly established a reputation as a go-karter and hot-rod enthusiast. Cpl. Gill went to the M.T. to help out as an instructor, but only on the firm condition that he returns to us in Germany; someone has to take the can for the Company M.T. there. Finally double congratulations to Lt. Anthony Ling on his promotion and his selection as colony athlete of the year.

#### "B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major A. G. Jones
2IC	Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson
Sp. Pl. Comdr.	Lt. C. E. J. Allanson
Rifle Pl. Cmdrs.	Lt. C. G. Reeves
	Lt. R. P. Murphy
	2/Lt. N. D. J. Harris
C.S.M.	W.O.2 P. Warner
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. R. Proud

A busy and eventful year so far in which there has never been a dull moment, now sees "breezy B" at Lyemun as the detached Company group. We took over from "A" Company in April and will be here until the Battalion's move in November. Since our last notes there have been a few arrivals and departures and some "Cabinet changes." In February Major Jones took over the Company from Major Wright. The latter, we understand, is enjoying his new staff job at Aldershot and the whole Company wish he and his wife well. We were all sorry to

#### Visit of the Evereadies



Members of the Detachment examining the loud hailer carried by a Chinese member of the Battalion



The T.A. Detachment is introduced to Internal Security Drill by C/Sgt. Lea



Major D. G. Wilson and Capt. D. A. Robinson of 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) discuss Internal Security with a Chinese Police Inspector

hear of Major Mason's illness and hope he is now fit again.

Our new Commander did not take long to settle in and has already covered more ground, water, and air space than the rest of us in eighteen months, and probably drunk more beer too. C.S.M. Warner is also well ensconced and has soon become a great force in our affairs. 2/Lt. Harris joined us in February from R.M.A. and soon settled into Company life. We were most sorry to hear of his father's sudden death in July and we all offer our sincere condolences. We look forward to his rejoining us in B.A.O.R. after attending two Y.O.'s courses. Congratulations to Lt. Murphy, Sgt. Scott, Cpl. Dugdale, and L/Cpls. Beckingham, Atkins and Fowle on their recent promotions. Regrettably L/Cpl. McKenna and Pte. Cook two of our old stalwarts, were demobbed in June, good luck to them in their civilian life.

What of the last few months? The New Year, instead of providing the rest and recuperation period everyone needed after Christmas, saw us exercising hard up and down virtually every hill in Hong Kong and the New Territories. The Exercise season reached its climax with "Exercise Fleetfoot", 20th to 23rd February, when we fought 2/6 Gurkha Rifles, and the Colony Exercise from 4th to 9th March when the entire Battalion was enemy to 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade. These jaunts into the country provided some amusing incidents as well as hard work, and got us fit. Few will forget the Mortar Section (Cpl. Steadman Cpl. Allan, Pte. Byrne, Burnett, Cooper, Cairns, Glazier and Doyle) plus uncooperative mules; Mr. Hutt and his extensive personal comforts, wandering around the Patsin Range like a lost archeological expedition; and of course Mr. Reeves' numerous nights with bamboo snakes! The Colour Sergeant is still, according to a Macau fortune teller, "a flower in full bloom", and his timely appearances on Exercises were good morale boosts. Since his Christian Leadership Course (what an excellent choice) we have had no shortage of spiritual and material advice from "Padre Proud".

In February Mr. Reeves took an honour guard to Korea for three months. Cpl. Purser and Ptes. Leslie, Giles MacLeod, and Selman greatly benefited from the experience. No sooner were we down at Lyemun than we

were back at Stanley attending daily rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade. Most of the Company were on Parade on 26th April. In May, Training Company joined us with C/Sgt. Gould, and Cpls. Perryman and Thompson, and they have already put two courses through the sausage machine. Cpl. Perryman has welcomed his new job of Company Sports N.C.O. with gusto. With B.A.O.R. imminent the accent over the past three months has been on specialist training and the Company has been spread far and wide doing MT, Signals, and Support Weapon cadres. The Commander's knowledge of the football pools and its many permutations has improved rapidly. He is to be seen daily with C.S.M. filling in Xs, Is and 2s on a vast manpower chart. Somehow we all manage to get together on one afternoon a week for sport. All tastes are catered for with hockey, soccer, squash, and even water-ski-ing, which is very popular. For the more energetic, who worry about their figures, Cpl. Allan organises darts and cribbage.

We have provided men regularly for Force Guards and two security patrols to the more remote areas of the New Territories. Sgt. Smith, alias "Doctor Smith", and his medical pannier are becoming a frequent sight to the local population and it is with difficulty that he is prevented from carrying out surgical operations.

In the sporting sphere the Company has competed in various competitions with success. We tied for first place with "A" Company in the Battalion swimming and were sixth in the Garrison Minor Units event. Full marks to L/Cpls. Beckingham and Fowle, and Ptes. Sharman, Drake and Collins. HQ Company beat us 4-3 in the final of the Inter-Company soccer. Our Hockey XI has had several enjoyable games with other units. Our boxers have done well also. L/Cpl. McMullen and Pte. MacLean both won Hong Kong A.B.A. belts for light-middle-weight and light-welter-weight respectively. Ptes. Stutter and Gerraghty, and L/Cpl. McKenna, represented the Battalion in the inter-units competition against 4 R.A. and 34 R.A. L/Cpls. McMullen, and McKenna, and Ptes. Gerraghty and MacLean also won at the F.A.R.E.L.F. individual boxing championships.

Our party at the Union Jack Club on 3rd August was a tremendous success and much enjoyed by all.

Finally a word on our attached personnel who are very much a part of us. Cpl. Brown continues to supply excellent "nosh", and L/Cpl. Turfrey's experiments with various pills are proving painful to some of us.

Everyone keeps their fingers crossed for our drivers, now sixteen in number, in Germany. Not a few of us tremble at the thought of an autobahn in front of them.

#### "C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major P. G. F. M. Roupell
2IC	Capt. T. C. Rogerson
Sp. Pl. Comdr.	Lt. S. J. Petzing
Pl. Comdr.	2/Lt. D. M. Tucker
	2/Lt. J. A. Wintersfeld
C.S.M.	C/Sgt. J. Chafier, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Pitcher

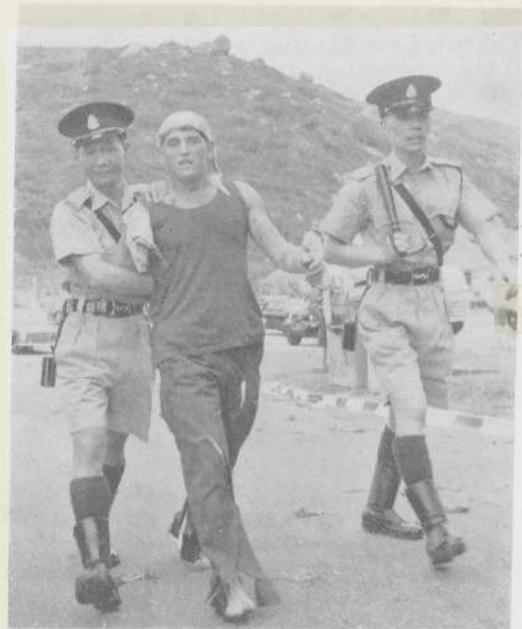
(Sgt. James)

Our last notes ended with innumerable exercises behind, and one to play. We started the Colony Exercise at 367 metres on top of Birds Hill. On the way in we captured a "stay behind" party of an officer and three soldiers of the Hong Kong Regiment in their "hide". Battalion H.Q. were unimpressed and said they were probably on our side anyway. The victims said they were enemy and well and truly captured so we buried our umbrage and left it to history, in the form of the Regimental Journal, to give us credit etc! After a night in the clouds we became enemy to 48 Gurkha Brigade and three days and twenty miles later, in the wan light of dawn, were attacked by irrepressible waves of little Gurkhas who were oblivious of our mine field, our defensive positions, the decision of half a dozen umpires, and even the pleas of their own Company Commanders!

The following week was spent happily on the range at Stonecutters Island with satisfactory results, which give us confidence that we will retain the Champion Company Shield.

On 25th March 10 Platoon acted as enemy on IS Exercise Tiger Balm III to test the defences of the great H.Q. Land Forces. With the use of ropes 2/Lt. Tucker and his Platoon entered the Barracks undetected down the monsoon drains. Their task was to reach the Camp Commandant's office which was achieved by L/Cpl. Rundle and Ptes. Hoey and Sibley.

This penetration achieved, the defenders formed a close perimeter round the Camp office, which some of us felt was a little unfair on the CBF and his entire staff who



Visit of the "Evereadies"  
Pte. Newham, "C" Company, the Battalion's football goal-keeper, "under arrest" after taking part in an Internal Security Demonstration

were at our mercy outside the perimeter. Instructions forebade our entry into the holy of holies.

By suspect miscalculation Ptes. Stewart and Hands ended up in the W.R.A.C. lines, where they were promptly arrested by the occupants and locked in a cupboard; for future interrogation? Prolonged negotiation by S/Lt. Tucker after the exercise eventually achieved their release.

On 5th April we proved triumphant in the Battalion Athletics Meeting. The Company Team did well in all events; outstanding was our sprint team of Capt. Rogerson, Ptes. Price, Harding and Hands who won the 110 yards and 220 yards relay (dare we say—in faster times than the Battalion team in the Garrison and Colony finals).

Our other great strength lay in the middle distance races where excellent performances were put up by Cpls. Winfield and Rundle and Ptes. Taylor, Stower and Baron who won both the 880x relay and 1 mile team race. Pte. Morgan, making his debut, won the Pole Vault. In addition to winning the Company Championships we also won the Tug-O-War Competition, much of the credit being due to L/Cpl. Rodmell, who coached the enthusiastic team of Cpl. Winfield,

Ptes. Hoey, Britchford, Stewart, Hands, Dougan, Snowden, and Goring.

We were also successful in the finals of the Inter-Company Hockey against "A" Company.

On the 11th April we had a Company Dance at the Union Jack Club, the success of which led to immediate demand for another dance, which was held on 22nd June. Our thanks are due to the Dance Sections of the Regimental Band for setting the tempo for both evenings.

On the days after the Queen's Birthday Parade we organised a gravity powered Go Kart meeting. For the uninitiated "GPK" is any home made wood or metal structure running on four wheels. Any resemblance to a soap box is purely coincidental.

On 6th May a Penetration Patrol was taken out by Lt. Petzing and is described in detail at the end of these notes.

In early June we concentrated on education and achieved a number of successes in the examination. Sgt. Pearson's stentorian voice lecturing on accounting conjured up a picture of poor little balances being marched under escort to the top of the next page.

On 17th June we escaped from our academic endeavours and moved up to the Chinese border to camp at Lo Wu Ranges, together with 30 men of "A" Company and varying members from H.Q. Company, the most important being Cpl. Dunn, A.C.C., without whom "C" Company are most reluctant to leave barracks for more than 24 hours.

During our week in camp we were very fortunate with the weather and as a result we achieved some excellent results. Some time previously our C.S.M., C/Sgt. Chaffer, had received a letter from his father mentioning that when he was stationed in Murray Barracks in 1924 the 2nd Battalion Surreys used to march to and from Lo Wu Ranges. Over a number of months the Company Commander had succeeded in dodging this implied challenge but the pressure eventually proved too great and it was agreed that the march back would be for volunteers only. It was most encouraging to know that 97 per cent. of the Company volunteered. We left Lo Wu at 2030 hours on the Friday evening and whistled and sang our way through the night to arrive at our destination, the Magistrates Court in Kowloon, 0450 hours the following morning.

Three hours in advance of the Company were a gladiator team of Captain Rogerson,

Cpl. Winfield and Rundle, L/Cpl. Broom, and Ptes. Hands, Baron and Stovold, who had undertaken to march the additional 15 miles to Stanley. They completed the 37 miles in 12 hours 20 minutes. Not to be outdone—2/Lt. Winterfeld and Pte. Britchford asked if they too might complete the journey from Kowloon to Stanley which they also achieved in very good time.

The Company re-assembled in the Union Jack Club at 8.30 that evening for our second Company dance which was an unqualified success and we all now know that the best cure for sore feet is a little beer taken internally and in the right company.

**A Penetration Patrol in Sai Kung area of the New Territories provided by S.P. Platoon "C" Company (6th-10th May)**

Penetration patrols consist of a four or five day sortie to one of the less populated parts of Hong Kong's new territories and its surrounding Islands with the object of "Showing the Flag."

A patrol normally goes out about once every two months and is always a very popular duty. Our patrol was fortunate in being allotted an area well served by roads and in fact the word "penetration" was something of a misnomer, as the majority of our daily patrols were able to travel to a debussing point from the base camp, ably driven by Ptes. McKinney and Robert, thereby saving time and enabling us to spend longer in a particular area.

The patrol consisted of 20 men of the Company and two local policemen, both English-speaking in theory, but one of them with a knowledge of English that was only equalled by ours of Cantonese! Two patrols left the base camp early each day, one under Lt. Petzing and the other under Sgt. Pearson who was deputising for Sgt. Carr. This renewed an association which has only been broken for short periods since they commanded No. 5 Platoon together in Iserlohn in 1959. The patrols returned usually for a late lunch, allowing plenty of time to dry out sweat-soaked clothing and swim before the fierce sun went down. Pte. Stiffell, our chef and chief sunworshipper, exceeded the dose one day and turned an angry pink resembling a distinctly outsize lobster!

Our base camp was conveniently situated near a beach opposite Shelter Island, where, although attacked by giant mosquitoes at night, the patrol was able to enjoy its free

evenings swimming, fishing, and kicking a football into Sgt. Pearson's and Lt. Petzing's tent—a pastime that provided endless entertainment for almost all concerned!

One of the most interesting places visited was the Rennie's Mills Resettlement Village for Chinese Nationalists. Some years ago, the Hong Kong Government rounded up the Chinese of this political denomination and consigned them to this village where they all appear to live happily, many having jobs in the city of Kowloon during the day. We were greeted warmly and given V.I.P. treatment which included a tour of the village school, tea with the village elders, and a rendering of the Nationalist anthem (we think) by the school children. The patrol leader congratulated the elders on what we all thought to be a thriving community, only to be told two days later by the District Officer that he had spoken to the wrong authority!

Another excursion found nine men, a charming sampan girl, and her baby son voyaging across two miles of virtually open sea to the fishing village of Po Toi O, where as everywhere else, the patrol was made very welcome.

The Penetration Patrol visited its last village on Thursday, 9th May and struck camp early the next morning, with a certain reluctance, to return to internal security and guard duties, having spent an enjoyable and educational four days "in the sticks."

**"H.Q." COMPANY**

Officer Commanding	Major D. Abbott
2IC and P.R.I.	Capt. M. E. Girling
Recce Pl. Comdr.	Capt. S. T. W. Anderson
R.S.O.	Capt. R. W. Acworth
M.T.O.	Capt. R. W. Bing
Assault Pioneer Pl. Comdr.	W.O.2 L. H. Piper
C.S.M.	W.O.2 W. E. K. Hopkins
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. R. Vickers

We were told to date our journal notes from that of the last colony exercise. By the time we read these notes in actual print, a year will almost have passed and our memories will be dim. To tell you the truth your author's memories are somewhat dim now; all I can remember is the glorious view into Communist China from our defensive positions but I can't really remember much else but no doubt "twas a glorious victory."

Incidentally do readers know that in Gurkha exercise instructions, it always says "Gurkha troops will not carry kukris." I should think not indeed!

On 22nd March "H.Q." Company was very well represented in the guard of honour to greet the new Commander British Forces, particularly as the Company Commander was Guard Commander. The guard went off very well except that some civilian photographer kept getting in the way; on closer examination he turned out to be Cpl. Wilson, our late P.R. king, in disguise.

On 26th March the camp at Stanley Fort was attacked by some layabouts from "B" Company, in an exercise to test the I.S. defences of the fort. The defence was very ably carried out by the Band, R.A.P.C., and other troglodytes commanded by that famous fighting figure, the U.P.M. Cpl. Butler kept the enemy from the silver by a very spirited engagement from the roof of the Officers' Mess with his self-loading rifle, a weapon which it is alleged he had never seen before or for that matter, since. So life proceeded from internal security to the annual Queen's Birthday Parade. This parade kept us going for about a month on rehearsals, and we remember with no nostalgia whatsoever those dreary early morning rehearsals in Kowloon when we rose at 3 a.m., tried to call the roll in pitch dark, and eventually fired our "Feu de Joie" just as the sun rose. The actual parade was a great success, slightly marred by the fact that, on the march off, the Corps of Drums couldn't hear the command "Quick March" and started to play after the entire Battalion had stepped off. The result was both unique and startling as the Battalion did a sort of "Luxemburg Polka" down the road but in fact this was not really noticeable to the spectators.

During this period a new word entered our vocabulary—that of Eveready. At first we thought that this was a new kind of battery but it transpired that an Eveready was a sort of a T.A. soldier. Eventually some arrived, bringing their own cooks with them; didn't trust our food! We were very impressed when they paraded for the first time, the standard of discipline was terrifying and all H.Q. Company took cover until the bawling, shouting, and tramp of martial feet died away into the distance. After all we aren't used to this sort of thing! However we must congratulate the Evereadies on the way they fitted into the Battalion, they even threw their cigarette ends on to our verandahs to show how much they felt at home.

After the Queen's Birthday Parade, there came that period of a soldier's life that

everyone dreads, annual review of pay qualifications. So we fired our weapons, did our P.E. tests, swam our hundred yards, studied our maps, and got our ACE III. I will draw a hasty veil over the arguments and appeals which ranged round the Company Office in those two months. Suffice it to say that C.S.M. Hopkins was awarded the LS and GC medal during this period—have the two events got any connection?

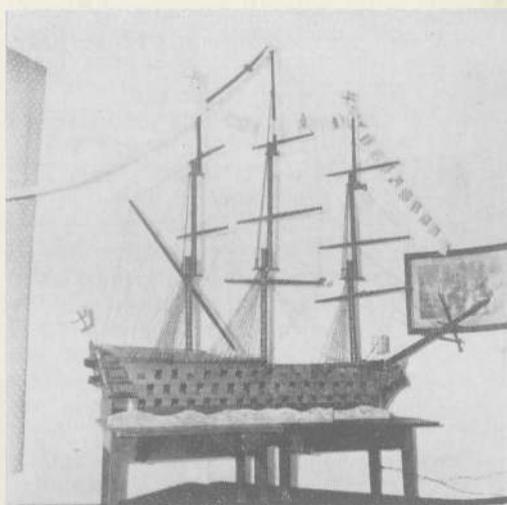
In the field of sport we have more than kept our end up; we were sadly robbed over the Athletics in April when we were pipped at the post on the last event and lost the Company trophy to those "Smart Alecs" in "C" Company; however, the trophies we amassed for the individual events made a fine sight.

In the swimming in August at the Battalion match a disqualification dashed our hopes to retain the trophy won last year and it went to "A" Company who viewed their win with surprise and astonishment! However, a few days later we gave the Chinese troops of Hong Kong Military Service Corps a run for their money and came second to them in the Garrison Minor Units Competition. The Chinese are adept swimmers and take a lot of catching. Congratulations to Dmr. Miles on winning both the Battalion and Garrison diving championships.

Over all our activities now hangs that fatal but unknown date in November when we fly home for Christmas and, we may say it ourselves, a well-earned leave. We are now fending off store boys and "Look See" men who want us to pay our bills knowing full well that we can't, filling up applications for married quarters for several places at once, trying to get passports for Chinese wives who were born in the fourth quarter of the seventh moon of the year of the Tiger (put that into an English date) and rejecting with firmness the large but highly improbable leave claims from the old soldiers who have completed a full overseas tour. However, no doubt when the day comes we shall get away all right and we will tell you all about it in the next edition of the Journal.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

This will be the last Journal contribution from the Officers' Mess before we leave Hong Kong. Undoubtedly we will be sorry to leave our stately home and club with its unparalleled views of the Islands and sea



H.M.S. Queen Charlotte dressed overall, with Paying-off Pennant, for the dining-out of Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.

surrounding Hong Kong. Perhaps this is the best moment to say "Thank you" to the Mess staff, who have put up with us and our unpredictable ways during this time. It will be of interest to our readers that Cpl. Butler who is the doyen of the Staff, has been in the Mess for twelve years, first in the Queen's and then the Queen's Surreys. A mention too of our Chinese staff, whom we hand on to 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers; they have given us excellent and uncomplaining service. Their Chinese names are quite beyond pronunciation by the officers and in true decadent colonial style we call them Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 respectively; this arrangement works admirably with no offence given or taken.

From April to November it is Summer in Hong Kong and this year has been Summer with a vengeance. From the fires in the ante room in March the temperature soared to the mid nineties and has not cooled down much since. To add to our difficulties it forgot to rain in Hong Kong and water for only four hours once every four days has made life rather trying! Entertainment therefore has been considerably curtailed and we have followed the fashion of, and set by, His Excellency and have not thrown many parties, thus keeping water consumption to the minimum. However, on 3rd February we had a buffet lunch for 4 Regt. R.A. whose Batteries take turns to be affiliated with us, and "C" Squadron Royal

Scots Greys, who also play soldiers with us. We had another buffet lunch for 1st Royal Leicesters who arrived one day in Hong Kong in an aeroplane, under the happy impression that they were going to Singapore. This was the first time the two Regiments have met since the days of the British Battalion in Malaya in 1941, although the Queen's served with the Leicesters in Iserlohn in the early 1950s.

On 2nd May we dined out and said goodbye to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Mike Lowry, and to Major John Naumann who has departed to the War Office with almost indecent haste. The after dinner entertainment was memorable and in the main consisted of officers driving down the very steep hill from the Mess in the pitch dark in home-made go-karts which had neither engines nor brakes. The doctor had the foresight to produce both ambulance and medical orderlies which more by luck than judgment were not required. This dinner night was rapidly followed by the annual "Glorious First of June" dinner. This also served as the inaugural night for the new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Woodman, who had to do a bit of quick reading of our regimental history to make the Commanding Officer's customary speech, which in fact he made the shortest ever. The Navy arrived in large numbers, headed by Commodore Symonds, ably assisted by Cdr. Armitage, of H.M.S. *Tamar*, a picked team of sizeable thugs disguised as naval officers and, a nice touch this, their own doctor! Battle was joined soon after dinner and came to a climax when the navy made away with our model of H.M.S. *Queen Charlotte*. On her eventual recovery the *Queen Charlotte* looked somewhat jaded and war weary.

Our third dinner in July was a somewhat quieter affair when we invited our new Garrison Commander, Brigadier D. A. Pringle, as chief guest. We also asked a stray R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant who had come on a visit from Singapore. He turned out to be ex-Lt. Peter Blockey of The East Surrey Regiment. We sent him off at the end of the evening in a maudlin if somewhat alcoholic haze regretting that he had ever left the Regiment. We even let him conduct the band.

We were also glad to mark on 5th September the silver wedding of Major Jimmy and Kay Kemp and renew our sincere congratulations to them both on this occasion.

We are now girding our loins and saving our money for our farewell to Hong Kong party on 24th October. We are going to Beat Retreat and then have a cocktail party afterwards. We have asked His Excellency The Governor and a lot of other personalities, both military and civilian, and expect to have to cope with some 200 guests. We hope that the party will be a success, and that on our departure in November the reputation of the Regiment will still stand high.

As a final point we would like to record again our thanks to Col. Mike Lowry for the most attractive occasional table he gave to the Mess to mark his tenure of Command.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Once again it is time to record the events, or at least some of them, of the last six months. The various exercises and sporting activities will doubtless be reported elsewhere, and so these notes will deal mainly with the social side of life in the Mess.

In March we entertained the members of the Royal Leicesters Sergeants' Mess at a social evening. Only two of their members remembered us from Germany in 1951, which is probably just as well.

H.M.S. *Lincoln* was in port from 23rd to 28th March and we renewed several friendships. As Sgt. Terry Swift said, "Good chaps; but they drink."

We are not sure why, but on 7th April we played a cricket match against a combined team from H.M.A.S. *Vampire*, and H.M.A.S. *Paramatta*, two Australian warships. During the game one of our American friends decided that he would like to play and it was difficult for C.S.M. Bruce Dunkeld, our team captain, to persuade him not to throw the bat down and run round the boundary line when he had a "strike." The result of the game was never really discovered, as about 5.30 p.m. we thought that the light was too bright and adjourned to the Mess for "tea."

Our Ypres Day celebrations were somewhat curtailed owing to rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade; however, we were pleased to have the officers and their ladies at the Mess for lunchtime drinks.

Sgt. Pat Putman left us in April after being sent back to Hong Kong by mistake.

On 5th May we dined out Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Lowry who are sure to be well settled in Warminster by now. Col. Lowry very kindly presented the Mess with a silver water jug for which we again thank him.

Another enjoyable evening was had when the Corporals and their wives came to the Mess on 16th May for a games evening. The corporals proved too good for us but we perhaps shall have the chance to redeem ourselves very soon.

And so to the "Glorious First of June" which was celebrated with a formal dance. Owing to lack of space our invitations had to be somewhat limited but thanks to the usual band of workers a patio was built at the back of the Mess and so we were able to cope and a good time was had by all.

It was decided to revive the shooting competition for the Australian Trophy, but owing to the vast difficulties in getting an open range, and for all the Mess members to be there at the same time, the competition was modified and took place as a .22 shoot on the 30 yards range. The best five shots were W.O.2 Piper, O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst, S/Sgt. Todd, S.Q.M.S. Chick and C.S.M. Dunkeld. The overall winner was W.O.2 Piper who will have his name inscribed on the trophy.

Congratulations to C.S.M. A. Quickenden on his promotion to R.S.M. We were sorry to see him leave in June but feel sure that he will enjoy his tour with the T.A.

7th July—Race Day! Such classics as the Adjutant's Andycap; The Wanchai Maiden Stakes, and the Sam Miguel Cup were run during the Stanley Fort Race Meeting. It was a great evening even if some of the ladies suffered blistered hands!

C/Sgt. Gould left on regular release on 11th July and we wish him all the best in his new job in Malaya. At the end of July C/Sgt. Pitcher left us for a tour of duty with the Uganda Rifles, and on 16th August Sgt. M. Pearson left for a tour of duty with the Malaysia Forces, where Sgt. J. Carr is due to join him shortly.

R.S.M. R. Wildgoose has now joined us and we hope that his tour will be a pleasant one.

Our time in Hong Kong is nearly finished now and most of us can look back on some pleasant memories, but it will be nice to have a spot of leave and get to Germany again. Let's hope this coming Winter in U.K. is not so bad as the last one.

Finally, congratulations to Sgts. Singleton and Scott on their promotions, and to Sgt. Lea and C/Sgt. Dunkeld on their promotions to C/Sgt. and W.O. II respectively.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

The last few months has seen the Corporals' Club Social and active life soaring to enthusiastic heights. On 4th May Cpl. Jim Dean proposed that a formal Dance be held on the 1st June to celebrate the "Glorious First of June". This was duly arranged and organised by the Club Committee under the watchful supervision of our P.M.C., then Cpl. Johnnie Allen. All members of the club were present at this dance except for the unfortunate few on courses in Singapore and U.K. We say the unfortunate few because it proved to be so much of a success that all members are still heard whispering about it amongst themselves even now.

On 30th May, a new committee was formed, elected by the members for the next quarter. Those elected were P.M.C., Cpl. Pete Emery; P.E.C., Cpl. Sid Chambers; members, Cpls. Maxie Maloney and Dave Campion, L/Cpls. Punchy Parry and Ginger Lane. This new committee immediately put themselves to work and organised a social and games evening which was held on Saturday, 17th August. This was suggested by our P.E.C., Cpl. Sid Chambers, and proved to be as great a success as our celebrations on the glorious first of June had been. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed himself playing darts, dancing, drinking, and chatting with each other about old times and those yet to come.

During the next few months we shall be losing several very familiar faces from the club, namely, Cpl. Bill Jones, who is being posted to our 3rd Battalion at Guildford; Cpl. George Braiden on posting to the Brigade Depot, and L/Cpls. Dave Green and Punchy Parry who are both going to leave the Army and become civilians; the best of luck to them all.

The club is at the moment, organising a "farewell sling" ready for our departure from Hong Kong. This is going to be held on the last Saturday before we actually leave. Our treasurer, Cpl. Al Storr, R.A.P.C., is making sure that each member pays a monthly subscription towards the cost of this farewell party by deducting it from our pay!

Many of us, we know, will be sorry to leave Hong Kong especially as far as the climate is concerned. There isn't one amongst us looking forward to those delightful winters in Germany.

A number of the single members since arriving in Hong Kong decided it was high

time they got married, and they have done so. We would like to congratulate the following members and wish them every happiness for the future:—

L/Cpl. George Meadon of Stockwell, London, to Miss Margareit Elsbeth, daughter of Mrs. M. Bradbook of St. Bennetts, Sussex.

Cpl. Bob Gill of Tunbridge Wells, to Miss Pamela Jewson, daughter of Mr. C. Jewson of Romford, Essex.

Cpl. Mike Tombs of Molesey, Surrey, to Miss Carola Ingall, daughter of Brigadier F. H. B. Ingall, D.S.O., O.B.E., from Tilsford, Surrey.

Cpl. Dick Ambridge of Finchley, to Miss J. M. De C. R. Da Silva, daughter of Mr. J. M. R. Da Silva of Macau.

#### JUNIOR RANKS' CLUB

The Junior Ranks' Club is due for modernisation or rebuilding, but not in our time unfortunately. Consequently we are at the moment short of space and do not have our full entitlement of square feet.

Ypres Day was celebrated on 28th April with an augmented lunch and a dance for which the Dining Hall was commandeered. This was well attended and all ranks enjoyed dancing to the music of the Regimental Band led by Sgt. D. Lemon and a buffet put on by the kind permission of S.Q.M.S. Chick and his band of cooks. We were pleased to entertain at this function the Territorial Army Ever Readies who were with us at the time.

The "Glorious First of June" was celebrated with a Fair on the football field. The prize for the most original stall was won by the M.T. Platoon managed by Cpl. Brown and L/Cpl. Rogerson.

The Produce Stall run by the Battalion Wives Club won the Prize for the stall making the most profit. It is worthy of note that the new Commanding Officer won the Beer Drinking Competition (Speed not quantity was the test). A sum of £40 0s. Od. was presented to the Regimental Benevolent Fund as a result of the Fair.

We are pleased to say that Miss Bennett did not leave us as mentioned in the last edition, and we are very pleased to have her continuing to run the W.V.S. Lounge.

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The football season in Hong Kong ends in April, so since our last notes there has been little competition football. The last Journal saw us lying second in the Major Units'

League with three games still to be played; we lost two of these to 2/2 Gurkhas and 4th Regiment R.A. and won the third against 2/7 Gurkhas, giving us an eventual third position in the league.

Cpl. Winfield and L/Cpl. McKenna continued to play for the Army until the end of the season. The Army team eventually, after a fierce battle with Caroline Hill, moved down to second place in the Colony League Division Two, but were promoted to the First Division for next season. The Battalion and the Army teams have lost a very good player in L/Cpl. McKenna who has left us to go home on demobilisation.

Since the end of the season the Battalion has been keeping fit and in trim with matches against the Royal Leicesters, the 2/7th Gurkhas, the Combined Chinese, and visiting Royal Navy Ships, H.M.S. Lincoln and H.M.S. Hartland Point. A Battalion team is at present taking part in the Stanley Village Kai Fong five-a-side Tournament. We are the only European team in the competition which puts us at a considerable disadvantage, as the Chinese are particularly well built for this type of football which is played on a small pitch with a very small ball. As a result, of the games we have played we have only won 4 and drawn 1.

In search of new talent we had an inter-Company competition in May which resulted in a win for H.Q. White who beat "B" Company 4-3 in the final.

As well as a Battalion team we now have a very flourishing trials XI who seem to have had a fair amount of success, even if they are a bit ambitious in their fixtures.

Regular players for the Battalion have been, Cpl. Winfield, Cpl. Jackson, Cpl. Blissett, L/Cpl. Martin, Drm. Marshall, Pte. Rosette, Pte. Gilbert, Pte. Hudson, Pte. Freeman, Pte. Newham, Cpl. Rundle, Pte. Pang and Pte. Collins.

Cpl. Jackson has just returned from a coaches and referees' course in Singapore; he has now taken over the training of the team. Pte. Newham, in spite of breaking his hand four times has done some first class goal-keeping; Drm. Marshall continues to improve and is becoming a very good player.

#### Results—Major Units League

v. 2/2 Gurkhas	..	..	Lost 2—4
v. 2/7 Gurkhas	..	..	Lost 3—1
v. 4 R.A.	..	..	Lost 1—2

**Battalion Hockey**

Owing to the complete lack of competition hockey during the hot season there have been no Battalion games. Our last real hockey therefore came at the end of last season when the Battalion 1st six-a-side team won the Land Forces six-a-side Tournament for the second year running. The team which consisted of Capt. S. T. W. Anderson; Capt. B. D. S. Burton; Lt. J. M. B. Westing; Lt. S. J. Petzing; 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld, and Cpl. Storey, with Capt. J. H. Jessop as reserve, never looked like losing and ended up by winning the final against 2/2 Gurkha Rifles by 5-0.

The big problem facing us at the moment is whether or not we will be in a position to compete in the major knock-out competitions to be held in October and November and whether we can win these a second time. The final is scheduled to be played on the 19th November, the day before the Battalion is due to emplane for the U.K. However, preparations are being made on the assumption that we shall play and a series of fixtures have been arranged. Battalion Hockey should start again in mid August and although five of the stars of last season's fixtures, Major J. W. Sewell; Capt. S. T. W. Anderson; Lt. J. M. B. Westing; Lt. S. J. Petzing and Cpl. Storey, will be away on the advance party or courses, every success is still expected, even though such other starlets as Cpl. Edwards, "C" Company; Cpl. Rundle, "C" Company; L/Cpl. Rodmell, "C" Company, and L/Cpl. Green, "H.Q." Company, will also be unavailable.

In spite of no Battalion hockey there has been a series of Company games throughout the Summer, and there is a good deal of enthusiasm at all levels, which one hopes will have full outlet in B.A.O.R.

**Athletics and Cross-Country**

After a cross-country season of reasonable success, reviewed in the last edition of the Regimental Journal, the Battalion's athletes started training for the coming tough months of track and field events.

We had several entrants in the Hong Kong A.A.A. Colony Championships held at the Hong Kong Stadium on the 16th and 17th of March.

The following won prizes:

Shot, 1, Pte. Whitehurst.

Hammer, 2, L/Cpl. Meaden; 3, S.S.I. Pope.

1-mile walk, 2, Pte. Stovold; 3, S.S.I. Pope.

800 metres, 1, Lt. A. F. S. Ling.

1,500 metres, 1, Lt. A. F. S. Ling.

5,000 metres, 1, Lt. A. F. S. Ling; 3, L/Cpl. Rundle.

10,000 metres, 1, Lt. A. F. S. Ling; 3, L/Cpl. Rundle.

This success was especially creditable as the team, which was later to dominate Army athletics in Hong Kong, had not yet been formed, and all training had to be done individually.

On 5th April we saw the tense struggle for the Inter- Company athletic shield. It was finally clinched by "C" Company in the last but one event, the 4 by 200 yards relay, when Capt. Rogerson edged out Cpl. Creane of "A" Company right on the tape. The final results were:

1 "C" Company	..	..	65
2 "A" Company	..	..	61
3 H.Q. Black	..	..	60
4 H.Q. White	..	..	55
5 "B" Company	..	..	27

With a strong collection of new talent found in the Inter-Company Sports the Battalion team then went into strict training.

In the Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison Inter-Unit Team Championships held on 18th and 19th April, the Battalion went in with all the spirit that they had developed over the previous weeks of training. They were not to be disappointed. We won all events except the shot and the javelin, in which we were second. Our conquerors last year, 34th Regiment, R.A., were relegated into third position behind the Royal Leicesters. The scores were:

1st Queen's Surreys	..	..	61
1st Leicesters	..	..	39
34th R.A.	..	..	26

On 3rd May, between the Garrison Sports and the Land Forces Championships, the Battalion beat 6th Company R.A.O.C., the winners of the Minor Units Championships, in a friendly match at Stanley Fort.

Two days before the Land Forces Team Championships most of the Battalion team entered the Land Forces Individual Championships. We took five titles out of 13, namely:

120 yards hurdles, Lt. Reeves; shot, Pte. Whitehurst; 880 yards, Lt. Ling; 1 mile, Lt. Ling; 3 miles, Lt. Ling.

The 10th May saw the culmination of our

training when the Land Forces Championships took place at Boundary Street in considerable heat. After an initial set-back in the 3 miles when the Battalion lost its only track event of the season, being edged out by a strong quartet from 2/2nd Gurkhas, we set out on our winning run again. The combination of Lt. Reeves, 2/Lt. Winterfeld, D/Major Morris, and Cpl. Powell beat the Land Forces record for the 4 by 120 yards hurdles with a time of 1 min. 12.6 secs., beating the old record by .4 secs. The final results were:

1 1st Queen's Surreys	..	..	115
2 1st R. Leicesters	..	..	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 34th R.A.	..	..	72
5 2/2nd Gurkha Rifles	..	..	56
6 2/6th Gurkha Rifles	..	..	36

The team's long and strenuous day was not to finish until the small hours when the Cup, still being filled with beer, was returned to its haven for the coming year in the Sergeants' Mess.

The Battalion's extremely successful season in Hong Kong augurs well for our chances in Germany; but it must be realised that the competition will be tougher and the approach more professional.

The following represented the Battalion: Capt. T. C. Rogerson, Lt. A. J. Titcombe, Lt. C. G. Reeves, Lt. A. F. S. Ling, 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld, D/Major Morris, SSI Pope, Sgt. Chow Jor, Cpl. Creane, Powell, Rundle, Winfield, Emery, Chambers, Jackson, L/Cpls. Ebbens, Lee, Meaden, Rogerson; Ptes. Scott, Mackenzie, Gissing, Stower, Barron, Hands, Taylor, Sullivan, Weston, Crawford, Morgan, Thompson, Whitehurst, Newham, Pouponneau, Day.

**Inter-Company Tetrathlon**

The Inter-Company Tetrathlon Competition was held on the 19th, 20th and 21st August at Stanley Fort. The idea of the meeting was to produce two Battalion Teams to enter the Land Forces Competition in October. All Companies took part including one individual, Cpl. Maloney of the Drums, "H.Q." White.

The first day started with shooting on the 30 yard range with Army .38 pistols. Owing to the lack of competition, the shooting was not good although results in training had been higher. Only four out of 13 were able to score any points, with Lt. Winterfeld taking the lead for "C" Company. "A" company took second place and "H.Q." Black, third. "B" Company at this stage were



Hong Kong Land Forces Team Athletic Championships  
Drum-Major B. Morris, as a member of the 120 yards  
Hurdles Team, receiving his cup from Lady Craddock,  
wife of the C.B.F.

unable to score. Cpl. Maloney the only individual, made the highest score of the day with 620 points.

In the afternoon the swimming at Victoria Barracks produced some very good competition. This was "A" Company's strongest event and proved so when Pte. Scott claimed 900 points for the Company; he was closely followed by Cpl. Meaden and Pte. MacGrath also of "A" Company. S.I. Pope and L/Cpl. Ballard pulled up "H.Q." Black into a challenging position when they scored 700 points each. Both "B" and "C" Companies scored good average points to keep well in the competition. At the end of the swimming event the placing of the Companies had changed, with "A" Company taking over the lead followed by "H.Q." Black, "C," and "B" Companies. Cpl. Maloney scored well to keep his position at the top as the leading individual.

On the morning of the 20th August the cross-country event was held, which was "H.Q." Black and "C" Companies strongest event. Leaving the starting point one at a time at minute intervals the runners could be seen dotted over the camp area

plodding over the two-mile course in 88° of heat. First individual places were taken by Lt. Winterfeld, and Cpl. Rundle, both of "C" Company; but "H.Q." Black, S.I. Pope, Cpl. Emery and L/Cpl. Ballard, won the team event all scoring over 1,000 points each. The result of the running changed the positions of the Companies still further with "H.Q." Black taking the lead, 298 points clear of "C" Company, followed by "A" Company 302 points behind them. Cpl. Maloney was well in the lead as an individual at this juncture after coming home in sixth position and scoring 1,000 points.

On the final day the Fencing was held in the large barrack room in "H.Q." block.

The Fencing produced some exciting moments, especially as all the companies were equal all the way through. This was quite a strong event for "C" Company, Lt. Winterfeld and Cpl. Rundle really putting on the pressure against "H.Q." Black, "C" and "B" Companies. After a full morning's fencing, each competitor fighting 24 times, the Tetrathlon ended with prize-giving, the prizes being given away by the Commanding Officer.

The final results were:—1, "C" Company, 7,648 points; 2, "H.Q." Black, 7,382 points; 3, "A" Company, 7,241 points; 4, "B" Company, 4,483 points.

Cpl. Maloney of "H.Q." White won the individual trophy, followed by Cpl. Rundle "C" Company and Pte. MacGrath, "A" Company.

#### Water Polo

We have had an unfortunate year, not helped by the lack of rain and training facilities.

We came third in the Major Units League Competition in which we were beaten by two semi-professional teams, the Hong Kong Military Service Corps and R.A.F. Kai Tak.

The team at last is beginning to play together and has improved enormously. We have the Land Forces Knock-out Competition to come before returning to England and are managing to get much practice playing friendly matches against H.M.S. *Tamar* and R.A.F. Kai Tak, both of whom have their own swimming baths.

Since we arrived in Aden in 1961 our team has been almost the same. Sgt. Fulker who is slightly deaf and has occasional disagreements with the umpires, has been captain of the team for three years. L/Cpl.

Meaden, Ptes. Lane, Brown, Sharman, Morris, Hickman and Drm. Jenner have all played in the team during 1961, 1962, and 1963.

Pte. Jillings who played in 1961 spent 1962 in Singapore and has just arrived back with us and is playing again. Pte. Scott joined the team last year and is still with us.

When we get to Germany next year we stand a very good chance of doing well in the water polo and feel capable of winning any B.A.O.R. Championships provided we get the practice.

#### Swimming

There has been very little competition swimming, unfortunately, this summer as in order to make a contribution to alleviation of the water situation military pools were not opened until mid-July. As a result of this the Land Forces Inter-Unit Swimming Leagues were not held this year, and with no pool at Stanley Fort our swimmers have only been able to get little competition practice, even when the pools re-opened.

In spite of this there has been some intensive and successful swimming in the last month. The Battalion Swimming meeting was held on 7th August in Victoria Barracks, when the Inter-Company Shield was won by "A" Company. The following week "H.Q." Company, whose position in the Battalion meeting had been affected by an unfortunate disqualification in one event, had the consolation of coming second in the Garrison Minor Units' Competition, the winning place being taken by the Chinese of the Depot, H.K.M.S.C. Then on 3rd September the Battalion team, after a very good match, also finished second to Depot, H.K.M.S.C. in the Land Forces Competition. The Chinese have monopolised swimming in Hong Kong for many years, and in this competition our team pushed them very hard, and indeed one felt that if our team had had more practice they might have broken the monopoly. Ptes. Scott, Lane, Sharman and L/Cpl. Meaden in particular put in very fine performances. However, in a number of races, although our swimmers over the lengths were faster than their opponents, we were continually losing vital ground on the turns. Still, after the year in Aden and two years here, we feel we have the makings of a team which should do very well in B.A.O.R.

As with Water Polo, Sgt. Fulker has led the team most ably and with enthusiasm as

non-swimming captain, and mention must also be made of S. I. Pope, A.P.T.C., who gave a lot of his time to the organisation and encouragement of the team and swimming in general. We regret his departure to The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in Malaya, where he has had to be posted in order to complete a full overseas tour.

#### Battalion Underwater Swimming Club

For the first time the Battalion has had underwater swimming club meetings, both dry and wet, although difficulty had been found in obtaining equipment suitable for use. The equipment on charge to the Battalion had been in a poor state of repair, and to offset this, two complete sets of equipment were borrowed from 20 Battery, R.A., to whom we are grateful.

Altogether three aqualungs and five sets of snorkelling equipment were available for use, though further difficulty was experienced in obtaining air to charge the lungs. However, the Hong Kong Oxygen Company were very helpful and have tried to cure the trouble with the compressor, with partial success. It is now in the hands of the makers agent.

The first outing was held on Sunday, 9th June when 42 enthusiasts embarked on the "Royal Junk" for a suitable diving site. The dives were made in 25 ft. of water to a sandy bottom. The following were successful in reaching the bottom:—Cpl. Emery, Cpl. Huggins, Ennever and Foster. The others, Sgt. Coote, Cpl. Brown (R.E.M.E.), Cpl. Kettles, Wilson, Drew and Pte. Miles, experienced difficulty with their ears.

On 13th and 14th June lectures were given on the main aspects of diving affecting the beginner.

The next outing on 15th June was to a spot near Repulse Bay where clear water to a depth of 25 ft. was found. Cpl. Caulkett, Huggins, Jones and Kettles, L/Cpls. Kelly and Beecher made successful dives and swam around at 25 ft. for five to 10 minutes.

The last outing was held off Beaufort Island due south of Stanley Peninsular. Although the weather was rainy, this did not affect the keener members. This site was interesting as the bottom consisted of rocks, coral, brightly coloured seaweeds, multicolour fish and plenty of sea urchins!

This time the following members dived successfully to 35 ft.:—Cpls. Drew, Emery, and L/Cpl. Kelly. Cpl. Jones made it to the bottom but found the pressure on his ears to be too much and had to return to the surface.

**Summer Trial and Tribulation** by 'Shattered'  
In common with many other people your correspondent has often wondered what happens in that mysterious organisation called "A Echelon." Consequently he jumped at the offer to accompany it on a jaunt in the new territories.

"A piece of cake old boy," said Sgt. Slim Leach, an old hand from A Echelon, "All we do is go to a spot away from the hurley-burley, and sit there playing cards until the exercise ends."

At 0945 hours we set off, the leading vehicle containing the M.T. Colour-Sergeant, the M.T. Sergeant, and Cpl. "Topper" Brown. In true M.T. style they did us proud—they didn't take a single wrong turning until we reached Kowloon.

A certain Sergeant, who has only been to the new territories once, did suggest that perhaps this was not Twisk but was in fact the Fanling Road. With derisive hoots he was properly crushed, after all what did a "base wallah" know about it. Eight miles later we turned round and started again, finally reaching the exercise base at 1230 hours. A quick O Gp was immediately

followed by a Recce of defensive positions. Like a herd of mountain goats every senior N.C.O. in the Echelon ably led by C.S.M. Hopkins scaled every hill in the vicinity. As we reached the highest point a voice from below was heard shouting that "We're in the wrong place—move out." Five minutes later six gasping N.C.O.s stood looking reproachfully at the Q.M. as he spoke gaily of an error in map-reading. There was some discussion about the colour of the spots that danced before our eyes but this soon petered out as we staggered away to disguise ourselves as puddles.

We moved off again to look for the correct location. At this point the B.O.R. vehicle slipped away for a visit to Battalion H.Q. where the ice for their cocktails needed replenishment. Even this apparently simple job went wrong—no sooner did the truck get to Battalion H.Q. than clouds of smoke began pouring from the engine. The Orderly Room Sergeant immediately ordered everybody out, discovered he was talking to himself, and promptly leaped from the cab, bravely clutching his S.M.G.

He immediately rounded up his deserting clerks and was heard bitterly upbraiding them for their cowardice in refusing to get back in the still smoking truck to save essential stores. As Pte. Impey was heard to say, "When the essential stores consist of

my electric razor and my camp bed I'll get back in, but until then"—the rest of the sentence was missed, which is perhaps just as well.

The return to A Echelon was somewhat marred by the order "Dig in". This and sentry duties occupied what spare time there might otherwise have been.

At 2000 hours the MT moved out en masse on night convoy training, accompanied by your intrepid reporter. I think we all learned something on the trip, including which ailments seem to occur just outside a "coke-stall". When we got back everyone was more than ready for the long uninterrupted night's sleep. Unfortunately some maniacs from the Recce Platoon, obviously lost as usual, blundered into the camp at 0130 hours blithely tossing thunder-flashes in the direction of the POL truck.

To add insult to injury, after the attack the Platoon marched casually out of camp by the main entrance and Capt. Anderson was very put out to be informed by Sgt. Roland-Shrubb that he could consider himself shot. Apparently he had "vainites" or something.

Dawn and the traditional "Stand-to" came all too soon and with it the welcome news that we would move out for Stanley at 0900 hours. So we washed, shaved and breakfasted, cleaned the area about 37 times and finally headed for home.

And in closing let me send this short message to "Slim".

"You can keep your piece of cake chum, in future its me for the quiet life in Battalion H.Q."

#### Ex Summer Trial

"by Donald"

I said to the wife, "We're out on exercise next week". "How long for" she said in her economical but ungrammatical English. "36 hours" I said, matching her economy in speech. When you've been married as long as we have, long flowery sentences get you nowhere. At this moment the children took the quarter by storm and the conversation was discontinued temporarily.

About three days later I said to the wife, "What about some extra food when I go out on exercise. The pack you get issued with doesn't have enough in it." My wife said, "You lose one day's ration allowance, doesn't seem right that you should have to buy extra as well as lose the money". I

assumed my lazy dog half starved expression which I know will guarantee success. "Alright" she said, "I'll go to the NAAFI to-morrow."

The next day when I got home, in the kitchen was an enormous box containing at least a dozen tins of M & V, various others, such as tinned fruit and chocolate, and a pack of 200 cigarettes, the latter a nice touch I thought. In all there was enough to fill two large packs completely. My wife is one of these women who believe in feeding the brute. Tactfully and delicately I pointed out that she had bought a little too much and I couldn't possibly carry, let alone eat, all that. "Never mind" she said comfortably "Take what you want, the rest can go in the store cupboard." Another crisis had been averted; to celebrate we went off to the pictures.

The day before the exercise, my wife, at breakfast, said, "I wish you weren't on this exercise, I hate you being away." "You'll be all right it's only for one night," I said, "I'll soon be home again." It was comforting to know that she would miss me when I am away. When I got to work the guv'nor sent for me "You won't be on the exercise tomorrow after all" he said. "The wife will be pleased", I thought. When I got home, I said to the wife, "I'm not on the exercise after all." You never can tell with women, I should have known.

"What about all that food I've bought, why on earth can't they make up their minds, why didn't you tell me before." "I didn't know," I said. "Blank Blank," said my wife.

For Sale: 16 tins of M & V; 6 tins of oranges; 4 tins of pineapple; 12 bars of chocolate; an opened pack of 200 cigarettes, etc. Apply B.2 12th Floor New Savoy Apartments. (Between the hours of 1400—1600—the wife will be out).

#### BATTALION SHOOTING NEWS

##### 1963 Rifle Meeting

This competition was again held this year on the "barren rocks" of Stonecutters Island, on 11th and 12th September. Results showed a higher standard than last year, giving great hopes for our future challenge to the Sennelager Empire.

Results of the meeting are as follows:—

##### The Inter-Company Rifle Team Match

WINNERS "A" COMPANY

Team: Capt. Burton, Cpl. Killian, Cpl. Meisner, L/Cpl. Martin, Ptes. Blake, Curran.

RUNNERS-UP "H.Q." BLACK

##### The Small Arms Cup

WINNERS "H.Q." BLACK

Team: Capt. Girling, O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst, W.O.2 Morris, C/Sgt. Vickers, L/Cpl. Miles, Ptes. Boreham, Patmore, Rew.

RUNNERS-UP "A" COMPANY

##### The Inter-Company Snap Shooting

WINNERS "H.Q." WHITE

Team: Cpl. Huggins, Cpl. Lees, L/Cpl. Jones, Dmr. Broom, Ptes. Hiles, Hatton.

RUNNERS-UP "B" COMPANY

##### The Inter-Company S.M.G. Match

WINNERS "H.Q." BLACK

Team: O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst, W.O.2 Morris, S/Sgt. Todd (R.E.M.E.), Cpl. House (R.E.M.E.).

RUNNERS-UP "C" COMPANY

##### The Falling Plate Match

WINNERS "THE OFFICERS"

Team: Capt. Burton, "A" Company; Capt. Girling, "H.Q." Company; Lt. Reeves, "B" Company; Lt. Tucker, "C" Company.

RUNNERS-UP "H.Q." WHITE

##### Individual Results

###### Rifle

Winner class "A", Cpl. House (R.E.M.E.).

Runner-up, L/Cpl. Wharmby ("C" Company).

Winner class "B", L/Cpl. Martin ("A" Company).

Runner-up, Pte. Curran ("A" Company).

Winner class "C", Pte. Blake ("A" Company).

Runner-up, Pte. Boreham ("H.Q." Company).

##### S.M.G.

Winner after a reshoot, L/Cpl. Wharmby ("C" Company).

Runner-up, Cpl. Creane ("A" Company).

##### Best L.M.G. Pair

Winners, O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst ("H.Q." Company); W.O.2 Morris ("H.Q." Company).

Runners-up, equal "A" and "C" Company.

Shield for best officer, Lt. Reeves ("B" Company). Shield for best W.O./Sgt., O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst ("H.Q." Company).

Shield for best Cpl./Pte., L/Cpl. Wharmby ("C" Company).

The Battalion Individual Champion Shot for 1963, L/Cpl. Wharmby ("C" Company).

Runner-up, Cpl. House ("H.Q." Company, R.E.M.E.).

Battalion Champion Young Soldier, Pte. Blake ("A" Company).

##### Results of the Inter-Company Challenge Cup

	Points
1st "H.Q." Black	52
2nd "A" Company	50
3rd "C" Company	33
4th "B" Company	31
5th "H.Q." White	29

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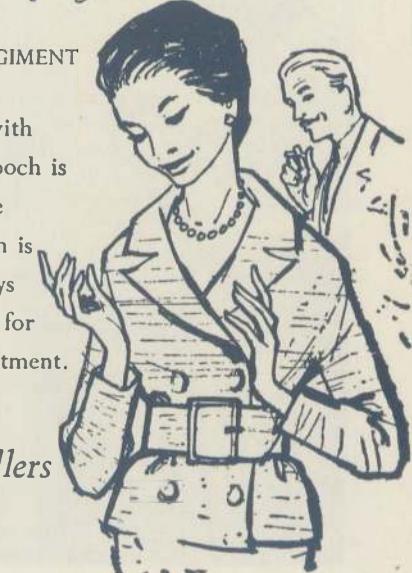


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## Ten Days East

BY MAJOR D. G. WILSON 3RD QUEEN'S SURREYS

Like many other people, when the War Minister announced in the Commons in November, 1961, the inception of a new Army force, to be known as "Ever Readies," I was rather intrigued. It was announced that the "Ever Readies" would be a new trained mobile force who could be called up before a general mobilisation, and flown to any trouble spots to help supplement the Regular Army.

However, from my point of view there were more important issues at stake. Firstly, I was to be married within seven months, and secondly, I had only been with my firm for one year, and had hardly made my mark in that time. So I gave the "Ever Readies" very little thought, except when trying to persuade some of my soldiers to join. At the outset of the scheme, insufficient details were available, and most T.A. personnel were reluctant to sign on the dotted line. A T.A. soldier, is quite prepared to be called up for the "real thing," but his employment must come first in peacetime, and army service for six months is likely to try the patience of any firm, even with an act of Parliament keeping ones job open. Chances

of promotion in civilian life go to the man there at the moment of the vacancy.

My own second thoughts came some 10 months later, just before Christmas 1962, of all places at the Battalion Officers' Christmas Ball, when I learnt from Capt. David Robinson that the 15-day T.A.E.R. camp was to be in "Hong Kong!" Hong Kong sounded fascinating to one who had never been further than a ski-ing holiday in Austria, but I feared it would end up by being 15 days on the Isle of Wight, after certain pruning by the politicians.

After Christmas when the post office had departed from the drill hall, I got down to the large pile in the in-tray. A file marked T.A.E.R. had a short message to all "Ever Readies," asking them all if they were prepared to spend their camp in Hong Kong, 16th April—30th April, with our 1st Battalion, flying via Singapore.

The ground work to my imagination had been done before Christmas. I needed no second bidding. Only two questions now to be settled:—

- (1) Permission from my wife.
- (2) Permission from my employment.



Two "Ever Readies" of 3rd Queens Surreys in Hong Kong. Ptes. D. Cross and D. Lancaster, both from Dorking Platoon inspecting a notice displayed during the Internal Security Demonstration

Permission No. 1 was granted that same evening by a wonderfully understanding wife. Permission No. 2 was given at lunch the next day by a far sighted managing director. The training major was phoned to say "all systems go." A medical was arranged and was quickly completed at one of the big London Hospitals, by the R.A.M.C. doctor attached to our Battalion.

The necessary documents were completed and sent to the War Office. I had signed on the dotted line. War Office approval came on 22nd January.

For the next three months, time dragged. I had time to find a National Geographic Society map of Asia and adjacent areas; sure enough there was Hong Kong not far from where I thought. I looked at the neighbouring countries, Formosa, Indo-China and the Phillipines. Names that catch the imagination of all, especially anyone who has not travelled far. As my eye wandered across the map of India, I thought of those countless British soldiers who had served there in days gone by, and who would have never believed that soldiering in Hong Kong within two weeks could be possible.

My next aim was to collect as much material on Hong Kong as I could and the Battalion I.O. came to my rescue here by obtaining leaflets and books from the Central Office of Information and the Hong Kong Government Office. If I was to be there for only 10 days I wasn't going to waste one minute doing anything that could be done before.

The 1st Battalion being in Hong Kong, a certain amount of background was readily available by reading up the Regimental journal and following the exploits of each Company and the Mess notes. Oh dear—still 12 weeks to go!

Documentation followed on the 8th and 9th March, when we were also subjected to the pin cushion treatment from the medical staff. Luckily we did not have to have the yellow fever inoculation, but we had all the others. Being T.A. soldiers, where every weekend is valuable, having had our inoculation we all went straight out on an exercise called "Ice Pick" which was a night manoeuvre, with an approach march of five miles, followed by patrolling across a river in rubber recce boats to find suitable landing sights for a dawn assault river crossing. We didn't have time to think how rough we felt.

On 7th April all the "Ever Readies" were collected together again from all our different

drill halls scattered over Surrey and our second cholera jab was quickly completed. The Colonel had some words to say to all of us, and also the Training Major, and a P.S.I. newly returned from Hong Kong, who amongst other things advised us all to take raincoats.

Tuesday, 16th April dawned at last. The usual grey sky, and a weather forecast that said colder than average temperatures. All ranks were to report to Paddington Station by 1110 hours. In true T.A. fashion all had congregated by 1130 hours. Being in plain clothes it was difficult to recognise everyone immediately. Last minute purchases of tooth paste and books to read on the flight were packed into already bulging kit bags and assorted cases. The 1145 train to Swindon departed on time and we were off on the first stage of our journey. We arrived at Swindon and were quickly conveyed to our transit centre arriving at 1400 hours. This camp had only been opened up by the Ghurkas that same morning, but everything had been done. Fires in the barrack rooms, blankets issued on the beds, and hot food ready.

First parade on Wednesday, 17th was at 0930 hours in the main transit shed. This shed was the normal type of building from the outside, but on closer inspection inside, such phrases as:—

"Welcome home Alfie."

Chalk I left.

We'll be back.

Never again.

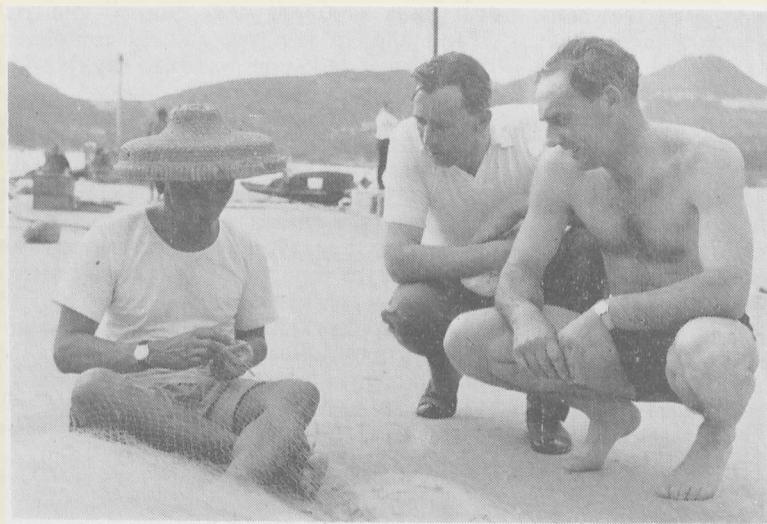
Aden? you can " " it.

chalked on the walls, made it a unique piece to our modern "fly anywhere" army.

The chalk commander, a Regular Major from Eastern Command, briefed us. Lunch was to be 1200 hours. dept. 1245 hours. arrive R.A.F. Lyneham 1400 hours. Take off 1600 hours, we were to fly in Britannia aircraft.

All went smoothly. At Lyneham the Secretary of State for War together with General T. H. Birbeck, C.B., D.S.O., the D.T.A. came to speak to the "Ever Readies" and wish us a safe journey. Hordes of reporters swarmed over us, and into the plane, but at last, the plane door was shut and we fastened seat belts and we were ready for take off. I allowed myself, pessimist that I am, a smile—it wasn't to be the Isle of Wight after all.

Our Britannia held 104 passengers (all



C.S.M. Burrows and Sgt. Smith, two of 3rd Queen's Surreys "Ever Readies" inspecting nets on the jetty at St. Stephens Bay, Hong Kong

"Ever Readies") bound for Hong Kong. A second Britannia with a similar load was following us an hour later, destined for Singapore. Meals and hot and cold drinks were plentiful on the flight to Hong Kong and we were surprised to hear that this was being treated as a normal trooping flight. After the V.I.P. send off, we wondered whether we were being spoiled.

The journey across France was at 21,000 ft. and uninteresting, as there was a lot of cloud, but on reaching the Mediterranean it cleared, and I saw Elba, I followed my map and the coast all the way to Naples where it was growing dark. I also saw Monte Cassino, sticking up in a majestic crest through some island haze and cloud.

We arrived at El Adem in the dark, and consequently didn't see very much. We were conducted to a meal of egg, bacon and sausage, with iced water on the table. The temperature was 61°F. but after leaving home in the pouring rain and the temperature in the 40's this was very pleasant. We then stood outside a rather warm terminal building, drinking iced beer and enjoying the cool breeze; looking up at the stars I was surprised at the lack of them on this clear night, and could not help thinking that even Popski might have got lost on a night such as this.

The flight to Aden in darkness, we all tried to get some sleep in the reclining seats. Just before the lights went off however, when the plane had reached its ceiling for the flight, there was a sudden rather frightening and sharp hissing noise from the door

of the aircraft. The flight Q.M., who I learned afterwards had not seen much service, did nothing to alleviate the looks of concern on all our faces, as he looked very startled. The three sergeants who were lounging in the seats by the door, suddenly leapt into action, and no safety belts will ever be secured with such speed.

A more experienced crew member, checked the door quite casually stuffed some paper into the gap through which the air was escaping. This did not stop it, but it quietened the noise considerably. The three sergeants left their seat belts adjusted even when they had been assured that the door was all right.

I slept fitfully, keeping an eye on my port hole, so that I would not miss the first signs of dawn. The sky grew light ahead of the aircraft, and then quite suddenly we were in sunshine. After a few minutes we crossed a coast line and started to follow this with arid desert on the left, and the coastline on the right. This was my first view of the Red Sea, and the Sudan. I followed my map and was soon to pinpoint our position near Asmara. Soon we were crossing over towards Aden, and I saw the Yemen. It looked similar to the Sudan, but the mountains were higher. As we came into land at Khormaksar Airport, Aden, we were told by the flight captain the ground temperature was 95°F. with a 15 m.p.h. wind. It was so bright that I put my dark glasses on in the aircraft so that I could see better. We landed, and taxied to a bay and then the door was opened. The captain was obviously wrong when he said it was 95°F. It was much hotter, by jove

it was hot—phew. It was like stepping into an oven. We were taken in buses to an Army transit centre for the four hours we were to spend here. The camp was all very basic, just tents, no air-conditioning. We were offered breakfast, but most declined all but a drink. We spent most of the time sitting in the shade, but three of us went down to the beach (no bathing because of sharks) seeing our first genuine Bedouin Arabs, and two camels. All most interesting. We returned none too soon to the R.A.F. camp, all glad that we were not going to spend our training in Aden. We took off at 1145 hours, with the ground temperature at 120°F. and were pleased when the aircraft air-conditioning brought this down to a reasonable level. We all sat quietly for half an hour in pools of our own perspiration getting our energy back.

We passed close to Socotra in the Arabian sea, and saw several tiny ships beneath us, heading for the gulf of Aden. The remainder of daylight was spent flying over the Indian Ocean. The sea was as blue as the sky and it was difficult to determine the horizon.

We arrived at Gan just after dark and also at the end of a shower of rain. Gan is a small atoll at the southern tip of the Maldivian group, being some 500 miles south of Ceylon. I have always had an ambition to cross the Equator and now, here I was 2° south. I really didn't think it should have rained for the occasion. The temperature on the ground was 100°F. but this seemed cool compared with Aden. We were given a meal of chicken and two vegetables and stewed rhubarb. A fault had developed in the radar, and we spent a pleasant hour sitting on the grass beside the runway while it was rectified. This gave me time to be shown the star formation called the Southern Cross for the first time. Large grass hoppers were observed and most beautiful butterflies that looked like green velvet, and moths swarmed round the arc lights in the loading bay. The radar repaired, we climbed aboard for the next six-hour session. We were already seasoned travellers, if somewhat travel worn.

The second dawn of our journey, found us flying high over a thunderstorm which raged below and the lightning raced across the clouds which were hiding the northern most tip of Sumatra. After dawn through gaps in the clouds far below, we could pick out dense jungle divided by rivers, and no sign of habitation. This didn't look very inviting. As we crossed the straits of Malacca we

saw many small islands, ships steaming on their way, and as we came into land, many palm trees. We landed at the civilian airport in Singapore, Payalebar. Breakfast was the best yet, iced fruit juice, three eggs, bacon and tomatoes. Good toilet facilities and we all washed and shaved. As it was still quite early in the morning, the temperature was not too hot, but the humidity was high. We were all glad to get aboard the aircraft, and to be on our final lap of 1,450 miles to Hong Kong. We crossed Cambodia and looked down on "Dalat," then across the China Sea, seeing no further sight of land until we arrived over some of the islands which make up the Crown Colony of Hong Kong. Through patchy cloud, we caught a first momentary glimpse of the most beautiful coastline and blue sea. We landed comfortably on Kai Tak airport, which is a narrow finger of reclaimed land, built out into the sea from Kowloon.

On arrival at the airport we were greeted by a Brigadier and the usual battery of photographers and reporters. I was interviewed on behalf of Radio Hong Kong and a message was recorded to be put on a B.B.C. programme.

Major Sewell, the 2IC of the 1st Battalion and John Naumann the Training Company Commander were there to greet us and take us back to barracks at Stanley Fort. We had to cross by the vehicle ferry to Hong Kong Island, and we all gazed at the wonderful vista of junks, sampans, Royal Navy and United States Navy ships in the harbour area, as well as the many large cargo boats unloading. A wonderful sight, but nothing compared with the same scene by night which we were to see later. A half-hour journey, through Wanchai then up to the central ridge and then down towards Repulse Bay was hardly out of sight of the sea. Sitting in the back of a landrover, I found it difficult to take in so much. The tall modern buildings, the poor tenement flats, the Chinese dress, the rickshaws, the elderly women carrying large loads suspended from a bamboo pole across their shoulders, the new flats of at least 16 floors being erected with the use of only bamboo poles as scaffolding, the queues for water in the streets, the tram cars, the smell, the shops. Everything was different, and exciting.

Arrival in camp was pleasant and we were welcomed by many old friends and faces we knew already, either ex-T.A. members or ex-

Permanent Staff Instructors. The barracks themselves must be amongst the best British barracks built anywhere in the world. Erected in the 1930's the living accommodation has nearly an all-round view of the coastline, built on top of Stanley peninsular; any breeze that is blowing, helps to keep the buildings cool. Beautiful trees and shrubs, some bearing signs of Typhoon "Wanda," which hit the island six months previously, were planted round the barracks. Almost an ideal setting for a "Seven Star" Hotel.

A meal was served in the cookhouse and then we were all taken to the company stores for issue of equipment. We all felt conspicuous in our civilian clothes, and wanted to get into uniform. We were issued with three suits of olive green denim which had already been dhobied, and the 1958 web equipment, which was new to us but immediately popular. Kitting out took some time, and it had been dark for about an hour before all was complete. I made my way to the Officers' Mess, where I had been allotted a room on the top floor. After a cold bath that I had been dreaming about, I felt much better, and went down for dinner, after which we sat round drinking and talking in the ante-room until midnight. All verandah doors were open to the night, and a warm breeze just stirred the long curtains. The night noises, peculiar to the tropics, of insects and frogs, filled any momentary lapses in our conversation. Through the doors, tiny lights from the far distance, shone like jewels against the friendly warm darkness. My welcome to Hong Kong, and perhaps the trace of alcohol in my system, made me feel extremely content and happy. I felt I was going to enjoy every minute of my stay. There were only eight subalterns living in this spacious Mess, but they all treated the two "Ever Ready" Officers royally.

On Saturday I woke at 6.55 and stood outside on the verandah for a moment in my pyjamas, to take in for the first time, the stupendous view of small islands, and junks all hurrying back to port after the night's fishing. After muster parade, there was a short drill session, followed by a welcoming address by the Commanding Officer. The Commanding Officer had been training Major of my battalion some seven years previously and I was more than pleased to see him again.

Following the Commanding Officer, the 2IC, Major Sewell, told us some of the history of the Colony, the problems the Army

have to be prepared to deal with, and pointed out on a large-scale map places of interest, some of which we would be seeing during the exercises planned for us. The remainder of our first morning was spent on a weapon training circus. Lunch intervened, before we were finished, and then weapon cleaning and an advance of pay occupied us until 4 p.m. Quite a busy day for our first in a tropical clime. I was fortunate to be whisked away just after lunch to take part in a race, organised by the Hong Kong-Yacht Club, in which the "L" Class sailing boat owned by the Mess had been entered.

The sun had been behind clouds most of the day, now it began pushing its way through and I was glad to be wearing just a shirt and shorts. An old Chinese woman, whom I would have guessed to be sixty, wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a turned-down edge, standing up in a sampan, taxied us to our boat, where the sails had already been hoisted by one of the staff of the Yacht Club. I had my first close view of a junk, in which two very pretty little children were standing in the stern watching, with big eyes, all that was going on. Some pretty paper decorations adorned their boat, which, I understand, were to do with certain Ancestral ceremonies which take place annually and had been held during the previous week. The boat was packed tight with what looked from a distance and can only be described as a load of junk. We didn't win the race; in fact, we came in last, after holding second position at least half of the way round. The wind was very gusty, and several of the small Fire Fly Class were blown over. We returned to the Yacht Club and a lift in a Mini Minor soon had me back at the Mess, just in time to change into a suit and be ready to go to the cocktail party being given by the 2IC to say good-bye to the Colonel, who was within a few days of completing his tour of duty. At 11 p.m. we returned to the Mess and David and I decided that we would go down to Wanchai for a late dinner. A taxi was summoned and we were soon over the other side of the island, winding in and out of narrow streets. We walked round a while before going in to eat, down small streets and alleys, where it is easier to get real impressions. We heard the babble of voices speaking a language that doesn't sound as though it could mean anything, the clatter of Mahjongh, being shuffled, coming from almost every other house or shack. Although it was midnight, most shops were open.

I saw two little children being wrapped in a blanket and put to bed on the pavement. Small boys who looked to be no more than seven or eight years old tried to clean our shoes for "Big ching ching" but we declined. We had a Chinese meal, which was rather disappointing, perhaps the restaurant we went to catered too much for tourists, as the sweet and sour pork seemed to be laced with tomato ketchup.

We had a further walk round, and then hired a taxi and returned to the Mess at approximately 0215 hrs. So many impressions were gained during the evening that I tried to make coherent notes before I finally flopped back on my bed exhausted.

The next day being Sunday, it was a free day for the "Ever Readies." While I was sitting at breakfast, I had just said: "Well we will have a quiet morning and write home and tell them we arrived," when a man whom we had not previously met, strode into the Mess, came up to us and said: "Would you two like to come round the island in my car before lunch?" He was the Battalion Paymaster, a most charming Scot, with a strong brogue. Within three minutes we were in his car, with all our cameras and spare films. We were driven clockwise round the island, seeing all the sights to be seen. Aberdeen, which I had read about was incredible. How so many junks can be moored (perhaps wedged would be a better term) in such an area is amazing. The Seafood palaces stood out, rather similar in shape to the American Steamboats on the Mississippi. We saw the areas where the squatters live, with homes just made from odd scraps, a cardboard box, a piece of corrugated iron or some hardboard.

Burial grounds take up valuable hill-sides and apparently there is a custom that graves must be in a good position regarding the wind, the sun and also have a view of the sea.

We saw one large water reservoir, now nearly empty, which at the time of Wanda had been filled to overflowing. Everywhere had a parched look and, apparently, the rains had been due for about 10 days. I crossed my fingers and hoped selfishly that it might hold a further 10 days.

There were queues for water in the main streets, the taps being on for about four hours per day, and great lines of children and women queued with vast numbers of tins,

pots and receptacles for liquid. Water queues were the only ones in Hong Kong where there was no queue jumping, every other being a matter of survival of the fittest.

After our return to the Mess at 11.30, I just had time to write a letter to my wife before being on parade again in the Mess. The Battalion were hosts to the C.O. and Officers of The Royal Leicesters, who had just arrived in Hong Kong and were based in the New Territories. This was a splendid party and the Chinese staff prepared the best curry that I have ever eaten. The terrace in front of the Mess was laid out with little tables and we sat there looking out at the perfect setting while drinking iced lager from silver goblets.

The Colonel of the 1st Battalion asked David and I if we would care to join his swimming party on the beach and we accepted with alacrity. In no time we were down on St. Stephen's beach in company with one Brigadier, and two Colonels and their wives, the sand was somewhat coarser than the average in England but was very clean.

The Nuffield Trust had loaned the Battalion a converted junk, and also a speed-boat and water skis, so therefore before I had been in Hong Kong 48 hours I had water-skied round Repulse Bay as well as sailed round Hong Kong Harbour.

We returned to the Mess in the evening and found one subaltern who had succumbed to the morning's cocktail party, fast asleep in a chair. He was clutching a daffodil in his hand, where someone had thoughtfully placed it.

I awoke the next day before being called by my batman at 0630, with a strong feeling that I had enjoyed myself, but now I was going to soldier hard until our final day on the next Sunday. Muster was at 0730, and the day was spent studying all aspects of Internal Security. We had a lecture, then a very good film, called "Keeping the Peace," followed by a demonstration from "B" Company. One platoon were dressed in pyjamas and were armed with rotten fruit and vegetables and had a rickshaw and an old car. A dispute arose and before long a noisy riot was happening in front of us. Luckily we were on the first floor of the barrack block so avoided the missiles. The local Police Force came up to quell the riot, but had to ask for military assistance and a platoon of the same Company came up and

went through the normal drill of putting down a riot.

The afternoon included a talk from the Senior Inspector of Police, on the Force, and on crime in the area. From the close questioning he received by the "Ever Readies," I was wondering how many of them would join the local Police at the conclusion of our stay. Afterwards we took a different route to Stanley Fort, so that a little more of the island would be seen.

In the evening I went to dine with family friends in Kowloon. Returning in the ferry, I picked a place at the front and saw the most wonderful and impressive sight that I have ever seen. Hong Kong Island was picked out by lights, all along the skyline from the houses and flats, and from the water front, with coloured neon signs in the Wanchai and floodlit buildings in the central area, and the little boats in the harbour. All the naval boats were dressed overall in lights, and the water with a gentle swell reflected these, breaking them up into thousands of dancing lights. A gentle breeze was blowing, and I considered it one of the most romantic and memorable sights that I have ever seen. All too soon I was in the taxi, bargaining with the taxi driver, that if he stopped his motor I would pay a flat rate. Chinese people are loathe to admit that they don't understand English, they nod and say "Yes Sir," "OK Sir," but haven't understood one word.

However, this man was a genius, as not only were we heading in the direction of Stanley Fort but also the meter had been stopped. Near camp I stopped the taxi to give a lift to a soldier returning late, and shortly arrived at the Mess, and was in bed at 0030 hours exhausted.

Tuesday training needed an early start with reveille at 0530 and breakfast at 0600. We were leaving camp at 0630 just as dawn was breaking. We caught the first ferry, and soon we were in Kowloon heading for the Sai Kung peninsula. We passed Kai Tak and followed the excellent road to the north east. We passed one colourful little farm which we were told was a pickle factory. Dried fruits and spices were drying in the sun in large circular wicker baskets, some rich rust colour, others yellow ochre but just asking for a colour photograph. We arrived within a mile of the field firing area and here the troops dismounted from the 3-ton vehicles and marched up the steep track to the firing point. The landrover with stores and ammunition in the trailer, made short

work of this track, and we were able to unload before the marchers had arrived. The firing area was in a gully with a steep hill on the left, rising to 513m and another to our right front.

Field firing commenced with fire orders to each section in turn, aimed at various targets up the valley, and a great weight of fire was brought down with the new self-loading rifle. This was the first time some of the "Ever Readies" had fired this weapon.

The 3.5 rocket launchers were next on the list and practice bombs were fired at a rocky outcrop. At least 50 per cent. hits were scored and this again was the first time of firing for many. The Energa grenade was fired from the S.L.R., and we were all pleased to find that on firing from it one does not automatically gash ones thumb as with the No. 4.

Tea had been brought out in thermos type cannisters, with haversack rations for the lunch meal. From this position, some 800 ft. above sea level, I looked down on the typhoon shelter of Sai Kung Hoi where most small boats hide when the typhoons are forecast. Some 20 to 30 small islands standing out from a beautiful deep blue sea, and there, distinguishable only by the twin wake was a speedboat and water skier.

After the meal we divided into two groups, one officer leading each party. All the 24-hour rations were distributed, ammunition, a pick, or one shovel, to each man, and two waterbottles.

An air panel in the shape of an "H" made of fluorescent coloured material, for rapid evacuation of any casualty, was stowed in my already bulging haversack with three 2 in. parachute illuminating flares and a blanket and a ground sheet. It was a long time since I had last looked like a Christmas tree, but by the time I had my pack on, S.L.R. on one shoulder and a verey pistol on the other, a pair of binoculars round my neck, holding a map, that was what I felt like. Dressed thus—one has a surprising feeling of self sufficiency, and this '58 pattern equipment certainly distributes the weight much better than that on issue to the T.A.

The object of the exercise "Winkle Picker" which was to last until 00 p.m. on the Wednesday, was fivefold. It was to practice patrolling, ambushes, searching ground, routine in a defensive position at night and section and platoon attacks.

Both patrols set off, by diverging routes to the area in which the bases would be set up

for the exercise. The patrol I was leading had to ascend to a pass up a steep slope (almost 1 in 1 in some places) and we climbed 1,500 ft. to Buffalo pass, a col between Buffalo Hill and Calfs Head. None of us were used to the loads we carried, and ascending at perhaps the hottest part of the day, after a sandwich lunch, it was not surprising that we had one or two casualties. Two fainted, but when they came round, continued to the top. Two others who appeared to me to have heat exhaustion, as they had ceased perspiring, and did not look very well, I sent down to the first aid post; they were given liquid and salt tablets, and had to be returned to camp, but both were on parade the next day. The remainder of my patrol arrived panting at the top.

From a distance, I selected a hide in some very rough ground with boulders and which made an excellent base area. Here we quickly brewed some tea, in our mess tins and began to feel a bit better.

The other group (or our enemy) were more fortunate, in that the ascent to the area for their "hide" was much less steep, and they arrived in better order than we did, not having suffered any casualties.

It was not long now to sundown and I wanted to have a look through my binoculars at the area where I thought our enemy might be, so I climbed to the saddle, but unfortunately, as I arrived, a mist arose and quickly blotted out the area, so I had to return without gaining much information. The mist didn't come over our side until dawn so we remained reasonably dry. Darkness fell, and with it out came the fireflies, dancing about like mosquitoes but having an extremely bright light which went off and on. I decided as the enemy were some distance away, to locate them with two patrols. The first which went out at sundown was led by a sergeant and the second which I was to lead planned to go out at 0100 and return at dawn.

Just after midnight, our sergeant patrol returned reporting a brush with an enemy patrol and also the enemy password given away by a wrong challenge. I was given useful information as to routes and decided to take a different route away from a village, where apparently as soon as the first patrol approached, all the dogs barked, and all the inhabitants came out shouting and talking. But my patrol was ambushed by an enemy recce patrol who were lost and hadn't meant

to be near this area. As they were not in a prepared position and we outnumbered them three to one, I think we could have got away with it. We pressed on, but did not find the enemy hide. During this patrol I fell down a large hole in the ground, between two rocks and twisted my knee and ankle and cut my shin. We returned to our base at first light, and I noticed that the mist had left the grass and bushes soaking wet, and walking along, ones trousers were soaked to the knee. This kept my painful leg pleasantly cool. We "stood to" and afterwards cooked breakfast. No enemy had been near our hide, and there was nothing to report. The water bottles, were collected for the second time after breakfast and taken by two men to a stream not far away. The water looked undrinkable, but by the time the two white pills had been dissolved for half an hour, and the blue pill added from the sterilising kit, it was apparently safe to drink.

Shaving from Mess tins and cleaning weapons took some time, a foot inspection showed all feet to be in good condition, and then we packed our kit ready to move. The umpires had arranged that we would take up an ambush position, and the other "enemy" patrol would be directed towards this.

It was getting hot again, but before long we were in position. My leg was hurting me and in making it comfortable, my other leg got cramp. After a rather long hour two enemy scouts appeared. We allowed them to pass and then, just as the trap was about to be sprung, one of the men in their party saw a movement. The patrol commander realising the position, shouted to the rear section to be fire section, while he attacked with the main party, but this was met with withering fire, from our well laid out trap. We all learned a great deal from this exercise.

Some Chinese grave diggers, up on the hillside, fled for their lives, when the ambush was sprung, as they seemed to think we were using live ammunition.

The way back to the vehicles, all down hill, was easy, with water bottles empty and all our food eaten. A kind colour-sergeant had some tea for us before we got into the trucks at 1430 hours and then we moved off towards the ferry and barracks, arriving in Stanley at 1600. We cleaned weapons, had baths and arranged for all who wanted, to go down at 2000 hours to visit the local T.A. unit, the Hong Kong Regiment in Happy Valley.

We were very pleased to meet them, and their Commanding Officer, a regular soldier, told us about the regiment, and some of its history. We then met them in the traditional T.A. way—over a drink in the bar.

At 2000 hours David and I went down to the ferry, crossed again to Kowloon and there got a taxi to some friends of David who had kindly asked us both to dinner. When we got there, we were surprised to find the wrought iron gates locked, but learned that as there were squatters not far away on the hill sides, and dog pie was a favourite dish, all European houses close their gates at night and lock them.

Thursday's assault landing exercise was named aptly "Little Splash" and it ran true to title.

The aim was to exercise us in an assault landing, followed by location and destruction of an enemy. I was to command the friendly forces, divided into two groups as before. An L.C.M. provided by 56 Company, R.A.S.C. was to take us to Lantao Island, some five miles west of Hong Kong, and the R.A.F. from Kai Tak were to provide a strike with G.A. Hunters.

Embarkation was from the jetty in St. Stephens Bay just below the camp at 0850 hours after final preparation and briefing. "H" hour was to be 1000 hours. It was very calm, no wind at all and before long I was peering at our landing beach through binoculars.

As the tide was high, I couldn't see the beach as such, but we were fortunate, as the L.C.M. was able to go right in, and when the ramp dropped it was on dry land. The 1st Battalion who did a similar exercise previously during low tide were "put ashore," in water up to their armpits. My plan was typically T.A., but, I maintain tactically sound. No point in chasing terrorists from one peak to another across the island, but if we could get one group behind them to a high control ridge, to hold this, and report by wireless the movements of the enemy, we would get the initiative and avoid a long chase. We found the hills to be of the same variety as the previous day, "straight up," but we were getting a little better physically and didn't find so much trouble. The air strike came at 1145 hours and was most impressive. I lay down on the crest of a ridge I was on, for fear of being blown off by the back wash of the Hunters which appeared to be but 20 feet off the top.

Maj.-Gen. Birbeck (D.T.A.) watched our landing from the beach and then came up

the hills with us. After some skirmishes with the terrorists, our plan began to work, and the other group on the ridge were able to give us directions and, eventually, as the terrorists withdrew towards them, they laid an effective ambush which accounted for the survivors. We had our lunch on the top of the ridge, again a fabulous view. It was up here that I saw a grass-hopper three inches long, and when I disturbed it, it flew with a very ugly flight with clattering pink wings.

We were taken off the island from the Monastery pier, so luckily there was again little splash. The kind Colour-Sergeant of the R.A.S.C., who was "Captain" of the L.C.M., entering into the spirit of the T.A., gave us a sightseeing tour of Aberdeen on the way back by driving down the not-very-wide gap left between the junks. On return to St. Stephen's Jetty we were just emptying the water jerry cans into the sea when women from the junks ran up with tins and we remembered water was precious; we filled their pots and containers. After weapon cleaning, we retired wearily to bed.

Friday dawned, overcast, with quite a fresh east wind, but still very humid and warm. It was a pity, as I wanted to get good colour photographs of the Queen's Birthday Parade.

The 1st Battalion was "Feu-de-Joie" Battalion and dressed in white with No. 1 dress hats, gave this most impressive salute in front of the Governor. A 21-gun salute was fired by 88th Arakan Battery, 4th Regiment, Royal Artillery, and this was interrupted by three volleys of "Feu-de-Joie" fired on the seventh, fourteenth and twenty-first. Each man in succession fires a blank round, so that a roll of fire sweeps from right to left along the front rank and back along the rear rank.

All forces in the Colony, including Ghurkas, the Hong Kong Regiment and detachments from the Royal Navy, then marched past His Excellency The Governor, Sir Robert Black and Lady Black.

The fly-past of Hunters, Canberras, Austers and helicopters terminated this memorable parade. I took two reels of film, from a splendid position in a stand reserved for Service guests. All the T.A.E.R. were accommodated near the press stand and had a very good view.

The Saturday had been scheduled for a visit to the Royal Navy in the morning with shopping later but, by unanimous request,

it became a training morning. At 0730 muster parade; 0800-0830 demonstration of camouflage concealment; 0830-1130 S.M.C. course on the 30X range. (This was won by the two officers but, on checking, it was found that they were not wearing pouches, so were immediately disqualified.) At 1130-1230 weapon inspection; 1230-1330 hand in webbing and O.G. just in time to see the end of the Battalion's "Go Kart" competition.

During weapon inspection in the barrack room, a deaf-and-dumb artist came round selling beautiful hand-painted pictures on silk.

At lunch-time, as well as a visit to the Sergeants' Mess, David and I entertained the Officers' Mess inmates, as they had been so kind and hospitable to us, and we were delighted when the Colonel also joined us. In the cookhouse a special lunch had been laid on, with the help of the P.R.I. funds, as it was Ypres Day, commemorating one of the Regiment's most famous battle honours.

At 1430-1530 handed in remainder of kit and the third pay parade. This was due to some delay in the pay records reaching Hong Kong, and the paymaster revising his estimates to total pay, as long signals came from the U.K. giving our rates.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon shopping, and then met the Training Company Commander and his wife for dinner afterwards. We dined at Kun Chong's Kitchen, and on the return journey to barracks were driven up Stanley peak to see the fantastic view towards the mainland.

Sunday morning and afternoon were spent swimming, photographing and relaxing, with a strictly sightseeing only tour of the Wan Chai base in the evening, where we were amused to find the American Navy in strength, even to the extent of a band playing in one of the bars.

Soon we were on our way back to the Mess. I stood outside my room, looking across the darkness at all the lights and wondering if I would be able to conjure the picture up in my mind after I returned home. I was loathe to go to bed, wanting just to stay and wait for dawn. However, I was very tired, and had an early call arranged for the morning at 0430. All too soon the Mess Corporal was shaking my shoulder saying: "Breakfast will be ready in 20 minutes, Sir."

We had a good breakfast, and, collecting our belongings, walked down to the lines, ready to embus. It was still dark but we

counted everyone very carefully, to ensure no one had decided to stay. We left camp at 0630 so that we would be in time for the L.C.M., which was to take us over to Kowloon, before the ferry service started. I felt sad somewhat as we sped down to the ferry, and I looked down for the last time on Happy Valley, with the rather parched race-course at the bottom.

We arrived at Kai Tak at 0745, where our Britannia was waiting on the runway, together with many of our new friends who had come to see us off.

After words of farewell and thanks, we were led across to the aircraft and were fastening our seat belts. I was not so lucky on the return journey and did not get a seat by a porthole. Take-off was 0845. As we were going with the sun while travelling west we were saving  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. and had to put our watches back some hours each landing.

We arrived Singapore 1330 p.m., or 1200 local time, and departed at 1400 for Gan.

Our arrival at Gan this time was in daylight, but a bumpy landing and heavy rainfall reduced its attractions for us. We were given a quick meal and within an hour were back on the aircraft taking off at 1900, local time.

Aden this time was cooler as it was 2315 hrs. local time, but still very hot. We were able to use the air-conditioned lounge this time, and it was very pleasant. We were off, however, at 0055 hrs.

Before arrival at El Adem, dawn broke and I borrowed a porthole, to look down on the desert area of Libya. The coast road stood out clearly from the air, and I saw small tented encampments, round the odd oasis of palm trees. We landed at 0645 local time and I was very surprised to find it spitting with rain. A very quick meal, and within three-quarters of an hour we were back on the aircraft taking off on the final stage of the return flight. Crossing the French Alps, I looked down on magnificent snow-capped peaks and, after all the heat and parched areas we had seen, it was quite a contrast. Before long we had crossed the Channel and were arriving at Lyneham—time 1330 hrs. The actual flying time in the air from Hong Kong had been 25 hours.

The Customs had decided to go through the "Ever Readies" returning from the East, with a tooth-comb, but with only three men on duty, this was a process wearisome from our point of view, but profitable from theirs.

Transport quickly took us to Swindon, where we caught the 1635 hrs. train to Paddington. At Paddington we dispersed to make our respective ways home.

As May 1963 receded, I am left with colour slides and memories. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity I was given, to go to the Far East.

I am a firm believer in the T.A.E.R. as a force that could be reckoned on to acquit

itself well and am disappointed that it has now been announced that the target for this reserve has been cut.

I feel that the standard of the T.A. will be improved by visits such as these, and that it will give the Regular Army both an opportunity of recruiting from the T.A. as well as a chance to learn something about us.

D.G.W.

## Home Counties Brigade Depot

### Permanent Staff

Lt.-Col. C. N. Clayden, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) has taken over the appointment of Deputy Commandant and Officer Commanding Depot from Lt.-Col. I. H. Roper, M.C., The Queen's Own Buffs.

Other Permanent Staff changes during the period under review included the retirement of the Q.M. and posting of the R.Q.M.S. both of whom had been with the Depot since its formation on 1st April, 1960.

Major (Q.M.) C. G. Rousell retired on 1st May 1963 after 30 years' service in the Army. He has taken up civilian employment in Kent and he and his wife live about 14 miles away from the Depot. The new Quartermaster is Major (Q.M.) A. E. F. Waldron, M.B.E., The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

R.Q.M.S. D. Adkins was posted to 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) T.A. on 13th March 1963. He took early advantage of this by watching the Cup Final at Wembley where he now lives with his family. His successor at Canterbury is R.Q.M.S. R. Morris who had come from H.Q. Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison as reported in the last issue of the Journal. In July he received his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from the Brigade Colonel, Col. M. T. N. Jennings, at a final parade of recruits.

Other postings in were Lt. (now captain) P. de S. Barrow from 3rd Battalion Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment with which he had served in the Congo, and Lt. D. J. C. Dickins from the 1st Battalion.

W.O.2 L. Jessup arrived from 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.). He was

serving with 1st Queen's immediately prior to amalgamation.

After almost a year as Brigade recruiting co-ordinator, Major G. Mason has taken over



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Major C. G. Rousell who has retired after 30 years service in the Army. He was transferred to the East Surrey Regiment, as Regimental Sergeant Major from the Grenadier Guards in 1946 and received his Quartermaster's commission in 1951. His appointments included R.S.M. 1st Surreys; 2nd Surreys; and 6th Surreys; Quartermaster 6th Surreys and Home Counties Brigade Depot

command of the Junior Soldiers' Wing from Major P. G. V. Bellers, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

Postings out have included C/Sgt. P. Howells, Drum Major, Junior Soldiers' Wing, to 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Sgt. J. Elcombe and Pte. L. Roots to 1st Battalion Queen's Surreys, Cpl. J. Pearson to Trucial Oman Scouts, L/Cpl. P. Lovell on discharge and Pte. P. Wadman who exchanged uniform for employment as a civilian on the Sergeants' Mess staff.

At a final parade of recruits held in April, Col. M. T. N. Jennings presented the award for the best shot to Pte. G. Woolliams. Since 1st April, 29 recruits have been drafted to the 1st Battalion.

### Co-operation with the Police

The good relations already existing with the local police and particularly encouraged by R.S.M. Mileham and the Sergeants' Mess were further improved when Lt. D. J. C. Dickins took complete charge of a situation arising as a result of a disturbance and got it under control. He also rendered first aid to a man seriously injured in the disturbance. The quiet and efficient manner in which he acted had a steady influence on everyone present and this enabled the police officers to leave the scene and follow the offenders. Lt. Dickins received the personal thanks of the Superintendent of Police, Margate, in a letter sent to the Commanding Officer.

### Boxing

The Regiment has been well represented in sporting events the most prominent being L/Cpl. B. Brazier, the light welterweight boxer. From 1st March 1963 to 7th June 1963, when he left the Regiment to turn professional, he retained the Army Senior Championship and the Imperial Services Championship, both for the third consecutive year. He failed to complete the third hat trick when outpointed by McTaggart in the Amateur Boxing Association Championship.

L/Cpl. Brazier won his fight in the Royal Navy v Army match but lost a very close fight to Mechovich of Yugoslavia when representing England in the European Boxing Championships in Moscow.

### Athletics

Members of the Regiment had the following successes at the Depot Athletics meeting in June: Shot: 1, Cpl. G. Palmer; Long Jump:



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The Brigade Colonel, Home Counties Brigade, Col. M. T. N. Jennings presenting the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to W.O.2 R. Morris, 26th July, 1963

2, Cpl. J. Pearson; 220 yards: 2, L/Cpl. G. Sooft.

In the same month at the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District meeting Cpl. Pearson was third in the long jump with 18 ft. 2 in. and L/Cpl. J. Horan came second in the 440 yards in 57 secs. Cpl. Pearson was also in the Depot 4 x 110 yards relay team which came second in 48 secs. At this meeting the Depot team was placed third in the minor units section.

### Motor Sport

In a somewhat different sphere Major G. Mason, driving in his Ford Anglia, took first place in a driving test competition organised by the Forces Motoring Club (Kent and Sussex group) at the Depot, Royal Marines, Deal.

### Horticulture

Some Queen's Surreys personnel have green fingers, for second and third prizes



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Col. M. T. N. Jennings presenting the award for the best shot to Pte. G. Woolliams, 26th April, 1963

in the Canterbury Garrison gardens competition went to C.S.M. Harding and Cpl. Waring respectively. R.S.M. Mileham and R.Q.M.S. Morris were highly commended.

#### Shooting

The Depot team took first place in the minor units section of the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District rifle meeting and won the Martini Trophy, four medals and 23 cups. Members of the Regiment in the team were Cpl. F. Boyne and L/Cpls. S. C. Aller and M. P. de Marco.

#### Junior Soldiers' Wing

From halfway through the summer term the Junior Soldiers' Wing has been organised on a Regimental Platoon basis, platoons competing for the Nuffield trophy. This covers proficiency in musical training, education, drill, football, cricket, athletics and basketball. In this competition the Queen's Surreys Platoon was placed second. The platoon won the football section and was second in cricket.

Some creditable performances were put up by the Junior Soldiers in their athletics meeting in July. Regimental winners were: Long Jump: 17 ft. 1 in., J/Bdsm. P. Nicklin; Shot: 35 ft. 9½ in., J/Cpl. P. Mason.

The final of the Junior Soldiers' cricket competition resulted in a win for the Home Counties Brigade Depot XI with 108 for 7 dec. v Junior Soldiers' Wing, Mercian Brigade all out for 58. Queen's Surreys members of the team were: J/Cpls. C. Coleman, S. Cleeve and A. Gardner.

In June Lt. Barrow took six Junior Drummers on a week's cycling and camping tour in Belgium. They visited Brussels, Bruges, Ghent, Ostend and Ypres and at the last named linked up with the Salient Circle (an association of World War I veterans) for the nightly ceremony of sounding Last Post at the Menin Gate. Among the party were Junior Drummers S. A. Clark and P. A. Crozier, Queen's Surreys.

The Junior Soldiers' Wing "At Home" and prize-giving took place at the end of the summer term. Awards went to the following members of the Regiment:—

Junior Bandsmen Cup (best all-round bandsman)	J/Sgt. A. Gardner
Best Brass	J/Sgt. A. Gardner
Best Reed	J/Cpl. S. Cleeve
Best Clarinet	J/Cpl. S. Cleeve
Drummers Cup	J/Dmr. A. Jones
PROGRESS PRIZES:	
Brass (under 12 months)	J/Bdsm. A. Kitchenside
Flute (under 12 months)	J/Dmr. K. Whyte
REGIMENTAL PRIZE:	
Special effort	J/Cpl. C. Coleman
EDUCATION	
Special	J/Sgt. A. Gardner
Senior	J/Bdsm. A. Kitchenside
Junior C	J/Dmr. C. Harraway
Adventure Training	J/Bdsm. P. Darling

The following passed the senior music examination (Army 1st class music examination): J/Bdsm. E. Kitchenside, Distinguished; J/Bdsm. B. Coles, Distinguished; J/Cpl. S. Cleeve, Passed; J/Bdsm. P. Spooner, Passed. J/Bdsm. Kitchenside did extremely well with 96%.

#### Recruiting

So far this year the Queen's Surreys Special Recruiters, Sgts. Hannigan, Lane, Lockwood and Elcombe have obtained 30 recruits for the Regiment. In 1962 Sgt. Hannigan achieved the excellent total of 57.

W.O.1 P. J. Floyd who returned from the 1st Battalion six months ago has been assisting the recruiting co-ordinator.

#### Army Youth Team

An Army Youth Team consisting of Lt. D. Hutt, Sgt. Lockwood and Ptes. Bramwell, Dance, Goddard and Hewson has just been formed to work with youth clubs and organisations in Surrey.

The team will be in quarters at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford and in its liaison with youth clubs will help where required by arranging for competing teams and the provision of equipment. It will also encourage an interest in the Regiment.

#### Promotions

Lt. P. de S. Barrow to Captain, 2nd August, 1963; Cpl. D. Arnold to subs Sergeant, 1st July, 1963; A/Cpl. J. Pearson to subs Corporal, 24th May, 1963; A/L/Cpl. G. Soaf to subs Lance-Corporal, 29th March, 1963; Pte. J. Horan to Lance-Corporal, 1st April, 1963.

#### Examinations Etc.

Pte. R. Eade, Marksman S.L.R.; C/Sgt. A. Palmer, Admin. within Unit Military Calculations and Accounting, towards A.C.E. 1st Class.

Sgt. A. Butler, Military Calculations and Accounting, towards A.C.E. 1st Class.

## 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel	Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.
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2IC	Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D.
Training Officer	Major J. H. S. Burgess
Adjutant (T.A.)	Lt. D. W. Woodward-Smith
Quartermaster	Major G. C. Forman
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Capt. R. W. Strutt, M.M.
R.S.M.	W.O.1 A. Quickenden
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 R. E. Alexander
R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 T. S. Stephens
Chaplain	Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, R.A.Ch.D.
R.M.O.	Major J. Attenborough, T.D. (R.A.M.C.)
Administrative Officer	Major B. H. B. Robinson (R.A.M.C.)
	Capt. E. J. Weeks

The 12th July was a day all in this Battalion will remember for the remainder of our lives; all ranks were tremendously proud to be on, or associated with this great and historic parade, which is described elsewhere in this Journal in detail. It was a great day for us. We were particularly glad to see many old comrades from pre-amalgamation days, the Regiment's holders of the Victoria Cross, the Regiment's Chelsea Pensioners and our Belgian friends—members of "La Sarcelle" from Ghent led by Albert Fassin, M. Poelman and Commandants Jean Charles and Jos Klein, who make our Easter battlefields tours so successful. We were also glad to see so many Mayors and Chairmen of Councils from our own home locations.

Some of the older members of the Battalion were a little worried as to how the young

territorial volunteer of today would view an annual camp which was almost entirely devoted to rehearsing for a ceremonial parade. They were proved wrong, the spirit of the parade and the determination to make it a success inspired everyone; volunteers were even to be found requesting special coaching in arms drill from Sergeants, and bitter was the disappointment of a soldier demoted from a guard to be a keeper of the ground. For this enthusiasm we would like to say a very warm "thank you" to R.S.M. Oram of the 4th Battalion, who was responsible for drill rehearsals; he made everyone enjoy them.

It was unfortunate that the sequel to the Colour Presentation Parade, the parade to receive the Freedom of the Borough of Reigate, was washed out by heavy rain. The

parade, in the same guards as on the preceding day, had assembled at Reigate, and marched on to the Priory ground in slight drizzle. During the Mayor's inspection the drizzle increased to rain heavy by ordinary standards. During the Mayor's speech it had increased to a volume that even those with experience of violent tropical downpours were surprised at; and the Colonel of the Regiment ordered the parade to end. We marched off parade in steady order, with the white blanco streaming down our uniforms and some rather peculiar noises coming from water filled band instruments.

Although preparations for the Colour Presentation Parade have been uppermost in our minds for the last six months, other activities have also continued. In March we had our usual glacial weekends on ranges, classifying, and a Battalion M.T. Exercise, marred unfortunately by a tragedy. Sgt. W. G. Spencer, of "B" Company was killed when the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle in which he was travelling overturned. His coffin was borne, at his funeral, by members of the Sergeants Mess, and the Battalion raised money to send to his widow, to whom the deepest sympathy of all ranks is extended.

The Battalion's teams again distinguished themselves in the County of London T.A. Associations Tough Training Competition held at the end of March. We entered five teams, one from each company of the Battalion. The Bermondsey "D" Company put up the best performance, obtaining fourth place in the overall competition; next came Croydon's "C" Company with eighth place, Camberley's "B" Company was tenth, the Woking Reconnaissance Platoon, 13th and "A" Company (Reigate) 26th. The competition was won by the 10th Parachute Regiment, T.A., who gained first and third places, but our overall performance was one of the best of all the regiments and the best of all the non-airborne units competing.

The Bermondsey team which came fourth was led by Lt. Peter Dorey and Sgt. M. Nason. The team members were L/Cpl. Elliott, L/Cpl. Loomes, Ptes. Smith, Young, Tolley and Wallace. The team had been training every Tuesday evening and for many weekends in the Bermondsey area.

The Croydon team was led by Lt. A. Daly and the Camberley team by Capt. D. Robinson.

The competition began on Brighton sea front, from where teams marched to a range near Clayton and fired a Sten gun competition.

From the range they marched on to Plumpton Race Course where they prepared and ate a hasty meal, before being moved by vehicle to the bivouac area near East Grinstead. The first day's march was some 13 miles long. The teams spent a cold and wet night in the bivouac area, but were full of cheer despite their discomforts. During the night all teams made a two thousand yard compass march and returned to the bivouac area. After breakfast, cooked over primus and other stoves, the teams were moved by vehicle to Richmond Park, from where they marched to Clapham Common, taking an assault course in their stride on their way. At Clapham Common, the teams paddled across the lake in the centre by means of two man inflatable assault boats and then on arrival at the far shore, they were given a Civil Defence rescue test, lowering a casualty from a high building by means of ropes, and carrying him over obstacles. The final part of the competition was the march to Sloane Square from Clapham Common.

Seventy-five cheerful members of the 3rd Battalion returned home late on Easter Monday after a most enjoyable visit to Belgium. The party were the guests of the Belgian Army, and spent the Easter holiday studying the historic World War I battlefields in the Ypres and Mons areas. Our two friends of the Belgian Royal Military College—Commandant Jos Klein and Commandant Jean Charles—acted as guides for the party, which stayed at a barracks just outside the Lille gate at Ypres.

While in Ypres, on Good Friday evening, the Battalion party paraded, and the Commanding Officer laid a wreath at the Menin Gate Memorial to the British and Commonwealth dead of the First World War. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Sgt. R. Burston. For him it was a particularly moving and memorable occasion as the name of his own father appears among the list of men missing inscribed on the Memorial.

A representative party from the Battalion was received by the Burgomaster of Ypres in the Town Hall, and the whole Battalion party was taken on a guided tour of the rebuilt Cloth Hall, the Cathedral and the Menin Gate Memorial.

The men toured the scenes of all the great battles of the Ypres salient of 1914, 1915 and 1917. They walked the distance covered by the 1st Queens in their approach march from the Bois des Nonnes to Gheluvelt on 26th October 1914, when the British Army stopped

the German thrust towards Ypres. The Battalion party stood on the site of the 1st Queens position at Gheluvelt, at which position the 1st Queens, which had begun the battle just under 700 strong, were reduced to 32 men in the short space of 24 hours.

The Battalion party also visited Mount Kemmel and Hill 60 where the 1st East Surreys won three V.Cs and played an outstanding part in its defence. They also walked among the maze of trenches preserved at Hill 62, and the Messines Ridge in the area of Wytschaete, the dramatic mining of which formed the opening of the great 1917 battles in which our Territorial parent units the 3/4th Queens and the 1st/22nd London Regiment fought. Some of the craters are still clearly evident—they are now ponds surrounded by trees—but the size greatly impressed the soldiers. They found difficulty in believing that the explosion of the mines under the ridge could clearly be heard in London.

On Easter Sunday the Battalion party went by coach to Mons, and looked at the railway bridge over the Mons Conde canal where the 1st East Surreys held several German attacks of greatly superior numbers, and where they wiped out two German Battalions. The party also visited the fine war museums of the City of Mons and laid wreaths on the grave of a member of the Queen's Royal Regiment at the British Military Cemetery where many of the "Old Contemptibles" lie. The Battalion party also laid a wreath at the Belgian Military Cemetery at Houthulst.

The visit was a great eye-opener to many of the Battalion's younger soldiers, who found the opportunity of visiting some of the greatest battlefields in the Regiment's history most interesting. They also learnt once again the Military lesson of the importance of ground; emphasised very sharply in the low Flanders country, where a small hillock, scarcely noticeable at a casual glance, can dominate a large area of ground.

While at the Barracks, the Commandant, Major Dounez presented us with a handkerchief on which were painted songs and slogans of the First World War, which had been sent by his father, convalescing after wounds, in England to his Mother. He said he had always kept it on his desk, but would now like it to return to England with us—a gesture we very much appreciated.

The Battalion sent 24 "Ever-Readies" to Hong Kong to spend two weeks with the

1st Battalion in April. Their experiences form the subject of an article by Major Wilson elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

The week-end after Easter we went to the 44th Division Rifle Meeting, where fortune smiled on us so well that even "*The Times*" sat up and took notice, giving us a long paragraph the next day headed "One way traffic for shooting trophies". The conditions were poor, heavy rain on Saturday, but some improvement on the Sunday. The Battalion's teams won the Major Unit Championship, the Rifle Competition, the China Cup practice competition, the Falling Plate Competition, the Britannia Competition; in addition Major R. C. H. Saunders won the Individual Championship at Arms title for the fourth time in his career. The Battalion's teams in addition gained third place in the Sub-Machine Carbine Competition and fifth place in the L.M.G. Competition.

In the Rifle Competition, teams had to fire rapid and snap at 300 yards, and then move to 100 yards, and fire a number of rounds in a limited time. The Battalion team was Major Saunders; C/Sgt. T. Shuff, Sgt. J. Nugent, Cpl. Browning, L/Cpl. M. Smith, Pte. P. O'Dell, Pte. W. Jacobs, and Pte. P. Herbert who put up the best rifle performance of all soldiers of less than 2 years service and received a special award.

The China Cup practice had to be completed in 90 seconds. First ten snap targets had to be knocked down, then after a fifteen second pause, the maximum possible number of hits had to be made on two four-foot targets. The 3rd Queen's Surreys winning team was Major Saunders, Lt. Dorey, C/Sgt. Shuff, Sgt. Nugent, L/Cpl. Smith, Pte. O'Dell, Sgt. Burnham, M.B.E., and Cpl. J. Levy.

The Britannia Trophy was a fire and movement competition, results being assessed by the speed with which a number of targets were knocked down by a team moving from 400 yards to 300 yards, points being deducted for wasteful firing. The Battalion team was composed of Major Saunders, Lt. Dorey, Sgt. Nugent, C/Sgt. Shuff, L/Cpl. Smith and Pte. O'Dell.

Our team that won the Falling Plate Competition was made up of Lt. Dorey, C/Sgt. Shuff, Sgt. Nugent and L/Cpl. Smith. Two other members of the Battalion who distinguished themselves during the weekend were Pte. J. Luff and Pte. F. Wallace who put up excellent performances in the L.M.G. and Sten Gun competitions respectively. Both

Pte. Luff and Pte. Wallace have less than two years service. Six of the first eight places in the "Top Twenty" individual performances were gained by members of the Battalion's teams.

The prizes were presented by Major-General H. Grimshaw, the G.O.C. 44th (Home Counties) Division. All the members of our winning teams received an individual silver tankard in addition to the various competition trophies, and one soldier remarked cheerfully "I shall have this long after I have forgotten the soaking we got yesterday".

In May we had a "battle" on Salisbury Plain with our friends and rivals the 10th Parachute Regiment, and the R.M.F.V.R. We took up our defensive position, conducted a night withdrawal with vigorous patrolling and ambushing, and resisted an attack again on the following morning. We felt the blue berets gave as good as they got from the wearers of the red and green. Also in May, our anti tank Detachment had their first opportunity to fire the BAT anti tank gun.

In June teams from the Battalion brought the "Double" at the 47th Brigade Rifle Meeting at Stoney Castle. The Battalion won the Major Units Competition and two of its teams won both the important minor units competitions.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was designed to test Company teams of Junior non-commissioned officers and soldiers, some of whom had to have less than two years service. The teams had to fire rifle, light machine gun, Sten gun and the two-inch mortar all in a fire and movement exercise, fire the Energa anti tank rifle grenade, and throw hand-grenades in a small target area. The winning team was that of "H.Q." Company, though most of the members of the team came from the Reconnaissance Platoon. The team was as follows, Cpl. Browning, Smith, L/Cpls. Dunipace, Stubbs, Ptes. Carpenter, Message, Feltham, Johnson, Sharp, and Stubbs.

The second place in the competition was gained by the Battalion's "A" Company team, led by Cpl. Brady and included L/Cpls. Sparshott, Ptes. Kennison, Shipton, Gardiner, Boy Playford and Boy Goyder, Ptes. Cross, Snowden and Gibbs. This team had spent the previous weekend training under Capt. M. Brothers and 2/Lt. G. Wright and including as it did two boys and several

young soldiers, were pleased to have done well.

The Battalion's "B" (Camberley) team gained fourth place in this competition, the 3rd Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment gaining therefore the 1st, 2nd and 4th places out of 15 competing teams.

The other important competition, the Falling Plates competition, was also won by "H.Q." Company team, composed of Major Saunders, Lt. Stoddart, W.O.2 Burrows and C/Sgt. Shuff.

The Battalion's only regret was that the ladies competition, open to wives, mothers and girl friends of serving soldiers, was not won by a girl friend or relative of one of its members.

The prizes were presented by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., who congratulated the teams on their high standard of shooting. Each member of the winning teams received a silver tankard to remind him of a very enjoyable weekend.

On the 1st August Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen assumed command of the Battalion vice Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E.

After camp we also lost our R.S.M., Mr. Wildgoose, who has gone to the 1st Battalion. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his hard work with us. We welcome as R.S.M., Mr. A. Quickenden in his place.

We concluded a most eventful six months with a very successful All Ranks Colours Ball at the Dorking Halls.

#### Honours and Awards

The following honours and awards have been won by members of the Battalion, to whom we extend our congratulations:—

*O.B.E.:* Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn.

*T.D.:* Capt. P. B. Bowen.

*Long Service and Good Conduct Medal:*

W.O.1 R. L. Wildgoose.

*Efficiency Medal (Territorial)*

C/Sgt. J. J. Playford.

W.O.2 W. J. Griffiths (first clasp)

Sgt. W. Mills.

Sgt. F. Ell.

Sgt. D. L. Smith (first clasp).

Cpl. C. Pollitt (first clasp).

*Meritorious Service Certificate*

*Surrey:*

Sgt. R. P. Burston.

Sgt. J. N. Chambers.

Sgt. F. Ell.

Cpl. D. L. Button.

Cpl. A. Foster.  
Cpl. W. Galloker.

*London:*  
W.O.2 W. G. Edwards.

These notes would be incomplete without recording the very great debt that the Battalion owes to Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E., for his guidance and wisdom since its formation. Under him we have prospered to a degree that many of us feel would not have been possible but for his patience and example.

We are more than fortunate to still have him available in his capacity as Training Colonel, 47th Infantry Brigade (T.A.), and we hope that our fortunes in the future will serve only to prove that his tireless efforts have been more than worthwhile.

#### "A" COMPANY

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
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. M. G. Rapley
P.S.I.	Sgt. R. Gardner

Life at Reigate, Dorking and Coulsdon has continued to be most hectic. In the Battalion M.T. exercise "Lambs Gambol" in March we produced the best vehicle in the inspection and our  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle came second in its class. At the 47th Infantry Brigade Weapons Meeting at Stoney Castle our team led by Cpl. Brady gained second place. The Company also entered the Leatherhead Auxiliary Forces .22 Shooting Competition and have had great success in the preliminary rounds which have so far taken place.

Early in March, 2/Lts. Geoffrey Wright and Michael Baird joined the Company, and even after such a short time have really made their mark. We congratulate L/Cpl. Sparshott and Heard; Cpl. Sarjeant, Kane and Brady; Sgts. Smith and Yates and C/Sgt. Rapley on their promotions. After camp we bade farewell to C/Sgt. John Playford who retired from the T.A. after many faithful years service with "A" Company. We wish him every success for the future. Lt. Duncan Sidwell left us for the "smoke" of Croydon having been posted to "C" Company. We congratulate 2/Lt. R. E. McFadyen on gaining his commission and subsequent posting to "D" Company.

Several members of the Company went to Belgium on the Easter Battlefields tour and

five "Ever Readies" from the Company went to Hong Kong in April to spend a fortnight with the 1st Battalion. They were Ptes. Cross, Lancaster, Rogerson and Shephard from Dorking and Pte. Snowden from Coulsdon, who all came back with exciting stories of their experiences.

In May the Support Platoon at Coulsdon saw the long awaited arrival of a B.A.T. They have now been able to get down to serious anti-tank training, which has included live firing at Lydd and experience in handling over rough country and fire control.

Platoon training has continued together with Battalion drill parades. A Young Soldiers' weekend was held at Henley Park ranges on a glorious weekend in June, when some of our younger members had their first opportunity to fire infantry platoon weapons, the event culminating in a visit to "B" Company's summer ball at Camberley.

Attendance at evening training has been most promising. An arrangement by which all members of the Company come to one location once per month has been introduced. On one such evening in June a compass reading competition "Exercise Moonlight Treasure" was arranged on Reigate Heath, being won by Ptes. Shipton and Kennison who collected a cash prize.

A social and dance organised by L/Cpl. Fieldus was held in the club room at Reigate in March, it is hoped to run several more on similar lines during the forthcoming winter.

It was a particular disappointment for us that a tropical downpour of rain during the ceremony at Reigate Priory soaked to the skin all those taking part in the Freedom of Reigate Parade, and caused the cancellation of the march through Reigate. However, it is hoped that we will be able to exercise our privilege of marching through Reigate with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and drums beating on another occasion.

Our social activities at camp included a Company party at "The George Inn" Odiham, our guests included R.S.M. Wildgoose who left the Battalion after camp to join 1st Battalion in Hong Kong; Mr. Quickenden his replacement was also a guest. Presentations were made to C/Sgt. Playford to mark his retirement and to Sgt. Ray Gardner our P.S.I. as an appreciation for all the hard work he has put into the Company during the past year.

On return from camp the task fell upon the Company to assist in organising the

"All Ranks Colour Ball" at the Dorking Halls, Dorking. An event which proved to be most popular and enjoyable.

Our recruiting activities included participation in a leisure exhibition at Albury Manor Secondary School, Merstham, where we held a demonstration of weapons and showed a film of the Battalion activities. It was felt that the "Freedom of Reigate" march through the town would have given the Company a considerable recruiting boost had it taken place.

We are now planning our autumn and winter programmes in which we hope to include Driver training, a junior N.C.O.'s cadre, instruction on the B.A.T. and 3-in. mortar as well as a Company night exercise and scheme.

#### "B" COMPANY London Road, Camberley

Company Commander	Major 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

Since writing our last notes we have sustained a grievous loss. On a T.A. exercise in March, Sgt. W. C. Spencer was killed in a vehicle accident. He was an immensely enthusiastic Territorial and a quietly spoken generous friend. He was competent, loyal and popular. We miss him sadly and offer our sympathy to his widow and daughter.

We have again had many changes in the Company, some have left but many more have joined. In fact Cpl. Lyen won the Battalion recruiting prize for "B" Company for the first time.

We welcome Lt. Clark Maxwell and Lt. Charles Stoddart from "H.Q." Company. We wish Pte. Ford who joined the Royal Tanks and Pte. Haw who joined the 1st Battalion the very best of luck.

Our Courage Trophy team consisting of the Company Commander, Sgt. Nugent, Cpl. Thornhill, Ptes. P. Smith, Haw, Crowley and Ford came 11th. We did very well in the marching but had one or two catastrophes in the side-shows. However, we made up for it by beating a Regular Para. team in the march from Guildford to Camberley. The blisters this time were shared between the Company Commander, Sgt. Nugent, Ptes. Jacobs, Haw, A. F. Smith, and D. Smith.

As planned, four members of the Company went to Hong Kong with the "Ever Readies."

It was a marvellous trip which has been described elsewhere in this issue. We would, however, like to mention that the hospitality of the 1st Battalion was quite first-class and all ranks were made to feel most welcome—our sincere thanks from the Company Commander, Sgt. Smith, Cpl. Thornhill and Pte. Haw.

The Company annual rifle shoot was held this year at Caesar camp range, Tweseldown. We had a perfect sunny day and many guests, including the Recce Platoon, were present.

The Camberley Cadets very kindly worked all day in the butts and we fired quite a good course ending with a balloon falling plate contest with the Recce Platoon.

Sgt. Nugent was the champion at Arms, Sgt. Burnham, B.E.M., runner-up and Pte. Rufus, third. Pte. Rufus has been with us for less than six months and therefore is to be particularly congratulated. "B" Company won the balloon shoot.

We are now enjoying our August break but are looking forward to an interesting Autumn with two big exercises including all the trimmings such as helicopters and the Salisbury Plain weather.

#### "C" COMPANY T.A. Centre, Mitcham Road, Croydon

Company Commander	Capt. W. B. Greenhow
Second-in-Command	Capt. P. J. Dorey
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. A. Fuller
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. J. Russell
P.S.I.	Sgt. D. Lay

Major R. E. C. Brookes left us on the 31st July, on transfer to T.A.R.O., and we wish him well in his retirement. We congratulate Capt. W. B. Greenhow on taking over Command of the Company, and welcome Capt. P. J. Dorey into "C" Company as Second-in-Command.

The main event of the last six months has of course been annual camp and the presentation of New Colours to the Battalion at Woking on Friday, 12th July. The description of this parade has been covered adequately many times over, so it will suffice to say that we all thoroughly enjoyed camp at Crookham, with the possible exception of those few upon whom fatigue duties fell with monotonous regularity. However, these gallant lads seemed to take in it good part.

An enjoyable Company party was held at the "Iron Duke" at Farnham during camp. The surprise item of the party (for the then

Company Commander, Major Brookes) was the sudden appearance of Mrs. Brookes, who had been invited by the Company and brought down secretly. To add to his confusion he was presented with a silver cigarette box to mark his retirement, and to make sure that he did not change his mind.

Our training during the last months has been on general lines with occasional bursts of S.L.R. arms drill. We have run a number of cadres, senior privates, recruits, and a most interesting "Mortar Month" run by our expert, Sgt. Lay.

No less than 13 members of the Company went to Hong Kong for two weeks "Ever-Ready" training with the other T.A.E.R. men of the Battalion. All returned looking bronzed and fit, with good reports of the time they had spent and the hospitality they had received.

At the recent Divisional rifle meeting the Battalion rifle team swept the board, and members of "C" Company played their parts in the success, notably Cpl. Levy, L/Cpls. Luff and Herbert, and Pte. Scott, all of whom brought back a considerable quantity of silverware.

We sadly record the death of Sgt. T. Langridge, who was an active member of the unit until his recent illness forced him to retire, and assure his wife and family of our utmost sympathy.

Just before the August break we held a garden party at Mitcham Road for relatives and friends of the Company, Sgt. Woods worked like a trojan organising the children's races, Sgt. Rolfe and his merry men prepared the food, and although we would have liked more support it was a reasonably successful day.

#### "D" COMPANY 2 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey 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 W. Warren

In the middle of the big "freeze up" the Company Commander prepared an assault river crossing exercise for March, which he called exercise Ice Pick. He assured everyone that by the time the exercise took place spring would have come, but, alas it had not. Despite the extreme cold, everyone enjoyed

the exercise, no boats capsized and digging at least kept us warm. The Company Commander left for Hong Kong sunshine shortly afterwards, but assured us it was all pure coincidence, after he had come back bronzed and fit.

The Company again provided a very successful team for the County of London tough training team. Last year our Sutton Platoon came fifth, (first of the non-airborne teams); this year the Bermondsey team came fourth, again first of the non-airborne teams. This competition is described elsewhere in these notes.

In March the Sutton detachment, which numbers under 20, held a dance at Farringdon House. Several hundred people attended, the dance was a great success, and a slightly bewildered platoon found they had made a profit of £2 per head. Members of both Sutton and Bermondsey detachments went on the Easter battlefields tour, which all agreed to be especially interesting this year.

We warmly congratulate W.O.2 W. Edwards on his award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate, L/Cpl. S. Dafforn on once again being chosen to represent the T.A. in the Inter-Services .22 competition, and Cpl. Elliott and L/Cpl. Wallace on their promotion.

We welcome W.O.2 W. Warren on his appointment as P.S.I.; we hope he will be particularly happy in Bermondsey, his own home area.

We have had two excursions. At the behest of the Intelligence Section, we all went off to see the Russian Army Singers and Dancers at the Albert Hall, which we found a strange but enjoyable evening. In June we all went to see the Royal Tournament, where the Fort Henry Guard of Canada exercised a great attraction for the Sutton detachment, who have now prepared their own version—which they perform on suitable occasions such as a party at the Sergeants Mess, or to raise morale after a wetting at Reigate.

At camp the Company was well to the fore. We supplied a large number of men for No. 1 and No. 2 Guards, and escorts for the Old 6th Queen's Colours. The tall Fairfax brothers, L/Cpl. and Pte. Fairfax were to be found at either end of the front row of No. 1 guard. The Sutton detachment held a party in Basingstoke (it is said the Fort Henry Guard paraded in the High Street later) and the Company held another party in Crook-

ham. This must have been a success as the Intelligence officer has a hazy recollection of singing a song during the evening.

After camp we said farewell to Capt. Peter Dorey, who has served at Bermondsey for nearly 10 years, on his transfer as Company 2IC at Croydon. We welcomed 2/Lt. R. MacFayden to the Company on his promotion.

The Sutton Platoon are now training on the B.A.T. which has at last reached them. In August we held an all-night patrol exercise and Company attack on Hankley Common, which everyone enjoyed very much.

We continue to gain recruits, but not as many as we would like.

**"H.Q." COMPANY**  
Sandfield Terrace, Guildford  
Wey Hill, Haslemere  
Walton Road, Woking

Company Commander ..	Major J. R. Gill
I.O. .. .. ..	Capt. A. H. LeQ. Clayton
R.S.O. .. .. ..	Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford
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 Presentation of Colours Parade for which the Company had trained on drill nights is now over. It was generally thought that few members of the Company would be selected to take part, but of course this was not so. On the first day of camp most of the Company found themselves in No. 1 or No. 2 Guard. Indeed Cpl. Rutter brought the C.O.s battlewagon down to his office and the next thing he knew, he had a S.L.R. in his hand and was marching up to the parade ground.

A great number of the Company were on the actual parade. The only certainty not to be on the parade was Cpl. Dolling, who could not be fitted with No. 1 dress. The Company with all its extra duties did extremely well at camp.

At 47 Brigade weapons meeting the Recce Platoon, "Herdsmen" won the minor unit championship. This is the second year in succession that the Company has won this competition. The Company also won the Falling Plate Competition. We may be maligned and known as the shining bottoms and black gang, but we often show the rest of the Battalion the way.

A point of note here is that the junior officers of the Company have found a new

hobby — collecting pennants — this hobby often has far reaching consequences.

After camp, members of the Company took part in 47 Brigade Signal exercise "Walk Out," Lt. D. Peters, assisted by Sgt. Bromage and Cpl. E. Clamp represented the Army Air Corps Recce Flight. We would have liked to have seen the civilian policeman's face when he was told, having found their Landrover in a ditch, "That they were just coming in to land at Lympne airfield."

Pte. Mitchell has left us to join the Regular Army (Queen's Surreys of course). Pte. M. Wright and he were members of the Regimental Police at camp. Relations between the Wright brothers, P and M were rather strained when M. Wright told P. Wright (M.T. blackgang) to do his button up!!

Major J. R. Gill has taken over the Company from Major J. Schofield who has gone upstairs to join the management as T.A. training officer. We feel sure that Major Schofield will be down to see us quite often as he has left his tankards in the Company canteen.

The social life of the Company has increased this year. On the glorious first of June we held a ball at Guildford. This and the other two functions have been most successful.

Mr. George Deacon late 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment is now our barman. One would think by the repartee that we were back in the Burra Sahibs canteen of the British Raj.

**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

The last six months have been a strenuous but rewarding period for the Band and Drums. An enormous amount of effort was put into rehearsals and practice for the Presentation of Colours Parade, mostly done with the band and drums of the 4th Battalion. Between practices however, the band has given concerts on a number of occasions in the Battalion area.

"Punjab" has been added to the marches played by the band; this fine tune has been much admired.

All of us who were on the parade on the 12th July will look back on the day with

great pride, happy in the knowledge that we were able to help make it the success that it undoubtedly was.

**OFFICERS' MESS**

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

The Officers' Mess continues to lead a vigorous social life, though due to the distance separating our locations full attendance is often difficult. The Battalion Mess furnished hospitality to members of the Colour presentation parade planning committee on a number of occasions.

In the Battalion alternative Mess at Bermondsey, a past and present officers' dance was held in February, and a Mess ladies night dinner in March. The latter was a particularly successful evening. A wine and cheese party was also held by the Croydon officers in March.

The Officers' Mess at camp this year was the most resplendent and comfortable that we can recall. We were given "Redlands" a fine country house Mess just outside Crookham. The contrast between its manorial splendour (with pictures on loan from Reading University adorning the rooms) and the freezing tents of camp last year was most striking. The Battalion silver made a good display and the Mess staff, as usual, worked like trojans to look after us.

We held two guest nights at camp, and among our many guests, we were very glad to see both our two previous Training Majors, Peter Collyer and Paul Swanson.

While at camp we presented Col. Llewellyn with a drum fashioned into a coffee table.

The Belgian guests of the Mess very kindly presented us with gifts to mark the presentation of Colours. Albert Fassin gave us a beautiful water colour painting of old houses in Ghent, which now hangs in the Bermondsey Mess, and Jos Klein and Jean Charles gave us a silver plate with the badge of the Ecole Royale Militaire upon it.

After camp was over, we held an Officers' Mess Colours Ball in the Hyde Park Hotel on the 26th July and this was an even more successful evening than our Hyde Park ball last year.

We warmly congratulate Col. Brian Pullen on assuming command, Capts. Robinson, David and Brian on their promotion to Major, Peter Dorey on his promotion to Captain, and Bob MacFayden on receiving

his commission. We welcome William Clark-Maxwell, Simon Hopton, Geoffrey Wright and Michael Baird to the Mess, also Ian Faulder and Malcolm Brothers, who have been with us for some time but have now become members of the Regiment.

We also congratulate Julian Gill on his engagement and wish him and his fiancee every happiness.

With great regret we say farewell to Ray Brookes and hope he will come to see us very often in the future.

**CONCLUSION**

These notes leave us as the Battalion prepares for its annual visit to Ghent, to be followed by a busy winter training programme. This year our visit to Ghent—the 19th anniversary of its liberation by our territorial parent units—will include a parade at Rieme where a plaque to the Regiment is to be unveiled, and parades at Zelzate and in Ghent itself.

We would once again wish to conclude by asking any person who reads these notes, and think they record activities of which we may be proud, to ask themselves, "Do I know anyone who might like to join this Battalion?" If you can think of a suitable person, please send us his name, and we will write to him, asking him to join us over a glass of ale and watch us at work one evening.

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## Old Drums of the Regiment to be brought back from France

By CAPT. A. H. LE Q. CLAYTON, 3RD BATTALION  
THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT (T.A.)

The story of the fate of the drums of the 1st/6th Queen's Royal Regiment in 1940 has always interested me, from the time I first started serving with the Regiment in Bermondsey. "Old hands" and Old Comrades told me that in May, 1940 the 1st/6th were in position at Steenwerck near Lille, on the Belgian/French frontier. When the Blitzkrieg began, the Battalion was ordered to move into Belgium to defend the line of the Escout. The Commanding Officer of the 1st/6th at the time was that much loved officer of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. Ivor Hughes, who later became Major-General Ivor Hughes, K.C.V.O., Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons. Col. Hughes ordered that the drums and silver bugles of the Battalion should be locked in a safe storage place and not taken into the front line. Accordingly they were placed in an outbuilding in a brewery yard at Steenwerck, and the Battalion went to the front.

When the weight of the offensive was felt, and it was realised that retreat would not be south, through Steenwerck, but west towards Dunkirk, a party was sent to pick up the drums. On arrival at Steenwerck, however, they found the outbuilding had been burst open and burgled—probably by refugees fleeing from the Germans, then very close at hand. There was no trace of the drums or the bugles. There followed a hard war for the 1st/6th Queen's—"The Bermondsey Boys" as they were affectionately known. They went from Alamein to the Dutch frontier with the 7th Armoured Division, via Mareth, Tunis, Salerno and Normandy. At the end of the war, few of the original 1939 territorials were left, but they, and other newer members of the post-war Battalion made enquiries and even visited Steenwerck in 1955, but nothing could be found.

The story took my imagination; where were the drums? Destroyed? In France still? Or, found later by the Germans, in Germany? Or Austria? Or, found by Russians in Germany, now in Russia? They might be anywhere.

In 1961 the 6th Queen's were amalgamated with two other units of the Regiment to form the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, and while on our 1963 Easter battlefield tour I found myself in Armentieres on Easter Saturday evening. Curiosity seized me, and while others of our party were taking a quick glass of wine, I called, wearing a British warm and golfing cap, at the local police station. The scene was almost Maigret; one policeman was asking a small boy where he had left his bicycle, evidently stolen; another was asking a man on the telephone "And what did you do to your wife next?" But both policemen could not have been more interested and helpful to the stranger who asked them, if by any chance, they happened to have seen any drums around that were property of the British Army in 1940. They suggested a letter to the Mayor of Steenwerck.

Shortly after our return I polished up my best French and wrote to the Mayor of Steenwerck asking him if by any chance he could throw any light on the fate of the drums. There followed several weeks silence, I felt the cause was lost.

Then to my great joy in a letter, arriving on the glorious first of June, the Mayor wrote to say one drum had been found, in the hands of one M. LeBlanc, who occasionally played it in a village band. The Mayor had taken the greatest trouble on our behalf, the *Gazette du Nord*—the local paper of the Lille region—had published an article calling for information, and this one drum had come to light. Our Honorary Colonel, Col. John Kealy, wrote to say what pleasure this news gave us, and the mayor replied to say a second drum in perfect condition, had now been found; also the cymbals. These were being used by a local jazz band but their owner, M. J. Turck, had most willingly agreed to return them to us.

So, on 25th October, a small party of some 15 serving members of the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, together with five members of the Bermondsey

Battalion present at Steenwerck in 1940, will be going to bring the drums back for the Regiment. The party will be led by Col. John Kealy and the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Brian Pullen; the serving members will include Sgt. John Bryan, the only member of the 1940 1st/6th still serving with the unit. We shall entertain the kind Frenchmen who have given their time to finding these drums for us, and make

a small presentation to M. LeBlanc and M. Turck for their great generosity in returning the drums to us.

The drums, which are in fact the old 22nd London (the Queen's) Regiment drums, will be on display at Bermondsey on Armistice Sunday and will thereafter be kept in one of the Regiment's Museums. They will be home again.

A.H.LeQ.C.

## 4th Battalion

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

Honorary Colonel...	..	..	..	..
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2IC	..	..	..	..
Adjutant	..	..	..	..
Quartermaster	..	..	..	..
R.S.M.	..	..	..	..
R.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	..
O.R.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..
Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D.				
Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.				
Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.				
Capt. J. W. Francis				
Lt. W. Snowden				
W.O.1 F. B. Oram				
W.O.2 G. A. Hurley				
W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.				

#### Battalion Headquarters

The Presentation of New Colours and the Reigate Parade, the main events of the last six months, are reported elsewhere in the journal.

The Battalion is now planning the Laying up of the Old Colours, but definite dates have not yet been arranged.

The Old Colours of the 6th Surreys will be laid up in Kingston Parish Church, and those of the 23rd London Regiment in Battersea Parish Church.

On the 1st April the Earl of Munster, The Lord Lieutenant, visited Battalion H.Q. and Kingston Detachment. He watched the training, and later talked with members of the Battalion in the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, and the Orchard Bar.

In the 44th Division Boxing Tournament, Ptes. John Roberts and Ian Barfe, both of "C" Company, became Lightweight and Light Welterweight champions respectively.

The Cassino dance was held at Kingston on the 11th May, and was supported by a large number of past and present members of the Battalion and former Battalions.

Several Company training and Battalion rifle and L.M.G. classification weekends were

held before camp, and the Battalion swimming meeting took place in June.

The Band under Bandmaster Pearce, has given several concerts. After the last one there were complaints from our neighbours over the noise created by their rendering of the "1812."

After the parade at Woking on 12th July, a Battalion Smoker was held in camp at Crookham. Families and girl friends and past members attended this function.

Two weeks after camp an All Ranks' ball was held at Kingston to celebrate the Presentation of New Colours.

The annual Battalion rifle meeting took place at Ash on a wet August Sunday. Despite the bad weather it received good support from the Veterans' Company and their families.

In July the Battalion was invited to have the drums on display at Kingston Town Hall on the evening of a Council Meeting. Drum-Major Stuart Williams and Cpl. Miller were with the drums. The Commanding Officer and 2IC attended the Council Meeting and were later entertained by the Mayor.

The Battalion is extremely grateful to the Boroughs and Urban District Councils who have made handsome donations towards

the cost of emblazoning drums and new Colour Belts.

The Surrey County Council's donation was for the Drum Major's sash, and that from the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames for the emblazoning of the drums.

Donations were received from the Boroughs of Richmond, Barnes, Battersea and Surbiton and the Urban District Councils of Esher and Leatherhead for our New Colour Belts.

Walton and Weybridge Urban District Council contributed towards the cost of emblazoning the band drums. We were also very grateful for the donation made by the County of London and the Surrey T. and A.F. Associations towards the general cost of the Presentation of Colours Parade.

#### "A" COMPANY

Coy. Detachment Cmdr.	Major J. A. R. Mitchell
2IC	Capt. S. G. O. Landen
C.S.M.	W.O.2 L. Jolley
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. E. Ryder
1st Platoon Clapham	L/Cpl. Patrick, Ptes. Shettle, Francis and Brazier
2nd Platoon Richmond	Pte. Gordon
4th Platoon Clapham	Ptes. Eldridge, Harvey, Taylor, Eves, Warren and Fleming

The Company managed to retain an interest in the Company Championship Cup by tying with "C" Company.

The Battalion .22 competition was again won for the Company by the Richmond Detachment Team, which also had four out of the first five best individual scores.

In the six-a-side football and tug-of-war competitions at camp the Company teams were runners-up, and at the Battalion rifle meeting the two falling plate teams were best and second best Battalion teams.

In June the Company again won the Battalion swimming cup.

We are extremely sorry to lose Capt. Peter Talbot who has had to move to Wales for business reasons.

We inevitably lose old friends in the T.A. and we have said farewell to C.S.M. Anderson and C/Sgt. Stuart. In their places we have been very happy to welcome the smart military figure of C.S.M. Jolley and as Colour-Sergeant the friendly Sgt. Ryder. Lt. Alan Fairhead has taken over No. 2 Platoon, Richmond, and Lt. Leslie Archer-Davis has joined us from the Parachute Regiment to command No. 4 Platoon.

We entered a team in the Courage Trophy and although we had hardly any chance for practice and although Lt. Fairhead was ill



"A" Company's Courage Trophy Team

until the day before the competition we completed the course as a team and were placed 22nd. Next year our team will be led by Lt. Archer-Davis who has every intention of bringing his team within the first three.

I am happy to record the following promotions and I wish all these further success in the T.A.: Sgt. Brazier, L/Cpls. Carpenter, Palmer, Hone, Ricketts, Butlin, Patrick and Wall.

We have also gained the following new recruits, including an old friend in ex-Cpl. Willgrave. We hope they will enjoy their stay in the T.A. and in particular in "A" Company. We can never have too many: No. 1 Platoon, Clapham—L/Cpl. Patrick, Ptes. Shettle, Francis and Brazier.

No. 2 Platoon, Richmond—Pte. Gordon. No. 4 Platoon, Clapham—Ptes. Eldridge, Harvey, Taylor, Eves, Warren and Fleming.

#### "B" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major P. Labbett, T.D.
2IC	Capt. J. W. Brewster
C.S.M.	W.O.2 T. Shaw
C.Q.M.S.	Sgt. R. Frankland

Since the last notes "B" Company has held two Company training weekends in March and May, each being devoted to weapon training. On both occasions the venue was Hangmoor Hill field firing range, and pride of place went to field firing with the S.L.R. and L.M.G. at moving targets. If our scores were nothing marvellous, at least we learnt a lot and had fun. The weather was kind and we bivouaced on the range. Catering by courtesy of the Company Sergeant-Major.

The Battalion rifle meeting in September was a happy time for us, the Company winning the main competition, China Cup competition, and the L.M.G. pairs competition, thus winning the inter-Company trophy. Congratulations to Pte. Magee on winning the best rank and file shooting cup.

Congratulations on promotion to Lance-Corporal of Ptes. Reynolds, Charles and Bishop-King.

We are now training hard for the Brigade first-aid competition, under the inspired leadership of Lt. Harmon, who by now feels that he should have the use of a "Locum."

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#### "C" COMPANY

Company Commander	Major J. S. D. Wright T.D.
2IC	Capt. M. G. Pearson
Chertsey Detachment Cmdr.	Lt. R. W. Harrington
Cobham Detachment Cmdr.	Lt. G. 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

"Have you," said the Company Commander, "ever seen a Company 2IC with apoplexy?" "No" said I, "Then you had better get 'with it' and write the notes for the regimental magazine," said he.

2/Lt. J. R. B. Griggs led a team in the Courage Trophy tough training competition into 37th place out of 52 teams. This was a very good effort indeed as five of the team were under the age of 19. The team for this gruelling competition held in wet, cold, miserable weather was: Sgt. M. Dodge, Cpl. Elliott, Ptes. Cornick, Irwin, McTavish, Frampton, and Harris.

We held a Cup Final Night social and dance at Cobham (Company H.Q.) which was a marvellous success. In fact it was too marvellous, so much so that there just wasn't room to move, let alone twist or dance.

The Company Motor Cycling team, gave a display at Chertsey Town Fete on the 22nd of June. This was a marked success, the audience leaving their fun and games to crowd 10 deep around the arena to watch the dare-devils of the team perform their feats of daring. C.S.M. Collins was the team leader and trainer and the team consisted of L/Cpls. Moore and Harmes, Ptes. Harris, Frampton, Warner, and Regnard.

A team was entered in the 47th Infantry Brigade Weapon Meeting. We were runners-up in the Falling Plate competition.

Every member of the Company has grown six inches since annual camp, not through any special exercise but simply because they won the following trophies for 1963: the Commanding Officer's Cup; the Tug-of-War Cup; the Champion Company Cup.

Although we admit that we tied with "A" Company for the Champion Company Cup, we don't have to mention that of course, we consider ourselves as the champions.

The Company did manage to get a training weekend in amongst these activities. Exercise "Dun Roaming," in which the Company were sent to put down a rebellion in the hill

country of Hangmoor Hill Range. The enemy being three dissident brothers "Alwais-bin-Dun," "Neva-bin-Dun," and "Jus-bin-Dun," played with great dash and spirit by C.S.M. Collins, C/Sgt. Wood, M.M., and Sgt. Dodge. Needless to say, it was an outstanding success.

We proffer our congratulations to Cpl. Elliott on his promotion to sergeant, and Pte. McCauliffe to lance-corporal, extend a welcome to Cpl. Evans and Lt. R. W. Harrington and Capt. M. G. Pearson, commiserate with Capt. P. R. H. Thompson on leaving us and, last but not least, congratulations to Lt. C. D. Young and L/Cpl. Moore on the addition to their personal ration strengths and nominal rolls. Which leaves me with a plaintive query "What does a Company 2IC look like with apoplexy?"

#### "D" COMPANY

Coy. Detachment Cmdr.	Major W. E. McConnell,
	T.D.
2IC	Capt. V. W. Blackwell
C.S.M.	W.O.2 J. Patridge
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. F. Hodgins
P.S.I.	Sgt. G. Terry

The last few months have seen many changes in the Company. Many familiar faces have disappeared on being posted to H.Q. Company, and a few new ones have appeared.

The Company said farewell to 2/Lt. Arnold and Cpl. Kewish, now with the Recce Platoon, and L/Cpls. Hall and Pearson who have joined the Signals Platoon.

We welcome to the Company, Capt. P. Clark of the 4th/5th King's Own Lancasters, who is attached to us for out of camp training.

In March the Company carried out a field firing exercise at Lydd. The firing was carried out on a competitive basis, and the joint winners of the all round competition were L/Cpl. T. Meanley and Pte. W. Pearson.

We congratulate 2/Lt. T. Meanley on gaining his commission, and in remaining with the Company. We also congratulate the following on their promotions: Sgt. Wren, Cpls. Sergeant and Tucker and L/Cpl. Yallop.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

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

We are pleased to welcome back to the Company 2/Lt. Arnold as 2IC Recce Platoon.

The platoon has expanded since its formation and has been training both independently and with signals and M.T.

We also welcome Capt. Peter Thompson as R.S.O. and here again there has been a small but useful increase in numbers which makes the training under Sgt. Stokes and Cpl. Andrews that much more effective.

Two well deserved promotions in the M.T. Platoon go to Sgt. Belton and C/Sgt. Kelly. As usual M.T. coped very adequately with the hundred and one demands of the camp.

In sport the highlight was certainly our victory in the Battalion Inter-Company football competition. Won on a pleasant rest day in between the final dress rehearsal and the Colour parade.

Capt. Cullum, the M.T.O., led a Company team in the Courage Trophy and achieved quite a respectable placing.

Recruiting has been quite encouraging since we began recruiting direct for the specialist platoons. To support training in basic infantry skills a recruit platoon has been formed and training is carried out under C.S.M. Coombe on Wednesday evenings, with specialist platoon training on Mondays.

We have continued our series of successful Company socials, some shared with "D" Company, and we have owed much of their success to Sgt. Haynes and his buffets and Cpl. Peters behind the bar.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

In April the Colonel of the Regiment was present when we dined in Lt. (Q.M.) W. Snowden, 2/Lt. T. Meanley and L. E. Archer-Davis. Major Pepperall also dined with us on that occasion.

We were extremely sorry to lose, on retirement, Major Jack Cox, but we are pleased to say that he still visits us once a week. We dined him out at the first dinner night in camp.

Jack had been with the 6th Surreys and the 4th Battalion for a number of years and, apart from being a great help to the Battalion generally, was a very good supporter of the Mess. He and Mrs. Cox always helped with the preparations for Mess functions, and we hope that they will enjoy civilian life.

However, we are very pleased to welcome Lt. Bill Snowden as his successor. He was already known by many members of the Mess and of the Battalion, and has quickly settled down.

The annual cocktail party in May was attended by a large number of Mess members and their guests.

Shortly before camp a small party was held for the Mayor, Chairman, and other representatives of Councils who had so kindly contributed towards the cost of the new Colour belts and emblazoning of the drums. The drums and belts were on show for this occasion.

Two guest nights were held in camp, and we were pleased to welcome as our guests, General Metcalfe, Brigadier Saunders (47 Brigade), Brigadier Roupell, Col. MacD.

Baker, Col. Duncombe, Major Reed and Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke. Major J. M. Ribington, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, was also one of the guests.

After the Presentation of Colours we held a celebration cocktail party, and later the officers, and some of their guests, attended the Battalion Smoker.

The fact that the Mess functions have been so successful is very largely due to the hard work of Sgt. Brown, also Sgt. Manson and the other members of the Mess staff.

## "R" (Surrey) Battery

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

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

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

Battery Commander	Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D.
Battery Captain	Capt. J. N. Beevers
Troop Commanders	Capt. M. F. Collett Capt. D. A. Wright Lt. M. M. Fordyce
B.S.M.	W.O.2 C. H. Morris
B.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt. J. T. Collyer

On Saturday, 30th March, the officers, together with the committees of the Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association and the First Surrey Rifles Association, held a highly successful reception for a party of 30 from Southwark's twin-town of Coubevoie, near Paris.

The C.R.A.'s Exercise this year was held in May in the Aldershot area and served as a good introduction, especially for the drivers, to the rigours of Annual Camp. The latter was spent at Penally in South Wales from 22nd June. Taking the guns, the Battery moved by road which is a good 14 hour journey, and not entirely without incident.

The gun numbers spent the entire Camp, except for one short exercise, on the firing point at the School of Artillery at Manorbier. Meanwhile the radar, signals, and command post personnel carried out their own training in Penally and in the training area at Templeton airstrip. The Battery was most successful in several of the Regimental competitions,

winning the Tactics and Recruiting Trophies, and reaching the Football Final.

The Regiment was visited by so many Generals and Brigadiers that on the Officers' Guest Night they were able to form their own team in a broom tug-of-war contest. One nearly burst from the strain, but the senior, General Sir Roderick McLeod thoroughly enjoyed it. Among other guests were Major General E. H. F. Grimshaw, our Divisional Commander.

Four members of the Battery, Sgt. Lindup and Gnrs. Chappell, Davey and Keener, attended Camp for only one week before spending a fortnight with a Regular R.A. Regiment in B.A.O.R.

Capt. J. D'A. Westlake, T.D., has left the Battery, and Capt. D. A. Wright has succeeded him as Troop Commander.

The Battery will parade on Remembrance Sunday at the Memorial of the Queen's in Kennington Park and at St. Mary's Church.

## Regimental Museum

AT last the Regimental Museum is ready to receive visitors, although further work by the building contractors has yet to be started. This work will not interfere too much with the present layout.

The Museum has been housed in premises which have been converted from existing garages forming part of the main building in which Regimental Headquarters is situated. The firm of architects, of which Lt.-Col. Hedley Stroud, R.E. (T.A.), is a partner, have made an imaginative conversion. Hedley Stroud took a keen personal interest and liaised continually with us during the planning stage. We think that the final product will meet with the approval of all who visit the Museum.

By the use of existing concrete platforms, the Museum is on two levels, thus breaking-up the rather bleak warehouse appearance that it would otherwise have presented. This arrangement has also provided a certain amount of storage space, a most necessary adjunct to any Museum.

The move of the Museum took place on the 2nd January, on thickly-iced roads. Kingston Barracks was a morass of ice and snow, and a good deal of time was taken in manoeuvring the pantechnicons into position and dragging them out when they stuck. We commenced loading at 8 a.m. and completed the unloading at 8.30 p.m. The removal staff from Bentalls were extremely careful, and no major damage was incurred during the move.

Then came the headache of unpacking and sorting. A large number of the exhibits from Stoughton had not been out of their packing cases since 1960 and as, unfortunately, Major P. G. Smith had died, and the Stoughton Museum Accession Book was missing, the task of reorganising and placing these exhibits presented a major problem. Comprehensive packing lists had been provided by "P.G.," however, and with the aid of these, and the knowledge of Col. Duncombe and Mr. Jack Moule, the arrangement of exhibits was completed.

It was not until the sorting out process had been completed that an assessment of the number of showcases, and display stands required could be made. Then came the job of obtaining these. Mr. Chinery, the Museum orderly and signwriter, has done sterling

work on this, having converted 6-ft. barrack tables into first-class display stands with the expert use of hardboard. No barrack officer would recognise them now!

Mr. Clarke, of the R.E. Works Office at Kingston Barracks, together with his assistant, Mr. John Newton, gave us the utmost assistance in placing the heavy glazed Colours on the walls, together with the heavier pictures. Without their expert and willing help our task would have been much more difficult.

Exhibits have been displayed as far as possible in chronological sequence, no separation being made between the former Regiments, though, of course, the various titles of the former Regiments have been shown as applicable. For instance, the Victoria Cross gallery, where photographs of the holders are available, is arranged in date order, and where the actual Victoria Cross is in the possession of the Regiment, this will be displayed below the photograph of the recipient.

Our medal collection has required a lot of time and work, as the medals have had to be dated, graded, and placed in appropriate cases. In this, Major Flatow has greatly assisted Capt. R. J. Berrow, the honorary curator.

Certain Regimental relics which were loaned to the Army Museum at Sandhurst whilst our Museum was not ready for view have still to be returned, and these will be collected in the near future.

Boards showing the names of the Colonels of Regiments from 1661 have been brought up to date. Considerable research had to be made in order to achieve this, particularly in the case of The East Surrey Regiment. It was surprising how inaccurate were some of the older histories. Mr. Chinery has carried out some exquisite signwriting on these boards which are on the wall of the entrance hall to the Museum and Regimental Headquarters.

Although the Museum is open to the public, it should be realised that work in a Museum never stops. New exhibits arrive all the time and have to be assessed as to their Regimental association; where they should go and how they should be displayed. What we have endeavoured to avoid is the Museum becoming a repository. Only items having a Regimentally historical connection are acceptable, and will be displayed.



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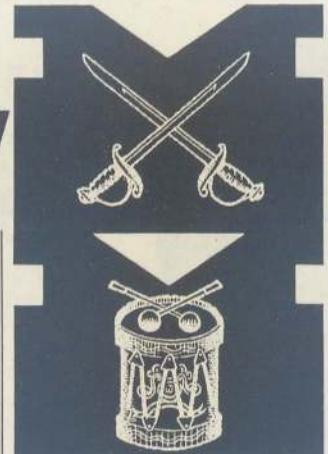


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### 1st Cadet Battalion

#### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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Commanding Officer ... Major W. H. J. Sale,  
M.B.E., M.C.  
Second-in-Command ... Capt. J. H. Patterson

**"A" COMPANY**  
Officer Commanding ... Capt. C. H. Wilson  
Reigate Detachment ... 2/Lt. W. T. Boocock  
Dorking ... R.S.M. A. J. Miles

**"B" COMPANY**  
Officer Commanding ... Capt. R. O. Nebel  
Second-in-Command ... Lt. J. C. Wilkinson  
Selhurst ... Lt. C. F. Wells  
Queen's House ... 2/Lt. M. C. Simmons  
R.A.S.C. ... 2/Lt. R. Burton

**"C" COMPANY**  
Officer Commanding ... Capt. K. G. Maggs  
John Ruskin ... Capt. K. G. Maggs

**"D" COMPANY**  
Officer Commanding ... Lt. B. P. Soper  
Wallington ... 2/Lt. H. S. Anderson  
Sharpshooters ... 2/Lt. D. J. Burrows

had the experience, and indeed, the privilege of being put through their paces on the drill square by the Brigade Depot R.S.M., Mr. G. E. Mileham. The remainder of the Battalion had the same treatment from two W.O.2s. The result was reflected in the deportment of our cadets throughout the remainder of camp. During the visit every cadet fired the S.L.R. and had a most interesting period in the Brigade Museum. A platoon of recruits gave a demonstration of physical training, and there was a magnificent display by the full Band of the Junior Soldiers' Wing. We express our grateful thanks to the officers, warrant officers, and N.C.O.s who supervised the various activities. We were later further rewarded by having a visit from Major Charles Cole, M.B.E. (retired) and Capt. Paul Gray, Queen's Surreys, during one of our 24-hour exercises when we suspended hostilities for our bonfire party.

The training at camp was first-class, mainly due to the fine weather, because we were fortunate enough to have the only two consecutive weeks of bright sunshine this summer. The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E., visited us in the training area during an exercise. With him were a number of senior officers including Brigadier A. R. Saunders, O.B.E., commanding 47th Infantry Brigade (T.A.) who is also the affiliated formation commander for Surrey.

It was perhaps a stroke of good fortune that we were duty Battalion when the Army Commander, General Sir Roderick McLeod, visited the camp. We were able to demonstrate our ability to mount a quarter guard of a very high standard and, when he inspected some of our huts, he saw that we do not just play at soldiers when in camp.

The Battalion outing was held at Margate and on this occasion we were delighted to have the company of our Honorary Colonel who had spent six days in camp with us. The officers of the Battalion lunched at the Nayland Rock Hotel after which Col. Goad presented the Battalion shield to Capt. Peter

In accordance with the current trend towards reorganisation, and, with increased efficiency as the object, the Battalion has undergone a transformation as will be seen from the headings to this column. By grouping the detachments in areas with each group under the command of an experienced officer, it is hoped that the administration will be eased, giving detachment commanders more time to concentrate on training. We are therefore looking forward to another good year when we will endeavour to better our previous performances at shooting, athletics and swimming, and at the same time, maintain our usual high standard in all other fields.

Our annual camp, this year, was held at St. Martins Plain, Shorncliffe, from 28th July to 10th August. Being so close to the Home Counties Brigade Depot at Canterbury, it seemed natural that the Battalion should spend at least one full day there, and we are indebted to Col. M. T. N. Jennings, the Brigade Colonel, for the hospitality extended to both officers and cadets. Our N.C.O.s

Tween who was attending his last camp, having moved from Surrey to Liverpool.

This year, the Battalion has been invited to represent Eastern Command in the Earl Roberts Imperial Trophy match which is a Postal Shoot held in October. Participants include pre-service units from all parts of the British Commonwealth and Colonies. In addition, we shall be entering three teams for the Montgomery of Alamein Trophy in September and at least two teams for the nationals at Bisley in October.

Cpl. Tyler, of John Ruskin detachment,

was selected to represent the county in the National athletics and had a clear victory in the high jump.

The annual Battalion parade will be held in Croydon on Sunday, 15th December. The Battalion will march from Sydenham Road T.A. Centre at 2 p.m. to St. Matthews Church, George Street, for our usual service and the salute will be taken outside the T.A. centre afterwards. All friends of the Battalion are cordially invited to be present. Guests are asked to be seated in the church by 2.15 p.m.

## 2nd Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer ... Major A. J. Fell  
Battalion Headquarters:  
T.A. Centre, Walton Road, Woking

On the 1st July there was a change in the command of the Battalion when Major A. J. Fell took over from Major C. W. Summers, T.D. who is now attached to Brigade Headquarters.

During recent months a record number of "Certificate T" passes have been obtained. The standard of shooting has improved greatly as can be judged from the number of cups at Battalion Headquarters. The Battalion also took home once again the Inter-Battalion patrol competition shield.

On the 11th August the Battalion went to its annual camp with the highest number of

cadets for some years, 130 plus officers and S.M.I.s. Once again, St. Martin's camp was judged by all as being a first-class establishment. The standard of drill and training was high whilst at camp.

We congratulate R.S.M. Hogsden who has been presented with the Meritorious Service Award by the Rt. Hon. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell: this is the first time that any member of the A.C.F. has received this award. Also, Cadet C.S.M. Jarvis who has passed into Sandhurst as an officer cadet.

Upon our arrival back from camp at our various headquarters, all ranks are determined to make the 2nd Cadet Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment second to none.

## 5th Cadet Battalion

### The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

#### Appointments

We congratulate Sgt. Instructor A. Church on receiving his commission. He is now serving with "C" Company New Malden Platoon.

We welcome Sgt. M. Stebbings, late 4th Battalion T.A., who has joined the Battalion and is serving with "B" Company St. Paul's, Addlestone, Platoon and we congratulate Cdt./Sgt. Hawkett on his appointment as Sergeant Instructor.

#### Resignations

We are sorry to lose the services of Cdt. Sgt. Jagger, Kingston Platoon, who has had to leave the force temporarily whilst studying for his diploma in commerce. We hope he

will re-join us in the not too distant future, probably as an adult instructor.

#### Courses

Lts. W. Banfield and C. Russell and S.M.I. Stebbings all successfully completed King George VI Memorial Leadership Courses at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park, Surrey.

#### Shooting

4th Battalion (T.A.) .22 League—we competed in this league and obtained fifth place. Our officers' team made the highest score within our own Battalion and now hold the Mellish Cup which has just been introduced.

Surrey A.C.F. annual rifle meeting, Bisley. We gained many successes at this meeting taking five cups, and Cpl. Rowley, Walton Platoon, won the Champion at Arms Shield. Well done!

44 Home Counties Division District rifle meeting—we brought home the Home Counties District Rifle Championship Cup.

4th Battalion (T.A.) annual rifle meeting. In spite of adverse weather we enjoyed this meeting and our team won the Application, Highest Individual Scores and the Falling Plate Competition. It was interesting to note that we won these competitions using the mark 4 rifles as against the 4th Battalion's S.L.R.'s. Unfortunately, as this is a 4th Battalion shoot we are not permitted to hold the trophies which is a pity. S.M.I. Hawkett was the best shot of the meeting and brought home the Cadet cup.

The Inter-section Battle Shoot was carried out at annual camp and was won by Kingston Platoon. They won the McKay Cup just introduced. Well done!

We have had once again a good year at shooting and the officers and S.M.I. coaches, not forgetting the teams themselves, must be congratulated.

#### Sutton Festival of Youth

Sutton Platoon gave a good account of themselves at this show and our picture shows the Battalion's silver on display. The Queen's Royal Surrey Cup is in the centre and the new Surrey A.C.F. Standard can be seen in the background. We gratefully acknowledge the help given by the 3rd Battalion (T.A.) in putting on this display.

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

Battalion Headquarters	
The Cottage, T.A. Centre	Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey
Commanding Officer	Major L. I. Raven-Hill
Adjutant	Capt. D. Sweasey
Chaplain	Rev. A. G. Wedderspoon, M.A.
R.S.M.	R.S.M. L. R. Green
Attached:	
Training Officer	Capt. E. J. Hillier
Sports Officer	L. K. Field, Esq.
"A" Company	
Commander	Capt. R. B. Kitchen
Leatherhead Platoon	2/Lt. C. Dawes (Cmdr.) S.I. Cameron S.I. Hughes Cdt. Sgt. Guppy Lt. A. Willoughby (Cmdr.)
Chessington Platoon	S.I. Hawke
Cobham Platoon	Lt. G. R. Strong (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Hoy S.I. Griffin
"B" Company	
Commander	Capt. J. Rapley
Walton Platoon	Lt. W. Banfield (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Balding S.M.I. A. Hawkett
Chertsey Platoon	Lt. W. C. Burnett (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Berry Cdt. Sgt. Brown
St. Paul's (Addlestone)	Lt. C. Russell (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Stebbings Cdt. Sgt. Patterson
"C" Company	
Commander	Capt. D. McLean
Surbiton Grammar School Platoon	Lt. P. Carpenter (Cmdr.) Lt. J. N. Hypher (Cmdr.) S.I. Collins Cdt. Sgt. Breeze
Kingston Platoon	Lt. Lenihan (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Johnson Cdt. Sgt. Angel
Sutton Platoon	Lt. M. Boxall (Cmdr.) 2/Lt. A. Church S.I. Shaw

#### Sport

We did very well in the County athletics and cross-country meetings. Chertsey Platoon brought home a cup from the athletic meeting. Well done!

Once again "B" Company won the C.O.'s Inter-Company Challenge Trophy but we feel they will have a tougher fight to hold this cup again next year.

We took third place in the Surrey A.C.F. annual county patrol competition but the margin of points between first, second and third places was very small. Our team are therefore to be congratulated.



Sutton Festival of Youth

5th Cadet Battalion's trophies on display. The Queen's Royal Surrey Cup is in the centre and the new Surrey A.C.F. Standard can be seen in the background

#### Training

We have had several successes in Cert. "A" examinations with credits again in Part II.

We have had several one-day courses for officers and our S.M.I.'s/S.I.'s and Cadet Sergeants had a special four-Sunday course on the S.L.R.

Companies continually get away to the weekend training centre for training and on the whole the Battalion has trained hard.

#### Annual Camp

As in the case of last year, annual camp was run as an exercise and code named "Harbour Lights." The narrative this year was based on the Territorial Army being sent to the Continent and the Cadet Battalion having to reinforce the Garrison at Shorncliffe from where the Territorial Army Units were embarking. From there the Battalion had to carry out anti-saboteur operations in the hills surrounding Folkestone and Dover and this gave the cadets the experience of quick action and excitement.

The exercise was preceded by a Church Parade and march past at Kingston-upon-Thames, the Mayor of Kingston and Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., taking the salute. We are most indebted to the 4th Battalion

(T.A.) for all the help given, not forgetting the Band and Corps of Drums.

The various exercises within the framework of the camp were planned and run by officers' syndicates which proved most successful. The verdict—"best camp ever."

We welcome our newest platoon, that of New Malden. This platoon is already up to full establishment and we are anxious to obtain its permanent headquarters as soon as possible. Lt. Boxall is to be congratulated on the work put in to form this unit. The new platoon gave a good account of itself at annual camp.

#### Trophies

The following Inter-Company Trophies are to be introduced this year: The Rayner Cup awarded for highest percentage of first class marksmen. The McKay Cup awarded to the best Section Battle Shoot at Annual Camp. The Brunt Cup awarded to the best Patrol in the inter-Company Annual Patrol Competition. The Mellish Cup awarded to the best Company .22 Team of the year.

#### General

We have completed a most successful year greatly helped by the hard work and co-operation of all Officers and Instructors.

## 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment

Headquarters: PYMBLE, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Commanding Officer	Col. P. H. Pike, ED.
Deputy Commander	Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor
Executive Officer	Lt.-Col. J. Hardiman

This is the first report on 2 R.N.S.W.R. since the Regiment was granted affiliation with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Our 2nd Battalion was formed on the re-organisation of the Australian Army and comprises sub-units from former Infantry Battalions, namely: 2nd Battalion, The City of Newcastle Regiment; 13th Battalion, The MacQuarie Regiment; 17/18th Battalion, The North Shore Regiment; 30th Battalion, The New South Wales Scottish Regiment; 6th Mounted Rifles (Motorised Infantry).

Since its inauguration the Battalion has gone through many critical phases until today it boasts of being one of the strongest Citizen Military Force Infantry Battalions in Australia.

Our affiliation has deep roots in that the City of Newcastle Regiment was affiliated with the Queen's Royal Regiment and the North Shore Regiment, with the East Surrey Regiment under the old regime. We were indeed joyous to learn that our old affiliations have been renewed.

Due to the widespread area that our Battalion is raised from, which radiates from the H.Q. some 600 miles in a north and north-west direction, it is not possible to do collective Battalion training except during the annual camp. Other than this, sub-unit training on a company basis is conducted on night parades and at weekend activities.

On 16th March, 1963 we went into Singleton camp some 50 miles north of Newcastle for the annual 16-day camp. Firstly, we must record that it was the wettest camp of all time but fortunately due to breaks in the weather from time to time we were able to complete our scheduled training programme.

2 R.N.S.W.R. was camped as a Battle group. However, exercises and training were mostly conducted on Company level but under Battalion control.

Very interesting programmes were carried out, exercises being held in co-operation with an Armoured Squadron (Centurion tanks), a Troop of Armoured Cars, a Company of



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Annual Camp, 1963

"A" Company Land Rover in trouble

R.A.A.S.C., an Infantry Workshops, a Field Ambulance, a Regiment of A.P.C., Detachment Division Signals, and elements of a Light Aircraft Flight. For enemy we had one Company from 1st Royal Australian Regiment being regulars.

In the early part of camp we concentrated on platoon standard training with emphasis on a task of clearing a small enemy encampment, the tactics being based on south-east Asian area operations. The plot here was for a platoon to be flown in by helicopters adjacent to a suspected guerilla force who were of 10 to 12 in strength supposedly terrorising the locals. Our enemy, all dressed in civilian clothes, did not speak English and they certainly added to the atmosphere of the setting by their behaviour. This proved most interesting from everyone's point of view and many lessons have been learnt by all.

We advanced to Company level where a task was given to secure an air landing ground to protect the fly-in of a larger group.



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Annual Camp, 1963  
Support Company issuing rations during an Exercise

Again this went well and numerous lessons were brought out.

It culminated in taking the whole force in a forest area, which simulates south-east Asian conditions to some degree, and there we disposed the battle group. In this plot each Company was given an air landing area which they had to secure and patrol a designated area ensuring it was clear of the enemy. Supplies were brought in by vehicles on scheduled times which simulated aircraft, necessitating loading tables, protection, and the like. All this went well with lessons coming out all the time.

The outdoor exercises at first thought by certain people to be a little ambitious were good teaching mediums and despite the wet weather conditions the lessons learnt increased the efficiency of the Battalion considerably.

Other exercises included co-operation with tanks and armoured cars. Of course good musketing practices were also held.

During the camp an eight days Junior Leaders' Course was conducted, the aim being to prepare candidates for their examinations for Sergeant, Warrant Officer, and first appointment. This was a new innovation for our annual camp and it proved a huge success.

Many V.I.P.s visited us during the camp including the Chief of the General Staff, Lt.-General J. Wilton and our G.O.C. Major-General I. T. Murdoch.

After the hectic days following reorganisa-

tion it is now known that we have a first-class unit with good esprit de corps and reasonable efficiency.

*Extracts from a letter received by the Editor, from Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor, Deputy Commander, The Royal New South Wales Regiment.*

19, Bolton Street,  
Newcastle,  
N.S.W.  
7th August, 1963

Dear Colonel,

I have enclosed a brief report of the unit particularly covering the Annual Camp 1963, and photographs taken at random during this period.

Personally I am very pleased that our affiliation has been renewed because prior to re-organisation of our Army in June 1960 I commanded 2nd Infantry Battalion—The City of Newcastle Regiment—which was affiliated with The Queen's Royal Regiment.

We were very zealous of our proud affiliations and whilst in some aspects supported our re-organisation were upset at severing these traditions. We who had these past associations were very active in getting back our affiliations.

Armies, so history reveals, go through many re-organisations which necessarily must produce some heartbreaks but no doubt in the end the result is of benefit to the cause.

Annual Camp, 1963



Annual Camp, 1963  
Junior Leaders' Course. Instructors Front Rank, Left to Right, W.O.II Sellwood; W.O.II R. Love; Lt. M. Callister; Major C. McDonald, Chief Instructor; Major J. Godwin; Capt. F. Murphy



Photo by Peter Walton, 52 Berry Street, North Sydney

The Battalion Marching Past  
Col. P. H. Pike, C.O., Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor, Dep. Comd.; Major G. Hoeter, D.A.A. and Q.M.G.; Major R. Rudkin, G.S.O.2; Major D. Playfair, O.C. "A" Company, followed by "A" Company

For your guidance Chatswood and Crows Nest are actually suburbs of Sydney. The Headquarters is at Pymble, also a suburb of Sydney. All remaining sub-units are in the country areas north of Sydney.

You may be astounded at the size of our battalion area. The many problems that confront us with such an organisation are beyond all thinking but we seem to make out alright.

I would say that the unit has reached a good standard in training particularly at Officer and N.C.O. level. The esprit-de-corp is also of a high standard.

Many candidates have recently qualified for promotion both in the Officers and N.C.O. ranks. Of course, examinations are held twice yearly for first promotion and with good result.

As we are a Citizens Force, having a cadre of fourteen Regular Army attached, the results obtained are very pleasing and satisfying for the efforts made.

Each year we provide an Enemy Party for the major Regular Army Exercise who have acquitted themselves well. For this year there is added interest in that the force includes the Royal Ulster Rifles so nominations for the Enemy Force are well oversubscribed.

I trust that this coverage will fill you in on our unit and so will close for this time.

The best of luck to the Queen's Surreys and to you, Sir.

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

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## The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

THE Spring Meeting was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30th April and 1st May. The attendance was reasonably good, the golf was as usual, some good, some bad, but the weather departed from the traditional, in that while Tuesday was fine, Wednesday was wet, very wet. All of us got soaked, and those who played both morning and afternoon got soaked twice. In the circumstances Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown and David Dickins, the winners respectively of the Challenge Cup and the Dodgson Cup, are to be congratulated on their weatherproof performances.

At the annual general meeting on Tuesday evening 30th April, Lt.-Col. G. S. Abbott was elected captain of the Golf Society in succession to Brigadier G. A. White, whose term of office ended at this meeting.

### Results of the Competitions

#### Tuesday

##### STABLEFORD BOGEY

*Heales Memorial Trophy and Senior Memento:*  
Capt. J. A. Clark (32½).

*Junior Memento:* Major R. C. Taylor (31).

*Veterans' Halo:* Major J. C. Drane (38½).

*Greensomes:* 1, Brigadier G. A. White and Major C. H. Dickins (35½); 2, H. P. Mason and Major J. C. Drane (34½).

#### Wednesday

##### MEDAL ROUND

*Challenge Cup (Scratch):* Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown (80).

*Dodgson Cup (Handicap):* D. J. Dickins (92 less 20 = 72).

*Memento best last nine holes:* Seniors: H. P. Mason. Juniors: Major M. F. Reynolds.

*Hidden Holes Prizes (Seniors):* R. G. Sinclair. Juniors: Major J. C. Drane.

*Foursomes:* 1, Major K. G. Grierson and R. G. Sinclair (3 down).

The Royal Marines match was held at Sudbrook Park on 22nd May, and the new captain, Lt.-Col. Abbott was delighted that his term of office should open so auspiciously with a sterling win over the Marines. The Queen's Surreys team as a whole were modestly pleased and proud of themselves, for they had been by no means the favourites

for this match, and they were without one or two stalwarts.

The scores were:—

<i>The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society</i>	v.	<i>The Royal Marines</i>
1 H. P. Mason	3/2 v.	Major E. Griffiths
1 Capt. T. L. Trotman	2/1 v.	Taylor
1 Capt. J. A. Clark	2/1 v.	Major E. Light
1 Lt.-Col. G. S. Abbott	1 up v.	Capt. C. G. Bellamy
0 Capt. H. C. Mason	v. 4/3 M. Trotman	1
1 Major M. F. Reynolds	2 up v.	J. Wagstaffe
0 Brig. G. R. P. Roupell	v. 3/2 Major S. D. Smith	1
1 Lt.-Col. J. A. Lasbrey	2 up v.	Major H. L. C. Frazer
6		2
1 H. P. Mason and T. L. Trotman	1 up v.	M. Trotman and K. Light
0 A. Mason and M. F. Reynolds	v. 2/1 E. Griffiths and C. G. Bellamy	1
0 G. S. Abbott and J. A. Lasbrey	6/5 Taylor and J. Wagstaffe	1
0 H. C. Mason and J. A. Clark	v. 3/2 S. D. Smith and H. L. C. Frazer	1
1		3

Queen's Surreys won 7 matches to 5

### Bequest

During August 1963 the executors of the late Miss Annie Caroline Wells paid the Regimental Association the sum of £25, which has been left to the Regiment by their client.

In placing on record our appreciation of this generous gift, we feel it may be of interest to trace Miss Wells' connection with the Regiment. Miss Wells, who lived at Hampton Wick, was the daughter of 1615 C/Sgt. John Wells. The latter was born in 1854 and enlisted at Kingston-upon-Thames in 1873. He served in the Afghan War (1878-79) and in Egypt in 1885. He was transferred to the Volunteer Staff in 1893. C/Sgt. Wells was discharged in 1904 after 31 years service, his Parchment Certificate being signed by Col. Frodsham, commanding the 31st Regimental District. Twenty-two years later the old soldier was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with annuity. The presentation was made on parade by the Officer Commanding the Regimental Depot of The East Surrey Regiment, the late Major H. A. W. Creaghe.

# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## Association Affairs

Older members may sometimes wonder what happened to the funds of the previous Old Comrades' Associations of the two Regiments on Amalgamation. The answer is that we were not allowed to amalgamate the O.C.A. funds, and they continue their separate existence under the names of the Queen's Royal Regiment Charitable Fund and the East Surrey Regiment Charitable Fund. These are the funds which make the day-to-day grants to those in need.

On Amalgamation it followed that a similar fund would be required for The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, and a new Charitable Fund has been set up under that name. The main sources of income for the Charitable Funds have been investments and the annual block grants from the Army

Benevolent Fund. Recently the Army Benevolent Fund inaugurated a new policy by which they increased their grants to the National Charitable Organisations, and reduced their block grants to Regiments. In consequence, it is necessary for Regiments to stand on their own feet financially, because ultimately the Army Benevolent Fund grant will cease altogether.

In order to provide the money required to enable the benevolent work of the Regimental Association to continue, all serving Regular officers and other ranks are being invited to contribute a day's pay a year to the Regimental Charitable Fund. The scheme was launched by a personal appeal from the Colonel of the Regiment to every serving member of the Regiment and is reproduced below.

## An Appeal to the Regiment

### What it is About

This appeal is addressed to every serving Regular officer, W.O., N.C.O. and Private in The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, asking each one of you to give voluntarily one day's basic pay a year to your Regimental Association's trust fund.

### What it is For

In common with all other Regiments of the British Army, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment helps its own people when they are in need. This is done by making grants from the Regimental Association's trust fund, mainly to ex-soldiers, their families, widows and orphans, but also to serving soldiers and their families. The fund helps about 250 cases a year, many of whom are old or ill, many have small children, and all have money troubles. All have served in the Regiment or are dependants of men who have done so.

### Why you are Being Asked to Subscribe

Up to now the Regimental Associations of all Regiments have been helped in this work by annual grants from the central Army Benevolent Fund. The need for these grants has been so heavy that the Army Benevolent

Fund has been fast disappearing. Now it cannot make us regular grants any longer and we have got to stand on our own feet. All Regiments are in the same boat.

### The Target

In this Regiment we need to raise at least £600 a year in order to keep up the standard of our benevolent work. We could do with more. We could never raise this by collections, fetes, tombolas, etc., and the constant effort of trying to do so would be a very great burden. But if each one of us gives what he can afford according to his rank, i.e. one day's basic pay a year, we can do it easily, and can be sure of helping a lot of less-fortunate members of the Regiment.

### Who—me?

When you are young, fit, healthy and in steady employment, the chances of falling on hard times seem remote. But people do. One day it may happen to you. And even if it never does, you may be sure it will happen to some of your comrades sooner or later. You can help them now.

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

## Summer Reunion

In response to a general request, the committee decided to hold the 1963 summer reunion in Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, subject to the permission of the present Commanding Officer, Col. M. J. Davis, Royal Army Pay Corps.

It was undoubtedly a great pleasure to be back once more in the traditional home of the Regiment, and the function was held on the usual lines. There was a good gathering of families, and the fine weather and the music of the Bands of 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.) and 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.) contributed to a most enjoyable occasion. "Just like old times" said many. Yet, we wonder, is this the answer. Nice though it is to look back on old times in traditional surroundings, there are several hard facts to be faced. One is that we no longer have a footing in either of our former Regimental Depots. We are dependent on the good will and active co-operation of the present occupants. This has invariably been forthcoming, but it means quite a number of people have to give up their Sunday to look after us. The problems of actually getting things done are acute (gone are the good old days when the R.S.M. arranged a fatigue party to lay the place out and clean up again afterwards).

With the former Depots so much reduced in size, sanitary arrangements are far from satisfactory and there are numerous other problems such as water supplies, fire pre-

cautions, car parking and so on. We have also to consider that whatever place is selected there will be greater support from some members than from others.

Whatever we do, we will not please everybody, but with the changes Amalgamation has brought we can no longer continue on the former parochial basis. Perhaps the time has come to consider something entirely different, such as holding the reunion in a hired building in Guildford on the same day as the Regimental Church Service, or perhaps holding the reunion in a hall in London at some other time of the year. The committee would be interested to receive constructive suggestions on this problem.

## Visitors from Overseas

We are always pleased to see old members of the Regiment from overseas. This summer we have had two visitors who have been abroad for over 40 years without returning to this country.

Old members of the 1st/6th Surreys may remember C.S.M. H. F. Wilson, M.B.E., who was formerly the bass drummer. He took his discharge in India in 1919, and has remained there ever since. Harry Wilson, now 86, attended the Presentation of Colours to our Territorial Army Battalions at Woking on 12th July, where he met a number of old friends.

Our other visitor was from Australia:



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A "Pony and Trap"  
Party in progress

Photo by W. Dennett, 21 Church Road, Guildford

1328 H. E. E. J. Hopkins joined the 23rd London Regiment in 1912. He went to France with the 1st Battalion, and was a Sergeant when he was wounded at Festubert in 1915. Soon after discharge from hospital, Hopkins was commissioned into the East Yorkshire Regiment (15th Foot), and served with them in India. Here he met the nursing sister he was later to marry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins did not return to England after the war, but settled down in Brisbane, Queensland. During the 1939-45 War "Hoppy," as he was known, served in the Middle East with the Australian Military Forces with the rank of Captain. Although he has lived in Australia for nearly 45 years, and could be regarded as a "dinkum Aussie," Hopkins confesses that he remains a "Pommie" at heart.

#### 4th Battalion

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

A COACHLOAD of members and their families visited the Royal Tournament and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Our special thanks to Bob Chapman, our Social Secretary, for the organisation and arrangements which he so splendidly made for the event.

Our Association's annual reunion dinner held at the Barracks, Croydon, on 19th January, was a great success—if not financially, it completely fulfilled its purpose. In spite of the Arctic weather which kept so many of our country comrades away, all the old stalwarts were there, including, we are delighted to say, many of our old officers, who we now certainly expect to maintain contact and interest. Our warmest thanks are due to Major Brooks, Officer Commanding "C" Company 3rd Battalion Queen's Surreys, for his help and co-operation and we must again put on record our deep appreciation of the enthusiasm and hard work of the one and only Joe Dennis, our Honorary Treasurer.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade, on 11th November, 1962, was fairly well attended, but this Association has not, I am sure, got its heart in the pomp and ceremony of a civic function which this has certainly now become. We feel that such a tribute to our fallen comrades should be as simple as possible and far more personal.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of Fred Bastin, Bobby Knight, Bert Rolfe, Tommy Langridge, Norman McEwen, Tom Smith, Jack Wawman, Cyril Keeling, and Jim Kerby. Fred Bastin, who enlisted on Boys' Service in the 1st Battalion in 1910, came to us as a P.S.I. in 1926 and was respected and liked by all ranks. His widow, Mrs. Queenie Bastin, may be assured that she retains the place in our regard which she always held in his lifetime. Seven of us attended his funeral, also Major Hill and Major Fairclough and a Sergeant representing the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. It would appear now that the only remaining permanent staff instructors of our Battalion are Joe Dennis, Bert Warner, and Horace Hudson, surely a living proof of our motto "Even the remnant shall triumph."

On the Glorious First of June, by the kindness and courtesy of Lt.-Col. J. H. F. Johnson, we held a garden party in his garden. Although the weather was glorious, the attendance was very disappointing. Again, this occasion was marked by the presence of the same old stalwarts and their families, God bless them! In this connection we must pay tribute to that very wonderful old lady, Mrs. Shonfeld, who, by her shining presence and her sterling family, must surely warrant the title of "Queen of the 4th Queen's." In the evening, by courtesy of Major Brooks, a social evening was held at the Barracks, to the great enjoyment of all who attended. May we thank everyone concerned by whose hard work and kindness these Glorious First events were made possible.

Some 40 of our members and families attended the ceremony at Woking on 12th July, on the occasion of the Presentation of New Colours to the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Regiment. It was truly a most memorable occasion and the drill and turnout of everyone concerned was indeed magnificent, as was also the lavish hospitality extended to the spectators. We must confess to a deep feeling of nostalgic sadness at the marching off of the Old Colours, but we are certainly greatly heartened by the strong confidence aroused in us in our successors who will carry the New Colours. But for it being held on a Friday—a working day—we feel sure many more of our members would have attended.

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

The Association continues to flourish despite the fact that one by one our comrades are passing on, and our greatest loss this year has been our chairman, George Ebbutt. Our vice-chairman C.S.M. A. J. Edwards is valiantly carrying on as deputy chairman until the elections at the next annual general meeting on 17th November. He is a very good chairman and popular with everyone. There was a very good attendance at our 34th annual reunion dinner held in Croydon in April 1963; members and guests totalling 125. The dinner chairman was his Honour Judge J. B. Herbert, M.C., Q.C., and he was supported by his brother Capt. E. Herbert, M.C.; Capt. P. C. Duncan, M.C., Q.C., Recorder of Norwich; Capt. G. A. Streeter and Lts. R. Jennings, L. Green, F. V. Cunnington, G. Holes, and a grand gathering of other old comrades.

Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., and Major F. Waspe, M.B.E., the former secretary of the Regimental Association, were among the honoured guests, as also were Mr. J. Dennis and Mr. C. Langley, two officials from our sister O.C.A., the 4th Queen's. The Toast to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and the 2nd/4th O.C.A. was given by His Honour Judge J. B. Herbert and at the end of his speech he quoted from an "Order of the Day" issued by Field Marshal Earl Haig to all ranks at the end of the 1914/18 War, which said—"By your efforts and those of the gallant armies of our allies the nations of the world have been saved a great danger. You have fought for the sanctity of your homes and for the liberties of those who will come after you. Generations of free peoples both of your own race and of all countries will thank you for what you have done." Judge Herbert added, "That is as true now as it ever was, and in the light of those words I propose a Toast to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, those who served in those years and those who will serve in the future."

Col. Duncombe replied to the Toast and gave news of the current activities of the 1st Battalion which was leaving Hong Kong later this year for service in Germany. He said that the reputation of the Regiment was in good and capable young hands. He

mentioned the New Colours being presented to the 3rd Battalion (T.A.) and thought that all would agree they were of extreme beauty and dignity. They had on them all the battle honours of the Regiment in the last 300 years, including those gained in 1914/18 in Gallipoli, Palestine and France, which would give the 2nd/4th Queen's personal pride. Sgt. H. Mann reported on the working of the Old Comrades' Association and paid tribute to all members "whose faith and determination had helped the Association to continue during the years." It was a wonderful and inspiring evening.

The Shrine Remembrance Service will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Sunday, 17th November, 1963. All Queen's men are welcome.

Benevolent grants totalling £52 10s. have been made to old comrades in sickness or need during the year. More funds would mean bigger grants.

Some of our members have attended regimental functions during the year. We were represented at the Presentation of New Colours to the 3rd and 4th Battalions at Woking; the granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Reigate (severe drenching suffered by all); the Regimental church parade at Guildford Cathedral; and the garden party afterwards at Guildford. Three members also attended the annual dinner of the 5th Battalion old members' association. A lively year for the young/old 2nd/4th Queen's O.C.A.

All enquiries regarding the old comrades' association should be addressed to Sgt. H. Mann, hon. secretary, 22 Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon. Telephone Spring Park 1641.

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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.
2IC .. ..	Major R. W. Stephens, E.R.D.
C.S.M. .. ..	Mr. A. E. Grimwood
C.Q.M.S. .. ..	Mr. E. L. Handison

We are really a newly formed association and our membership increases steadily;

there are, however, many who could be members, would like to be members, and yet have not joined. Membership is open to all ex-members of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, 6th Surreys T.A. (1st/6th, 2nd/6th, etc.) 23rd London, 42 Royal Tanks, 4th Queen's Surreys etc. Send your applications to the above address.

We publish newsletters, hold reunions etc., and so you get news of your old muckos and also have the chance of meeting them. Our earliest member is Mr. H. F. Wilson, M.B.E., who joined the 3rd Volunteer Battalion in 1895, our newest is Major Jack Cox, M.B.E. who has just retired as Q.M. from the 4th Queen's Surreys T.A.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of the Cassino Battle and so we are busy organising a pilgrimage to Cassino for May, 1964; details appear elsewhere in the journal. We still have a few places.

The Battalion held its Rifle Meeting at Ash Ranges on Sunday, 25th August. Although it did not seem to stop raining spirits were not dampened. There was a good turn up of veterans but wet weather does not seem to suit our type of shooting. The Veterans' Company were beaten by "B" Company the 4th Battalion champions. We had two teams in the Falling Plate Competition but both were beaten. We congratulate Major Ron Stephens on winning the Tankard as the best individual shot Veterans Company, or Mobile Oil Rifle Club, and also on winning the cup as the best individual shot of the Veterans Company. Tank training appears to produce good rifle shots. We also congratulate Mr. Wells on putting up such a fine performance in all competitions.

In spite of the weather the side shows were well supported and we made a little profit which, of course, will go back to the Battalion fund for the Children's Christmas Party.

We had a steady turn up for the Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition held the third Wednesday in every month but cannot produce a winning team. The evenings were most enjoyable however, and we look forward to more veterans looking in even if we don't shoot. One evening was given over to a Ladies Competition; it was won by Mrs. Henman who got a possible; Mrs. White was the runner-up. The evening was most successful and looks like being at least an annual event.

By the time this appears in print our

annual dinner will have been held; once again it looks like being well attended and we hope will be a great success.

The Veterans' Company are responsible for looking after the archives of the Battalion; if you have any old photos, regimental papers, medals, tanks, etc., that you think would be of interest please let us have them.

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

There was a record attendance at the annual dinner of this Association at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, on Saturday, 11th May, about 140 members were present.

The Chairman, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, Honorary Colonel of 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment presided and was supported by Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn the 3rd Battalion's Commanding Officer. Also on the top table were Major-General J. Y. Whitfield, Brigadiers G. V. Palmer and P. H. Richardson, Cols. H. G. Duncombe and C. R. Wigan and Lt.-Col. H. M. W. Harris, all former Commanding Officers of one or other of the 5th Battalions. Also present was Major D. B. Pullen, Commanding Officer elect of 3rd Battalion.

In a short speech, Col. Kealy welcomed all members and the two guests, Petty Officers of H.M.S. *Excellent*, with whom The Queen's have an historic link. By a coincidence one of the Petty Officers was serving in the ship which covered Col. Kealy's Battalion (2/6th Queen's) at the Salerno landing.

Col. Kealy reviewed the Battalion's successes and gave a resume of their strength by drill halls. He thanked Col. Llewellyn for the use of the Drill Hall and for allowing members of the Battalion and permanent staff to cook and serve the meal.

An appeal has been made to all members of the Association for funds to help the 3rd Battalion defray the costs of re-embellishing drums, provision of new colour belts, and other expenses inevitable in a change of badge and title and the presentation of New Colours. The appeal met with a generous response and a cheque for £400 was handed to Lt.-Col. Llewellyn who made a short speech of thanks.

Many members had travelled long distances to meet their old friends and to fight old battles; perhaps the longest distance was from Taunton, though others had come from

as far afield as Sittingbourne and Ilford. All agreed that this reunion dinner was the best held so far.

The Association has tendered its congratulations to 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on the magnificent manner in which the Presentation of Colours ceremony was carried out; to Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn on his appointment by Her Majesty The Queen as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and on taking over as Deputy Brigade Commander.

We have also wished Lt.-Col. Pullen the best of fortune on assuming command of 3rd Battalion and expressed the hope that he will support us to the same extent as did his predecessor. Congratulations also to Mr. Haybittle of Reigate on the award of the Imperial Service Medal.

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

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

A large number of members from Bermondsey were present at the Woking Football Ground on 12th July, and saw the really wonderful turn out of the 3rd and 4th Battalions for the laying up of their Old Colours and presentation of the New Colours.

The weather was kind, and the general bearing and drill of all who took part was worthy of, and received, the highest praise. These are no idle words. From all sides after the parade could be heard repeatedly the remarks saying how proud people were that they had been present on this occasion.

The parade for the Freedom of Reigate was not so fortunate as regards weather, although the arrangements for all troops taking part certainly were praiseworthy.

Our next big night will be on Saturday, 14th September at Bermondsey when the third Salerno Day reunion takes place. The Alamein reunion is scheduled for 19th October. All who attended the previous reunions and many others whom we have contacted since, will look forward to meeting old friends once again.

Membership numbers are increasing and the evening of the first Tuesday in each month is becoming more and more popular for small get-togethers.

Pre-war 1st/6th members will be very pleased to know that a small party will be visiting Steenewercke shortly to bring back some of the drums and kit which has been traced after 20 years. It is hoped that they will rest in Bermondsey Parish Church.

Once again a small party of association members visited Ghent this year and as in the past were made very welcome.

A recent visit was made to the Officers' Mess by Major R. M. Caton, M.B.E., T.D. He is well known to many of the older members and has since been seen at our "First Tuesday" gatherings. We hope many more members will avail themselves of the facilities which exist on these days.

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

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

The annual reunion dinner was held at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, S.E. 17, on Saturday, 9th March. Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., was in the Chair and 140 members and guests were present. After the usual pre-dinner get together of old friends, all took their places at the festive board to enjoy an excellent dinner in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a large gathering especially those who had travelled from Bristol, Cornwall, Coventry, Northampton and other remote spots; he always looked upon the reunion as more in the light of a family affair. It was his pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to our Guest of Honour, Major P. H. Dunstone, who had Commanded "The Queen's" Battery, afterwards retitled R. (Surrey) Battery. He knew that Major Dunstone had a fond affection for our Association and had always found him most co-operative, and he had done much to foster the good relations and spirit between the Battery and Association for which we were grateful.

He hoped Major Dunstone would be with us for many years to come. The Chairman also warmly welcomed the other guests of the evening, Major P. G. E. Hill, The Queen's Surreys Regimental Association; Lt. W. J. Morey, R.A.M.C. (T.A.), 17th (London) General Hospital; Mr. H. T. Neale, 2/7th Queen's Dinner Club; and Mr. E. F. Townsend, M.B.E., The Queen's

Surreys (Bermondsey) Regimental Association.

Major Dunstone, replying for the guests, said he was deeply conscious of the honour accorded him this evening, and it had been his pleasure to do all he could in the interests of the Association for which he had great admiration, and was sure the good work would be continued by his successor, Major John Tamplin, who had also done much to strengthen the excellent liaison. He would like to mention Major Tamplin's unstinting efforts in compiling "The Lambeth and Southwark Volunteers" which was a story of the Unit covering a century of voluntary service in the Volunteers and Territorials. He hoped the response to the worthy appeal for copies of the History and subscriptions would be very good.

The toast of "Absent Comrades" was proposed by Mr. A. G. Bousher, M.M., in a feeling and original manner, and Major P. G. E. Hill, with a few appropriate words, proposed the toast of "The Regiment."

The Mayor, Mayoress, and members of the Municipality of Courbevoie, who were on a goodwill visit to the Borough of Southwark, were the guests at a reception in their honour kindly arranged by Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D. and officers of R. (Surrey) Battery on 30th March in which about 20 members of the Association were pleased to participate. This reception was a small token of appreciation and esteem for the lavish entertaining of a party of our members who represented the ex-Servicemen of the Borough of Southwark during a five day visit to Courbevoie in November, 1960. It was held in the Officers' Mess, Flodden Road, and was most successful. The French guests were deeply appreciative of the warm and friendly feeling much in evidence during the reception.

The Social Committee organised a very successful dance and cabaret at Flodden Road Drill Hall, on Saturday, 27th April, which was attended by more than 400 members and friends and resulted in the raising of a large sum in aid of the Historical Fund.

Arrangements are in hand for a dinner/dance and cabaret to be held in the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, on Saturday, 16th November. The advance booking of tickets points to another happy and successful evening.

## The 23rd London Regimental Association

Givenchy-Gazala Day—1963

On Sunday, 26th May, the Old Comrades of the 23rd London Regiment paraded at the Headquarters, Clapham Junction, for their Annual Memorial Service at St. Mary's Church.

The Order of Service, long dedicated to this occasion, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. D. Gill, and once again the music of "He who would valiant be" and Parry's "Jerusalem" brought back memories of old friends who gave their lives in France and in the Western Desert.

During the service, Capt. W. Hillier, the chairman of the Association, placed a wreath of Flanders poppies on the Regimental Memorial, and the congregation stood in silent tribute as buglers sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

The service concluded with the singing of "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and the National Anthem, and if the singing was more heartfelt than usual, it only served to match the occasion.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

## Old Soldiers calling

We have had a most interesting letter from Wally Exell who is lucky enough to live in Bermuda. Exell who is now 86, and enjoying excellent health, tells us he joined the Queen's in 1885. He served with the 1st Battalion on the Frontier and was awarded the India Medal 1895-1902 with Tirah Clasp. He recalls he celebrated his 21st Birthday at Fort Jamrud, but no party or a cake for him!

After 11 years in India, Exell transferred to the 2nd Battalion, and served with them in Gibraltar in 1910. Later in Bermuda he took his discharge to become a barrack warden, a post he held for 33 more years.

If anyone would like to write to Wally Exell, his address is: Berry Hill Road, Paget E., Bermuda.

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John Sidney Wrathall (201341) would be pleased to hear from anyone who served with him in 1/5th Battalion The East Surrey

Regiment. Wrathall served on the North West Frontier in India and in Mesopotamia before being discharged on medical grounds in 1920. He remembers particularly Wally Sargent, Fred Schaffer and Glenister.

His address is: 128 Beacon Road, Broadstairs, Kent.

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Leslie Fisher (36483) would like to hear from anyone who remembers him in the 7th

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

Our annual general meeting and annual dinner for 1963 were held on Saturday, 4th May, 1963, at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. As usual the agenda for the A.G.M. was mainly of a routine nature affecting the running of the Association. Mr. W. A. Dorsett was re-elected chairman. In thanking the members for the confidence placed in him in his re-election Mr. Dorsett said he had very reluctantly come to the conclusion that this would have to be his last year as our chairman. He had now held the office for a number of years and felt that the time had arrived for him to hand over the reins to a younger member. Mr. D. L. Boorer was re-elected vice-chairman, C.S.M. P. Amos volunteered his services as hon. secretary and was duly elected and Mr. A. R. Scriven, M.B.E., was re-elected as his assistant. Mr. S. Bays, M.B.E., was elected as hon. treasurer. The late Mr. G. W. C. Prosser, M.M., had carried out the duties of this office from the time the Association was first formed in 1950 until his death in October 1962. The chairman paid due tribute to R.S.M. F. Oram for his services as our hon. secretary during the past year. As his future posting was uncertain, Mr. Oram much regretted he would not be able to carry on, much as he would have liked to.

The annual dinner was well attended and the 95 members and guests present had a very enjoyable evening. The Association guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, Lt.-Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard and Col. H. G. Duncombe. Unfortunately, Lt.-Gen.

Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, during the 1914-18 war. Fisher who also served with the 8th Surreys in 1916, was three times wounded.

His address is: L. E. Fisher, 41 Totnes Road, Paignton, Devon.

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If any other old soldier would like to get in touch with former comrades in this way, we shall be pleased to publish his inquiry.

Sir Arthur Dowler could not be with us as he was on the sick list. Toasts were kept to the minimum. The Colonel of the Regiment brought us up-to-date with regimental news in proposing the Toast of "The Regiment." Our chairman proposed the Toast of "The Association" and Mr. S. Bays that of "Our Guests," which was replied to by Col. H. G. Duncombe.

Our monthly social evenings in the Sergeants' Mess of the 4th Battalion at Kingston are proving quite popular and we should like to express our thanks and appreciation to the R.S.M. and his members for placing the Sergeants' Mess at our disposal. We hope to hold a dance at Kingston during the winter period.

A number of our members attended the Presentation of Colours to the 3rd and 4th Battalions at Woking, which was a very impressive and well-executed ceremony. To see 10 Colours being trooped for the last time and then marched off to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" was a very moving spectacle. After the ceremony, when we all adjourned to the tea tents, it was like a grand regimental reunion as one was continually running into someone whom one had not seen for a long time.

An invitation was received by our chairman from the social club of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, for 30 of our members to have tea and a social evening on Saturday, 14th September. As the number invited was of necessity limited, the chairman thought it was an excellent opportunity to show our appreciation to our committee members by letting them represent the Association on

this occasion. The members were accompanied by their wives.

The party was entertained to tea on arrival and then taken on a conducted tour of the hospital by one of the in-pensioners, who gave a very interesting commentary on the historical aspects of the hospital and its grounds. It was certainly an eye-opener to those of us who had not visited the hospital before. The Great Hall, which is used as the pensioners' dining hall and the chapel, both built by Wren in 1687, are really magnificent and well worth seeing. The council chamber is also a magnificent room and has a fine limewood carving by William Emmett over the Robert Adams fireplace.

The pensioners are certainly well cared for and are very comfortable in their berths, surrounded by their personal regimental mementoes. They have a very nice and comfortable club, including a television room with a large-screen projector, a billiards room with two full-size tables, and a comfortable lounge and bar. After touring the hospital we adjourned to the club room and had a very enjoyable social evening, the entertainment being provided by the in-pensioners themselves. It included a song by one old pensioner of 90 years. Before returning home, our chairman thanked Jimmy Ives and his club members for the splendid hospitality extended to us.

### Home Counties Brigade Museum, Canterbury

In January 1964 there will be a vacancy for a custodian in the Brigade Museum at Canterbury.

This appointment involves the care and cleaning of the Museum and its exhibits, under the supervision of the Curator, and the showing round of visitors.

Applicants for the post, preferably ex-members of one of the regiments of the brigade, should live in or near Canterbury. It would be an interesting and pleasant job for an old soldier who has just retired or is about to retire from active employment.

Salary £416 per annum. 42 hours per week. Two weeks paid holiday a year.

Applications should be made in writing to Brigade Adjutant, H.Q. Home Counties Brigade, Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, as soon as possible.

### Items of Interest

#### The Green Shutters Cafe, Dranoutre

How many old soldiers of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment will remember the name Dranoutre?

We have recently heard from H. S. Adcock who recalls that during the Autumn of 1915, after the Battle of Ypres, the 2nd Surreys were often billeted in and around Dranoutre. In the village, there was a farm and a cafe run by Monsieur and Madame David, assisted by their four daughters. The cafe, known as The Green Shutters, was very popular, whether on account of its refreshments or the four daughters, Harry Adcock omits to say.

Alice, one of the daughters, married a Monsieur Vandermeersch, and now has six children and ten grandchildren. After 48 years, Harry Adcock, recently met Alice again. She had also remembered those days, and Adcock says "I am proud to report that the East Surreys' reputation in Dranoutre stands second to none for their behaviour".

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The following Officers of the Regiment celebrated the Glorious First of June together in Cyprus: Lt. Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D., Major P. R. H. Kealy, and Major M. J. D. Perrett-Young.

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Col. T. MacD. Baker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., was present as a spectator at the Presentation of Colours on 12th July, 1963. He recalled that he was in Command of the 6 Surreys (T.A.) when they received their first Colours in 1928. They were presented at Kingston by Lord Ashcombe, at that time Lord Lt.

Prior to 1928 the Unit had been a Rifle Battalion. The Colours presented on that occasion were among the ten Old Colours marched off parade on 12th July, 1963.

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Brigadier D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., in a letter to the Col. of the Regiment wrote:

"I thought you might like to know that I had a very good visit to the 1st Battalion, The Northern Rhodesia Regiment on Saturday, 27th April. I passed on your message to Col. Frank Slater—the Commanding Officer—who was very glad to receive it. I was staying with him that night and had the

privilege of taking a recruits' Passing Out Parade that morning. I was very impressed with all that I saw and met quite a large number of the Officers throughout my time in the Federation."

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The oldest active member of the Corps of Commissionaires, Sgt. Henry Willetts, late of the Queen's, retired on 4th August, 1962, at the age of 84, after the longest period of Corps service on record, 56 years, all of which was spent in the service of the same employer, Madame Tussaud's.

Sgt. Squires, late of the Surreys, is a Corps Quartermaster Sergeant at H.Q.

### Personal Notices

#### MARRIAGES

PALMER—SMITH.—On 25th May, 1963, at St. Mark's Church, Surbiton, Cpl. G. Palmer, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Wendy Jocelyn Smith.

RAY—GRAY.—On 20th June, 1963, at Fifth Avenue United Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, Lt.-Col. Norman R. Ray, E.D., South Alberta Light Horse, to Dorothy Catherine Gray.

GODDARD — MITCHELL.—On 3rd August, 1963, at the Register Office, Bromley, Pte. J. Goddard, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Joy Rosina Mitchell.

DANCE—STICKELLS.—On 24th August, 1963, at the Register Office, Woolwich, Pte. G. Dance, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Muriel Marion Stickells.

COOK—MAGEE.—On 24th August, 1963, at St. James's, Preston-Plucknett, Somerset, Malcolm Orr, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Orr Cook, of Jackson, Michigan, U.S.A., to Shirley Ann, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs. F. A. H. Magee, of Knapp House, Preston-Plucknett, Somerset.

#### BIRTHS

WATERS.—On 12th January, 1963, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Patricia Rose, wife of Cpl. B. Waters, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Michael James.

EADE.—On 22nd May, 1963, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Vivien Carol, wife of Pte. R. Eade, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Kevin Richard.

SOAFT.—On 19th August, 1963, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Brenda, wife of L/Cpl. P. Soaft, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Robert Thomas Peter.

### Obituary

#### COL. D. G. ADAMS, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Donovan Guy Adams. He died suddenly on 3rd September, 1963, in Berlin. He was 62.

He began his military career when he was appointed a Second-Lieutenant in the 24th (Defence) Battalion on 16th April, 1921. He joined 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) on 17th January, 1922. He served in that unit for the next 12 years and was appointed to command the Battalion on 18th February, 1933, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (T.A.). He continued in command of the Battalion until 1938 and received the Brevet rank of Colonel in 1937.

He was a military member of the County of London T.A. Association 1937-1938.

In 1938 he relinquished, temporarily, the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in order to serve as a Major in 72nd Searchlight Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), and on 10th March, 1940 was posted to 2/6th Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment as Second-in-Command. He served in that Battalion with the B.E.F. in France and Belgium and took over command on 3rd June, 1940. He commanded the Battalion throughout the continuous rear-guard and withdrawal actions including the valiant last-stand in the defence of St. Valery. On 12th June, 1940, a general "Cease Fire" was ordered and Col. Adams was taken prisoner with the remnants of his gallant Battalion. For his gallant and distinguished services throughout the operations he was later appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

During the period of his captivity he wrote five novels which have since been published.

In August, 1945, he was awarded the Territorial Decoration, and in April 1951 received the third bar thereto.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in December, 1945.

In August, 1948, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel (T.A.) with seniority 17th April, 1947.

After the war he entered the service of the Foreign Office (German section), and was employed firstly as Regional Government Officer, Hamburg, and afterwards as Chief Executive Officer, Internal Affairs, Berlin.

Guy Adams will always be remembered for the high standard of efficiency to which he brought the 7th Queen's during his period of command and for the excellent relations which he established between the Battalion and the Borough of Southwark. The Church Parade in Southwark Cathedral, which first took place on his instigation on 3rd June, 1934, became an annual event, with the Battalion marching through the Borough with Colours flying and drums beating.

He was one of three brothers all of whom served with distinction in 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) and 7th (Southwark) Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

To his brothers Paul and Louis and to his widow and family we extend deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of a very distinguished officer of the Regiment.

#### CAPT. G. F. CLAYTON

We are extremely sorry to report the death of Capt. Gerald Clayton which occurred at his home in Haslemere on 13th September, 1963. He was 77.

In the Great War 1914-1918 he served in France with 8th Battalion, The Queen's, and was severely gassed during a prolonged gas-attack on the night 16th/17th June, 1916, near Wulverghem.

After the war he entered H.M. Prisons Service and held appointments at Dartmoor, Wormwood Scrubs and Wandsworth. He played a prominent part in the quelling of the mutiny in Dartmoor in 1932. He was the sponsor of many important suggestions for prison reform.

On behalf of all members of the Regiment we extend deepest sympathy to his relatives in their loss.

#### CAPT. C. J. LONERGAN

Capt. Cecil James Lonergan, who died on 15th September, 1963 aged 72, was commissioned into The East Surrey Regiment shortly before the outbreak of the 1914-18

War. He was the brother of H. Lonergan who also served with the Regiment.

Both brothers were wounded at Ypres while serving with the 2nd Surreys in May 1915. Jimmy Lonergan returned to duty with the 8th Surreys with whom he served as a Company Commander until again severely wounded at Chéry in May 1917.

Throughout the next 45 years Capt. Lonergan underwent a long series of operations in consequence of his wounds. Nevertheless in spite of his disabilities he always remained cheerful, and set a fine example of fortitude. He will be remembered for his courage and cheerfulness both in peace and war.

We regret to announce the passing of the following former members of the Regiment.

**NICE.**—On 8th February, 1963, Alfred Thomas Nice (6077225, Pte.), aged 67. Served with 1st, 2nd and 6th Queen's between 1922 and 1928.

**BIDDLE.**—On 6th April, 1963, Mr. L. C. H. Biddle, aged 72. Served with 5th Queen's during 1914-18 War and in the Home Guard in World War II.

**DAY.**—On 8th April, 1963, C. G. Day, M.M. (Sgt.). Served in Surreys in 1914-18 War. Founder-member of Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association.

**TAYLOR.**—On 13th April, 1963, Robert Percy Taylor (6200625, C.S.M.), aged 49. Served with 1st Queen's from 1933 to 1943.

**TODD.**—On 15th April, 1963, Reginald Eric Todd (G/63798, Pte.), aged 63. Served in the Queen's between 1915 and 1922.

**DEAN.**—On 19th April, 1963, Richard Joseph Dean (6085072, Ptd.), aged 50. Served with 1st Queen's from 1931 to 1937.

**MASON.**—In April 1963, Leonard William Mason (6079713, Pte.), aged 65. Served in the Queen's from 1922 to 1934.

**VINING.**—On 20th April, 1963, Lt.-Col. J. W. Vining, M.B.E. Served with 6th Surreys during 1914-18 War. He remained in India after the Battalion returned to the U.K. and transferred to the Military Grass Farms Department of the Indian Army.

**PEARCE.**—On 22nd April, 1963, Alfred Gilbert Pearce (6090381, Pte.), aged 47. Served with 1st/5th Queen's during 1939-45 War.

**LANGRIDGE.**—On 30th May, 1963, Thomas Ralfe Langridge (6079752, Sgt.), aged 60. Served with 4th Queen's (T.A.) from 1933 to 1940, and later with Royal Artillery.

**SMITH.**—In May 1963, Thomas Henry Smith (2851, Sgt.), aged 80. Served with 2nd/4th Queen's from 1914 to 1919.

**MORSE.**—On 12th June, 1963, Capt. G. G. Morse, M.C. Served with 8th Battalion East Surreys during 1914-18 War.

**ADAMSON.**—On 10th July, 1963, at Hong Kong, Pte. Roy T. Adamson, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, aged 20. (See 1st Battalion.)

**CRIDDLE.**—On 23rd July, 1963, George Herbert Criddle, B.E.M. (6076718, Pte.), aged 74. Served in the Queen's from 1907 to 1933, and was a regular attender at Regimental functions. He had been in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, since 1960.

**BOND.**—On 27th July, 1963, Geoffrey Francis Bond (6137874, Pte.), aged 52. Served in 1st Surreys from 1930 to 1935. Popularly known as "Sapper" Nash.

**CUTHBERT.**—On 3rd August, 1963, Albert John Steward Cuthbert (6135642, W.O.2), aged 58. Served in the Surreys from 1922 to 1945.

**SUTTON.**—On 23rd August, 1963, Capt. F. Sutton, T.D., aged 91. His service as a Volunteer soldier commenced in 1887. At the time of his death he was the oldest ex-member of the Surreys (T.A.).

**HICKS.**—On 27th August, 1963, at Hong Kong, Alan Peter Hicks, aged 52 years, son of Pte. G. Hicks, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

**BUTTERFIELD.**—On 30th August, 1963, Harry Butterfield (1587655, Bds.m.), aged 63. Served in the Queen's from 1917 to 1921. For the last six years he was in the Star and Garter Home.

**ADAMS.**—On 3rd September, 1963, Col. Donovan Guy Adams, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., Queen's, aged 62. (See obituary.)

**HOLYOAKE.**—On 9th September, 1963, Sidney Justin Holyoake (6086838, Pte.), aged 68. Served in Royal Horse Artillery from 1915 to 1919 and with 4th Queen's (T.A.) from 1934 to 1946.

**CLAYTON.**—On 13th September, 1963, Capt. Gerald F. Clayton, Queen's, aged 77. (See obituary.)

**LONERGAN.**—On 15th September, 1963, Capt. Cecil James Lonergan, Surreys, aged 72. (See obituary.)

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## Notices

### PILGRIMAGE TO CASSINO, MAY, 1964

A pilgrimage is being organised to Cassino in May of next year. There are still a few vacancies and these are open to anyone wishing to take part, including widows or relatives.

In addition to the excursions enumerated in the outline arrangements the party will be visiting the Cassino Cemetery and it is hoped to include also Florence Cemetery and several others.

Col. T. A. Buchanan is prepared to take photographs of any of the graves if relatives so desire.

Anyone wishing to take part in the pilgrimage should please inform Col. W. C. E. Nash, T.D., Mulberry House, Oaklands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey, as soon as possible.

#### Outline Arrangements

**Duration**  
Night 8th May, 1964 Leave Victoria  
(Friday)  
Morning 23rd May, 1964 Arrive Victoria  
(Saturday)

**Route**  
Victoria to Gatwick Coach  
Gatwick to Pisa (Italy) Air  
While in Italy Coach  
Plane will be Viscount or D.C.6B depending on numbers.

**Details of Stops**  
Morning Sat., 9th May Arrive Pisa  
Night Sun., 10th May Stay Rome  
" Sun., 10th May Stay vicinity Cassino  
" Mon., 11th May Stay vicinity Cassino  
" Tues., 12th May Stay vicinity Cassino  
" Wed., 13th May Stay Sorrento  
" Thurs., 14th May " Sorrento  
" Fri., 15th May " Sorrento  
" Sat., 16th May " Sorrento  
" Sun., 17th May " Rome  
(Whitsun)  
" Mon., 18th May " Rome  
" Tues., 19th May " Siena  
" Wed., 20th May " Florence  
" Thurs., 21st May " Florence  
" Fri., 22nd May Leave Pisa

#### Excursions

There will be excursions such as:—

1. Anniversary of Cassino Battle. Parade at the War Memorial and laying of a wreath. In the afternoon, visit to Cassino Monastery and return via Monte Cairo to Hotel.
2. Visit to battlefields and Garigliano River Valley, Belvedere and Monte Maio.
3. Visit to Pompeii, Vesuvius and the Bay of Salerno.
4. Visit Isle of Capri.
5. Tour Sorrento Peninsular, Amalfi Positano etc.

#### Baggage

Limited to 33 lb. per person excluding hand baggage.

#### Cost

Not exceeding 55 guineas each. No reduction for children.

This includes:

Service of Courier for whole trip.  
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Lunch } Including Service Charge  
Dinner }  
Bed  
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#### Conclusion

11th May, 1964 the Twentieth Anniversary of Cassino.

You have a chance to take part and have a splendid holiday with the wife and family as well.

## THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB

### Change of Address

The temporary premises of the Army and Navy Club at 46 Pall Mall, occupied by members during the rebuilding of the club, are now closed. The new club house, rebuilt on the original site on the corner of St. James Square and Pall Mall (36-39 Pall Mall), will open on the 23rd September.

The club house will include some 60 bedrooms with private bathrooms at 55s. per night (double) and 35s. (single). A few rooms without bathrooms will be available at 25s. per night.

Subscription rates will remain the same.

## MILITARY ESSAYS COMPETITION

**Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition, 1964.**  
Prize: £80. Closing date: 22nd June, 1964.  
Subject:

"In both Allied and Soviet Armies, improvements in night vision equipment are tending to make movement by night in the battle area easier, particularly for armoured vehicles, than in the past. At the same time, improvements in battlefield surveillance techniques make this movement easier to detect.

The need to conduct operations round the clock at an increased tempo and the difficulties of using the hours of darkness for

routine supply, movement and reinforcement to the extent we have done in the past, pose a number of new problems to the commander in the field.

Discuss these problems in relation to training, equipment, manpower and morale and state what you consider their effects might be on the tactics of global war."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1963 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 399 of 1962.

**George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay, 1964.** Prizes: 1st prize, £35; 2nd prize, £15. Closing date: 31st March, 1964. Subject:

"The modern trend is to make the soldier's life much more attractive by giving him better accommodation, food, pay and amenities. Yet, at any moment he may be operationally involved in some country like Kuwait or Brunei, where toughness and hardihood are essential. Without the better conditions it would be difficult to get enough recruits. Without the hardihood the soldier

is not efficient. Discuss the problem of these seemingly irreconcilable requirements."

General conditions for this competition will be the same as for the 1963 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 285 of 1962.

## PUBLICATIONS

These Publications are still available and can be obtained from Regimental Headquarters, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

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