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Editorial

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The winter of 1963-64 was a very sad one for us; we lost many of our friends and this issue of the Journal contains rather more Obituary notices than is usual. Among those we mourn is Lt.-Gen. Sir Arthur Dowler, K.C.B., K.B.E., a former Colonel of the Surreys and a great friend of us all; his Obituary is contributed by his brother officer and friend of many years, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.

In our issue for May 1962 we published some interesting correspondence on the subject of the renovation and reorganising of the memorials and graves of the soldiers who fell in the Battle of Colenso in which both the Queen's and the Surreys played a prominent part during the South African War 1899-1900. In this issue we include a very interesting follow-up in the form of an account of the consecration service sent to us by Major Noel Roberts, together with some photographs.

Some of us were privileged to attend, in September 1962, the launching ceremony of H.M.S. *Excellent's* yacht *Braganza*, an illustrated account of which appeared in our November 1962 issue. We have received details of *Braganza's* successes during her first racing season and we are delighted to record them together with our congratulations.

Our last issue included the story of the search for the drums belonging to 1/6th Queen's which had been lost during the operations in France and Belgium in 1940. The story then ended with the successful locating of some of the drums with the assistance of the Mayor of Steenwerck. The drums are now home, in Bermondsey, and the visit to Steenwerck to receive the drums and to celebrate their recovery is described in this issue.

Please make a note of
the date

Final copy for the November 1964
issue should reach the Editor
by 1st September 1964

Honours and Awards

On behalf of all past and present members of the Regiment we offer sincere congratulations to the recipient of the following appointment announced in the New Year Honours List, 1964:

Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Warrent-Officer II C.S.M. J. B.
Homersham, M.B.E., 3rd Battalion
The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
(T.A.).

Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association

Since 1885 the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association has existed to help the families of serving or ex-service men, with advice, guidance and in cases of financial need not covered by the present Welfare State, the Association helps with temporary financial aid.

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Everywhere the need of S.S.A.F.A. is for more voluntary workers, men and women. If you have even a few hours to spare regularly during the week, we should be very grateful if you would offer them to S.S.A.F.A. We need people who will visit and interview those who need advice and assistance, people who will offer their cars to do visiting, or to take others to visit applicants, people who will help with the enormous amount of office work which arises—in other words *People who will help S.S.A.F.A.*

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H.M.S. Excellent



Capt. H. H. Dannreuther, R.N., Captain H.M.S. "Excellent," with "Braganza's" crew and trophies. Reading from left to right: O.A.I. F. G. Waite, R.N., Lt.-Cmdr. C. P. R. Collis, R.N., Capt. H. H. Dannreuther, R.N., and Lt.-Cmdr. T. G. A. Ram, R.N.

MORE NEWS OF THE BRAGANZA

In our issue of November, 1962, we gave an account of the launching ceremony, at Whale Island, of the yacht *Braganza*.

We are delighted to report that *Braganza* met with great success in 1963, her first full racing season. We heartily congratulate this splendid little ship and her crew. She was "husbanded" throughout the season by O.A.I. F. G. White; Lt.-Cmdr. C. P. R. Collis, R.N., and Lt.-Cmdr. T. G. A. Ram, R.N. These three raced or sailed her on many occasions.

Quite apart from *Braganza's* efforts in the racing sphere there was seldom a day when she was idle at her moorings. Many officers and men from Whale Island and their families and W.R.N.S. personnel have had a day or more in the sun, rain, and wind.

The 1963 Trophies

We reproduce a picture of H.M.S. *Excellent's* Captain together with *Braganza's* crew and the trophies which she won in 1963.

The trophies in the picture are, reading from left to right:

The St. George's Cup. This for the Naval Yacht returning the best corrected time in the R.O.R.C. Channel Race and is held for one year. The skipper was Lt.-Cmdr. P. Brooke-Popham, R.N. She was, in this race, the 2nd British boat on corrected time.

Monsell Cup. Awarded annually for the best performance on aggregate points in all R.O.R.C. and C.C.A. races by Naval Yachts.

Haylock Cup. Awarded annually for the best performance on aggregate points in all R.O.R.C. races by yachts maintained and run by a Unit or Establishment of H.M. Services. This is regardless of which of the R.O.R.C. Classes the boat races in.

Craven Phillips Cup. Awarded annually to the Naval Yacht gaining most points in R.O.R.C. and certain other open water races and Regatta events.

South African War Memorials 1899-1900

In our issue for May 1962, we published details of a plan for the preservation and renovation of the memorials and graves of British soldiers on the battlefield of Colenso. We included a report by the sponsor and organiser of the project, Dr. R. E. Stevenson, of Pietermaritzburg, and correspondence which took place between Dr. Stevenson and Maj.-Gen. Metcalfe, Colonel of the Regiment.

The project, a very considerable undertaking, is now complete and the Kopje of Remembrance is established and consecrated. At the consecration service, on 14th December, 1963, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was represented by Major Noel Roberts, who very kindly laid a wreath on behalf of the Regiment. Major Roberts, now resident in Natal, South Africa, served in The East Surrey Regiment during the 1939-45 War. He has sent us an account of the consecration service and some photographs of the memorials. We reproduce some of the photographs together with a letter from Dr. Stevenson to Major Roberts and the account of the consecration service.

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Major Noel Roberts,
Hilton, Natal.

1st October, 1963.

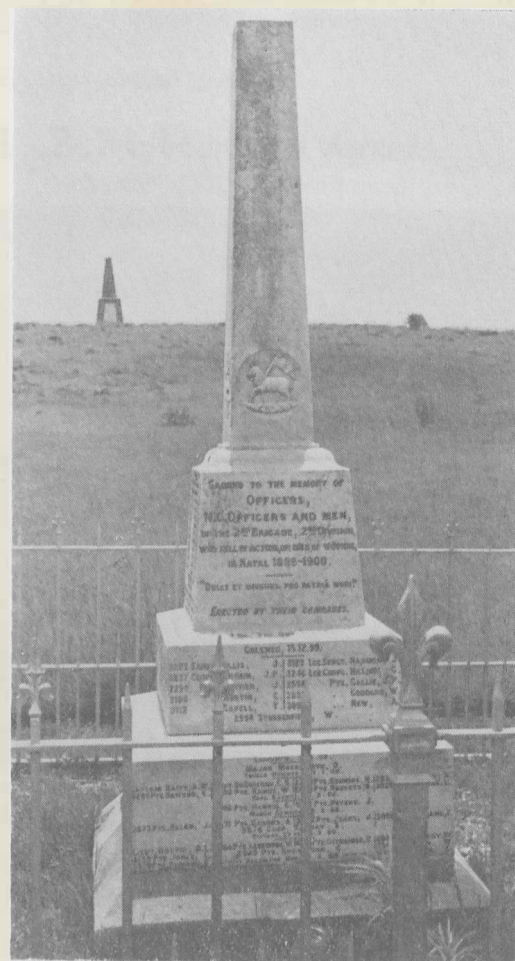
Dear Noel,

You recall that in May 1962 correspondence between Gen. Metcalfe and myself regarding the "Kopje of Remembrance" at Colenso was published in your regimental Journal.

The job at Colenso as well as the reconstruction of the line of Bullers advance along the old road from Colenso to Ladysmith via Green Hill is just about finished.

The 2nd Brigade monument with the badges and names of men of the four regiments (Devons, East Surreys, Queens and West Yorks) killed in action is on its new site.

The "kopje" is, I hope you will agree, a fitting memorial. The graves and the monu-



The 2nd Brigade Monument

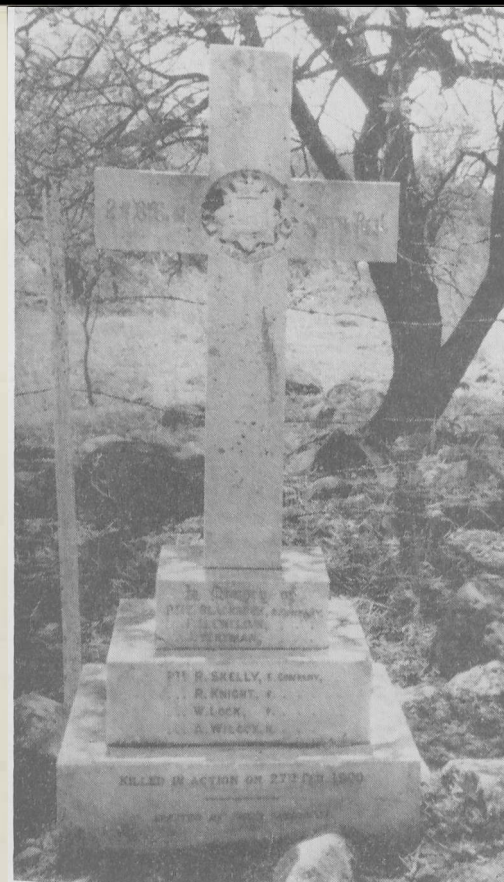
A four-sided stone obelisk. Each side bears the badge of one of the regiments in the brigade and the names of the fallen. The regiments comprising the brigade were the Queen's, Devons, West Yorkshire and East Surrey

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ments to the 2nd Brigade, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 14th and 66th Batteries and Lt. Roberts, V.C., make a good show against the skyline in full view of the National Road.

The East Surreys were heavily engaged on Green Hill and a few days later on Harts Hill. This regimental cairn which we have had repaired is on the plateau on the top of Green Hill. There are also a number of graves known to be East Surreys, K.R.R.'s and Kings. The graves are well kept and the names are recorded on the monuments of the three regiments concerned.

On Harts Hill there is a marble cross over the grave of the East Surreys. As the photograph shows it needs cleaning and putting on a better foundation. This will be attended to.



The East Surrey Regiment monument on the summit of Harts Hill. The stones round the base of the monument were taken from a Boer sangar some of which still exist

The old road from Colenso to Ladysmith is usually passable, the advance of Buller's army is clearly indicated by the graves and monuments. Starting with the Somerset Light Infantry's cairn we go on to East Surreys, K.R.R., Kings, Dublins, Connaughts, Inniskillings, and 4th (Fusilier) Brigade and R.S.F. The graves, British and Boer, show very clearly where the various units were engaged. A trip to the Kopje at Colenso and then along the old road makes a pleasant morning's outing and is one of great historic significance and interest.

We hope to have consecration and rededication services on suitable anniversaries between December and March and that representatives of all the regiments may be present. I have received a sum of money from your regiment to provide a wreath and this I shall pass on to you.

The job of restoration and maintenance is one which we in these parts regard as being an act of homage to the British regiments who set us an example of discipline and

fortitude which we hope will never be forgotten by us South Africans.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) BOB STEVENSON

201 Burger Street,
Pietermaritzburg.

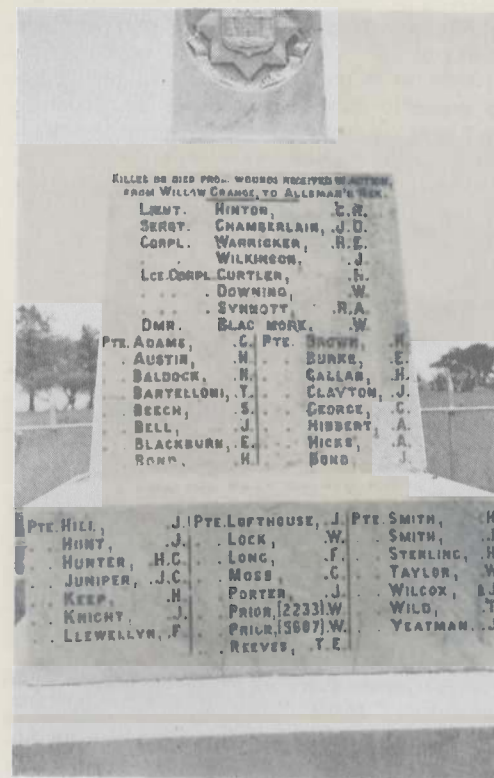
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Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.,
Regimental Headquarters,
The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment,

30th December, 1963.

Dear Duncombe,

On Saturday, 14th December, I travelled to Colenso to attend the consecration of the War Graves in the Colenso district. In the morning a service was held on the farm, Ambleside, conducted by Father W. P. Smith, O.M.I., of the Estcourt Catholic Church. The simple monument at Ambleside marks the spot where the Fifth Irish Brigade, which was the left flank of Col. Redvers



2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment

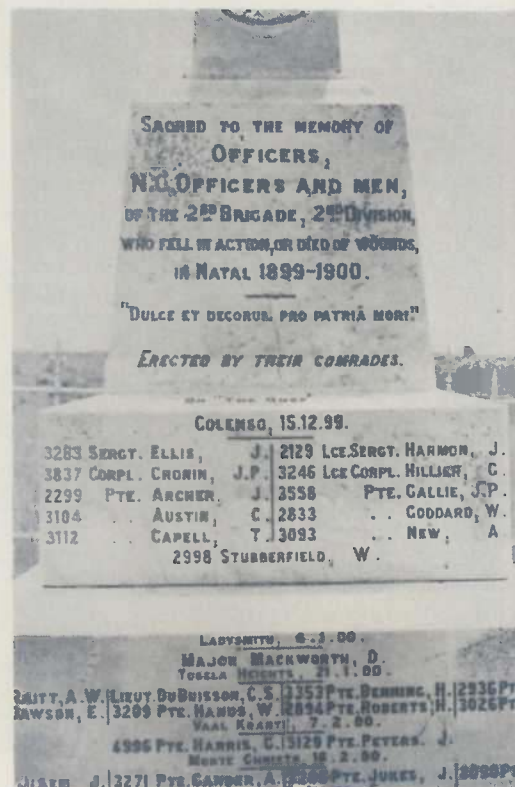
Buller's attack on the Boers, was caught without cover because of a faulty map. Within 40 minutes 100 men had fallen under Boer fire.

After a buffet lunch as guests of the Mayor of Colenso, Mr. S. A. Carson, the group proceeded to the Kopje of Remembrance on Mr. A. E. Clouston's farm, where the consecration service was conducted by the Bishop of Natal, the Right Reverend Vernon Inman. It is interesting to remember how, at daybreak on Friday, 15th December, 1899, a force of about 21,000 men left Chieveley Camp, near to where we stood, for the attack on the Colenso complex and that in the engagement which followed, the loss of human life was extremely heavy. Until recently the graves of the fallen were scattered in ones and twos and sometimes in larger numbers over the land for many miles around, but due to the devoted labours of certain people, notably Dr. R. E. Stevenson, working under the authority and with the active support of the Provincial Administration, the bodies of many soldiers have been exhumed and re-interred in central Gardens of Remembrance, which have been established in several places in Natal. It is comforting to learn that the Provincial Administration have undertaken to preserve these historic sites in perpetuity and that visitors will have access to them.



The East Surrey Regiment Monument on Green Hill
Inscription: "Erected by the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in memory of their comrades, 2 Officers, 2 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 1 Drummer and 72 Private Soldiers, who were killed in action or died of wounds or disease, in the Boer War, 1899-1900. For Queen and Country"

There will, therefore, be continuity of the excellent work done by Dr. Stevenson.



2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment

The memorial to the Queen's, Surreys, Devons and West Yorks is situated just inside the entrance and below the Kopje. In point of fact only men of the Queen's are buried there in a communal grave at the foot of the memorial. The Surreys and others are buried a few miles away. The memorial carries the badges of the four Regiments with the names of the fallen underneath. It is a very fitting tribute and the stonework has stood up well to the weather over the years. In company with representatives of other Regiments I felt greatly honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of our Regiment. The wreath, which was bought out of funds kindly donated, comprised chrysanthemums and carnations with a suitable card attached by ribbons of the regimental Colours.

Enclosed are a few photographs, some given to me by Dr. Stevenson and some taken by my daughter at the service. They

depict the names quite well and give a good idea of the Memorial and the surroundings.

I understand from Dr. Stevenson that there is to be a similar service at Hart's Hill, where many Surreys lost their lives, sometime in February.

My best wishes for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) NOEL ROBERTS

Folly Hill,

P.O., Hilton Road,
Natal.

Kingston Barracks

Visitors to Kingston Barracks would hardly recognise the former Depot of The East Surrey Regiment. The Keep remains, as do the lawns and the fine avenue of chestnuts, but the other buildings have all been demolished. We understand the barracks are to be used as a cantonment for Service families.

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When the 1st Battalion returned to the United Kingdom from Hong Kong, last November, two enterprising Private Soldiers obtained permission to make the journey under their own arrangements. They accomplished the journey in a little less than two months, having hitch-hiked for much of the distance and exercised considerable initiative throughout.

Their itinerary included travel by air, ship, train, bus, and goat-wagon, and took them through the following countries: Saigon, Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Persia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany and Belgium.

At the end of the journey they summed it up in the following understatement: "Our trip had not been full of wonderful adventures of any kind, but it was one which took us through many countries that we had never seen before and gave us both a broader outlook on the way the rest of the world lives and carries on from day to day."

Ptes. D. Rathbone and B. Hassan are to be congratulated on their spirit of enterprise, initiative and physical toughness.



Private B. Hassan and D. Rathbone during their journey from Hong Kong to United Kingdom

1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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

OUR last four months in Hong Kong were very busy ones spent in long-term preparations for Germany in the New Year, and then we had Christmas in England, the first for three years for a good many members of the Battalion. Now we are settling down in Munster in Germany and have had about six weeks to practise the unlikely phrases the book wants us to utter, *immer in deutsch*.

This period under review has built itself up into three different phases which can briefly be summed up as finale in Hong Kong, move to England and leave and, lastly, settling in Germany. They have all had their highlights and excitements.

From July to the end of September new drivers and signallers under training strove to master their new trades, and officers from the rifle companies did short courses in driving and maintenance. All this was with a view to having thrust on us in the New Year a large number of APCs and new radio sets. The days of walking into battle or wrestling with irritated mules were apparently coming to an end. Luckily, our vehicle accident rate, an ever-constant menace in the teeming streets of the Colony, did not rise, nor did more radios go into workshops.

The rifle companies did short exercises in the New Territories and there were two more showing-the-flag penetration patrols to outlying parts of the Colony. The trouble still was lack of water, but we soon got firmly into the routine of four hours of working taps every fourth day. This was the driest summer—normally the only rainy season—in Hong Kong for over a century, and wherever we went or whatever we did, water had to be carried with us.

September was spent in undergoing the subsidiary inspections that go with and count towards the Annual Administrative Visit, which came early in October. All our re-

ports were either good or very good and all concerned are to be congratulated on their hard work. The day itself, all was in good order and Brigadier D. A. Pringle, O.B.E., the Garrison Commander, saw all companies and departments in various activities. 'B' Company at Lyemun exhibited their kits and socks, whilst 'A' Company did a diagrammatic tactical display. 'C' Company showed the various aspects of anti-riot drills, whilst Headquarter Company appeared in various stores or guises.

Extracts from the Brigade Commander's Report are as follows:

"The unit is well equipped and the inspection supported the excellent reports on the technical inspections carried out during the year."

"The Battalion will always produce a superlatively good showing on any particular task, e.g. a tactical demonstration, a Guard, or the Band and Drums."

"My overall opinion is of a competent, happy and well-led Battalion, who will be capable of adapting themselves to their new role of an APC Battalion in B.A.O.R. without difficulty."

In September too we had the Inter-Company Internal Security Competition, when each Company produced two IS platoons, who drilled, were inspected and answered searching questions in different areas round the Battalion Square. The miscellaneous "H.Q." Company Platoon, commanded by the Drum-Major, surprised everybody by winning and being extremely efficient in doing so.

All this time eruptions were going on in the newly-formed area of Malaysia and we wondered if we would be whisked there from Hong Kong, but nothing came of this.

After the Administrative Visit, the next major event was the farewell cocktail party

in the Officers' Mess, preceded by an excellent ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Band and Corps of Drums on the Square, dressed in scarlet uniforms. All the guests and dignitaries present were very impressed and the sunset and barracks around gave it a most inspiring setting.

October too saw the departure for England of the Advance Party, in about four different flights spread out over the month, and also various soldiers and officers going on courses. It also saw the arrival of the Advance Party of the 1st Battalion The South Wales Borderers. It was noted by the Adjutant that "A" Company had obviously been training a choir, as early one morning, whilst walking to his office, he heard a Cockney rendering, from well out of sight, of "We'll keep a Welcome on the hillside" as a large party of white-looking Welshmen walked past that particular barrack block.

In early November the Commander British Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Craddock, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., came to Stanley Fort and gave an excellent farewell talk to the assembled Battalion and thanked us for our hard work, and play, in Hong Kong.

November too was a month of packing up. The Assault Pioneer Platoon were very active in manhandling all the heavy baggage and M.F.O. of the Battalion and weighing, marking, banding and disposing of it. There is a theory that all ships that take Army baggage also contain a tame 50-ton elephant, which is cunningly concealed in the ship until it is at sea, and is then let loose amongst the packing cases to do its worst. In fact, this theory was not borne out by the move home, and the Assault Pioneers did their stuff well.

From 20th to 30th November a series of B.O.A.C. Britannias left London Airport for Hong Kong and back, each bringing out more South Wales Borderers and taking us back. The route home was via Calcutta, Karachi and Istanbul and apart from the first flight home, which was late in arriving and then further delayed by a crash on Kai Tak runway, all went very smoothly. The Chief Clerk, O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst, could be seen daily as each flight went off, crossing off items on his millboard and looking less harrassed. In fact, the move home went very smoothly and we were all very impressed by the efficiency of everything.

That then is the end of the first saga, finale in Hong Kong, which I think most of us were very sorry to leave, especially the



Pumping sea water from Stanley Bay during the water crisis in Hong Kong. Sgt. Newman-Knott and L/Cpl. Kirk

warmth and colour and the fairly easy way of life.

The second phase of this period opened for nearly everybody with early-morning drizzle and mist at London Airport, coupled with a drop in temperature of about 35 degrees. Her Majesty's Customs were generally most helpful and we all dispersed our various ways for our leave, with a knowledge that we would in six weeks or so be summoned by the Joint Services Continental Booking Centre to either Gatwick airport or Manchester Ringway, depending on where we lived, for the flight to Germany.

On 5th December there was a cocktail party at Kingston-upon-Thames, very kindly given for all officers by the Regiment as a whole, and many old faces appeared and an excellent evening resulted. It is alleged that the Commanding Officer managed to drive to Scotland the next day.

We were sorry to lose various people as we arrived in England as they went off to new appointments: Major Sewell to 19th Brigade at Colchester, our old friends, as Brigade Major. Capt. Girling to H.Q., B.A.O.R.,

W.O.2 Yonwin to the Depot and ultimately back again to Hong Kong as R.S.M. of the Hong Kong Regiment, and several others for release.

On 30th December the Advance Party assembled in Munster, having arrived by the trooping flight or by car. By strange coincidence a number of nameless Queen's Surrey motorists had a rendezvous in Brussels the night before, but everybody arrived intact and on time. The barracks at Munster are undoubtedly the best in town and 1st K.S.L.I., who had been the previous occupants, had already gone except for a small rear party. There were two weeks of hard work for the Advance Party before the arrival of the Main Body, and this they undertook cheerfully and well. Here it was cold, though not as cold as we had imagined compared with the warmth of Hong Kong.

The Quarter situation was far better than most people had thought, and now after only six weeks we have about 80 families of all ranks either in or moving into quarters in Munster. The great thing about these quarters is that the head of the family must make close friends with his boiler and many an hour can be idly whiled away in vainly trying to heat the water if this happy state is not reached.

The Main Body arrived between 13th and 17th January and were soon hard at work too. We are now a fully-fledged member of 6th Infantry Brigade Group, and we are back again practising anti-riot drills and ambushes on the square, but this time with intermittent showers of snow or sleet, as opposed to tropical climes. Our APCs are fearsome brutes which need careful mastering before we can safely negotiate the main roads, all of which are covered by doubtful German road signs—how many of you have seen all those deer that allegedly cross the road auf 200 metres?

In the sporting line, we ran in the Brigade Cross-Country Meeting, coming fourth; Lt. A. F. S. Ling ran extremely well to come in first by nearly a minute. In the boxing world we have three boxers at the B.A.O.R. stage of the Championships, and in the B.A.O.R. hockey cup competition we got to the fourth round, to be beaten by two goals.

A number of old faces have reappeared with us in Munster, and we welcome them back. Some of the older and bolder are due off soon for ERE appointments, to be re-

placed in due course by more old friends. The old order changeth.

As a final note, your correspondent has never seen a bigger Battalion parade square and he feels that the R.S.M. will be in his element on it in due course—"and get your hair cut."

"A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major M. F. Reynolds

There were times when anyone looking at the Company Muster Parade might have thought that the long, hot summer had melted the men away, but it was only the accumulative effect of Force Guards, Rifle Meetings and the mass of cadres and education classes which was afflicting us. As far as the cadres were concerned, results were very good, but there was a set-back after one of the driving cadres when Pte. Tom Harrington, always a fighter pilot by temperament, attempted a long approach landing in his Landrover but absentmindedly forgot that he was upside down at the time—at any rate, he finished up that way. However, apart from a black eye, which in the nature of "A" Company life raised no comment, he was no worse for wear.

Because of individual training commitments, field exercises have been confined to short outings to keep basic techniques running smoothly. The Company exercise "Gold Rush" was held on one of the hottest days of the year, but, temperatures in the 90's or not, there was no shortage of volunteers to carry heavy loads when C/Sgt. Bob Riley appeared at the foot of each position with supplies of cold beer. The brilliance of some of the patrolling that night proved that beer is good for you. Shortly afterwards the rifle platoons were humbled in an intersection marching and shooting competition when a Support Platoon section commanded by Cpl. Frank Creane with Pte. Derek Hicks as pace-setter won the prize. The usual jeers of "Petrol Feet Brigade" were missing for a few days.

The Colony IS Exercise was distinguished only by the insignificant amount of work the Company had to do. In desperation, the Commanding Officer ordered the Company Commander to take the Company to the scene of an imaginary incident to give the men something to do. On arrival the Company found a real crowd assembled, but they were quite peaceful and their unlawful activity was confined to criticising the drills

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of the police and, subsequently, ourselves. We hadn't the experience of another Battalion in Tsuen Wah, just outside Kowloon, who, dealing with a mock riot crowd of Gurkhas, suddenly found that the Gurkhas had been supplemented by a number of locals who lent realism to the exercise by stoning a line of parked cars.

The Company held a dance at the China Fleet Club early in October. As usual, the masculine appeal of "A" Company proved irresistible and there was no shortage of girls, including a full turnout of wives. Pte. Albert Murray appeared heavily disguised as an MI5 agent in dark glasses and cigarettes behind each ear, but there was no mistaking the Groucho Marx slouch which has been the despair of three generations of "A" Company Sergeant-Majors. Pte. Bill Newham, who had been on a short holiday in the Provost Sergeant's summer bungalow, arrived in time to win the Twist competition with an exhibition astonishing to those who have not seen his acrobatics as Company and Battalion goalkeeper, while Messrs. Crawford and Scott demonstrated that the only way to win a Limbo competition is to be triple-jointed and have built-in anti-gravity device.

All the Company con-men were out in force led by Cpl. Frank Creane extracting money for the dance raffle so successfully that the supply of raffle rickets ran out—an unheard-of thing. The money was almost pure profit as most of the prizes, including the first prize of a suit, had been extorted from our contractors M. ("My goodness gracious me") Jalal Din and the Company charwallahs. The latter put up a stiff resistance, but a lunchtime boycott on their wares soon brought them into line. The Dance Committee headed by Cpl. Brian Hammond made a splendid job of the decorations, and the music, provided by Cpl. Rothwell's group, matched the food in excellence. The only regrettable thing about the evening was that there had to be a morning after.

For the Annual Administrative Inspection, or "visit" as it is euphemistically called these days, the Company laid on a tactical loading and deployment demonstration. Students of history will recall that, when the Duke of Wellington inspected the Barnet Militia before Waterloo, he exclaimed: "I don't know what effect you'll have on the enemy, gentlemen, but by God you frighten



The Battalion Quarter Guard giving a General Salute to the Divisional Commander. The Guard Commander is Sgt. Stredwick and the bugler is Cpl. Huggins

me!" So it was that there was nearly an ugly scene when the Adjutant, after seeing one of our rehearsals, said that he had been quite frightened. It wasn't until he explained that it was the warlike appearance of the Company which had so moved him that normal rudely polite relationships were re-established with Battalion H.Q.

On the day of the inspection/visit there was an embarrassing moment when, with the Brigadier's car rolling to a halt, the Company charwallahs appeared with their usual array of urns and boxes on the right flank of the Company, fully intent on taking their place in the order of battle. C.S.M. Bruce Dunkeld had two seconds to explain to them that while their loyalty was appreciated it was slightly mistimed. He did so with the British Army's immortal two words which tell a man that his presence is not required. The charwallahs retired hurt, but still loyal, to the shade of a tree until the Presence had disappeared.

Lt. Anthony Ling was also embarrassed when, checking up on his men's personal details by question and answer a few minutes before the Brigadier's arrival, Pte. Albert Murray told him some things about No. 1 Platoon's private life which are not normally the subject of a Brigadier's questions.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting resolved itself into a fight between H.Q. Block and our-

selves. The experience of the "H.Q." Company "old and bold" told in the end and we came in second place by two points. L/Cpl. Martin took the Class "B" prize for the second year running and Pte. Blake won the Class "C" prize.

It was a sad moment when it became known that Battalion manpower would allow only two viable rifle companies in our role as an APC Battalion in Germany and that "A" Company was to cease to exist as a rifle company on arrival there. A prodigious amount of beer diluted by tears was drunk, heads were sadly shaken, but everyone bowed to the inevitable. No. 1 Platoon (Lt. Ling) went to "C" Company, No. 2 Platoon (2/Lt. Howard) to "B" Company and Support Platoon was divided between them. Major Derek Bishop relieved Major Toby Sewell as Battalion Second-in-Command and Capt. Dennis Burton went to "B" Company as Second-in-Command.

A new "A" Company rose like a phoenix from the ashes, comprising the Reconnaissance Platoon, Assault Pioneer Platoon and Corps of Drums. Major Mike Reynolds assumed command with most of the old "A" Company H.Q.—C.S.M. Dunkeld, Pte. Hudson (Clerk), and Ptes. Stevens, Williams, McMillan and Murphy (Storemen)—to maintain continuity and drive him quietly mad with tales of the Hong Kong campaign.

At this point your chronicler wishes the new "A" Company and its Commander the good comradeship and spirit of the old, and passes the pen for news of the re-born Company.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major A. G. Jones

On arrival in Munster, "B" Company was reunited with the rest of the Battalion after nine very happy months at Lyemun. At the same time there were many changes in the members of the Company. Among the departures were our Second-in-Command, Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson, who, with Cpl. Dale, left us to take over as P.R.I.; Lt. C. E. J. Allanson, who spent 18 months in Hong Kong commanding our Support Platoon, has also left us to go to the Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces. Our old Support Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. Smith, has also left to recruit new soldiers for the Regiment in England. C/Sgt. Swift and Sgt. Jeeves, both of whom we congratulate on their pro-

motions, have gone to "C" Company. Our other departures were Cpl. Lamkin, B.E.M., and Pte. Ayres to the Depot at Canterbury, Cpl. Walkling Long, who has transferred to the Intelligence Corps, and Pte. Freeman, who has left the Army on the completion of his tour. We are glad to say that although Cpl. Thompson and L/Cpl. Parry both left for the same reason, they are both back with us again, having decided to sign on.

Because of the reorganisation of the Battalion into two Rifle Companies we have received several old members from "A" Company. Capt. B. D. S. Burton has come to us as Second-in-Command and Lt. Westing with half of "A" Company's Support Platoon have joined our Support Platoon. We have also gained Lt. Ling with his Platoon complete. Other new arrivals are 2/Lt. Heath and 2/Lt. Jarratt, Sgt. Speakman from recruiting in England, Cpl. Morant from the Depot and Cpl. Jackson from the P.R.I. office. Sgt. Perryman is to be congratulated on his promotion. We would like to wish all those who have left us the best of luck in their new jobs, and a welcome to all those who have recently joined us.

Training for the last few months in Hong Kong was based upon the individual soldier and to this end centralised Education and M.T. Cadres took many of our Company to Stanley Fort. This produced some administrative problems, but we now have over two dozen qualified drivers in the Company and nearly everyone has sat his next A.C.E. examination. In the Company we ran a First-Aid Course, with the great assistance of our M.O., Capt. R. H. MacKeith, and L/Cpl. Turfrey, and now have 12 men trained in these duties.

In preparation for our arrival in B.A.O.R., we concentrated much time on passing our B.E. Tests and annual Range Classification. "B" Company did not have much success on the first day of the Battalion Rifle Meeting, but on the second day we achieved satisfactory results. Our congratulations go to Lt. Reeves, the "Champion Officer" shot, and our Company team: C/Sgt. Proud, Sgts. Smith and Scott, Cpls. Lamkin and Dugdale, L/Cpl. Beckingham and Ptes. Collins (76), Freeman, Neville (76), and Rawlingson. Several of our team shot for the Battalion at the Garrison Rifle Meeting the following week. Our thanks are extended to Capt. M. E. Girling, Battalion W.T.O., and to



The Commander 2nd Division visiting the Battalion on its arrival in Munster

"C" Company for organising two such excellent meetings in spite of a Typhoon.

On Sunday, 22nd September, we held a church service for the Company at Stanley Fort. This service was attended by the Commander British Forces and his family, together with a large number from the Battalion and "B" Company. L/Cpl. Smith read the lesson most commendably.

During September we prepared ourselves for the Battalion Inter-Platoon Internal Security Competition, in which our Platoons gained 4th and 7th positions. We then took part in two exercises designed to prepare us for the IS "Stand By" days on 1st and 10th October. The Chinese Communists and Nationalists celebrated the anniversaries of their "revolutions" quietly, and so in fact we were not deployed on these dates.

Our Garrison Commander, Brigadier Pringle, carried out his annual inspection of the Battalion on 8th October. He started by inspecting "B" Company, and we like to feel that we contributed to the very good report gained by the Battalion.

From 14th to 19th October, "B" Company organised the Battalion's final range classification before leaving Hong Kong. Our Company Range Party moved to Stonecutters Island on 12th October in order to receive anyone from the Battalion who had not completed this year's Rifle or L.M.G. course.

By way of relief from the move administration, the whole Company spent the last week of October on Platoon Training in the New Territories. We stayed in Piccadilly Camp, and had a most interesting and enjoyable week, alternating between the Training area and the Half Way House. The week ended with a hard march back for about half

the Company under Major Jones and the Sergeant-Major.

During November our Company Office Staff, in particular W.O.2 Warner and Cpl. Walkling Long, were kept hard at it working under piles of documentation papers, M.F.O. forms, applications for passage proformae and movement orders.

Several football matches were played on a friendly basis, and the Company has enjoyed its usual success in beating the H.K.M.S.C. and Command Pay Office teams.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major P. G. F. M. Roupell

On 2nd September the Company moved to Stonecutters Island to establish a camp on the range for the Battalion and Garrison Rifle Meeting. Vast quantities of tentage, beds, mattresses, and other stores, were drawn from Ordnance by Sgt. James during the morning and moved by vehicle and landing craft to the Island. The afternoon was devoted to putting up tentage. Agreement was reached that the outer went on the ground outside down, the inner on the outer, inside up—you do the Hokey Cokey and there you have one 180-pounder erected. The only problem left was to identify the inners from the outers and the inside of the inner from the outside of the inner, the outside of the inner . . . etc. Once the experts were separated, the tents sprang up very quickly and the camp was nearly complete by early evening. The next day the remaining marquees were put up and the approach of Typhoon "FAYE" was announced. FAYE, sometimes referred to by less ladylike names, came near enough to make us strike and store away all the tentage, and then veered off upon her way. Up went the tents once more.

Sad to say we failed to repeat our last year's successes at the Battalion Rifle Meeting in spite of excellent shooting by L/Cpl. Wharmby, who became the Battalion Champion Shot.

After the Battalion Rifle Meeting, Company H.Q. and a fatigue party came back to Stanley to cope with the accumulated paper work and prepare the weapons for R.E.M.E. inspection, after which they returned to Stonecutters to run the Garrison Rifle Meeting.

On the first day of the Garrison Meeting L/Cpl. Wharmby was a member of the



Cpl. Robinson instructing on the Mobat

Battalion team to win the S.M.G. match and ended the day as Garrison Champion. Most unfortunately he was admitted to hospital that night with a badly-sprained back.

As soon as the Meeting was over the tents were struck for the last time. The next morning the mass of tentage and stores were ferried back to the Ordnance Depot and the Company returned to Stanley after a month's absence. All credit to Sgt. James that our only "discrepancies" were a few broken tent pegs.

Back in Stanley we prepared for the Annual Administrative Inspection the next week and rehearsed an IS demonstration in which a Platoon commanded by Lt. Petzing came to the aid of the police under the direction of L/U/A Police Inspector/Cpl. Edwards, and dispersed an enthusiastic and very noisy crowd led by L/Cpl. Rodmell.

The day after the Administrative Inspection we had the Battalion Inter-Platoon Games Day, each Platoon or Department providing six-a-side football, hockey and tug-o-war teams. A very enjoyable morning ended up happily as a "C" company benefit with us winning all three knock-out competitions and providing both finalists in the hockey. No. 9 Platoon had a close win in the tug-o-war, just beating a very strong team of Assault Pioneers; No. 10 Platoon won the football with a very well controlled team under Cpl. Winfield, and No. 9 Platoon just beat Support Platoon in the final of the hockey.

The following day we had our final (we hope) IS Stand-by for the double tenth (10th October), which passed uneventfully.

On 31st October we did another cliff

assault demonstration for the Director of Infantry and now regard the "Radar Station" by the N.A.A.F.I. to have been finally and completely destroyed. We have just completed our final exercise in Hong Kong. In view of the amount of hill climbing we have done it seemed appropriate that our "swan song" should start at sea level and end at the highest point in the Colony.

Having watched the Battalion Hockey Team win the Major Units Hockey Final we moved in transport to Shatin, where parties consisting of an N.C.O. and three or four privates were dropped off at intervals to find their way in the dark with the aid of map and compass to the top of Tai Mo Shan, some 3,000 ft. high. Five parties of stalwarts did extremely well to reach the top well before first light in spite of low cloud restricting visibility for the last 300 ft.

At about this time we were issued with the necessary sides, ends, tops and bottoms and nails to construct our crates, and in two days of solid hammering Pte. Lee and his assistant crate constructors had put together some 80 crates of varying sizes—all of which have now been packed and painted and sent upon their way.

We are now in the throes of handing over all our stores and are much looking forward to getting on our respective aeroplanes.

This period has seen not only a change of station and climate but also a very welcome addition to the strength of the Company in the form of 24 members of the old "A" Company under Sgt. Singleton and 2/Lt. Howard. We are very pleased to have them with us.

We also welcome Capt. Bing, who has taken over as Second-in-Command; Lt. Le Maitre from Nottingham University; 2/Lt. Mellotte from R.M.A. Sandhurst, and Lt. Bonnell, who is attached to the Company for a year from the Royal Military Police. C/Sgt. Swift has taken over as C.Q.M.S. and Sgt. Jeeves as Sp. Platoon Sergeant. We congratulate both of them on their promotions. Sgt. Butler has returned to the Battalion after two years at the Brigade Depot and now keeps a fatherly eye on No. 10 Platoon, who have lost 2/Lt. Tucker to Battalion H.Q., where he occupies the sedentary post of Assistant Adjutant. 2/Lt. Winterfeld has been stolen by Major Abbott ("H.Q." Company)—we suspect that he will be running "H.Q." Company account before long—he must be working hard as the zips on his

tracksuit trousers are reported to be going quite rusty!

Contrary to hopes and expectations, the Company has so far been unable to spend very much time learning either the problems or the delights of soldiering in A.P.C.s, owing to the fact that the Battalion has been put on stand-by for a possible move to one or other of the trouble spots in the world, which has, of course, meant the subsequent regurgitation of IS training! As might be imagined, after three years of practically nothing but Internal Security, this news was greeted by feelings (sometimes expressed quite clearly) that we knew it all anyway! However, we didn't! B.A.O.R. has yet another variation of IS Drill—quite different from Hong Kong and Aden—which, to everyone's credit, has been mastered rapidly. Perhaps, instead of "We know it all," the cry should have been "Pristinae virtutis memor" or "Be mindful of our former glories!"

"H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major D. Abbott

To add to our normal difficulty of writing Journal notes, we have changed station, country and continent. The question is shall we write about Hong Kong which is over and done but leaves us with some wonderful memories, or shall we write about Germany or our leave in England. I regret that as is the custom amongst the British, I shall compromise and write about all three.

Sport in Hong Kong was a good six months as far as "H.Q." Company was concerned. The footballers did particularly well and Cpls. Phillips and Blissett spent many hours organising Company games, not only within the Battalion but also against outside teams. We have had letters and phone calls from all over Hong Kong thanking us for the entertainment afforded there to visiting teams and the sporting manner in which games have been played. This, we feel, is a good representation of the spirit of the Company.

The pay off came when we played "B" Company in the final of the football. We won by the odd goal. This was due to two things. One was that our lads never gave up despite being heavily down at one time. Secondly, because "B" Company had a

large proportion of Irish in their team and, luckily for us, they were split between North and South, and towards the end when the pace got very hot they had a small civil war. Full advantage of this was taken by our team of course. The result was a Company shield to Headquarter Company.

In the Inter-Company Tetrathlon we did not manage to win but Cpl. Maloney brought himself and the Company glory by winning the individual event. To follow this up Cpls. Emery and Ballard were members of the Battalion team of three which won the Land Forces Event. It is as well to mention that L/Cpl. Ballard had been away on a course and he had very little practice with the pistol and fencing events. All very much to his credit that he did us and the Battalion so well.

As will be remembered Internal Security was our primary roll. An Inter-Platoon Competition was held consisting of kit and turnout, drill, and finally an IS Questionnaire. Capt. Anderson and Drum-Major Morris were the Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant of the winning Platoon. This consisted of just about as many odds and ends from different departments it was possible to imagine. Only keenness and very hard practice got the Platoon to such a very fine standard, and having done so well the Commanding Officer judged them to have won this event.

We did rather well in the shooting on Stonecutters. Old stalwarts such as O.R.Q.M.S. Wilmshurst and C.S.M. Morris were well to the fore and, of course, S/Sgt. Todd helped in the S.M.G. event. Other names called to mind were Cpl. House, Ptes. Osborne, Boreham and Rew. Anyhow very convincing results gave us more than 70 per cent. of the trophies.

Changes are inevitable, but a severe wrench was felt when we lost C/Sgt. Vickers. A cheerful smile has always been readily obtainable even when he has been looking for lost wardrobes or trying to obtain extra cleaning material from a reluctant Q.M. We wish him the best of luck. The other Company Colour-Sergeant job has been very ably done by Sgt. Anderson. Known by his many friends as the Burgomeister of Hennessey Road (Wanchai) or have I got my postings mixed? He has done an excellent job and we will miss him very much. He goes early in 1964 to the All Arms Junior Leaders' Regiment in Towyn, North Wales.

Sgt. Thick has been with us for years. His constant hard labour in the M.T. has been a great contributing factor to the serviceability of our hard-worked transport.

Our farewell to Hong Kong was highlighted by a splendid Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums; they wore our illegal Scarlet. It was also the Drums' farewell to "H.Q." Company as they are now pretending to be a rifle platoon or something in "A" Company. There are now derisive shouts of "Blackleg" from "H.Q." Company as they march by, wearing their normal supercilious air. I will gloss over the last month of working chaos in Hong Kong, it is miraculous that we got to Munster in one piece. I believe that the Assault Pioneers dreamt nightmares about boxes marked B.F.P.O. 17. They, too, with Recce Platoon have gone from our midst to "A" Company. It is a great puzzle to the Establishment that although we posted out some 60 odd soldiers, our actual parade state declined by only 27—where have all the others been hiding?

We are now in the snow and ice of Munster and it is difficult to describe our state physically or mentally. Having geared ourselves up in Hong Kong to become an Armoured Regiment with A.P.C.s flashing around the place, we found ourselves on the square doing box drills within three days of our arrival. There is a slight snag; we don't know in what language we have to translate our "Fire or We Disperse" banners. As is common knowledge we are on notice for an air move apparently for anywhere. We are going to be a bit pushed trying to patrol the East German Border in our A.P.C.s whilst in the middle of the Borneo (?) Jungle!

As we go to press we are delighted to hear that L/Cpl. Ballard was runner-up in the B.A.O.R. Boxing Championship, Featherweight. He should really have won, but as his opponent was 6 ft. 1 in. and Ballard is 4 ft. 6 in. he was at somewhat of a disadvantage. Well done, Cpl. Ballard, more power to your elbows.

REGIMENTAL BAND

We started the last quarter of our tour in Hong Kong with a well-earned leave of two weeks, but on the 14th August it was noses down to the grindstone again, rehearsing for the Annual "Nelson's Night" at H.M.S. *Tamar*. This was the second time we provided



L/Cpl. Manuel and Pte. Hancock on the 3-inch Mortar

music for this important naval night. The visiting American Admirals present were loud in their praise of the programme we played, which is most encouraging and satisfying to know that we add the final touch to functions such as these.

The next hurdle in our schedule was the farewell Beating "Retreat" to be held in Stanley Fort. All the Service Chiefs were invited, along with His Excellency the Governor, so this called for something extra in the way of rehearsals. We got our "something extra" in the form of R.S.M. Wildgoose, who certainly livened the band up with drill every morning, but all the hard work was worth it in the end. The Band and Drums marched on in excellent form and the whole "Retreat" was a tremendous success.

It was a busy period, too, for the Dance Band, who were in great demand all over the Colony and, indeed, the New Territories.

We renewed an old acquaintance with the actor William Holden whilst playing for the dances at the Hong Kong Country Club. We were last with him in Essen way back in 1959 playing at the Premier of his film "Bridge on the River Kwai." It was quite a surprise to find that he still remembered us. We parted company with promises to "look each other up" at our next station.

With our tour drawing to a close the headache of packing was next on the agenda. This was finished in record time by hard work. Once the instruments were packed, there was the band, completely idle, for about two hours. The Battalion then swooped, Bandsmen were "farmed out" to the Q.M.'s, Pay Office, Movements, in fact any department where there was extra work to tackle.

The time came to depart from Kai Tak Airport with the Band spread over the seven flights. All are looking forward to leave in England and our next tour of duty in Munster where, we were informed, things would change; in what way we have yet to see.

Mid-January found us all together once again in Oxford Barracks, Munster, with quite a few changes in personnel. We said good-bye to Sgt. Dave Lemon and his brother, Cpl. Jeff Lemon, and Cpl. Geoff Reynolds. One can only hope they have as much fun and enjoyment in their new lives as they undoubtedly had when serving with the Band. We, in turn, welcome back Sgt. Arnold from the Junior Soldiers' Wing, Canterbury, who brought back a promising group of ex-boys in the form of Bdsm. Baxter, Coleman, Darling, Evans, James, Kitcherside, Nicklin, Swift and Spooner. We hope they will all enjoy their life with the Band and wish them every success.

We would also like to congratulate Sgt. Matlock on his promotion to Staff-Sergeant, L/Cpl. Lee to Corporal, and B.M. Short to Musical R.S.M.

We are now looking forward to engagements on the Continent. Bids have been made for engagements in France, Denmark and Holland, so it should prove an interesting tour.

The Battalion is at present on 72 hours' Stand-by with the Band acting as rear party. Life is sometimes hectic in the Band but never dull.

CORPS OF DRUMS

We bade farewell to Hong Kong with a final Beating of "Retreat," a function attended by most of the Colony's dignitaries, and one which was a great success. We then sprouted wings and flew home to England for our leave, and are now trying to acclimatise ourselves to a very cold German winter, which we are finding rather trying.

The Drums Platoon has succeeded in keeping up to strength. The youngest of

the 18 drummers has been with us for two years, so our standard is exceptionally high.

We were invited to play at a meeting of massed bands at Osnabruck, but, since the event takes place in May, when the Battalion goes on block leave, we have reluctantly had to withdraw.

We shall very soon be losing Sgt. E. Fulker, who leaves us to become Sergeants' Mess Caterer at H.Q. Infantry Brigade, Berlin—no doubt next time we see him he will arrive in his "Merc." We also say "Good-bye" to Dmr. J. Broom, who, after six years' service, is going into the Off-Licence business. We thank them for all they have done and wish them both every success in their new jobs.

We look forward to seeing new members of the Corps of Drums whom we expect to come to Munster from Canterbury by the end of this year.

We are doing very well at sport—Dmr. Marshall is still playing for the Battalion soccer team; Dmr. Jennings swims for the Battalion, and the Drum-Major is still scoring baskets at Basketball.

New Drum-Major's Sash

The Battalion has just received the new sash, bearing all our Battle Honours, which is to be worn by the Drum-Major on parades of the more ceremonial nature. It was ordered whilst we were still in Hong Kong and various small financial incomes were channeled into saving up for it. It certainly looks very impressive and will do full justice to any occasion.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last edition the Battalion has completed its move to B.A.O.R. Our last three months in Hong Kong were naturally very hectic, with farewell parties, packing of Mess silver and repairing any damage to avoid a large march-out bill.

Major Abbott handed over the onerous task of P.M.C. to Major Bishop in September, and a new Mess Committee was formed. Our first task was to organise the farewell parties, which are always attendant with a departing Regiment.

A guest night was held in early October to say good-bye to our friends in the Garrison Headquarters. Major Pat Ellwood, of cricketer fame, was given a rousing welcome by the Subalterns and was heard to say that he thought our game of billiard fives was rigged in favour of the Home team.

Our final guest night was held in honour of Lt.-General Sir Richard Craddock, the Commander British Forces Hong Kong. Also attending were Brigadier Pringle and Major Putt. In a lighter vein was the Informal Dance held on 12th October. All congratulations must go to Lt. Ling, who organised the decor. Some officers were overheard complaining about the likeness to themselves in the wall drawings. The Regimental Dance Band were in excellent heart; we almost had the Chinese staff doing the Twist. Number One Cook also deserved our congratulations on the Buffet Supper he produced on the billiard table. This was an evening to be long remembered.

Between all the festivities we had to organise the packing of the Mess Silver and we employed a local contractor to make at least 20 specially-fitted boxes. After many frustrating telephone calls all was finished and the final screw driven in. A word of thanks must go to 2/Lt. Winterfeld, who organised the whole operation. Of interest note: when we arrived in B.A.O.R. the extent of damage to silver was very much reduced and will save a large insurance bill.

On 25th October a farewell cocktail party was held in the Mess. This party, our final fling, was held in conjunction with a Ceremony of Beating "Retreat." Over 200 guests were invited, the principal people being His Excellency the Governor, the Chief Justice and the Commander British Forces. We also had many people from both Military and Government services. The Mess Staff worked extremely hard and were congratulated by many of the guests.

A word must now be said about the Chinese Staff. Throughout our tour in Hong Kong they have been a tower of strength. Nothing ever worried them and they were always on hand in an emergency. Many units were very jealous of our standard of eating and we even had competition from the big hotels in the City.

At the end of October the Mess invited the members of the Sergeants' Mess in for a lunch-time drink. This enabled us to say Thank You for some very excellent parties and warm hospitality given to us by them.

Just before we left we received a very handsome present in the shape of a 17-in. silver salver. This was presented to us by S.P.H. de Silva. It was an extremely kind gesture and the tray is now in full use.

And so it was that on the 15th November

we handed over the Mess to the 1st Battalion The South Wales Borderers, and ended a very happy time spent in a very pleasant Mess. We all now look forward to a change of atmosphere in B.A.O.R. The nostalgic cries of "Boy" and "Number One" will be heard no more.

SERGEANTS' MESS

With the air resounding to the noise of hammer upon nails, and cries of "It's too heavy" or "Am I within my cubic footage," the Mess can look back on its last few months in Hong Kong with memories of Stonecutters Range, our Farewell Party and the lucky members who are flying out first to U.K. on leave.

Many members were isolated for weeks in September on Stonecutters Island on range duties for the Battalion and Garrison Shooting Competitions. What with Typhoon alarms, tents going up and down, constant running up and down the ranges with the firers during the days, then nightly excursions on the "walla walla" boats—enough to say that everybody was fully occupied in some way or another. Perhaps C.S.M. Jack Chaffer could say he was more than occupied at one time—when a jellyfish decided to catch him on a moonlight swim!

On 5th October, the Mess held its Farewell Ball. With the final flourish, the Mess was spotlighted and highly decorated, and afforded all members and their guests a fine evening's entertainment. Dancing, which included the latest in Limbos and Twists, was M.C.d by W.O.2 Pip Piper, to the music of C/Sgt. Brian Matlock and his Band.

Also during the past few months, the Mess .22 Shoot was won by W.O.2 Piper and the privilege of having his name inscribed on the Wooden Spoon went this time to R.Q.M.S. "Mac" McGregor, who still claims he was wrongly briefed as to the scoring part of the target.

The living-in members were twice treated to sumptuous Dinner Nights—at one of which Sgt. J. B. Bowring was presented with a Mess medallion for long typhoon service in rice stations.

All Advance Party members and their families are now busy packing all their "loot" in custom proof boxes, and sitting down to wait for their call forward to the Airport. At the same time wondering how they are going to brave the cold winds of



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F.A.R.E.L.F. Light- Welter-weight Boxing Championship (L/Cpl. Hardy)	Land Forces Six-a-side Hockey Championship	Land Forces Major Units Swimming Championship	48 Gurkha Brigade Khud Race (British Units)	Land Forces Inter- Unit Hockey Championship
H.K.A.S.B. Athletic Championship	Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison Athletic Championship	H.K.A.S.B. Inter-Unit Boxing Championship	Land Forces Inter- Unit Rugby Challenge Cup	F.A.R.E.L.F. Heavy-weight Boxing Championship (Sgt. R. Gardner)
				Army Hockey Association Championship Cup

England after spending years away from it all.

Members who left the Battalion in the past few months are:

Sgts. Pearson and Carr: to Malaysia Battalions.

Sgt. Gardner: to 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

Sgt. Isaacs: for discharge.

Sgt. Lemon: bought his discharge.

W.O.2 Quickenden: to 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.) as R.S.M.

Arrivals in the Battalion were:

W.O.1 Wildgoose: to take over as R.S.M.

The New Year started with the Mess in its new surroundings in B.A.O.R. The old sight of boxes coming and going was repeated and gradually the Mess became refitted to its normal livable self. Most members live with their wives within easy distance of the Mess and so our Saturday evening socials are well represented. A Mess "warming"

party was held in February, when all officers and their ladies, and members of outside Messes and Departments attended. Music was again provided by C/Sgt. Matlock and his group, with refreshments galore set by our own A.C.C. members. The evening proved to be a great success and enjoyment for all.

Since the Mess arrived, well-known faces have appeared and others disappeared. Members who have left are:

Sgt. Holledge: to 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

Sgt. James and Sgt. Smith: to Special Recruiting.

W.O.2 Yonwin: to R.S.M. Hong Kong Regiment.

W.O.2 Riley: to 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

Sgt. Anderson: to A.A.J.L. Battalion.

Sgt. Jones: to 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

Arrivals in the Battalion were: C/Sgt.

Harding, C/Sgt. Steeles, Sgt. West, Sgt. Butler, Sgt. Speakman.

We also welcome the following new members to the Mess: Sgts. Jeeves, Perryman, Fiddy, Manning.

Association Football

The Battalion left Hong Kong at the beginning of the new Football season, so was not entered for any of the competitions, but several of our better players had Army trials with the result that Cpls. Winfield and Jackson played for the Army 1st eleven, who were in the first division this year, and Dmr. Marshall played for the Army reserve team in the reserve league. It was unfortunate that Pte. Newham was unable to play owing to his hand injuries, as he would have been a certain Army trialist.

After several weeks' leave the team proved to be somewhat rusty, and in their first friendly game were beaten 6—1 by 15/19th Hussars, but now after two weeks' training and live trial games they are beginning to show their form.

In the first round of the Brigade Knockout Competition they drew 3—all with 1st Royal Hampshires and now, under the careful guidance and training of Cpl. Winfield and Cpl. Jackson, we are hoping for some better results.

The following are regular Battalion players: Cpl. Winfield, Cpl. Jackson, L/Cpl. Martin, L/Cpl. Hickman, Dmr. Marshall, Pte. Collins, Pte. Rossette, Pte. Hudson, Pte. Newham, Pte. Fowls, and Pte. Glazier.

Hockey

The Battalion is leaving Hong Kong, having for two seasons running won the Army Championships; the Major Unit's Knockout Cup and the 6-a-side tournament. The Knockout Cup and the Army Championships this season produced some hard, fast and agonisingly close games. The vanquished included 2/2 Gurkha Rifles, beaten 1—0 in the last five minutes by a wonderful goal by 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld; 2/6 Gurkha Rifles beaten 3—2, again the winning goal being scored in the dying moments of the game with a fine opportunist effort by Capt. S. T. W. Anderson.

The final against the D.L.I. was approached with some trepidation for three of the stalwarts, Capt. S. T. W. Anderson, Lt. S. J. Petzing and Lt. J. M. B. Westing, had left for the U.K. However, their places were ably

filled by Sgt. Coote, Cpl. Creane and Pte. Fernandez. The new-look team was: 2/Lt. Winterfeld, Capt. Burton, Lt. Allanson, Pte. Fernandez, Lt. Reeves, Sgt. Coote, S/Sgt. Todd (R.E.M.E.), Cpl. Creane, Capt. Jessop (Captain), Major Sewell and C.S.M. Chaffer, M.M.

The Major Units game ended with a 3—1 win over the D.L.I. with 2/Lt. Winterfeld scoring all three goals.

The Army Championship game was against H.Q. 48 Brigade. Twice in the game the Battalion was behind but another last-minute goal brought the scores level at 3—3. Somehow in the heat of the first extra 10 minutes the answer came and two goals were scored. One more came in the second 10 minutes with the Battalion emerging victors by 6—4, Brigade having scored again at the end.

The Battalion has enjoyed an excellent two seasons' hockey in Hong Kong, winning all the Army Competitions. In addition, the following have played in representative games during their stay:

Hong Kong Colony

Lt. S. J. Petzing and 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld.

Combined Services

Capt. J. H. Jessop, R.A.E.C., Capt. S. T. W. Anderson, Lt. S. J. Petzing and Lt. C. G. Reeves.

Army Colours

Capt. J. H. Jessop, R.A.E.C., Capt. S. T. W. Anderson, Lt. S. J. Petzing, Lt. C. G. Reeves, Lt. J. M. B. Westing, 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld and Sgt. Todd, R.E.M.E.

It is assumed that this standard will be maintained in B.A.O.R. and in anticipation the team had been entered for the Army Hockey Cup.

After the successes of Hong Kong we were anxious to do well in B.A.O.R. in the Inter-Unit Competition. With all our forces mustered and a week or so to get fit we went straight into a third-round match v. 9th/12th Lancers at Osnabruck. It took the first half to settle down and, although the half-time score was 2—0 in our favour, the side was playing very scrappy hockey. In the second half things went better and the full-time score was 7—0.

In the Divisional Semi-final we were drawn against 35 Corps Engineers Regiment. Those who served in 1st Queen's in Iserlohn in 1958

will remember them well, for in that year they were our opponents in the B.A.O.R. final. In that match, after two lots of extra time, the score was still 2—2, and so there was a replay in which the score was 0—0 until two minutes from time when we managed to score.

This time we were beaten 2—0, both goals coming in the second half. Without wishing to discredit our opponents in any way, because they played extremely well, the result might have been different if we had had better competition in Aden and Hong Kong. Several players did not realise how hard and fast the game now had to be played until it was too late.

The team was: C.S.M. Chaffer, M.M., Lt. Westing, L/Cpl. Rodmell, S/Sgt. Todd, Capt. Burton, Lt. Le Maitre, Lt. Reeves, Lt. Petzing, Capt. Anderson, Pte. Fernandez and Lt. Winterfeld.

Boxing

The Battalion arrived in Germany too late to take part in the Inter-Unit Competition, and so we have to wait until next year to see whether the successes in Hong Kong can be continued in B.A.O.R.

The Battalion was, however, represented in the 2nd Division Individuals Championships by four men. These, after two months' leave and one week's training put up very creditable performances and set a lot of people wondering what the rest of the unit team was like.

L/Cpl. Ballard boxing at Featherweight for the first time seemed much happier than at Bantam. He boxed very well and looked one of the best boxers in the competition. In the final he won on points against a skilful opponent who had a height and reach advantage.

Pte. McLean at Lightweight was not in his Hong Kong form and was beaten in the final on points. This, however, should give him additional experience and he should win a Division title next year.

At Middleweight we had two entries, L/Cpl. McMullen, who had obviously had a good leave and was boxing up a weight, and Pte. Scott, who never seems to be unfit. McMullen was beaten in a preliminary round after a very good bout. Scott got to the final after a very spectacular knock-out, and it was very disappointing that he broke a bone in his hand in this earlier fight and so could not take part in the final.

At the time of writing L/Cpl. Ballard, L/Cpl. McMullen and Pte. McLean are taking part in the B.A.O.R. Individual Championships. L/Cpl. Ballard was narrowly beaten on points in the finals, at Featherweight, whilst Pte. McLean won his weight, Lightweight, on points. Both are to be congratulated on this fine performance.

Water Polo

We achieved our aim in Hong Kong by winning the Land Forces Water Polo Competition. In an extremely exciting match we beat the R.A.F. Kai Tak, to whom we had lost in our three previous friendly matches, by 6 goals to 3.

The German authorities allow us to use their indoor swimming pool on Fridays, and we hope that several members of the Battalion will be chosen to play for the Brigade Water Polo team against neighbouring German teams. Nine of us might be instructors to the Brigade Sub-Aqua Club.

Sgt. Fulker will not, unfortunately, be with the team for the B.A.O.R. Championships, since he will be posted to Berlin. We look forward to seeing Cpl. Meaden lead the team to a very successful season.

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Home Counties Brigade Depot

After a break of a few months, drafting to the 1st Battalion was resumed in January, and among the individuals concerned were the following members of the Depot Permanent Staff: W.O.2 D. Harding, Cpls. A. Waring, F. Willmott, B. Waters, B. Parker, L/Cpl. M. Etherington and Ptes. R. Eade, M. Reason and Billingham. During the period covered by this report the senior individual to leave the Depot was R.S.M. G. E. Mileham, who departed in December to take over as R.S.M. of the 4th Battalion. His successor at Canterbury is W.O.1 P. Floyd, who served as R.S.M. with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong. Mr. Floyd's parent regiment is the Queen's Own Buffs. In his three years at Canterbury Mr. Mileham had seen three C.O.s and Adjutants and had contributed greatly to the successful blending of the regiments in the early part of the Depot's life.

Other postings out were Pte. R. Hughson to Officers' Mess Staff, Mons Officer Cadet School, and Jnr. L/Cpl. S. Cleeve to Kneller Hall.

Awards to recruits were made at final parades as follow:

Date	Award	Recipient	Inspecting Officer
18th Oct., 1963	Best Recruit	Pte. R. C. Hill	Lt.-Col. H. Cuthbert, R.A.P.C.
8th Nov., 1963	Best Recruit	Pte. J. C. Doran	Major P. E. Calver, The Royal Sussex Regiment.
20th Dec., 1963	Best Shot	Pte. R. C. Wilks	Major J. R. Stephenson, The Royal Sussex Regiment.
31st Jan., 1964	Best Recruit Best at P.T.	Pte. D. Redding	Col. M. T. N. Jennings.

Visitors to Wemyss Barracks have included Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C., Capt. S. T. W. Anderson, Lts. S. J. Petzing, and C. E. J. Allanson from the 1st Battalion, Major J. G. F. Nauman (War Office), Major R. Ewart (Paymaster, 1st Battalion), and 2/Lt. M. J. Jarratt. It is not usual to have hitch-hikers dropping off at the Depot, but two men who had made their own way back to England from Hong Kong did so—they were Ptes. Bakar Bin Hassan and D. Rathbone of the 1st Battalion. The former had also hitch-hiked to England from Singapore in 1960 before enlisting and carrying out his recruit training at the Depot.

The 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Minor Units competitions in hockey,



Colonel M. T. N. Jennings presenting the awards for Best Recruit and Best at Physical Training to Pte. D. Redding at a final parade of recruits on 31st January 1964

association football and shooting were won by Depot teams. In cross-country running Lt. H. G. Dalziel-Smith finished 12th overall in the Eastern Command and 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Championships. The Junior Soldiers' team in the Army Cross-Country Championships were 5th of the 13 teams taking part and 2nd among Infantry Depot teams.

At the time of writing preparations for the move in March from Wemyss Barracks to the modernised and enlarged Howe Barracks are in full swing. The new N.A.A.F.I. Families Self-Service Shop has been operating since November when it was opened by Mrs. M. T. N. Jennings.

In the same month a Garrison Fireworks

Display was organised by Major G. Mason, Junior Soldiers providing the light relief. Christmas activities included Sergeants' Mess and Corporals' Club Dances and Draws, Junior Soldiers' Dance and Pantomime and a Garrison Children's Party. Some children of 1st Battalion families in quarters in Lydd and Ashford attended the children's party.

Promotions

2nd September, 1963: J/Bdsm. P. Darling and A. Jones to L/L/Cpl.

25th September, 1963: J/L/Cpl. C. Coleman and J/L/Cpl. A. D. Jones to J/Cpl.

February 7, 1964: J/Cpl. A. Jones to J/Sgt.
13th January, 1964: J/L/Cpl. P. Mason to J/Cpl. J/Dmrs. H. Barker and K. G. Whyte to J/L/Cpl.

Certificate of Education

Senior Music (equivalent to A.C.E. 1st Class):
J/Bdsm. A. Kitcherside, 98% (Distinction)
J/Bdsm. B. Coles, 78%
J/Bdsm. S. Cleeve, 63%
J/Bdsm. P. Spooner, 44%
(only 33 passed in the whole of the Army and of these 11 came from the Depot.)
Cpl. B. Waters, 2nd Class A.C.E.

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

Honorary Colonel	.. .. .	Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O.
Commanding Officer	.. .. .	Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, T.D.
2IC	.. .. .	Major R. C. H. Saunders, T.D.
Training Officer	.. .. .	Major K. Osborne
Adjutant (T.A.)	.. .. .	Capt. B. M. Sidwell
Quartermaster	.. .. .	Major E. T. Stevart
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.)
	.. .. .	Major B. H. B. Robinson (R.A.M.C.)
Administrative Officer	.. .. .	Capt. E. J. Weeks

In a leading article on the Territorial Army last October, *The Times* made reference to "the leisured training programmes" of the T.A. We would wish to say immediately that there is no resemblance whatsoever between this observation and the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), where it is felt that the Top People's paper is on this occasion simply not "with it." The last six months have not contained the colour and the historical significance of the previous period when we received the New Colours; perhaps however as a consequence the training has been even more intensive. A weekend without some activity

is almost unheard of, and the only people who have a rather lonely leisure in this Battalion's programme are, as usual, our long-suffering wives and girl friends, to whom, once again, our warmest thanks.

At the centre of all our training, even taking weekends away from courses he was attending in order to join us on training, has been Major John Burgess, who has just left us for some peace and quiet in Cyprus. Few Training Majors can have ever given a T.A. unit more of their energy, resources, time and consideration. We are all going to miss him, as a soldier and as a friend, a very great deal, and all our best wishes go to him. We

welcome Major Keith Osborne in his place, and hope that he will be happy with us. We are also about to lose our Quartermaster, Major George Forman, a "foundation member" of the Battalion, to whom we owe another considerable debt of gratitude for help and advice in recent years.

In September a large party, including the Band and Corps of Drums, spent a most enjoyable and memorable weekend in Belgium, visiting Ghent in commemoration of the part played in the operations leading to the Liberation of the city by their parent units, the 1st/6th and 1st/5th Queens.

The party left London on a Friday afternoon and arrived in Ghent late in the evening, accommodation being provided by the Belgian Army. On Saturday morning the Battalion detachment paraded at Rieme on the site where during the German occupation, members of the Belgian Resistance captured by the Nazis were taken for execution. The site is now laid out as a National Memorial.

The Battalion party entered the enclosure at a slow march, with drums beating, at the head of a procession, including members of the former Resistance Movement led by M. Albert Fassin, and the Ghent Branch of the British Legion. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded and the British and Belgian flags were hoisted to the National Anthems of both countries. The Union Jack was hoisted by the Battalion's youngest officer, Lt. Geoffrey Wright. The President of the Memorial Committee, M. Poelman, welcomed the Battalion party and the Commanding Officer replied saying how very much the Battalion party felt honoured to be present.

After the ceremony at Reime, the Battalion party moved to the nearby township of Zelzate, where wreaths were laid at the War Memorial, and the Burgomaster took the salute at the march past. The Band and Drums proved very popular and were asked to continue playing for some time after the parade itself was over. All ranks were then entertained at the Town Hall, every soldier present being given champagne and asked to sign the visitors' book. Lt.-Col. Pullen gave the Burgomaster a plaque of the Badge of the Regiment as a souvenir of our visit.

The remainder of the Saturday was free for us to go sight seeing and shopping in the city of Ghent, and many soldiers were greatly impressed by the kindness and hospitality of

the Belgian people whom they met. Some were given motor car tours of the city by complete strangers, others made friends with members of the former Resistance movement and the British Legion.

The following day, Sunday, the Battalion party paraded in Ghent, laying wreaths first at the Resistance Memorial and then at the Metro cinema, the scene of particularly fierce fighting in 1944. The cinema has a memorial on its wall bearing the badges of the Resistance Movement, the 7th Armoured Division and the Paschal Lamb. The parade ended with the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial and the King Albert Statue. Once again, the Band and Drums made a great impression on the Belgian spectators.

The Bandmaster, W.O.1 F. W. Braddick, the Band Sergeant, C/Sgt. Gibson, the Drum-Major, Sgt. V. S. J. Colley and O.R.Q.M.S. R. E. Alexander were among the Battalion's party who received a certificate and medal for service to the Belgian political prisoners' memorial organisation, which is under the patronage of H.M. King Baudouin. Other members of the Battalion who received this award were the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, two former Commanding Officers, Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice and Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, and Major Burgess, Major Wilson, Capt. Clayton and St. Bryan.

Visitors to England and returning holiday-makers on the cross-channel ship were delighted when our Band and Drums paraded on the deck and played the ship in to Dover Harbour to a variety of military marches ending with the Regimental March "Braganza."

Later in September the Battalion went out on an important exercise on the Salisbury Plain Ranges, which were, for the exercise, a country called Imberia, a former colonial territory that had achieved self government. This self government in the hands of a moderate party was crumbling before the unconstitutional terrorist activities of a partisan leader, who was going around the country stirring up trouble to the point of revolt and murder. The exercise began with our arrival to safeguard British lives, and in particular to rescue a group of nurses from the clutches of a terrorist leader, one Buck Shee, who bore an extraordinary facial resemblance to Major Schofield. The nurses were played by three girls, including the daughter of the Commanding Officer.

The Battalion arrived in "Imberia" in

pouring rain. After a number of short skirmishes with Bandit groups the Rifle Companies took up positions on various parts of the ranges. The Companies then received information, passed through the Intelligence and Signals channels of the movements of parties of terrorists, which were ambushed by patrols.

From the terrorist prisoners carefully-planned clues were found, either in the clothing or during interrogation, which enabled Battalion Headquarters to foresee the plans of the terrorist leader. When his gangs (formed from members of the Band and Drums and a Platoon of The Wiltshire Regiment (T.A.)), concentrated, with their charming hostages, they were faced by a determined attack by the whole Battalion. The exercise was one of fast-moving ambushes and patrol clashes between both sides, ending with a full Battalion attack on to the Bandit stronghold, where Buck Shee was captured and the nurses released.

The Battalion as a whole took part in another large exercise in November, when we acted as enemy to the 4th Battalion and the Fusiliers in the 47th Brigade Week-end Exercise. This exercise provided us with a chance of vigorous night patrolling and, during the day, "digging in" and camouflage.

Most of the rest of our training has of necessity to be on a company or specialist basis. Battalion Headquarters and the Company Headquarters took the field in September for the Brigade Signals Exercise providing another opportunity, much needed in a battalion as far flung as ours, to exercise command and control procedure.

The main effort of the Battalion for Armistice Day was this year concentrated at Reigate, where the Regiment had been given the Borough Freedom in the summer at a parade washed out by heavy rain. The Battalion, headed by Band and Drums, paraded through the town, exercising its privilege to march with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and drums beating. In Bermondsey, where the Regiment has its own memorial, a representative party held a brief ceremony and marched to church with the Old Comrades.

The Battalion's football team defeated the 24th Field Dressing Station, R.A.M.C., in the first round of the 44th Division Championship by 7 goals to nil. Sgt. Nugent and Cpl. Collyer each scored two of our goals.

We were then, in our turn, defeated by 135th Field Survey Regiment, R.E., by a score about which we will remain modestly silent.

The following honours and awards have been gained by members of the Battalion, to whom go our very warmest congratulations:

M.B.E.: W.O.2 J. B. Homersham

T.D.:

Capt. D. C. O. Savage

Major D. G. Wilson

Major J. Schofield

Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

L/Cpl. G. Mills (4th Clasp)

W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) T. S. J. Stephens (3rd Clasp)

Sgt. J. R. Yates (3rd Clasp)

Cpl. F. Gibbins (Medal and 1st Clasp)

Sgt. G. L. Evans (Medal)

We also congratulate Cpl. V. M. Farrant of Woking on winning the "Wigan Award."

Your chronicler would like to conclude this section of the notes by saying a very sincere "Thank you" to a group of people who have a particularly thankless task in a territorial Battalion—the Company Second-in-Command and Colour-Sergeants who have to devote many long hours to the maintaining of Company accounts, pay sheets, Mess accounts and other financial chores. This work is unspectacular, it earns little praise but some painful kicks if there are faults; it is also quite basic to the smooth running of the unit.

It is pleasant, at the end of a day's civil work, to do military training of any form. It is much less pleasant to deal with accounts and figures.

In this issue, therefore, we say "Thank you."

"A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . Major T. E. Parsonage, T.D

The persistent enthusiasm which is always found in these notes is sometimes used to disguise a less cheerful state of affairs. However, no one can challenge the fact that these past six months have been extremely successful for the Company. After the summer break, members of the Company visited Ghent as guests of our old friends "La Sarcelle." The following week it was Reigate's turn to appreciate the Band and Drums.

In the natural amphitheatre setting of

Reigate Priory the ceremony of Beating Retreat was watched by an enthusiastic audience—in fact one 2 year old insisted on marching too. The salute was taken by H.M. Lieutenant in the County of Surrey, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Munster, who presented decorations and certificates at the end of the parade. A well-earned Meritorious Service Certificate was awarded to Cpl. A. Foster.

There was widespread disappointment not only in the Battalion but in Reigate as well that the torrential downpour on 13th July last prevented us from exercising our privilege of marching through the town with bayonets fixed and drums beating; so it was welcome news for all that the Battalion would in fact carry out the Freedom March on Remembrance Sunday. To atone for its previous harshness, the weather was kind and dry; the Battalion arrived at the Borough War Memorial and the Service of Remembrance proceeded without a hitch, despite the efforts of the Monotype Works Band, who reached a crescendo every time an order was given.

Previously, the Mayor of Reigate, Ald. H. G. Daniels, had presented the new Drum-Major's sash, donated by citizens of Reigate, which Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen accepted on behalf of the Battalion. The Freedom March through the Borough passed off flawlessly, Lt. J. F. A. Pullinger carrying the Regimental Colour. The high standard of drill learned at Camp was still very much in evidence.

During October there were two active weekends: Exercise "Pull-in" at Imber, a battalion 3-day exercise; and "Devil's Dawn," a Company Map Reading and Initiative Test. Members of the Company were dropped on the Sussex Downs and made their way back, via checkpoints, to Reigate. Pte. B. Shipton was the winner.

Another memorable exercise was "Brass Monkey," the Brigade exercise in November. Those who got wet agree it was aptly named. A fighting patrol of Reigate Platoon successfully attacked the 4th Battalion's H.Q. and clearly demonstrated that those who sleep when we are in the vicinity do so at their peril.

At Christmas time we relaxed and enjoyed some excellent social events. The Children's Party was even more successful than last year. The children enjoyed an excellent tea organised by Mrs. Best and her daughter, Mrs. I. Hounslow, and afterwards Sgt. D. Smith arranged games and a Twist Session, at which the Mayor and Mayoress were present

to award the prizes. Before leaving, each child received a generous gift from Father Christmas (L/Cpl. R. Fieldus). The adults had their fling later in the evening at a Dance which over 100 people attended, including the C.O., Major D. G. Wilson, Capt. J. H. Patterson (A.C.F.) and ex-C.S.M.s G. Haybittle and F. Firman.

A social innovation was a Company Dinner, which made for a happy evening at the Warwick Hotel, Redhill. Guests of the Company included Majors R. C. H. Saunders, J. H. S. Burgess and K. Osborne and Mr. J. Playford, our former Colour-Sergeant, who retired after Camp with 26 years' service. W.O.2 L. C. Stevens camp up for the evening from Devizes, where he was in the middle of a Civil Defence course. Now he will pass on his knowledge to the rest of the Company before we attend Camp at the A.S.C.D.

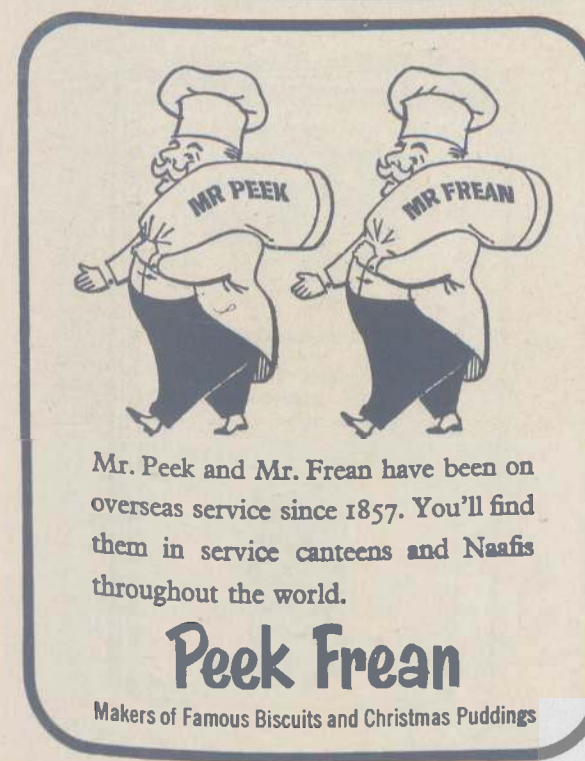
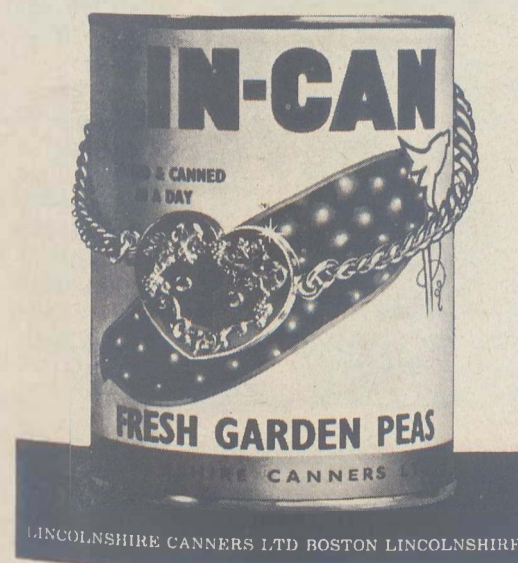
Individual members of the Company have distinguished themselves in many ways. We warmly congratulate Capt. D. C. O. Savage on the award of the T.D. Cpl. R. Tester and Pte. A. Gardner represented the Battalion at soccer, and the latter is now training hard for the Eastern Command Cross-Country Championships. Lt. J. F. A. Pullinger is training the team. Sgt. E. Clamp, L/Cpls. Lancaster, Gibbs and Shipton are to be congratulated on their promotions. Cpl. C. Sarjeant has had to leave us because of employment commitments. We were delighted to welcome back Pte. B. Playford, who, after a serious illness is making a good recovery from a major operation.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to our success lies in the fact that recruiting is going ahead more rapidly than ever, especially at Reigate. With our "At Home" in February we hope to extend this even further. One new feature of the training year has been the introduction of individual and inter-platoon competitions in the fields of shooting, sport and general efficiency. These have proved popular, and the winners will receive trophies and cups at the Company Party at Camp.

It would be ungenerous to close these notes without recording our appreciation and gratitude to our P.S.I. Sgt. R. Gardner. Without his cheerful and ungrudging help on all occasions, which has gone far beyond what duty demanded, we could never have achieved so much.

We would like to congratulate L/Cpl. Gibbs on his promotion, Pte. Cook on the birth of

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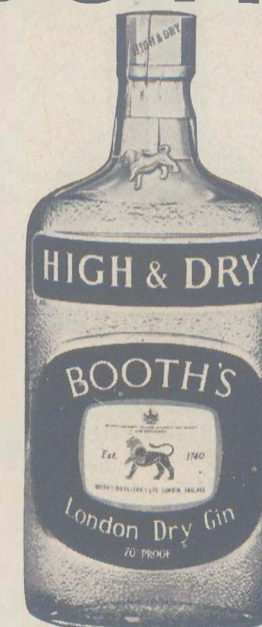
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his daughter and Pte. Percival on his marriage. Other Coulsdon news is a farewell to Cpl. Jones, emigrating to Australia, and best wishes to Pte. Galfrey joining the R.A.S.C. and Pte. Bale who has joined the Royal Marines.

"B" COMPANY

Commanding Officer ... Major D. A. Robinson

There have been some changes in the management and we are very pleased to welcome Lt. H. A. N. Clark from "D" Company and to congratulate him on his promotion.

We are very sorry to lose C.S.M. H. J. Guest. He had been with the Company since the amalgamation and before that with 5th Queen's for many years. Perhaps his best love was shooting where he joined the T.A. Fifty at Bisley and won many good prizes. Our best wishes go with him.

W.O.2 H. W. Edgington is now ably filling the C.S.M. position supported by C/Sgt. D. Gaines as C.Q.M.S. We congratulate them and also L/Cpls. O'Dell and Nugent on their promotion.

We have a new look in the Social Committee which organised a tremendous Christmas Dance which was very successful, both financially and socially.

The Bar has been completely refurnished and no doubt to the horror of the Surrey T.A. it now looks a cross between a very pleasant modern pub and a high class hostelry. It has been adopted as the "Lamb and Star." All the work was done by our own craftsmen and the inspiration and brunt of the work performed by L/Cpl. Nugent. Cpl. Ogilvie arranged a "Burns Night" supper as the official opening. We had about 30 guests in mind which grew to 130 by the time the evening arrived. All appeared to enjoy their haggis and whisky—especially the whisky.

Four members of the Company played in the Battalion Football Team. One of them, Sgt. J. Nugent, has now represented the Battalion at Football, Boxing, and Cross-Country running.

We are now engaged in training a Courage Trophy Team which will give us a sub-heading of "Blisters" to write under in the next issue. Our recruits cadre has been quite successful and we hope to concentrate on our specialists.

Here we would like to mention how sorry we are that the Drums have left Camberley.

They have been here many years under Sgt. Chambers and Cpl. Sibun and we miss their comradeship, even if the noise did try us at times.

However, we still enjoy the support of the R.A.P. under Major J. Attenborough and the cooks under Sgt. Burnham, B.E.M.

"C" COMPANY

Company Commander ... Major W. B. Greenhow

After Camp we had a closure of four weeks to enable us all to recover from a most enjoyable, if somewhat strenuous, fortnight. Early in September work began again in earnest.

The whole Company found itself on a series of cadres. These cadres were organised for Senior N.C.Os., Trained Soldiers, Recruits and the Support Platoon. By Christmas much good work had taken place, and four members of the Support Platoon, L/Cpl. Deakins, L/Cpl. Lockett, L/Cpl. Smith and Pte. Temlett, had obtained their 3-inch Mortar Layer's badge.

We were all upset early in December to hear of a road accident in which Pte. Kenyon lost his left leg. He now seems quite well and we send him our good wishes for a speedy return to normal life.

We sadly mention the death of Bill Fenner, who was for many years a member of the Regiment. His wife and family have our sympathy.

We were all pleased to hear of the marriage of Lt. D. M. Sidwell to Miss Margaret Strouts. They have the best wishes of the Company for their future. Our congratulations are also offered to Lt. Sidwell on his obtaining a 1st in his degree finals at Bristol. His brother, Lt. B. M. Sidwell, also wanted a mention in the journal notes but he hesitated at marriage. On 1st December he was appointed Battalion Adjutant and the problem thus was solved. We offer him our most sincere congratulations.

During the Christmas period a draw was organised and over 300 people attended. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all who came. Sgt. Lay and his helpers certainly made this an evening to remember. Never before has a Company had so many proud owners of Blankets Electric Prizes, Draw.

On 11th January we held our Annual Children's Party. Over 120 children sat down to tea and greeted Father Christmas and his "Beatles" with equal vocal gusto. The Company is indeed fortunate to have

excellent cooks under the command of Sgt. Rolfe, a C.S.M. and Sgt. Woods, who are born entertainers, and a P.S.I. who takes an enthusiastic part in Company social life. To these and a willing band of workers the Company Commander sends his thanks.

No Company could have better support from the ladies behind the scenes. On every social evening they have worked very hard.

Recruiting is going well and we hope to report on a very much larger Company in the next edition.

"D" COMPANY

Company Commander .. Major D. G. Wilson, T.D.

We hope shortly to be able to confirm or deny the truth of a rumour circulating in Bermondsey, that the large wasp on the bonnet of the Company Commander's murderous-looking sports car is to be replaced by a baby. Anyway, the warmest congratulations from us all to Major and Mrs. Wilson on becoming parents of a daughter.

"D" Company seems to be a breeding ground for Seconds-in-Command as following Captain Dorey's departure for "C" Company we have now lost Captain H. A. N. Clark who is Second-in-Command "B" Company.

The annual visit to Ghent was as usual the most pleasant weekend we spent during the year. The way we are all made to feel so much at home during the 36 hours of our visit is staggering, and we feel happy to do all that we can when "La Sarcelle" come to London.

The Battalion Exercise "Pull-in" on Salisbury Plain started off in a downpour. When the Company convoy reached the "D.Z." (in 3-tonners) leaping out and taking up a defensive position, the heavens which had been open for about an hour, turned on the tap full blast and we were all soaked before we started.

More by luck than anything, the Company saw the best of the exercise, being involved in the assault before Imberia village, the march through and then the capture albeit for only a moment of Buck Shee's 2IC, "El Fag." During darkness L/Cpl. Hancock fell over the top of a 30-ft. wall, without falling down it, and survived but with a twisted knee.

Pte. Smith took great delight in tying the captives up with long lengths of string. We had to be beastly to the captives, as they were quite the best enemy we have ever worked against, particularly comrade P.S.I.

Gardinero and comrade P.S.I. Layoski, who, when they were not escaping, were dismantling the aerial on the 31 set.

On this exercise we had attached to us some potential recruits for the 1st Battalion under Lt. David Hutt.

The Support Platoon at Sutton had all this time been training for the First Aid competition and had produced a team of Lt. Cutcher, Sgt. Gooden, L/Cpl. Rettie, and Pte. Buck, together with Sgt. Duncan from Bermondsey, and they won the Brigade First Aid Competition by a considerable margin.

The competition fell into two parts. The first part was a test of basic knowledge and skills; all members of the team had to answer questions on diagnosis, slings, splints, artificial respiration and treatment of victims of shock, poison gas and nuclear radiation. The second part was a road accident scene, where the teams had to deal with a person lying under the wheel of a lorry whose driver was slumped unconscious over the driving wheel. The casualties were realistically faked so that the teams were able to practise diagnosing the injuries received. While the teams were treating the two "unconscious" casualties, a third in an overwrought and shocked state appeared and collapsed dramatically in front of them. Points were awarded for accuracy of diagnosis and correct treatment.

The 3rd Battalion's team combined youth and experience. Pte. Buck had only been a member of the Battalion for two months, his formal acceptance into the unit being less than two weeks old. Sgt. Leo Duncan in contrast is a pre-war Regular soldier whose service with the Queen's includes the North West Frontier and the Burma campaign, before he transferred to the Parachute Regiment in which he served in North West Europe.

The Brigade Exercise saw the Company out in strength. The enemy took some 18 hours to attack us, but the pyrotechnic displays of Cpl. Elliott, and the C/Sgt. guiding the "chuck" wagon through a wood via one or two slit trenches, while the Company Commander stormed at him for using a torch and making so much noise, kept the spirits up. The B.A.T. and the 3-in. Mortar were "on the ground" for the first time.

The Dance before Christmas was a great success and we had guests from H.M.S. *President* and the Canadian *Frontiersman*. At the Dance we said farewell to Archie

"H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander .. Major J. R. Gill

The Company covers a large area. In addition to the three Drill Halls at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, Haslemere and Walton Road, Woking, there are members of the Company at Croydon, Sutton and Bermondsey. Activities of the Company as a whole are, therefore, restricted.

All in the Company, however, were delighted to learn of the award of the M.B.E. to our Company Sergeant-Major, W.O.2 J. Homersham. All our congratulations go to him. Our congratulations, also, to the Company Commander on his marriage.

We said farewell to our P.S.I., W.O.2 H. Skilton, in January and wish him all the best in the future.

The Intelligence Section held a Training Day at Guildford in December during which we were shown some most interesting new equipment, in addition to receiving instruction on A.F.V. recognition and nuclear radio-activity measurement. The Intelligence Section are now engaged on an Air Photo Interpretation Course.

A very successful Draw and "Lucky Shoot" was held at Guildford on the Sunday before Christmas. C.S.M. Homersham and C/Sgt. Dixon organised everything greatly helped by Cpl. Boxall at the Bar. It was particularly pleasant to have the opportunity of entertaining many members of the 5th Queen's Old Members' Association.

BAND AND DRUMS

Band President ..	Major B. Bowen, T.D.
Bandmaster ..	W.O.1 F. W. Braddick
Band Sergeant ..	C/Sgt. R. Gibson
Drum Major ..	Drum-Major V. St. J. Colley

Much of the doings of the Band and Drums are noted in other sections of these notes. As usual, the Band and Drums performances in Belgium were widely appreciated there, and drew considerable crowds.

Mention should also be made of the fine "Retreat" in Reigate Priory in September, where the Salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

The Drums have now all been gathered under one roof at Croydon.

The Band played at the Dinner marking the retirement from the Army of the Colonel of the Regiment.

Clowes who has retired after 30 years service with the Regiment in Bermondsey. Archie was one of the few still serving who had been in the 22nd London Regiment. He served with the 1st/6th Queen's throughout most of the War, finishing with the rank of Colour-Sergeant and the award of the B.E.M. He rejoined us with local rank and has been in the Corps of Drums. We wish a long and happy retirement and hope to see him among the O.C.A. on parade in the future.

Our strength has been depleted while Croydon's has increased by the transfer to "C" Company of the members of the Band and Drums. We were sorry to lose Drum-Major Colley, Sgt. McLeod, Cpl. Togwell and Cpl. Letts, but hope to see them at all our social functions, particularly as Pte. Carew has very sensibly become engaged to Sgt. McLeod's daughter.

The Sutton Platoon had their usual enjoyable Christmas dinner at which the guests were the officers and their ladies. This, one of the most pleasant evenings of the year, ended with L/Cpl. Fairfax instructing all the guests in the "hitch-hike."

We congratulate C.S.M. Edwards on winning the Battalion Recruiting Competition.

Very warm congratulations go to Cpl. "Freddie" Gibbins on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal and first clasp. Cpl. Gibbins joined us in Bermondsey in 1939 and was on boy's service on the outbreak of war. He thought that boy's service did not count for the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal and only recently made an enquiry about the award. He now finds, to his pleasure, that he is to receive the Medal and clasp. Cpl. Gibbins' father was a member of both the 22nd London and the 6th Queen's, winning the M.M. at Mareth. His grandfather was on parade with the Bermondsey battalion when we received the Colours in 1909, which are now to be laid up in April. Three generations with the Regiment—can anyone beat this?

The Company has two teams in training for the Courage Tough Training Competition.

We warmly congratulate Sgt. and Mrs. Nason on becoming parents and send them our good wishes.

● Make a note of the dates in your diary!

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OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C.: Major J. Schofield, T.D.

Mess Sergeant: Sgt. E. J. Rolfe

The Officers' Mess has continued to lead a full and varied social life.

In October we dined out Col. John Llewellyn and Major Ray Brookes at Guildford. It was also the last Mess function of the P.M.C., Capt. Donald Neville, and during the evening he handed over to Major Jack Schofield, whose recollection of the precise date time group is a little hazy. It would appear that there have been more mess bills issued since this change took place. One officer complained that he received mess bills on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve—next year he is to receive one on Christmas Day also.

A Ladies' Night was held in the Bermondsey Mess in November and on Armistice Sunday we welcomed, as usual, past officers and members of the Borough Council to the Bermondsey Mess.

In December we held our Christmas Dinner, also at Bermondsey, and dined out Capt. Donald Neville. He presented the Mess with a magnificent tankard inscribed the "President's Pitcher." This is a fine man's-sized tankard which holds half a gallon. If he thought that the P.M.C. would down it at one gulp after dinner he was mistaken, and the Pitcher was duly passed round. It was empty by the time it got back to the P.M.C. to the latter's chagrin. He also presented to the Mess a hookah which is to be smoked by the P.M.C. The P.M.C. tried his hand without topping it up with rose-water, and the results were disastrous. On this occasion we dined in Capt. Laurence Boylett, R.A.P.C., and a giggle of sub-alterns.

Also in December two officers—Majors Breakthrough and Disaster, looking remarkably like Desmond Wilson and David Robinson, organised the Christmas Dance at Guildford. Requests were made to various officers for photographs but no reasons were given. Mysterious comings and goings were seen, there were reports of local fields being raided, but oh, the result! When guests arrived at the Mess they were greeted by large black cats, bats were flying in the corridors and the Ante-Room and the whole place had an eerie glow provided by turnip lamps. We saw the result of the photographs—the officers flying on a broomstick

ably piloted by the Commanding Officer. All this was unusual, to say the least, but it was a wonderful party.

A Wine and Cheese Party was held in the Croydon Officers' Mess in January, the famous Croydon "Cheese Auction" once again taking place.

The Annual Party for past and present officers who have served in Bermondsey was held there in February. We were glad to welcome many old friends.

The Officers' Mess held a cocktail party at Guildford in February at which we were pleased to see many of the Mayors of Boroughs in which we have Drill Halls, and friends from the 4th Battalion, R.H.Q., and other units in the Brigade and Division.

In spite of our advice Major Julian Gill and Lt. Duncan Sidwell entered the state of matrimony. We wish them and their wives happiness.

We warmly congratulate Major Desmond Wilson and his wife Mary on the birth of their daughter, Lucinda Gay. A number of storks have been observed flying round the Mess lately and we may have more news in the next issue.

We welcome Lt. Mike Wigan back to the Mess on his return from Brazil, and congratulate Major Bill Greenhow and Capt. Barry Sidwell and Hugh Clark on their promotion.

We welcome Major Keith Osborne to the Mess. His predecessor Major John Burgess left so suddenly that we had not time to dine him out.

Conclusion

We are now over 500 strong; there are not many Battalions of this size in the Territorial Army. But we would like to be still stronger. We have in recent months supplied 11 recruits to the Regular Army, including five to the Regiment, and therefore we would conclude these notes with our usual appeal for more recruits—but this time an appeal addressed to our Regular Army friends. If you agree that these notes reflect something more than "a leisured programme," would you please bring our Battalion to the notice of any good soldier leaving the Regular Army having seen the world and now wishing to settle in our area, and still keep his contacts with the Army.

Recruiting should be a two-way traffic between us.

3rd Battalion Personality

W.O.2 "Jack" Homersham, M.B.E.



C.S.M. J. B. Homersham, 3rd Battalion, who was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List

In the January 1964 New Year Honours, C.S.M. Homersham was awarded the M.B.E. in recognition of nearly 30 years devoted and loyal service to our Regiment.

Few Territorials have achieved the distinction of being the R.S.M. of a Regular Battalion.

"Jack" Homersham joined the Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) in July, 1933, and served as a Territorial up to the outbreak of war when he was mobilised. During the war he served with the Regiment in N.W. Europe, India, Ceylon and Burma, finishing his full-time service as R.S.M. of the 2nd Queen's. He then immediately rejoined the Regiment as a Territorial and is still serving as Company Sergeant-Major of Headquarters Company. He is one of the trusted pillars of support in the Battalion; he can always be relied on to put the T.A. before any thought of personal convenience and comfort.

His award of an M.B.E. is fitting recognition of his great service to the Regiment, which we can take as a pattern for future Territorials. We hope he will continue to soldier with the 3rd Battalion for many years.

3rd Battalion's visit to Steenwerck

A small French township put out all its flags and went "en Fete" for the day in October, when a party of officers and men from the 3rd Battalion, went to visit Steenwerck, in Northern France, near Armentieres. The occasion was an unusual one, perhaps unique.

In May 1940, one of the 3rd Queen's Surreys' parent units, the 1st/6th Queen's of Bermondsey, were stationed in Steenwerck with orders to move into Belgium should the Germans invade that country. When the Blitzkrieg began, the 1st/6th Queen's left their Drums and officers' kit in Steenwerck. The necessity of evacuation at Dunkirk prevented this equipment being saved, although the Battalion's Commanding Officer at the time, Lt.-Col. I. T. P. Hughes, who later became Major-General Ivor Hughes, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons, attempted to retrieve the Drums.

For a long time the Drums were thought to be lost forever, post-war enquiries having proved unsuccessful. This spring, as recounted in our previous issue, the 3rd Battalion I.O., Capt. Anthony Clayton, decided to make one final attempt, and received a letter from the Mayor of Steenwerck saying that one had been located. Later, another side drum in excellent condition and a practice drum were also found and the visit for their collection arranged.

The 3rd Queen's Surreys' party was led by the Battalion's Honorary Colonel, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, and included the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen and 15 officers and men of the Battalion. Also with the Battalion party were ten members of the Bermondsey Branch of the Regiment's Old Comrades' Association, led by Col. Geoffrey Bevington, who was 2IC of the 1st/6th Queen's when they were at Steenwerck. The Battalion party included two members, still serving, who were at Steenwerck in 1940, Sgt. John Bryan and L/Cpl. George Mills, both of Bermondsey.

The party, whose serving members wore blue No. 1 Dress with medals, the officers carrying swords, arrived at Steenwerck at half-past ten on Saturday morning, and were greeted by the Mayor, members of his Council and other leading citizens. They were welcomed with glasses of champagne and a



Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen presenting a miniature replica of a 3rd Battalion Drum to the Mayor of Steenwercke



Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice introducing to the Mayor of Steenwercke (right to left) Sgt. A. Lock, C.S.M. Dando, Sgt. Itzinger and C.S.M. Morgan, all of whom were at Steenwercke in 1939

short address from the Mayor, after which wreaths were laid at two British Military cemeteries nearby, where the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Drum-Major Colley and Sgt. Lay. Some of the Old Comrades' Association Members were taken to see their wartime billets.

The party were then entertained at a reception given in their honour by the British Consul in Lille, Mr. Pickles, at which were present Col. Du Port de Poncharra of the French Army, and Lt.-Col. Isles, Deputy Military Attache in Paris. After the reception the party returned to Steenwerck, where they were given a six-course lunch, with white wine, red wine, and beer in the Town Hall. Capt. Clayton was asked to explain the reasons for the visit in French in a Radio and Television interview. "This was rather difficult after so good a lunch," he commented.

The actual formal ceremony of the return of the Drums took place after the laying of wreaths at the Town Hall Memorial. The ceremony took place on a dais, with the Town Band on one side and the British party on the other. The Mayor said that the day was a great occasion for the inhabitants of Steenwerck and expressed his pleasure at seeing representatives of the British Army in times of peace. In reply, Col. Pullen said this was the Regiment's third visit. In October 1918, the Bermondsey Battalion of the Regiment had passed close by on its way to Lille, in the spring of 1940, again in war, the Battalion had returned, and now once again men of the Regiment, including a large contingent from Bermondsey, were in Steenwerck, this time in peace and for a unique occasion. The Mayor then handed the Drums to Col. Pullen, who gave them to members of the Battalion's Corps of Drums for safe keeping. Col. Pullen presented the Mayor with a 6-in. high replica of a Battalion Drum mounted on a plinth. He then presented a shield, carrying the Battalion's badge, to the two Frenchmen, M. Turck and M. Leblanc, who had given the Drums back to the Regiment. After the playing of the British and French National Anthems, the party were once again bidden to a *vin d'honneur* in the Town Hall.

The next part of the day's ceremonies was, in contrast, charmingly informal. Preceded by the town band, the Battalion party and the Old Comrades linked arms with the inhabitants of the town and moved through

the streets in a torch-light procession. There were many shouts of "Vive l'Angleterre" from doorways and windows as the procession passed.

A most memorable day ended with a Dance attended by many of the town's younger inhabitants, who very quickly overcame difficulties of language when dancing enthusiastically with the Battalion party, many of whom made new friends. When the time came for "les Anglais" to go, everyone joined in "Auld Lang Syne," and two British Army Regimental Drums, with a tired but proud and happy escort, began their journey back to their Bermondsey home which they had left in 1939.

THEY'VE WON NINE TIMES RUNNING

The 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), have won the 44th (Home Counties) Division Cross Country Championship, for the ninth consecutive year.

The race was held in Richmond Park over a course approximately six miles long. The 44th Division Championship was held concurrently with that of Eastern Command on Sunday, 1st March.

The new 44th Division Champion is Pte. John Hassell. The other members of the the 3rd Queen's Surreys' team were Pte. John Allaway; two brothers, Ptes. Peter and Michael Dance; Pte. Victor Chambers; Sgt. J. Nugent; Pte. Alan Gardiner and L/Cpl. R. Temlett.

Each member of the team received a medallion. Pte. Hassell, the new Divisional Champion, was presented with a special trophy. The prizes were presented by Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E.

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Steenwerck Retrospect

An invitation to accompany the party travelling to Steenwerck to bring back the recently discovered drums of 1/6th Queen's, presented the opportunity to carry out at least part of a long cherished ambition to re-visit the scenes of the Battalion's brief period in France and Belgium in 1940.

On arrival at Dunkirk, at four in the morning, we were firmly discharged, to spend the hours before the dawn changing into blue uniform or best lounge suit, in the bleak corridors and waiting rooms of the Ferry Terminus.

The first reminder of past experience was a signpost beyond Bailleul bearing the name Estaires. The bells of memory began to ring. It was to Estaires that the P.R.I. had driven twice weekly to visit the N.A.A.F.I. to replenish the stocks of cigarettes and chocolate for distribution to the Company Canteens. Very soon the coach pulled up in Steenwerck itself, bringing a sense of disillusion. This was not as we remembered it. However, as we stand with our backs to the Church, there is B.H.Q. with the steps leading up to the door; and there on the left, through the garden gate is our billet. There are now trees in the square, they have grown since we were last here. Now we are invited to enter the billet and we see that nothing has changed; even the table and chairs of B.H.Q. Mess are as we left them. Coming once more into the open air we could hear again the drums beating retreat in the now familiar square.

The many hospitable activities provided so bountifully by our hosts gave us little respite, but many of our small party of 1940 vintage found old friends and it was both touching and remarkable to listen to the many enquiries for old members of the Battalion who were remembered. In particular we recall the persistence of Marie from the cafe across the square, asking for news of our P.R.I. clerk who used to call for water for the office tea and taught her daughter to play the piano in his spare moments. It was she who had heard of his being taken prisoner and who, despite the shortages which must have existed, had sent him parcels. She had since lost touch.

And so the day wore on with little time for reflection until, seeking some fresh air during

the hectic dance which concluded the proceedings, the realisation came that Steenwerck 1940 had marked the end of an era. The most vivid memory was that of the sound of the first bombs dropping on the Belgian airfields before reveille on the 10th of May. Later that day we crossed the frontier, leaving behind us, not only our drums, our silver bugles, and the trappings of a peace time existence, but a whole way of life of a generation. On May 10th, 1940, the Territorial Army of our generation went to war and has never returned. Our carefree atmosphere and pride in independence and non-conformity which, despite its shortcomings, had served its purpose, then became merged in the wider allegiances and greater responsibilities of six years of war. The return to Steenwerck opened to some of us, a window on another age.

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Battalion Headquarters

ON the 1st April, Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., handed over command of the Battalion to Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.

It was with very great regret that we said "Goodbye" to Lt.-Col. John Sherrard, who had commanded the Battalion since the amalgamation of the T.A. Battalions, and before that the 6th Surreys. There is more about Col. John elsewhere in this Journal, but he, and his piece of blue paper, will be missed by the Battalion, and he will be a great loss to the T.A.

We welcome Lt.-Col. Michael Clarke, who is no stranger to some of us in the Battalion, and has already had experience of the T.A., having been Adjutant of the 6th Surreys several years ago.

We hope that he will enjoy his time with us, and know that we will benefit from his knowledge and experience.

In December we also lost R.S.M. Oram, who went on a course prior to receiving his Quartermaster's commission.

Few people have worked harder for a Battalion than Mr. Oram, particularly during the planning, preparation and rehearsals for the Presentation of Colours Parade last year. His knowledge and experience at that time was invaluable, and he managed to bring out the best in all ranks.

On and off parade he always put every effort into ensuring that any training, parade or social function was of the highest possible standard. It was due to him that the

Sergeants' Mess and their Mess functions became so well organised. "Peachy" Oram will always be very welcome whenever he visits the 4th Battalion.

We were very pleased to greet R.S.M. G. E. Mileham, who came to us from the Brigade Depot and settled down very quickly. He has already shown that he also expects a very high standard both on and off parade.

On the 3rd November the Colours of the 6th Surreys were laid up in Kingston Parish Church, and now hang in the East Surrey Regimental Chapel.

The Colours of the 23rd London Regiment were laid up in Battersea Parish Church on the 19th January.

Many Old Comrades attended these Services, and the parties which followed the parades.

On Saturday, 18th January, 170 Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.s and Privates, together with their ladies, attended a Civic Dinner in the Battersea Town Hall. This dinner was given in their honour by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Battersea, and was to mark the Borough's decision to confer the Freedom of Battersea on the 4th Battalion. The formal granting of the Freedom will take place at a later date.

On Remembrance Sunday the Band led the parade at Kingston, and the Drums the Clapham parade.

The Battalion All Ranks' Dinner, held at the Griffin Hotel in November, and the New Year's Eve Ball at the Kingston T.A. Centre, were great successes.



Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D., Honorary Colonel 4th Battalion, lecturing on the first battle of the 42nd R.T.R. in North Africa

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander . . . Major D. H. Conran

Having both commanded "A" Company and the Clapham Detachment since amalgamation, Major Mitchell has had to resign through pressure of work outside the T.A. He will be greatly missed at Clapham. His place is taken by Major D. H. Conran, an old Clapham hand, who previously commanded "H.Q." Company at Kingston.

We welcome 2/Lt. D. Thomas, who has recently joined us.

Our P.S.I., W.O.2 Amos, has also left us recently for a posting to Africa—"out of the frying pan . . . ?" We welcome W.O.2 Riley, who has quickly plunged into Company activities and has already turned his hand to journalism and, with some encouragement from others, has produced No. 1 of our new Detachment Magazine—so watch out Charlie Company!

Talking of "C" Company, we have at last had to give up our hold on the Company Challenge Cup—we had hoped it was going to be a permanent fixture. This year we share it with "C" Company and recently we had a very pleasant social at Clapham, after

it was handed over for its half year term at Cobham.

We congratulate Cpl. Wall and L/Cpls. Bedford, Shettle and Willgrave on their recent promotions.

The shooting record of the Company continues to be maintained. "A" Company Clapham and Richmond still lead the Battalion .22 League, and Richmond have unseated the Home Guard to win the Lindale Trophy—a very good effort.

We are hoping to enter a team for the Courage Trophy this year and already some "tough training" is being organised by 2/Lt. Archer Davis.

"B" COMPANY

Company Commander . . . Major P. Labbett, T.D.

Congratulations to the members of "B" Company First Aid Team who finished in second place in the Divisional Competition at Maidstone.

Since the last notes, the Company has fired 3-in. Mortar and B.A.T. at Lydd, where two successful training weekends were held in the Autumn. We were fortunate to have the use of four G.P.M.G.s and the Carl Gustav

(sub-Calibre), all generously loaned by Small Arms Wing, School of Infantry, Hythe—it's nice to see how our "other halves" live. Our latest weekend was spent in the snow on Hangmoor Hill early in January, where the emphasis was on individual training.

We say goodbye to Sgt. Frankland on his posting to the Buffs, and to C.S.M. Shaw who leaves us, after a total of 32 years in the Army, to a well-earned retirement. Finally, we congratulate Capt. Brewster on his appointment to Officer Commanding H.Q. Company (we hope he will continue to supply our meat from long distance), and to 2/Lt. Bishop-King on his appointment to a commission.

"C" COMPANY

Company Commander Major J. S. D. Wright, T.D.

"Right," said the Company Commander, "the time has arrived." I looked up startled, with the customary resigned look on my face. "What's arrived?" "The time—the old Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum—the Regimental Magazine note time." I quailed, gave a sign of resignation and capitulated. "When do you want it then?" "One hour's time," said he.

A sad time for the Company and especially for Chertsey Detachment, who were the M.M.G. Platoon, was ushered in at Lydd Ranges on 13th October. This was the last time that the M.M.G.s were being fired, and of course everybody got into the act. It seemed that the whole Company, not to mention a few others from the Battalion, wanted to give an affectionate farewell to the guns by a gentle squeeze on the "button." A tear coursed down the pink cheeks of Capt. P. R. H. Thompson, who was recently M.M.G. Platoon Commander, as he gently patted the gun for the last time. "A stiff upper lip, Sir," said the P.S.I., "Remember we're English."

The Officers' Grand Challenge Trophy for the .38 Revolver Competition was presented by the P.S.I. to Lt. G. A. J. Cameron. This Trophy is modelled on the "china receptacle" placed on the "dreamy spires of Oxford."

An interesting day was spent on Hangmoor Hill Ranges on 27th October, when we had a Field Firing Day on the lines of a competition, with a crate of beer as the prize. The final placings were Cobham 1st, Chertsey and Leatherhead joint 2nd, and Cadets Cobham 3rd.

Cpl. Charlie Stevens, Sgt. Michael Dodge, Ptes. Chris Frampton and Tub Harris entered themselves as a Company team in the 3rd Surrey H. G. Rifle Club Annual Championship—they were 3rd in the Championship Cup; young "Chris" and "Tub" came joint second in the overall highest score, and Chris also came 1st in the Snap Shooting. They certainly represented the Company in a proud way.

C.S.M. T. Collins, Ptes. Frampton and Harris represented the Company in the Leatherhead Auxiliary Forces Shield .22 Shoot Competition and won a bronze medal by coming 3rd.

Congratulations are extended to Cpls. George Miller and David Bowen on their promotion to Sub-Corporals, and to Pte. Geoff Taylor on his appointment to Lance-Corporal. Congratulations also to David Bowen, Tony Roberts and Geoff Taylor, who have all got themselves married since the last edition.

Chertsey Detachment held a dance in the first week of December. It proved to be a tremendous success and showed that the social life of the Company is still going strong. It would take too much room to single out everyone's name who helped, but it was an example of good organisation from the bottom to the top.

Since the last notes we have said farewell to Lt. C. D. Young, who is now with "B" Company, and to Sgt. John Izant, who was transferred to the Signals Platoon at Kingston; we extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lt. G. F. Trevor, who has recently joined the Company.

In the middle of February a Company Training weekend was held in the T.A. Centre at Cobham. Part of the training consisted of talks on battles of the last war. The Honorary Colonel spoke on the first battle in North Africa in which the 42nd Royal Tank Regiment took part. He was commanding the 42nd R.T.R. at that time, and ten years later was back with the Regiment where it once again became the 23rd London Regiment. Lt.-Col. G. L. A. Squire, M.C., T.D., a past Commanding Officer of the 6th Surreys, spoke on the Battle of Cassino.

Before I close this edition of the Company notes, the Company congratulates "their favourite P.S.I.", C.S.M. P. L. A. Todd, on obtaining an "A" grading on a course at the Army School of Civil Defence, and C.S.M.



THE M.M.G.s FIRING,
FOR THE LAST TIME,
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Front to rear: 2/Lt. R. N. Arnold, Pte. F. Griffin (hidden by gun), Lt. R. J. B. Griggs (standing) and, on rear gun, Sgt. B. Elliott

T. Collins on obtaining a "B." Heaven help us at Annual Camp!

"D" COMPANY

Company Commander Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.

Since our last Journal notes Capt. V. W. Blackwell retired, and was no sooner replaced by Capt. Clarke than the latter had to go on leave. We wish good luck to the former and hope shortly to see more of Capt. Clarke.

With 2/Lt. Arnold going to "H.Q." Company, Lt. Sinclair on leave for business reasons, and the Company Commander handing over P.M.C. and taking over Band President, 2/Lt. Meanley's lot has not been a happy one.

We have welcomed to the Company Boy Bristow and Privates Hitchcock, Harding and Rossall, and hope for many more soon.

At the time of writing these notes we are training enthusiastically for the Brigade, Patrolling and Weapons Competition, and have started early trials to select a team to represent the Battalion in the Divisional First Aid Competition.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander Major J. W. Brewster

We are very sorry to say farewell to Major D. H. Conran on his posting to "A" Company at Clapham, where he has taken over a "A" Company and Detachment Commander. We would also like to welcome Major J. W. Brewster and congratulate him on his promotion.

We have recruited some new recruits during the winter months, and are keeping them busy on drill nights—Mondays being specialist training evenings and Wednesdays under C.S.M. Coombe, ably assisted by Cpl. Glazzard, Cpl. Hammond, Cpl. Andrews and L/Cpl. Hill.

The Detachment Ball was held on the 23rd November, and a number of other functions have been held at Kingston. Even when these are not actually run by the Company or the Detachment, they usually involve the permanent staff and other members of the Detachment in some hard work.

To end, we would like to congratulate L/Cpl. S. J. Smith on his promotion; also dear old Norman, who has done it at last, and we wish the best of luck to the ex-Ration N.C.O.

OFFICERS' MESS

In October the Ball was held at the Hurlingham Club. This seemed to be a very popular venue, and Capt. P. R. H. Thompson, President of the Mess Entertainments Committee, is arranging for it to be held at the Club again this year.

The Mess Ladies' Dinner Night took place in the Clapham Mess in November, and on this occasion we dined Mr. and Mrs. Oram.

In January we dined out Major Tony Mitchell. This was a sad moment as he was a very popular officer. He had served with the 42nd R.T.R., 23rd London Regiment, and since the amalgamation had been Band

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Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.

When Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard relinquished command of the 4th Battalion he had nearly completed 17 years post-war T.A. Service, and over 23 years service with the Regiment. The last four years of his service had been spent in command of a Battalion.

He was commissioned into The East Surrey Regiment in November, 1941, and joined the 2nd/6th Battalion. Later he was posted to H.Q. 7th Infantry Brigade, and then to the C.M.F. where he joined the Staff of 10th Indian Division.

He served with the H.Q. of this Division in Italy and India until he was demobilised in the summer of 1946. The American Bronze Star was awarded to him for his services in Italy.

On 1st May, 1947, he joined the 6th Surreys when the Battalion and the T.A. were reformed. He served as a Lieutenant in "B" Company, Richmond Detachment, before taking over the Mortar Platoon and Cobham Detachment.

John Sherrard was promoted to Captain in 1949 and received his Majority in October 1950, when he took over "D" Company and Orchard Road Detachment.

In 1957 he became 2IC of the 6th Surreys, and on 1st May, 1960, took over command of the Battalion.

Col. Sherrard had already shown his capabilities as an organiser and administrator, and the events of the next four years made great demands on him. Few T.A. Commanding Officers can have devoted the time and effort he put into his duties, and he set an outstanding example to all who served under him.

Within three months of assuming command he was involved in the complicated arrangements of the amalgamation of the 6th Surreys and the 23rd London Regiment, and he was later selected to command the new 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. His attention to detail and tactful manner at this time calmed the fears of the reactionaries and ensured that the best traditions of both Battalions were retained.

The highlight of his tour of command was the Presentation of the New Colours on 12th July, 1963. Once again the qualities he had shown during the amalgamation, and earlier in his career, were a great contribution to the outstanding success of the parade.

We all wish Lt.-Col. Sherrard good luck on his retirement, and hope to see him on many occasions at future Battalion and Detachment functions.

4th Battalion

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

President as well as Officer Commanding "A" Company and Clapham Detachment.

Early in December the Kingston Mess was used when the Regiment gave a Cocktail Party for the Officers of the 1st Battalion and their wives.

On the first Sunday in March Major A. W. F. Paskins, M.C., and Major C. W. Deayton-Groom, M.B.E., both members of the 1st/6th Surreys during the war, presented the Mess with two new swords. The swords are for the use of serving officers, and will be most useful.

Major Paskins and Major Deayton-Groom are very loyal supporters of the Mess, and of the Battalion's social functions. They have been known to travel from Surrey to Cumberland for a Guest Night, and then to drive back to Surrey during what was left of the night.

Can you trace the owner?

Mr. Harry Mann, the Secretary of the 2nd/4th Queen's Old Comrades' Association, has sent us an interesting relic of 40-odd years ago. It is a silver badge of The East Surrey Regiment which was found recently in the garden of a house in Croydon.

There is a small ring at the top of the badge, and on the back are inscribed the words: "Pte. Mitchell, Football, 1922."

A L/Cpl. Mitchell represented the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in the Sultan Cup in Cairo in 1922, and it is possible the badge may be his. We would be interested to hear from anyone who can help to trace the owner.

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B.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt. J. T. Collyer

Since our last Journal notes nothing startling has occurred. It has been the daily round, the common task; but nevertheless still interesting and rewarding.

We had our Admin. Inspection in the autumn, when, except for some old pamphlets and compo. rations strangely coming to light, all was well. We have had a number of Battery weekends, and on one in December we were very pleased on a particularly cold Saturday night to sleep in the Reigate Drill Hall. Here we were made most welcome by "A" Company, 3rd Queen's Surreys.

On the social side we have had a number of enjoyable times. The Officers' Mess had a Dinner in October when the Military Secretary, Lt.-General Sir John Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., dined with us; also Col. J. W. S. Lindahl, T.D., the Commanding Officer of the 17th (London) General Hospital, R.A.M.C. (T.A.), now at Braganza Street; and others. In January the Ladies' Evening was a most happy occasion and enjoyed by all; our Commanding Officer split his trousers from ankle to knee in the Twist. The Sergeants' Mess have also had a number of social evenings at which it is especially pleasant to see a number of former members attending.

The most recent highlight in social gatherings was the Grand Dance on 8th February when a joint Battery and Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association effort brought together over 500 happy people and, who now ask, "When's the next one?" It was a wonderful evening and the Cabaret in particular was immensely enjoyed.

Camp is now drawing near, and promises

to be a thoroughly exhausting one. We will be on the move from our Drill Hall to Aldershot, Salisbury Plain, Sennybridge, Manorbier and back for a fortnight. If your correspondent survives, a report will appear in the next issue.

At the Dinner mentioned above, Col. Lindahl was pained to see our P.M.C. "using a spoon," so the Hospital have kindly given us a gavel suitably inscribed. This occurred on 25th February. On the same evening the Battery presented the Hospital with a shield bearing the Paschal Lamb and R.A. crests for their Officers' Mess to mark our occupation of the Braganza Street Drill Hall from 1865 to 1961.

Work on the fabric of the Drill Hall here continues apace. We are festooned with new electric wiring and central heating pipes; the redecoration will follow, we hope, in the spring; at any rate in December 1964, the Centenary of the foundation stone near the main door. We aim to have a slap-up affair in our new and clean guise. Incidentally our title may change—yes, for the third time in four years—further details later.

The Journal

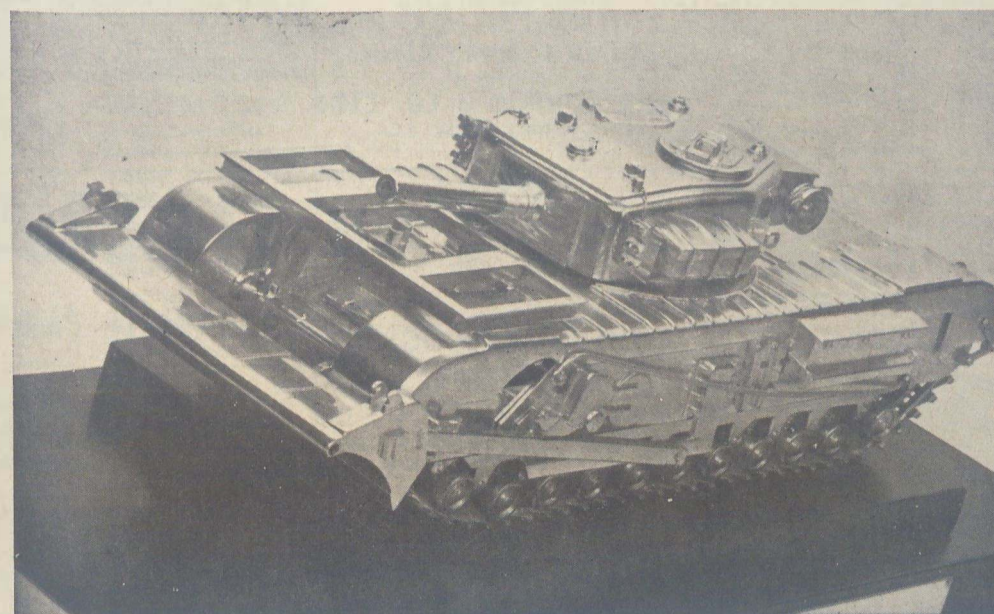
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- 2nd May Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association Annual Dinner.
- 20th May Regimental Golf Match with Royal Marines, Blackmoor Golf Club, Bordon, Hampshire.
- 30th May to 13th June 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) Annual Camp.
- 1st June "Glorious First of June."
- 12th June Officers' Club Reunion, Cocktail Party, Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.
- 21st June Church Service in Guildford Cathedral, 11.15 a.m. Regimental Association Summer Reunion, Civic Hall, London Road, Guildford, 12.30 p.m.
- 30th Aug. 4th Battalion (T.A.) Rifle Meeting, Henley Park.
- 5th and 6th Sept. 3rd Battalion (T.A.) Rifle Meeting, Ash Ranges.
- 9th Sept. Salerno Day.
- 12th and 13th Sept. 3rd Battalion (T.A.) visit to Ghent.
- 30th Sept. and 1st Oct. Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
- 2nd Oct. Officers' Club Annual Dinner, Claridges, Brook Street, London, W.1.
- 3rd Oct. Regimental Association Annual Dinner, Clapham Drill Hall.
- 25th Oct. Laying-up of Old Colours 5th Queen's (T.A.), Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, 3 p.m.
- 8th Nov. Remembrance Sunday. Guildford, Kingston, Croydon, Bermondsey and Clapham.

Regimental Church Service

A Regimental Service will be held in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, 21st June, 1964, at 11.15 a.m.

All past and present members of the Regiment, their families and friends are invited to attend the Service. No tickets will be issued.

After the Service there will be a short March Past (about 200 yards) in which it is hoped that all members of the Regimental Association will take part.

The Dress for past and present members of the Regiment will be lounge suit with medals.

Ample car-parking facilities exist in the vicinity of the Cathedral.

Officers' Association

The Officers' Association was Founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig in 1920, with the primary object of assisting those who at any time held a Commission in the Army, Navy or Air Force, and their wives, widows and dependants.

On the formation of the British Legion in 1920, the Officers' Association adopted the additional title of "The Officers' Benevolent Department of the British Legion," and it obtains its funds mainly from the British Legion Poppy Day Appeal and from the three Services Benevolent Funds.

The Officers' Association is not a fund raising organisation and has no Membership as such, but nevertheless welcomes subscriptions and donations.

The Association has seven main functions:

- Financial Help.** The Association is prepared to consider assistance to ex-officers and their dependants who find themselves in temporary financial difficulties.
- Education.** Assistance towards school fees. This is normally restricted to the children of war disabled or deceased officers.
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- (e) *Homes.* The Association has its own Home in South Devon, with 35 residents, for elderly and lonely ex-officers of limited income. It also has the right of nomination to a number of other Homes where officers or their widows can possibly be accepted at low rates.
- (f) *Clothing Store.* Clothing of all kinds can usually be provided from the Store for those in need.
- (g) *Resettlement and Employment.* This Department whose address is 46 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, is at the disposal of any officer, male or female, at any time for advice, and when nearing retirement can give direct introductions to employers.

The Association works through a system of Honorary Representatives throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and elsewhere and it is these Representatives who find the cases of hardship or distress, or investigate cases that come to Headquarters in other ways. Adjudication on cases is done by a team of Honorary Workers who, in turn, attend at Headquarters every day of the week. This enables cases to be dealt with speedily and effectively. The help of all these Honorary Representatives and Workers is invaluable and the Association is most grateful to them.

Anyone hearing of cases of distress or hardship among ex-officers, their widows or dependants, should refer them to: The General Secretary, The Officers' Association, 28 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

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5th Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Appointments

We welcome Mr. T. Hargreaves and Mr. E. H. Peirce, who have joined us as Under-Officers pending the next Commissioning Board. Under-Officer Hargreaves is commanding Cobham Platoon and Under-Officer Peirce is Second-in-Command of Chertsey Platoon. We wish these two the best of luck.

Cadet Cpls. Evans and Evans (Twins), Leatherhead, McQuilkin and Delanghe, Chessington, Davies, Cobham, Culley, Chertsey and Pollard, Walton have been promoted to Cadet Sergeant. Cdt. Sgt. J. Evans is now at Cobham and Cdt. Sgt. Delanghe at New Malden. We wish these Cadet Senior N.C.O.s every success in their new role with the Battalion. We also congratulate Cdt. Sgt. Angel, Sutton, on his promotion to Cdt. C.S.M.

Resignations

We are sorry to lose the services of Lt. Boxall, New Malden, and Lt. Strong, Cobham, who have had to leave the Force for business reasons. New Malden owe Lt. Boxall a debt of gratitude in forming such a first-class Platoon.

Capt. McLean, "C" Company Commander, has moved out of the district and has transferred to the 2nd Cadet Battalion. Good luck, Mac, we are glad you are not far away.

2/Lt. Dawes, Leatherhead, who is a member of the Surrey Constabulary, has been moved out of the district. He is a great loss to us but he is staying in the Force and hopes to serve with the 1st Cadet Battalion at Redhill.

Enlistments

Cdt. Cpl. Goad, Chertsey, has joined the 4th Battalion (T.A.) and L/Cpl. Ryan, Walton, has joined the Junior Leaders' Regiment, R.A.S.C. Good luck to both of you.

Courses

Lt. P. Carpenter, Surbiton Grammar School, successfully completed a Basic Training Course at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park.

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

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R.S.M. ..	R.S.M. L. R. Green
Attached:	
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Sports Officer ..	L. K. Field, Esq.

"A" Company

Commander ..	Capt. J. Rapley
Leatherhead Platoon	A/S.M.I. Cameron (A/Cmdr.) S.I. Hughes Cdt/Sgt. Evans
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Cobham Platoon ..	U/O T. Hargreaves (Cmdr.) S.M.I. Hoy Cdt/Sgt. J. Evans Cdt/Sgt. I. Davies

"B" Company

Commander (Acting) ..	Capt. D. Sweasey
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"C" Company

Commander ..	Capt. R. B. Kitchen
Surbiton Grammar School Platoon ..	Lt. P. Carpenter (Cmdr.) Cdt/Sgt. Breeze
Kingston Platoon ..	S.I. Collins (A/Cmdr.)
Sutton Platoon ..	Lt. Lenham (Cmdr.) Cdt/C.S.M. Angel
New Malden Platoon ..	2/Lt. A. Church S.I. Shaw Cdt/Sgt. Delanghe

Several senior N.C.O.s are at present attending a Post Certificate "A" Small Arms Course being held at County level.

All Battalion S.M.I.s, S.I.s and Cdt. Sergeants attended a training day at Battalion Headquarters on Sunday, 23rd Feb-

ruary. It was considered a successful day and advantageous to all concerned.

Shooting

The season will shortly be upon us and more about this in the next issue. We hope for a good year once again.

Sport

We had a measure of success in the Boxing and the break-down of entries and wins is as follows:

Event	Company	Entries	Wins	Platoon Trophies
County Championships	"A"	4	3	1
	"B"	9	2	1
	"C"	9	7	1
London District Championships	"A"	3	2	0
	"B"	3	3	0
	"C"	5	4	0
National Finals	"A"	2	0	0
	"B"	2	0	0
	"C"	3	0	0

All this is due to the enthusiasm of organisers and trainers and the courage of the Cadets "having a go." Well done—we are, indeed, proud of you all.

In County swimming we had 16 entries but only took two second places. We hope to have better luck next year.

We have the County Cross Country Championships and the County Athletics Meeting to come, so more about this in the next issue.

Training

In the Certificate "A" tests held since the last issue we had good and satisfying results as follows:

Certificate "A", Part I: 23.11.63, 34 passes, 5 failures.

Certificate "A", Part II: 23.11.63, 6 passes, no failures.

Cadet Spencer, New Malden, obtained a credit pass in the Part I test.

We are in the throes of the annual camp preliminary planning; the camp will be held in the Stanford P.T.A. area from 9th to 22nd August, 1964. We shall be in one camp with the 2nd Cadet Battalion and the remainder of the Surrey Brigade will be in another camp at West Tofts. We shall, therefore, be liaising with the 2nd Cadet Battalion and probably combining forces for training purposes.

General

We wish to record our farewell and appreciation to Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., on his leaving the 4th Battalion (T.A.) and at the same time we welcome his successor, Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.

We have enjoyed good liaison with the 4th Battalion and are sure this will continue with the new Commanding Officer.

We have also met Lt. Hutt and his Youth Team from the Regiment. It is good to know that the Regiment is now not so far away. We wonder whether a visit to the Regiment at B.A.O.R. could be arranged during the school holidays!!! Any suggestions?

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

The Autumn Meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 2nd and 3rd, 1963, at Sudbrook Park.

The attendance was satisfactory, considering all the circumstances. Some of the golf was good and the weather behaved itself in the true Surreys manner, so that a good time was had by all, tempered by sympathetic thoughts of our President, in hospital, and our Captain, awaiting hospitalisation. The Secretary was heard to remark on the first day that it only remained for him to start feeling "proper poorly," to cause a certain amount of kerfluffle. However, he managed to remain on his two feet in his usual state of whatever it is, so all was well; at least we didn't notice anything wrong. We are glad to report that the two invalids are both progressing nicely, at this date of writing, and they both sent us messages of greeting at the Meeting.

We were very glad to see several members, who did not feel inclined to face the arduous and endurance of 18 holes, at the luncheon table and the 19th hole, on the first day. This is becoming an increasingly popular custom, and we would urge more members who for one reason or another cannot play in the meeting, to make an effort to come to lunch on the first day. All they have to do is to ask the Secretary to warn in for them—and pay for lunch when they get there!

The Meeting seemed to go off very smoothly and successfully; it was very nice

to see Capt. Tim Trotman, from Berlin, and Major Marcus Keane, from Tipperary. Two very stout efforts in support of the Society, we thought, and it is good to know that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves—as, indeed, we all did.

The arrangements made for our sustenance and comfort by the Secretary of the Richmond Golf Club, Group-Capt. R. A. J. Horne, and his excellent staff were, as usual, of the first order of hospitality and courtesy. To them all are offered our grateful thanks.

Results of the Competitions:

MEDAL ROUND
Seniors, The Autumn Bowl: Capt. T. L. Trotman (78—8=70).
Juniors, The Glasgow Greys Cup: Capt. P. A. C. K. Bruckman (93—24=69).
Best net last nine holes, Seniors: Brigadier G. A. White (35).
Best net last nine holes, Juniors: Major J. C. Drane (39).
Best net nine hidden holes, Seniors: Capt. J. A. Clark (33).
Best net nine hidden holes, Juniors: D. J. Dickins (36).

PETRI PLATE
(Net aggregate Spring and Autumn medal rounds):
 Major M. F. Reynolds (145).

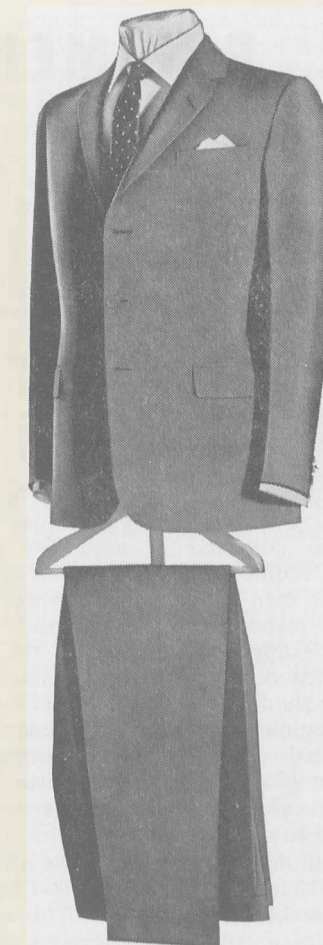
STABLEFORD BOGEY
Heales Memorial Trophy: Capt. T. L. Trotman (37 points).
Veterans Halo: Major J. C. Drane (42½ points).
Seniors Memento: Capt. Trotman.
Juniors Memento: Major Drane.

BOGEY GREENSOMES
 Capt. Trotman and D. J. Dickins—1 up. (after a tie with Major D. J. Wright and Major R. C. Taylor—Runners-up).

BOGEY FOURSOMES
 H. P. Mason and Major J. C. Drane—3 down.
 Runners-up: Major K. G. Grierson and Capt. T. L. Trotman—9 down.

ANOTHER LINK WITH KINGSTON BARRACKS

Another link with Kingston Barracks comes in a letter from W. F. Quartermain who was born there in 1893. His father had served in the 70th before the Amalgamation of 1881, and was on the staff of the Depot of The East Surrey Regiment. Possibly foreseeing another Amalgamation, young Quartermain enlisted in the Queen's in August 1911 and served until 1921. Mr. Quartermain is an active supporter of the Regimental Association and is the Chairman of the Lewisham Branch of The Old Contemptibles Association.



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THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

In the last issue of the Regimental Journal reference was made to the Colonel of the Regiment's Appeal to the Regiment for funds to enable the benevolent work of the Association to continue. The response of the Regiment was prompt and generous. By the end of the year over £740 had been collected; and this seems an appropriate place in which to express the thanks of the Regimental Association to all those who subscribed by the voluntary contribution of one day's pay.

Yes, but where does it go? may be asked. First, where it does *not* go. None of the money so collected is used for general purposes, reunions or holidays, all of which have their own funds. The money contributed in response to the Colonel of the Regiment's appeal is devoted to the Charitable Funds of the Regimental Association. These are the funds which help old members of the Regiment and their dependants who are in need. Each year the numbers are rising. In 1963 the Association was able to help 274 cases, and the grants so made amounted to over £1,700.

It is with deep gratitude that we record the gift of £10,000 to the Queen's Charitable Fund from M. A. C. Borrett. This splendid donation was made in memory of Mr. Borrett's son, Major A. C. F. Borrett, 1/5th Queen's who was killed in action in Normandy in June 1944.

Reunions

The 1963 Regimental Association Dinner was held in the Clapham Junction Drill Hall with the kind co-operation of 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.). The numbers were much the same as in 1962. The Dinner will be held there again on Saturday, 3rd October, this year.

The Summer Reunion this year will be held on Sunday, 21st June, in the Civic Hall, London Road, Guildford (near the London Road railway station). This is a new departure, which we hope will meet with the approval of all our members.

Membership

Who are our members? The Rules of the

Regimental Association say that those who served in The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, The Queen's Royal Regiment, or The East Surrey Regiment or any other of their affiliated battalions are eligible for membership. Subscription for life membership is 10s. for those who have not previously subscribed that amount. We feel there are a great many men who are not recorded as members of the Association. In an endeavour to persuade non-members to join and to revise our records of existing members, it is intended to send out a business reply card with the Annual Report this year.

Old Soldiers Calling

George Henry James Bell (Surreys, 1901-1926) was admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner on 16th March. There are now nine members of the Regiment in the Royal Hospital.

Eightieth birthday congratulations to E. T. Creed (Surreys, 1914-1917) on 11th January, 1964.

Ninetieth birthday congratulations to E. J. Fudger (Queens, 1892-1913) on 20th December, 1963.

We have had news of J. W. Panting (Surreys, 1903-1916). He presented to the Museum an illustrated card he was given on joining the Regiment over 60 years ago.

A. J. Stripp (Surreys, 1919-1944) writes that he does not get about much nowadays, but he seems his usual cheerful self.

Members Overseas

C. S. A. Avis (Queens, 1910-1921), writing from Pretoria, tells us that when visiting Durban last year, he had tried unsuccessfully to locate the Queen's Memorial referred to in Burkitt's "History of the Queen's." He now believes the Regimental Memorial may be in the Cathedral at Pietermaritzburg, some 73 miles from Durban.

Sgt. W. H. Green (Surreys, 1956-1958) wrote in October last year from Nanyuki, Kenya. He transferred back to the R.A.S.C. and is now serving with The King's African Rifles. He refers to Brigadier Lloyd Owen,

commanding 24th Infantry Brigade, whom he had met during an exercise.

We hear from Canada that one of our older warriors, George Hutson, who served in the Queen's from 1891 to 1913, has started the New Year in spritely fashion by discarding his walking stick.

An old bandsman of the 2nd Queen's, Cpl. A. P. Locke (9139), writes to us from Canada. He would like to make contact with anyone who served with him between 1907 and 1919. His address is: 2577 Brock Street, Vancouver 16, British Columbia, Canada.

W.O.2 A. D. Moody (Queen's, now M.P.S.C.) wrote from Malta in January complaining about the cold and wet in the George Cross Island.

Arthur Protz (Queen's 1918-1923) writes from Melbourne with an unusual complaint. He says: "Owing to my present agility and youthful appearance I am not believed if I mention I joined up in 1918. Even my own children are most sceptical—can you imagine anything more frustrating." Evidently the climate "Down Under" agrees with this young old soldier.

Another voice from the past comes in a letter lent to us by Mr. Dorsett written to him by E. F. Warburton (Surreys, 1919-1926). The latter left the 1st Surreys on local discharge in Hong Kong 43 years ago. Mr. Warburton has stayed there ever since, first in the Dockyard Police and later in the Sanitary Department. He has seen many changes in the Colony, and in particular regrets the passing of the old kindly Chinese so well known to those who have served in the Far East. The address of Mr. Warburton, who was awarded the M.B.E. for his services to Hong Kong before he retired in 1959, is: P.O. Box 6451, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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

We record with deep regret the death of three very dear comrades: in the order of their passing, Sid Holyoake, Tommy Crabb and Bill Fenner, our very dear and respected Secretary. A special tribute to Bill appears elsewhere in this Journal. The respective funerals were attended by a large number of our Association members and our special

appreciation is extended to Col. Duncombe, and to C.S.M. Fuller, and other members of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment for their attendance.

The Regimental Association Dinner at the T.A. Centre, Clapham Junction on 25th October was a most excellent occasion, and a princely repast. Some 40 of our members attended.

Messrs. Dennis, Cooper, and Organ represented the Association at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster, on 9th November, where a Badge and Cross were planted on behalf of The East Surrey Regiment, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Col. H. G. Duncombe pronounced the immortal Exhortation "We will remember them." A very moving occasion and, to most of us, the most fitting tribute of all to our fallen comrades.

A fair sprinkling of our members attended the Croydon Remembrance Parade at the Town Hall and the Fairfield Halls and our wreath was laid on the Cenotaph at the Town Hall by our Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Dennis.

The Social Evening and Dance in aid of our Benevolent Fund at the Barracks, Croydon, on the 23rd November was excellently supported and was a great success in every way. Songs, most delightfully sung by Alec Howard's daughter, and a display of ballet by Ernie Organ's grand-daughter Lorraine were among the attractions of the evening. With the net proceeds of this function and the very generous donations of Officers and Members we are very pleased to report that our Benevolent Fund has been considerably augmented. Everyone may rest assured, however, that we shall not rest in our efforts in this direction. Inevitably, the passing of our beloved Secretary on the morning of the 23rd cast a very great shadow upon the evening, but we were strengthened in our efforts by the knowledge that we were striving for something which was very dear to his heart.

All our thoughts are now directed to 5th April when, at the Croydon Parish Church, the Colours of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment are to be laid up. We do most earnestly hope that everyone who has had the honour of serving at any time in our Battalion will be present. We do know that, God willing, a few will be there who served under the Colours presented by Lord Roberts in 1908, and many who were

on parade for the presentation of New Colours by Her Majesty Queen Mary in 1938. As this is preceded on Saturday, 4th April, by our A.G.M. and Annual Dinner at the Barracks, we look forward to a really great Reunion.

In conclusion, we warmly welcome to membership two good Old Comrades: Messrs. E. J. Millard (Oisey) and George Cribb.

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

The 35th annual Reunion dinner this year will be held at Grant's Restaurant, High Street, Croydon, on April 25th. The battalion, when formed in 1914-15, was made up of 5th and 4th Queen's men and all Queen's men of any battalion are welcome at our dinner. Last year the gathering was a great success, 125 attending. His Honour Judge J. B. Herbert, M.C., Q.C., acted as dinner Chairman. This year Lt. R. C. Jennings, M.C., Registrar, Marlborough College, has consented to take the chair, and we welcome him with pleasure as one of our old and popular officers.

Our Shrine Service on the 17th November at the Croydon Parish Church, a personal and very moving Service, was well attended considering the inclement weather. Following the Service the Annual General Meeting was held at Mitcham Road Barracks by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. We are very grateful for the facilities granted. Interesting and fruitful discussions took place at the meeting in which all participated. The Secretary announced that a pilgrimage to Gallipoli was being organised for 1965 in which members were invited to take part. Further details were to be issued to interested parties by Mr. Rex Palmer, the organiser, whose idea it was to launch the scheme through the columns of the *Daily Telegraph*. Correspondence had also passed from the O.C.A. to the Jordanian and Israeli embassies regarding the war graves cemetery on Mount Scopus, near Jerusalem, wherein some of our own lie buried. The cemetery is neglected and damaged and relatives and others are denied access because of border trouble and antagonism between the two countries. The matter was publicised by the Croydon Press,

but so far no tangible result has been achieved, and the War Graves Commission are denied the right to tend the graves and cemetery.

At the Annual General Meeting there were two nominees for the Chairmanship of the Association and on a paper vote Cpl. L. W. Merrow Smith, I.S.M. was elected. It was a popular choice. A. E. Edwards was nominated and remained as Vice-Chairman and E. G. Tatnell as Honorary Treasurer. Harry Mann, the only Secretary to the O.C.A. since its foundation in 1925 was again nominated and elected amid acclamation. The present Committee were elected *en bloc*.

It has been a busy year for O.C.A. members as apart from our two main functions we have been represented at various other activities including 5th Queen's Old Members' dinner, the Regimental dinner, the Garden Party, the Remembrance Service at Guildford Cathedral, the presentation of the New Colours at Woking, and the parade at Reigate when the T.A. Battalions received the Freedom of Reigate. We are wondering when Croydon will honour its County Regiment in a like manner. Our Standard and Escort led the parade on Armistice Sunday in Croydon. Altogether a lively and active year. Our Chairman also called on Col. Sir Frank Watney, our President, on his birthday in January this year to offer the congratulations and best wishes of the O.C.A. on his attaining the grand age of 94 years.

S.W.V.

All enquiries regarding 2/4th Queen's O.C.A. to H. Mann, Esq., 22 Woodland Way, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.

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

By the time these notes appear our 1964 Reunion will have been held but we wish to express, in advance, our thanks to the Commanding Officer and all ranks of 3rd Battalion for the assistance we know they are going to give us.

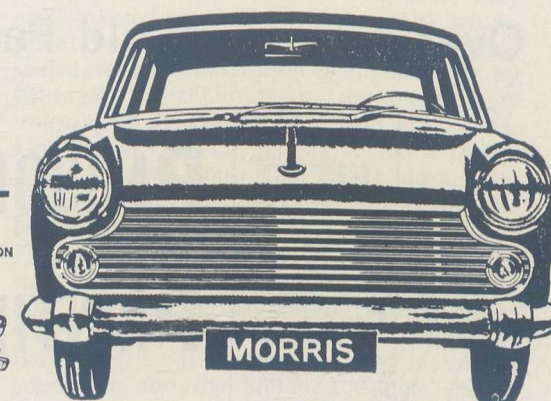
During the past year we have struck off a large number of Members whose subscriptions were in arrears. Any former Members reading these notes and wondering why they did not receive a copy of our 1964 News

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The Queen's (Bermondsey) Regimental Association

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

This Association has had a very full and varied programme since our notes in the last issue of the Regimental Journal.

The usual stalwarts made their annual pilgrimage to Ghent and were most impressed by the ceremony at Rieme where a memorial was unveiled. A full account of the visit appears elsewhere in the Journal, and a record is kept for posterity on film taken by our self-appointed cameraman, Fred Chalker, except for the presentation of medals when his film went on strike and refused to work overtime!

Members of the old 2/6th Queen's held their third Salerno Day Reunion in the Canteen on Saturday, 14th September. As is now expected of this reunion, it was a great success, thanks mainly to the organising efforts of Fred Peart and the catering of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

Alamein Reunion night was eventually held on 19th October, but a combination of mix-up in dates coupled with a bus strike on that evening adversely affected the attendance. Nevertheless, those who did attend had a convivial evening and were replete with the fine fare again produced by the Elliotts.

This event was followed on 26th and 27th October by a return visit to Steenewercke, France, when a party of the old and bold joined the 3rd Battalion contingent to bring back two drums of the old 22nd London Regiment. For most of the party, this was the return to billets occupied as far back as 1939 during the "phoney war" period and to renew old friendships formed then. The story of this visit is more widely covered by the Battalion report and in the article by Col. J. G. Bevington, T.D., who was 2IC of the 1/6th Queen's in 1939. Tom Dando and Eddie Morgan proudly report that their knowledge of the French language improved

100 per cent. as a result of this visit—they each learned another new word! A triumphant and enjoyable journey was suitably sealed, for the Old Comrades in particular, by being met at 0600 hours on a damp and foggy morning in Dover harbour by Capt. V. G. Docton, M.C., who, having served with the 1/6th Queen's since the desert days, was blinded in Normandy in 1944 just before the break-out. He now lives just outside Dover.

The 3rd Battalion, with the Band of course, was fully committed at Reigate for Armistice Day, so only a representative party under Capt. D. Miller was able to parade at Bermondsey. Even so, the parade was a good one and the affiliated Cadets' Band gallantly came to our aid on the march back from Church; very well they performed too, and are to be congratulated for playing so well. The numbers of Association Members were, if anything, up on last year, and it was gratifying to see more new faces. A most successful reunion followed in the Drill Hall.

On Saturday, 1st February, a Past and Present Officers' Party was held in the Officers' Mess. Actually it started as a Cocktail Party, but when 11 p.m. had come and gone, "Cocktails" became something of a misnomer. It was certainly the most successful party of its kind held so far, 40 or more officers attending with their ladies. Nobody felt out of place since there were representatives of all the past units we try to cover from the 22nd London days, and it was most pleasurable to have with us Major S. H. Blakey whose proud claim it is that he received the 2/22nd London Colour presented after the 1914-18 war. It was also particularly pleasing to have an increased number of post-war Officers, apart from the serving Officers.

Old war-horses in the shape of Johnny Johnson, Rodney Goodridge, Gordon Spratt (perhaps draught-horse might be nearer!), Ted Kilshaw, with Jimmy Pretsell ministering to their medical needs, and many others were well in evidence.

All those who came were loud in their praise of the catering, and grateful thanks are given to the usual stalwarts without whose help such parties cannot take place, and in particular to "young" Freddie Gibbins for food preparation, and Sgt. Rolfe and his merry men for their usual efficient service.

Now we look forward to our next parade, and all those with a Bermondsey connection, please take note. Arrangements are nearing

completion for the laying-up of the Colours of the 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) presented in 1908 and to which all who have served in 1/22nd, 2/22nd London, 1/6th, 2/6th and 6th Battalions. The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) have a loyal attachment.

The Colours will be laid up in Bermondsey Parish Church on Sunday, 12th April, 1964, at 3 p.m., the Service being conducted by the Rector, Rev. F. S. Skelton, D.S.O., D.F.C. Details of the Parade times will shortly be issued by the Association, but these can only be sent to those addresses in our books. If therefore you are an old Bermondsey type but not yet in touch, please write to Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, Eddie Townsend or Fred Peart at the Drill Hall, or contact any member of our Association.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Ladies' Festival, held on Saturday, 16th November, at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, which was gaily decorated and with the Regimental Silver adding tone to the occasion. The President presided over a very happy gathering of 240 members' wives and friends who sat down to an excellent dinner during which the band played light music. The Chairman in a humorous speech warmly welcomed the Guest of Honour, Mrs. Paul Adams and the Ladies. Mrs. Adams made a charming reply in which she recalled first coming here in the 1920's and well remembered the many happy occasions of Pageants, Prizegiving and Dances and mentioned the awful *faux pas* she made at the last Prizegiving before the war, which happily was gracefully accepted by the "victim."

The dancing that followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all as was the very fine Cabaret. The only people who were glad to say "good night" were the band who had played with great gusto almost non-stop.

Our very warmest thanks fully endorsed by all who participated are accorded to Eric Leddell and his stalwarts for their hard work and unstinting efforts to make the evening such a huge success.

Remembrance Sunday

The combined parade of the Association and "R" (Surrey) Battery on Sunday, 10th November, was again strongly supported. Despite the rather damp atmosphere, the Association mustered 75 and the Battery had a smartly-turned-out contingent of about 50. The co-operation of the Battery Commander, Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., is deeply appreciated. Sincere thanks are tendered to all those stalwarts who braved the inclement weather, particularly the members from Northampton, who must have made a very early start, and those other members who came from places well outside London. St. Mary's Church was again filled to capacity and after the service at the Regimental Memorial in Kennington Park, the parade "marched past," Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths taking the salute, supported by Lt.-Col. Paul Adams, T.D., and the representatives of the Mayors of Southwark and Lambeth. We also tender our warm thanks to the Cadet Band, who were in great form and a credit to the Unit.

Annual Reunion Dinner

The Annual Reunion Dinner, held at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, on Saturday, 7th March, was a fitting occasion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of 1914-18 war. Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., presided over a very happy gathering of 178 members and guests in a warm and friendly atmosphere. It was very pleasing to see so many veterans of World War I "on parade."

Capt. Sir Leslie Gamage, M.C., with some well-chosen words and with great feeling, proposed the Toast of "Absent Comrades."

The Toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Brigadier A. P. Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who, in an excellent and very interesting speech, reviewed the activities of 1/24th and 2/24th Battalions London Regiment (The Queen's) during the 1914-18 campaign. He recalled the first major engagement of 1/24th at Givenchy in May 1915, when L/Cpl. Leonard Keyworth was awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding gallantry—the first V.C. of The Queen's in the War. He went on to mention other major engagements of both battalions in France, Belgium, Macedonia, Egypt and Palestine, and also the activities of the two regular battalions and the Service Battalions of The Queen's. The Brigadier recalled the names of several other members of The Queen's who were awarded the Victoria Cross.

8th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment 1914-18

A Special Reunion Dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Battalion will be held at Carisbrooke Hall, The Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, W.2 (near Marble Arch Station) on the 12th September, 1964.

The wives and sons of Members are being invited on this occasion.

Will any Member of the Battalion who is not already in touch with the Secretary please write now to:

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The Veterans were very busy at the end of last year.

On the 28th September, 1963, our Annual Dinner was held at the Portsmouth Road T.A. Centre, Kingston-upon-Thames. The "turn-out"—both men and food—was very good. The Orchard Room was crowded and at the present rate of progress will be too small for next year's Dinner. We were very pleased to see so many old faces including those of newly-joined members. We were especially pleased that Mr. Parker was able to be with us. It was the first time that he had been to such a gathering for many years. A presentation of a tankard was made to Mr. Wells, another of our oldest members. Every year he takes part in the Battalion Rifle Meeting and puts up a splendid job. With his eye and hand remaining so steady we are able to give a good account of ourselves against the best of the Battalion.

Although not parading we had a very good attendance at the laying-up of the Old Colours of the 6th Surreys at Kingston Parish Church on 3rd November, 1963, and of the Old Colours 23rd London Regiment at St. Mary's, Battersea, on 19th January, 1964. Many old friends were present at both

The Chairman, in proposing the Toast of "Our Guests," said how very pleased he was to see such a large attendance, the best since the last war, and proceeded to name those who had made long journeys from the Midlands and the South. We are all very sorry that our old friend, Fred Rowley, is not with us this evening, his health, unfortunately, prevents his participating in this 50th anniversary celebration. A telegram has been sent him on behalf of all his friends present at this dinner, conveying Greetings and Saluting him for all he has done for the Association and sincerely wishing an improvement in his health. This most successful evening said much for the hard work carried out by those responsible for all the arrangements for the dinner, and it was very gratifying. It was his pleasure to warmly welcome our Guest of Honour, Brigadier H. G. Veasey, D.S.O., who was the last Commanding Officer of 1/7th Queen's. The Chairman also warmly welcomed other guests of the evening: Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O. (Regimental Headquarters), Major K. J. Dalgliesh, R.A.M.C. (T.A.), 17th (London) General Hospital, T.A., Mr. W. Lockwood, D.C.M., 2/7th Queen's, and Mr. W. I. Gough, 2/24th Dinner Club.

Brigadier H. G. Veasey, replying for the guests, said he was deeply conscious of the great honour accorded him this evening and related some humorous episodes during his command of 1/7th Queen's and of his earlier command of the King's African Rifles, and how his attempt to improve the musical ability of the Regimental band, resulted on one occasion in the battalion "marching past" to a hotted up version of the "Lambeth Walk" instead of the Regimental March. It is understood there were no repercussions from the Inspecting General.

Our thanks are due to Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., for his thoughtful and kindly arrangement of the fine display of medals of former members, including the Keyworth V.C. group of medals, and a number of pictures and photographs that undoubtedly enhanced the atmosphere of the Drill Hall, and revived the memories of the 1914-18 veterans.

It was a truly memorable 50th anniversary.

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services and we took pride in the showing of the new Battalion.

On 10th November, 1963, we paraded for Remembrance Day and were pleased to march behind the Battalion. The march from Kingston Market Place to the T.A. Centre gave us a good appetite for the gathering held in the Sergeants' Mess.

Arrangements for the visit to Cassino coupled with a holiday in Italy have been completed. A party of two dozen Veterans, including wives and children leave London on 9th May, 1964. On 11th May, Cassino Day, a small ceremony will be held at the memorial in the Cassino War Cemetery.

We still meet on the third Wednesday in every month, at about 8 p.m., at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, and take part in the monthly Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition. We are about fourth in the league and the evenings are most enjoyable; why not look in some time!

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

On Saturday, 11th January, an Association Dance was held at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, at which members entertained their wives and guests. We were fortunate on this occasion to be able to entertain several members of the 1st Battalion who were home on leave prior to proceeding to Germany.

Among our guests were Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., and Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.

It was an extremely enjoyable evening and everything went with a swing due to the hard work put in by Mr. D. L. Boorer and his sub-committee and the valuable assistance given by the Permanent Staff of the 4th Battalion. An excellent buffet was provided by Bob Haynes.

Our Executive Committee meets in the Mess at Portsmouth Road on the last Saturday of each month under the Chairmanship of Bill Dorsett. This is followed by a social evening to which wives and members are cordially invited. We would like to see more members attending these evenings so drop in when you feel like a noggin.

Charles Dexter has written from Australia and wishes to be remembered to all old friends and informs us that he hopes to be

home in time for the Annual Dinner in May.

R.S.M. Jackson who was serving with the 1st Battalion Tanganyika Rifles in Dar es Salaam during the recent disturbance managed to make a safe getaway with his family and is now back home.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the deaths of two of our oldest members namely Mr. W. Butler who passed away on 4th January, 1964, at the ripe old age of 81 and Lt.-Col. N. Speller, M.B.E., who died in Algeciras on 1st February, 1964.

Items of Interest

The *Lakonia*. Wartime members of the 2/5th and 2/7th Queen's will be very sad to learn that the Greek cruise liner *Lakonia*, which in December caught fire and sank with tragic loss of life, was formerly the Dutch liner *Johann van Oldenbarneveltdt*, which in 1942 carried the two battalions to Bombay on their way to their ultimate destination in Iraq. In our issue of May, 1961, we described a very happy reunion luncheon which took place on board the ship in Southampton early in 1960.

When the battalions disembarked at Bombay in 1942 they arranged for a piece of silk in the regimental colours to be embroidered, by the Royal School of Needlework, with the regimental insignia for presentation to the ship as a token of gratitude for safe conduct. This was completed in due course and the ship's Master, Captain Broere, visited the Regimental Depot to receive it. This token always had an honoured place in the ship and it is believed that it went down with her.

The New Year Honours List announced the award of the British Empire Medal to Mr. Robert Frederick Brice, aged 61, who for the last 30 years has been employed as a deputy-chief office keeper at the Ministry of Labour H.Q. St. James's Square, London.

He joined The East Surrey Regiment at the age of 18 and served in Egypt, Hong Kong and India.

Ex-Pte. William Thomas Turner (6392), who served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1902 until 1908, has been admitted to the Star and Garter Home. Mr. Turner, who is now 85, is confined to a wheel chair, as the result of wounds sustained while serving with The Royal Fusiliers in 1917.

Lt. William Clark-Maxwell of the 3rd Battalion Queen's Surreys (T.A.) has been elected a Member of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers.

We have received some interesting photographs of the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery where many members of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment are buried, and of the bridge over the River Kwai built under appalling conditions by prisoners of war of the Japanese. The photos were taken by Lt. Col. L. W. A. Gingell, M.B.E., Royal Tank Regiment, the son of that stout-hearted old soldier, the late Major W. G. Gingell, M.B.E., M.M., who will be remembered by old members of the 2nd Surreys.

A Link with the 31st Regiment

A few months ago the death was announced of Miss Margaret Beatrice Waldron, the daughter of Capt. Hubert Johnstone Kelly Waldron of the 31st Regiment. Miss Waldron was born in 1866. Her father was commissioned into the 31st in 1853 and served for about 19 years. Capt. Waldron's brother, Henry, served for a short time in the 70th, and his son, Lt. W. A. Vaughan Waldron, served in the 1st and 9th Battalions of The East Surrey Regiment in the 1914-18 War.

Personal Notices

MARRIAGES

PARKER—REECE.—On 23rd November, 1963, at the Register Office, Canterbury, Cpl. B. Parker, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Valerie Reece.

BINGHAM—LARKHAM.—On 4th January, 1964, at the Register Office, Worthing, L/Cpl. M. Bingham, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Maureen June

STEWART—COLEBOURNE.—On 11th January, 1964, at the Register Office, Windsor, Cpl. H. Stewart, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Jane Emily Colebourne. Larkham.

BIRTHS

STIFF.—On 8th June, 1963, at B.M.H. Hannover, to Jean, wife of Capt. R. G. Stiff, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Susan.

DAVIDSON.—On 8th November, 1963, at 33 Matthews Road, Camberley, to Jennifer, wife of Capt. J. G. W. Davidson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a second son, Richard.

MIDDLE.—On 12th December, 1963, at Canterbury, to Joanna, wife of Cpl. A.

Middle, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Jeffery Terrence.

LANDEN.—On 4th January, 1964, at Bearsted Memorial Hospital, Hampton Court, to Ansell Jane Nelson, wife of Capt. S. G. O. Landen, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Torquil George Spencer.

JONES.—On 17th February, 1964, at the Royal Kent Hospital, Canterbury, to the wife of L/Cpl. R. Jones, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Michael Westley.

MANNING.—On 5th March, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to the wife of Sgt. D. Manning, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Russell Jeremy.

ROLAND-SHRUBB.—On 8th March, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to the wife of Sgt. D. Roland-Shrubb, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Jane Frances Katherine.

MASON.—On 15th March, 1964, at Shorncliffe, to Daphne, wife of Major Geoffrey Mason, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Adrian.

PAGANI.—On 28th March, 1964, at Colchester, to the wife of Pte. T. Pagani, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Debra Jacqueline.

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Obituaries

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

The Regiment sustained a serious loss on 14th November, 1963, on the death of Sir Arthur Dowler at his home at Bletchingley in Surrey.

Born in New York, U.S.A., in 1895, Arthur Dowler came to England at the age of ten and was educated at Tonbridge School and at Sandhurst. He had only just completed his course at the R.M.C. when war broke out in August 1914; he was commissioned into The East Surrey Regiment and within a few weeks had joined 1st Battalion on the River Aisne. After a few months' active service he was evacuated sick to the U.K. but went out again early in 1915, this time to 2nd Battalion and remained with them until he was severely wounded at the Battle of Loos. This prevented him from seeing further active service during that war but he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, was Mentioned in Despatches and, on promotion to Captain, received a Brevet Majority.

Between the two World Wars Arthur Dowler served with both Battalions of his Regiment at various times and places in Ireland, Aldershot, India, Shorncliffe and Colchester.

Obituary Notices have appeared in the Press giving an appreciation of the outstanding services which Sir Arthur has rendered to the Army and specifying some of the many high appointments which he attained during the 2nd World War; these included B.G.S. Fifth Corps; Command of 2nd Infantry Brigade and, a year later, that of 38th (Welsh) Division; M.G.A. Southern Command, when he was concerned with the arrangements for the reception in England of the United States Army and with preparations for the assault on the Continent; M.G.A. Middle East Forces under Gen. Sir Arthur Paget and Chief of Staff to Gen. Montgomery in B.A.O.R. in 1945. He was Director of Infantry at the War Office from 1946 to 1948.

His last Command was East Africa, from which he returned in 1951 with the rank of Lieutenant-General and elevation to K.C.B.; he had been appointed K.B.E. in 1946.

But perhaps all in The Queen's Surreys will remember Arthur Dowler best for his delightful character and for his affection for his Regiment.

One of his great disappointments was not being allowed to take the 1st Surreys to France in 1939; he had only just got command but in spite of his protests the War Office insisted on his taking up his mobilisation appointment with 49 Division and shortly afterwards he went, in a Staff appointment, to Norway. For his services in that campaign he was appointed a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

What probably brought him as much pleasure as any of his other appointments was that of Colonel of the Regiment, which he held from 1946 till 1954, and it was typical of Arthur Dowler's desire to serve that, on retirement from the Army, he enlisted as a Private in the Home Guard which had been called up to meet a national emergency.

Although he had given up high command he never ceased to find useful employment connected with ex-service men or with young people, first as Secretary of the King George V Foundation, then as Secretary of the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Surrey on 23rd May, 1958.

At the time of his death Sir Arthur was a Governor of the Star and Garter Home at Richmond and Chairman of the Ex-Service War Disabled Help Department of the Joint Committee of St. John and the Red Cross. He was an Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

His friendly, simple and lovable personality, combined with his modest and unassuming manner won him a host of friends and this, to some extent is exemplified by the names by which he was known—"Jerry" to those who knew him in the First World War; "Pop" to those who served with him at the Staff College, first as a student and then as an instructor, and Arthur by the many others who had the privilege of knowing him well.

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the Regiment can take pride in the fact that Arthur Dowler leaves behind him a record of loyalty, integrity and efficiency of the highest order and an example which we should all be proud to follow.

The kind thoughts and the sympathy of the Regiment are extended to Lady Dowler and to her family.

G.R.P.R.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. C. MORE-MOLYNEUX-
LONGBOURNE, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Francis Cecil More-Molyneux-Longbourne died at his home, Loseley Park, Surrey, on 5th November, 1963. He was 80.

Born on 20th June, 1883, he was educated at Marlborough College.

He received his Regular Commission in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, from the Third Militia Battalion, on 30th April, 1902.

In the South African War he was employed with the Mounted Infantry in the operations in Cape Colony from 30th November, 1900 to March 1902 and received the Queen's Medal with three Clasps.

He served in the 2nd Battalion of the Queen's in Gibraltar in 1910 and was afterwards with the Mounted Infantry West African Frontier Force from 1911 until July 1914.

He was promoted to Lieutenant on 13th August, 1904 and to Captain on 2nd March, 1913.

In August 1914, he went to France with the 1st Battalion. He was in the fighting during the Retreat from Mons, and in the Battles of Loos, the Somme, and Arras. He was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion in the Battle of Loos. From 22nd October, 1915, to 23rd February, 1916, he held the appointment of Brigade Machine Gun Officer, 22nd Infantry Brigade. He assumed command of the 2nd Battalion of the Queen's on 20th March, 1916, and remained in command until 23rd September, 1917. Major R. C. G. Foster writes of this period, "I had the honour of serving under Tim Longbourne with the 2nd Battalion in France for 18 months in 1916-17. He was, we all felt, the ideal C.O. As far as one could tell he was completely without fear. One vivid recollection is looking up from my cautious position in the front line trench, seeing Tim walking unconcernedly down to it along a disused road in full view of the Germans. He was always on the spot im-

mediately after an enemy attack and the high reputation of the Battalion during this period was due to him. He was very thorough but never fussed and was always ready to stand up to higher authority if he thought necessary. He was a very great character."

His next appointment was command of the 171st Infantry Brigade, with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General; this appointment he held until 30th October, 1918.

During the War he was given Brevet promotion to Major on 1st January, 1916, and to Lieutenant-Colonel on 1st January, 1918. He was three times wounded, and was six times Mentioned in Despatches. For his services he was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order; and Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

He commanded the 11th Battalion for a short time in Cologne in 1919 and on 8th January, 1921, he retired, with the honorary rank of Brigadier-General.

He was always very active, physically, and in 1906 was a member of the 2nd Battalion Officers' Bayonet Fighting Team which won the Army Officers Bayonet Fighting Championship at Olympia.

He was a noted horseman and lover of animals. He founded the Chiddingfold Hunt Pony Club and was its first district commissioner. Up to a month before his death he was still riding regularly.

After retiring from the Army he devoted himself extensively to farming; he became very well known in the farming community and was a noted breeder and judge of Jersey cattle.

He played a prominent part in civic affairs and local activities. For more than 30 years he represented Compton in the Guildford Rural Council and was a past member of the Artington and Compton parish council.

He was at one time president of the Guildford and District Boy Scout Association, and for many years was a church warden at St. Nicholas Church, Compton.

To his son, Major J. R. More-Molyneux, we express deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of this very distinguished Officer of the Regiment.

COL. G. B. CHETWYND-STAPYLTON, C.B.,
O.B.E., T.D., D.L.

Granville Brian Chetwynd-Stapylton died peacefully on 20th January, 1964, at his home

Brackensted, Brookwood, Surrey. He was 76.

Educated at Charterhouse he was commissioned in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment on 23rd June, 1906. In 1908 this Battalion became the 5th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.).

On the outbreak of war in 1914 the Battalion was embodied and went to India in October of that year. Capt. Chetwynd-Stapylton went with the Battalion. He was promoted Major in June 1916 and from November 1916 until October 1917 was Brigade Major Nowshera Brigade on the North West Frontier. His next appointment was G.S.O.3 No. 2 Section Tigris Defences, which he held until September 1919. He was Mentioned in Despatches.

In 1919-20 he served with the Regiment in the South Kurdistan Expedition.

He commanded the 5th Surreys from 1924 to 1930 and was promoted Brevet Colonel in 1927.

From 1939 to 1943 he was County Army Welfare Officer for Surrey and from 1943 to 1945 Command Welfare Officer, Southern Command. On 2nd September, 1946, he was granted the honorary rank of Colonel and on 27th January, 1947, was appointed Colonel of 381 (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A. (T.A.).

He was Chairman of the Surrey T.A. and A.F. Association for most of the period from 1939 to 1947.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey in 1931.

In addition to his distinguished military career he was also a Civic Dignitary of considerable distinction. He became a Justice of the Peace in 1941 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1947, and a Companion of the Order of the Bath (Civil) in 1949. He was High Sheriff of Surrey in 1952.

Col. Chetwynd-Stapylton was a member of the Stock Exchange from 1913 to 1936 and was Warden of Whiteley Village from 1936 to 1959.

He was devoted to the Regiment with which he had been closely connected for more than 50 years. He will be remembered for his soldierly qualities and for the quiet business-like way in which he went about doing good for others, particularly Service men.

To his widow and three daughters we extend the deepest sympathy and con-

dolences on behalf of all members of the Regiment.

LT.-COL. G. E. SWINTON, M.C.

We record with deep regret the death, on 19th January, 1964, of George Edward Swinton.

Born on 20th November, 1890, and educated at Marlborough, he was commissioned into the East Surrey Regiment from the Special Reserve on 4th December, 1912. During the Great War 1914-1918 he fought with the 1st, 2nd and 8th Battalion in France and Belgium, being wounded three times, and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action at the battle of Amiens in August 1918.

After the war he served overseas with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, Hong Kong and India until, on promotion to Major, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Shorncliffe in 1932. In 1937, whilst the 2nd Battalion were stationed at Colchester, he commanded a party on duty in Cockspur Street, London, on the occasion of the Coronation of King George VI, and in the following year he embarked with the 2nd Battalion as 2IC for service in the Far East.

On 8th April, 1939, he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion, vice Lt.-Col. E. L. L. Acton, M.C., in Shanghai, where the unit was heavily committed on Perimeter Guard duties with detachments in Tientsin and Peking. In August 1940, he took the Battalion to Singapore, whence, after a few months it moved up to Tanjong Pau, in Northern Malaya, where extensive field training was carried out under his command in preparation for the threatened Japanese invasion.

Within a few days of the opening of hostilities on 7th December, 1941, Lt.-Col. Swinton broke his leg as the result of an accident whilst making a reconnaissance and was evacuated to the Alexandra Hospital, Singapore, where, despite pressure from the Medical authorities, he firmly refused all offers of repatriation from the theatre and remained to rejoin the survivors of his Battalion in captivity. He spent over three and a half years in Japanese hands, during which time his unshakable morale and uncompromising attitude towards his captors were a fine example to others. He was repatriated to the U.K. at the end of the War and was placed on the retired list in 1946.

To those who knew Ted Swinton well the

two qualities most prominent in our memories are his fortitude and his devotion to his Regiment. He possessed that true brand of courage which impelled him to do what he believed to be right and his duty, spurning caution and indifferent to the criticism of friend and foe alike. It was this inflexibility of spirit which on more than one occasion engendered brutal physical reprisals from his captors, but which remained immutable to the end.

Although retired from active service, his interest in Regimental affairs remained his dominant preoccupation and few indeed were the functions throughout the past 18 years from which Ted was absent, notwithstanding failing health and increasing physical infirmity.

Always actively interested in Memorials to members of the Regiment, he installed at his personal expense the Memorial Plaque in the Regimental Chapel, Kingston-upon-Thames, in memory of those who died as prisoners of war in Japanese hands. He also devoted much of his time and energies on behalf of the Embankment Fellowship, a Society which assists and cares for ex-servicemen who have fallen on hard times.

In mourning his passing we pay tribute to the memory of a brave and loyal son of the Regiment.

F.A.H.M.

COL. NORMAN SPELLER, M.B.E.

Col. Norman Speller, who died at his home in Southern Spain, on 1st February, 1964, aged 72, had a great career as a soldier. He enlisted in the 3rd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in 1909 and transferred to the Regular Army in the same year. He was posted to the 1st Battalion. By 1912 he was a Lance-Sergeant and when the First World War broke out was a Sergeant. In June 1915 he was promoted W.O.2. He was Mentioned in Despatches in 1917. He later became R.Q.M.S. in the 12th Battalion, where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of valuable services in bringing rations to the Battalion under most difficult conditions.

He had a flair for administrative work, and his Regimental background stood him in good stead when he transferred to the R.A.O.C. as a W.O.1 in 1926. From here he never looked back, except to remember his old Regiment. Promoted Lieutenant (O.E.O.)

in September 1932; he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1936. From then onwards his promotions were to Captain 1938; Major 1940; A/Lt.-Colonel 1942; Lt.-Colonel 1946; A/Colonel 1943. He was invalided out of the service in April 1946 with 100 per cent. Disability.

Col. Speller maintained an active interest in those who had served in the ranks of The East Surrey Regiment. He was a Founder Member of 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion The East Surrey Regiment Association, and Chairman 1933 to 1939. He was also proud to be a Founder Member of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association.

One thing that gave him a great deal of pleasure was the fact that he was the first N.C.O. eventually to attain the rank of Colonel in the R.A.O.C.

Norman Speller was a friendly and approachable man. He was loved by all who knew him and he always regretted that his disability prevented him being amongst his old comrades in this country. However, he kept up a large correspondence, and had frequent visitors from the Regiment when on their way through Gibraltar. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom is serving in the R.A.O.C. To them we offer our sincere condolences.

J.L.C.

CAPT. T. H. YALDEN, M.C.

With the passing of Thomas Henry Yalden, at the age of 85, the Regiment lost one of its oldest and most devoted members. He died at his home in Kingston on 18th January, 1964.

"Wob," as he was affectionately known for many years, was a veteran campaigner of great experience. He began his military career in 1898 when he enlisted in the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons and almost immediately found himself on active service in the South African War. He took part in the operations there for nearly four years and received the Queen's and the King's medals for the campaign.

After South Africa he served with the Inniskilling Dragoons in Egypt and India, and in 1914 went to France with that Regiment. In 1915 he was commissioned, in the field, to The East Surrey Regiment and served with the 9th and 1st Battalions in France, Belgium, Italy, and North Russia, and was wounded. For his gallant and distinguished services he was awarded the Military Cross.

He retired in 1921. He remained, how-

ever, very active; he was a Recruiting Officer for seven years and was for 23 years Secretary of The East Surrey Regiment Old Comrades' Association.

Boxing was one of his main interests; as a young dragoon he boxed as a middle-weight and won the Inniskilling's regimental championship at that weight in 1909. In his later years he acted as judge and referee for local boys' schools.

He was deeply devoted to the Regiment and was a frequent and extremely welcome visitor to Regimental Headquarters up to the time of his death. At last year's Remembrance Day parade in Kingston he commanded the detachment of the Regimental Association in the march past after the service.

Capt. Yalden leaves a widow, a son, and six daughters. On behalf of all members, past and present, of the Regiment we offer our sincere condolences to the family in their sad loss.

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Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., writes as follows:

"As one who perhaps knew 'Wob' Yalden rather better than many other members of the Regiment may I add a tribute to his memory and recount one of the many fine services which he rendered to the 1st Surreys in the First World War.

In 1918 'Wob' was our Transport Officer; during the final advance before the German surrender the 1st Surreys were amongst the leading troops driving the enemy back towards Germany.

The speed of the advance meant that rail-heads were left many miles behind us, roads and bridges had, in many cases, been blown up by the retreating Germans and our communications were stretched to their utmost. Yet in spite of all these difficulties never once was the 1st Battalion short of rations; Capt. Yalden begged, borrowed or stole transport vehicles to supplement his own; converted vehicle horses and mules into pack animals; organised mule trains; and in spite of very trying conditions delivered the rations to Battalion H.Q. every night.

It was only a man with Capt. Yalden's skill and determination in handling men and animals who could have achieved this result and we should be grateful to him for this and for many other loyal services.

We have lost a good friend and a most entertaining companion."

A. W. G. (BILL) FENNER

Bill Fenner was truly a remarkable man who, in his lifetime, became a legend both amongst his old comrades and to the successive generations who served with and under him. His death, at the age of 71, at his home in Croydon, came as a grievous blow. He served in the Army continuously from 1908 to 1946 and afterwards as Captain in the 1st Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery in 1908 and on completion of his term of service in 1920 joined the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon. He served in that Unit and with its successors until 1946, and held the appointment of R.Q.M.S.

The writer had the very great pleasure of meeting him on several occasions in India and on the North-West Frontier, when Bill took every opportunity to visit the boys from his home town. He was the same Bill Fenner as always; the British soldier par excellence, with sufficient *esprit-de-corps* and enthusiasm for 10 men. As Transport Sergeant of the 4th Battalion in the 1920's he made our transport an example for all units to follow. Later, as R.Q.M.S., he did the same for all things on the "Q" side.

In his duty and his friendship he gave all he had. He was for nearly ten years Hon. Secretary of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades' Association. None of us who had the privilege of knowing him as our Secretary could have wished for a better one.

I have known him as a Bombardier, Sergeant, C.S.M., R.Q.M.S. and Captain; but he will always be remembered as the one and only Bill Fenner, the truest friend and comrade any man could have. He will be sorely missed by us all.

E. H. ORGAN

MR. A. L. STENT, B.E.M.

We announce with deep regret the death, in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on 24th October, 1963, of Arthur Leonard Stent. He was 75.

He enlisted in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion in 1905 and joined the 5th Queens when the Territorial Force was inaugurated in 1908. Mobilised with the Battalion on the outbreak of war in 1914, he attended various instructors' courses and was then posted to 6th Queens and served in France with that Battalion.

He was demobilised in 1919 and went to

Charterhouse School as instructor to the O.T.C. The following year he was appointed Instructor R.S.M. to the Cadet Corps of the Royal Grammar School, Guildford; this appointment he held for more than 30 years. His special interest was in shooting and under his enthusiastic training and instruction the School shooting team attained many successes and a very high reputation. He was himself a very good shot and his successes included the Surrey Championship in 1926; he twice fired in the King's Hundred.

During the 1939-45 war he served in the Home Guard.

In recognition of his many years of devoted and meritorious service he was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Coronation Honours List in 1953.

MR. W. J. COGGIN

We regret to announce the death on 26th October, 1963, of William James Coggin, who was a Life Member of the Regimental Association. Born in 1875, he was one of our older members. When he was discharged from 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment in August 1904, Coggin had already completed a 10-year Regular engagement. A veteran of the South African War, he was called up again for service in the 1914-18 War, and he finally took his discharge in July 1928. William Coggin attended the Regimental Association Dinner in 1962, and although aged 87 he presented a soldierly appearance, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting old comrades.

We regret to announce the passing of the following former members of the Regiment.

MORRIS.—On 28th June, 1963, Pte. A. J. Morris. Served in 5th and 1st/5th Battalions of The Queen's from 1908-1918.

AUSTIN.—On 3rd August, 1963, Sgt. Thomas Austin (5143), aged 64. Served in East Surreys 1914-1919.

FLEMING.—In September, 1963, Sgt. Joseph Fleming (6084480), aged 51. Served in The Queen's 1930-1938.

RICHARDSON.—On 4th September, 1963, Cpl. George Robert Richardson (6137651), aged 55. Served in East Surreys 1927-1943.

WELLER.—On 4th September, 1963, Mr. Victor Weller, aged 48. Served in France with 1st/5th Queen's in 1940 and was later posted to 16th Battalion. In 1942 he transferred to the Devonshire Regiment

and served in Ceylon and Burma with 20th Indian Division.

WILSON.—On 6th September, 1963, Major Christopher Millwood Wilson, aged 52. Served with 1st/6th Queen's in the Western Desert and Italy during 1939-1945 War. Retired in 1945. He was a fine all-round sportsman and had played rugby for Middlesex.

HOWES.—On 7th September, 1963, Sgt. W. B. Howes (2515). Joined the Queen's 5th September, 1914, and served throughout World War I.

MILLEDGE.—On 14th September, 1963, Pte. Victor Henry Milledge (642928), aged 66. Served in the Queen's from 14th July, 1914, to 18th July, 1919.

EVENDEEN.—On 30th September, 1963, Pte. W. T. Evenden (6133407). Served in East Surreys from 1919-1936 and from 1939-1945.

CRABB.—On 9th October, 1963, Pte. Tom Crabb. Served in the Queen's from 1938-1945.

STENT.—On 24th October, 1963, R.S.M. Arthur Leonard Stent, B.E.M. (6076111), The Queen's, aged 75. (See Obituary.)

COGGIN.—On 26th October, 1963, Pte. William James Coggin (4248), East Surreys, aged 88. (See Obituary.)

Longbourne.—On 5th November, 1963, Brigadier-General Francis Cecil More-Molyneux-Longbourne, C.M.G., D.S.O., The Queen's, aged 80. (See Obituary.)

SMITH.—On 5th November, 1963, Capt. Roy Smith, aged 54. Commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment 9th March, 1940, and served in 50th, 11th and 2nd Battalions from 1940-1946.

GRIFFITHS.—On 6th November, 1963, Pte. Leonard Reginald Griffiths (G3/17572). Served in the East Surreys from 11th February, 1915, to 4th July, 1917.

DOWLER.—On 14th November, 1963, Lt.-General Sir Arthur Dowler, K.C.B., K.B.E., former Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment, aged 68. (See Obituary.)

FENNER.—On 23rd November, 1963, Capt. Alfred William George Fenner, The Queen's, aged 71. (See Obituary.)

RUMSEY.—On 7th December, 1963, Lt.-Col. W. T. J. Rumsey, aged 65. Joined The East Surrey Regiment as a Boy in 1912. Served during 1914-1918 War when he

received commissioned rank. Discharged in 1919 and joined Metropolitan Police. Re-joined the Army in 1939 and appointed to Staff. Retired in 1952.

DUNCOMBE.—On 12th December, 1963, Reginald Hubert Duncombe, aged 65. Enlisted in 2nd/4th Queen's 1914. Promoted Sergeant 1915. Transferred to Machine Gun Corps 1916. Commissioned in Scots Guards 1918. Served in France and Flanders.

GAGE.—On 14th December, 1963, Pte. John Samuel Gage (6137023). Served in East Surreys from 1925-1932 and again during World War II from 1939-1944.

HILL.—On 15th December, 1963, Sgt. Alfred Joseph Hill, D.C.M. (6077473), aged 79. Served in the Queen's from 1915-1923.

BRAZIER.—On 16th December, 1963, Pte. John Frank Brazier (16866), aged 81. Served in the Queen's from 1914-1919.

MIDDLETON.—On 26th December, 1963, Cpl. William Middleton (6084493), aged 49. Served in 1st and 2nd Battalions The Queen's from 1930-1953.

WILTON.—In December, 1963, Pte. Henry William Wilton (3/6978), aged 71. Served in East Surreys from 1911-1916.

BENNETT.—On 3rd January, 1964, Sgt. A. Bennett. Joined 22nd London Regiment 1934 and served in 1st/6th Queen's.

BUTLER.—On 4th January, 1964, W.O.2 William Henry Butler (6132238), aged 81. Joined Volunteers and served in the Boer War. On return from South Africa he joined The East Surreys. Served in France 1914-1917, when he was taken Prisoner of War. He was discharged in 1924 after 21 years' service with the Regiment.

BRIDGLAND.—On 10th January, 1964, Col. Cecil Alchin Bridgland, D.F.C., aged 67. Commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment 1915. Served in the Royal Flying Corps from 3rd July, 1917, to 31st March, 1918. Transferred to Royal Corps of Signals 19th August, 1920.

JARRETT.—On 13th January, 1964, C.S.M. Ben Jarrett. Served with 5th Queen's (T.A.) from 1929-1939. Lost a leg in 1940 due to an old wound but fitted with an artificial limb he became an active member of the Haslemere Home Guard throughout the 1939-45 War.

YALDEN.—On 18th January, 1964, Capt. Thomas Henry Yalden, M.C., The East Surrey Regiment, aged 85. (See Obituary.)

SWINTON.—On 19th January, 1964, Lt.-Col. George Edward Swinton, M.C., The East Surrey Regiment, aged 73. (See Obituary.)

CHETWYND-STAPYLTON.—On 20th January, 1964, Col. Granville Brian Chetwynd-Stapylton, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., The East Surrey Regiment, aged 76. (See Obituary.)

READ.—On 28th January, 1964, Pte. Ernest Albert Read (G14662), aged 65. Served in 2nd, 11th and 7th Battalions The Queen's from 1916 to 1919. Taken prisoner and escaped but was recaptured.

REECE.—On 31st January, 1964, Sgt. Leslie Reece (22548871), The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, aged 42. Died whilst serving at the Home Counties Brigade Depot.

JONES.—In February, 1964, Sgt. W. H. ("Taffy") Jones. Joined 22nd London Regiment in 1930 and served throughout 1939-45 War with 1st/6th Queen's.

SPELLER.—On 1st February, 1964, Col. Norman Speller, M.B.E., The East Surrey Regiment, aged 72. (See Obituary.)

WEBB.—On 4th February, 1964, Cpl. Jonathan Alfred Webb (6137736). Served in the East Surreys from 1928-1945.

SEARLE.—On 29th February, 1964, 2/Lt. David O. Searle. Served with 2nd/6th East Surreys in the B.E.F. 1940 and was taken Prisoner of War. Died in the tragic air disaster near Innsbruck, Austria.

GABB.—On 18th March, 1964, Lt.-Col. Harold Percy Gabb, M.C., T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Served with 1st/5th Queen's in Mesopotamia 1914-1919 in the rank of Captain. He was subsequently promoted to rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in R.A.M.C. (T.A.) and was attached to 5th Queen's as Unit M.O. from 1924-1926.

ARTHUR.—On 18th March, 1964, Mr. Frederick William Arthur, aged 67. Served in the Queen's during 1914-18 War and was wounded three times. Was a member of the Surrey Home Guard in World War II.

SPOONER.—On 8th April, 1964, Captain Arthur E. Spooner, M.C., aged 71. He served with distinction in the 1914-18 War, first in 7th Queen's and later in 8th Surreys on being commissioned.

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Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O.	Brig. A/Q, Headquarters Eastern Command.
Brigadier M. V. Fletcher	Military Attache, British Embassy, Bonn.
Brigadier F. A. H. Ling, D.S.O.	D.A.G., H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Brigadier G. A. White, M.B.E.	Commander 56th (London) Infantry Brigade, T.A.
Col. D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (Temp. Brigadier)	Commander 24th Independent Infantry Brigade Group.
Col. M. T. N. Jennings	Colonel GS, Infantry, Ministry of Defence.
Col. M. E. M. MacWilliam, D.S.O., M.C., T.D. (Temp. Brigadier)	Commander Federal Regular Army, Aden.
Lt.-Col. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	Headquarters, B.A.O.R.
Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews	Ministry of Defence (A.3).
Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.	School of Infantry.
Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C.	Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E.	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.	Officer Commanding, 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major F. M. J. Halliday	Army School of Preliminary Education.
Major I. P. Thomson, M.C.	H.Q., 42 (Lancs) Division/District.
Major P. R. H. Kealy	H.Q., Cyprus District.
Major J. U. Stobbs	The Ministry of Defence (Sales Directorate).
Major R. C. Taylor	Army School of Recruiting.
Major R. C. Guy, M.C.	Army Methods of Instruction Centre.
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Major I. M. Craig-Adams	Trucial Oman Scouts.
Major S. S. Ashby	Ministry of Defence (2(b)).
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Major B. S. Burns, M.C.	Army Apprentices School, Chepstow.
Major G. B. Curtis, M.C.	Ministry of Defence (M.O.4).
Major J. W. Sewell	H.Q., 19th Infantry Brigade Group.
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Major G. Mason	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Major H. C. Millman	H.Q., 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade Group.
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Major A. G. Jones	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Major G. G. Strong	H.Q., Allied Forces Central Europe.
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Major A. Donaldson	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major J. A. George	H.Q., British Guiana Garrison.
Major D. Abbott	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major J. H. S. Burgess	Attached H.Q., 3rd Division, Cyprus.
Major (Q.M.) J. W. Kemp	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major R. B. Johnson	H.Q., 52 (Lowland) Division/District.
Major J. G. F. Naumann	Ministry of Defence (A.G.2(0)).
Major J. B. Ray	Ministry of Defence (M.O.4).
Major J. T. Day	1st Battalion The Jamaica Regiment.
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Major (Q.M.) N. J. Turner	2nd Battalion Federal Regular Army, Aden.
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Capt. M. J. Doyle	H.Q.1 (B.R.) Corps.
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson	H.Q., 19th Infantry Brigade Group.
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Capt. S. T. W. Anderson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. R. W. Bing	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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Lt. D. J. C. Dickens	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Lt. C. E. J. Allanson	Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces.
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Lt. S. J. Petzing	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. K. G. Wakely	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Lt. A. C. Ward	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. D. H. Hutt	No. 39 Army Youth Team, Guildford.
Lt. C. G. Reeves	A.D.C. to Brig. A/Q Eastern Command.
Lt. H. G. D. Smith	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
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Capt. P. J. Collman, M.B.E.	H.Q., Federal Regular Army, Aden.
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2/Lt. D. J. Heath	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

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W.O.1 (R.S.M.) G. E. Mileham	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
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W.O.1 (R.S.M.) H. Boseley	5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) (T.A.).
W.O.1 (Bd. Mr.) F. Short	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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W.O.2 D. W. Adkins	5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) (T.A.).
W.O.2 (O.R.Q.M.S.) E. A. C. Pott	School of Infantry.
W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) R. E. B. Morris	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) J. J. W. Morris	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
W.O.2 (A/R.S.M.) A. Quickenden	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) L. M. Burnstin-Wilson	Trucial Oman Scouts.
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W.O.2 (C.S.M.) M. W. Batrick	1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
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W.O.2 (O.R.Q.M.S.) A. Wilmshurst	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) W. Warren	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) P. L. A. Todd	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) A. A. Cakebread	1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) R. J. Benson	1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) R. A. Jennings	Mons Officer Cadet School.
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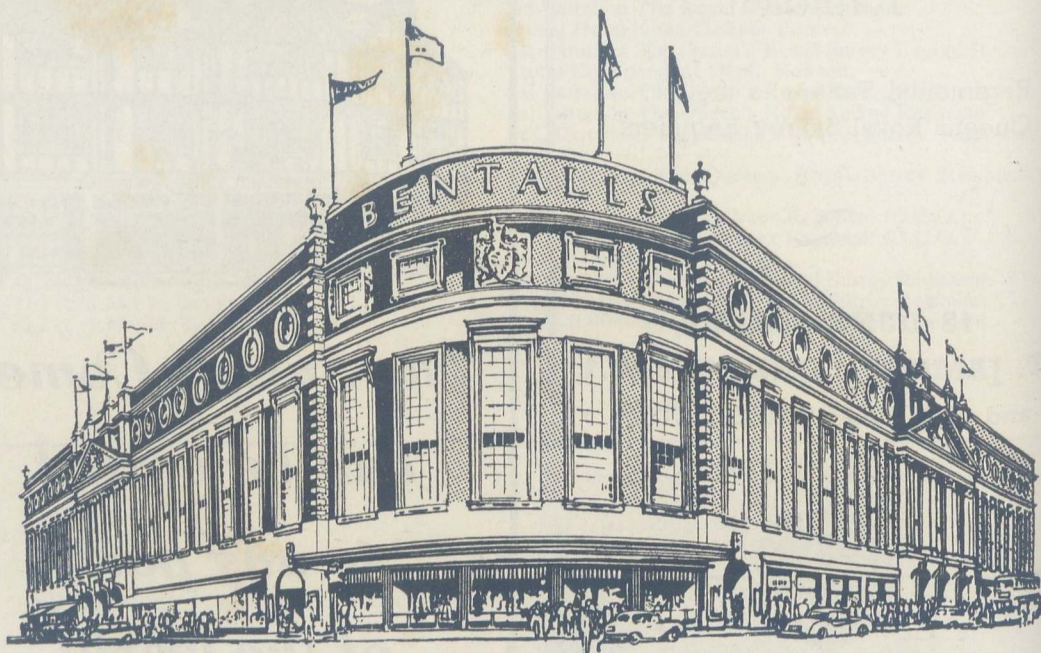


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