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Editorial

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The most important regimental event in this year has been the change in the Colonelcy of the Regiment. On 14th October, his tenure of appointment having expired, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe handed over the Colonelcy to Maj.-Gen. F. J. C. Piggott. We include a short editorial in which we express our thanks and appreciation to the former and introduce and welcome his successor.

We reproduce three articles submitted by young Officers at present serving in the 1st Battalion in Germany. They make very interesting reading and give a good insight into the modern methods of initiative and endurance training carried out in small teams.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Sortie de Bayonne, the last engagement of the Peninsular War; in celebration of the occasion certain ceremonies took place in Bayonne and Biarritz. Maj.-Gen. Francis Piggott represented the Regiment there and he has written for us an account of the events.

After the annual Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral many people said how greatly they had been impressed and inspired by the Address given by the Dean of Guildford; we sought the Dean's permission to publish the Address; he has very kindly consented and we reproduce the Address in precis form.

In May a pilgrimage was made to Cassino; this was the twentieth anniversary of the Battle of Cassino and a party of members of the Veterans Company, with their wives, sons, and friends took part in the pilgrimage. Col. T. A. Buchanan who sponsored this party has described the pilgrimage and all that it meant in his article "Cassino Revisited."

Recruiting is a vital and ever present subject which requires constant activity and revision in methods. Today the young serving soldier plays a very active and valuable part in what may be described as long term indirect recruiting. This is an entirely

new innovation; what it means and how it is done is explained in two articles contributed by the young Officers in charge of our "Army Youth Team" and "K.A.P.E." party. They and their young soldiers have done an excellent job.

Honours and Awards

On behalf of all past and present members of the Regiment we offer sincere congratulations to the recipients of the following Honours and Awards announced in the Birthday Honours List, 1964.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire:
Brigadier F. A. H. Ling, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Member of the Order of the British Empire:
R.S.M. G. E. Mileham, M.B.E.

British Empire Medal: Mr. T. Cahill, B.E.M.

We congratulate also the recipient of the following Honour conferred by Her Majesty The Queen of the Netherlands.

Officer of the Order of the House of Orange:
Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D.

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When submitting photographs it is important to include the names of all persons appearing in the photograph. Pictures of groups, teams, etc., lose much of their interest value if the names are not shown.

Colonelcy of the Regiment

MAJ.-GEN. J. F. METCALFE, C.B., C.B.E.

On 14th October, 1964, his five year tenure of appointment having expired, Maj.-Gen. John Metcalfe relinquished the Colonelcy of the Regiment.

His tour as Colonel was an exceptionally active one involving the physical amalgamation of the two former Surrey regiments and a Tercentenary Year, with all its ceremonial regimental and social functions.

When he assumed the Colonelcy on 14th October, 1959, he was already well known to most of us by virtue of the fact that he had commanded regular battalions of both of the two former regiments and had been chairman of the Amalgamation Committee.

Under his very able and genial chairmanship the Amalgamation Committee met frequently throughout the year preceding amalgamation and the many intricate problems and administrative matters involved were worked out in detail in an extremely happy and congenial atmosphere. On the very sound foundation thus laid has developed the happy and efficient Regiment to which we have the honour to belong.

Throughout the first four years of his Colonelcy he was serving on the active list, firstly in the War Office as Director of Personnel Administration and latterly as G.O.C. Aldershot District. In spite of the time and effort demanded by these exacting appointments he always gave to regimental affairs his immediate and meticulous attention.

Those of us who have had the honour and pleasure of serving on the various regimental committees under his chairmanship have found it an exhilarating and rewarding experience. We have been impressed by his ability to grasp quickly the essence of a problem; the definite decision followed by clear and concise instructions to all concerned.

He would never tolerate inefficiency in any form; on the other hand genuine difficulties were always appreciated and allowed for. Generous praise was readily forthcoming for a task accomplished to his satisfaction.

We are very grateful to him for all that he has done for the Regiment; for all of us the last five years have been a happy period, and in concluding this rather inadequate tribute we extend our very best wishes to him and we hope that he, too, will look back with happy memories to his tenure as the first Colonel of the Queen's Surreys.

MAJ.-GEN. F. J. C. PIGGOTT, C.B., C.B.E.
D.S.O.

On October 14, 1964, Maj.-Gen. Francis Piggott assumed the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment. He has 33 years' service in the Regular Army and is a soldier of very wide and comprehensive experience both in command and staff appointments.

Gen. Piggott joined The Queen's Royal Regiment as a Second-Lieutenant from Sandhurst on January 29, 1931, and was posted to the Second Battalion in which he served for four years. He spent the next three years in Japan as a language officer and on his return to the United Kingdom was appointed Adjutant of the Regimental Depot at Guildford in 1938. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he became Adjutant of the Infantry Training Centre.

He served in France as a Company Commander and Adjutant with 2/7th Queen's in the B.E.F. in 1940 and was Mentioned in Despatches. In 1941 and 1942 he held appointments as G.S.O.2 (Training) at the War Office and in Northern Ireland. He was flown out to India in 1943 and took up the appointment of G.S.O.1 (Operations) in Wingate's Special Force, the "Chindits."

In the campaign in Burma from 1944 to 1946 he served in the 9th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment firstly as second-in-command and then as Commanding Officer. For his gallant and distinguished services in these operations he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

After attending the Joint Services Staff College in 1947, he held staff appointments as G.S.O.1 (Intelligence) in Japan; G.S.O.1 (OPs) G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.; G.S.O.1 (S.D.) War Office; and G.S.O.1 (Plans) H.Q., B.T.E.

Promoted to the Brevet rank of Lieut.-Colonel on July 1, 1952, and to substantive Lieut.-Colonel on January 6, 1953, he commanded the First Battalion of The Queen's in Germany and Malaya from 1952 to 1954. On promotion to Colonel on June 27, 1955, he went to the War Office as G.S.O.1 (M.I.).

In September 1956 he was appointed to command 161 Brigade (T.A.) with the temporary rank of Brigadier, and in 1958 became D.D.M.I. in the War Office. He was promoted substantive Brigadier on June 27, 1959.

For the last three years he has been Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe, with the substantive rank of Major-General.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the Birthday Honours List 1952 and a Commander of that Order in 1961. In the Birthday Honours List of 1963 he was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

We welcome him as our Colonel and we wish him a very happy and successful Colonelcy.

The 'Sortie de Bayonne'—April 14, 1814

By MAJ.-GEN. F. J. C. PIGGOTT, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

THE "Sortie de Bayonne" was an historic event in Anglo-French relations. It was the last engagement of the Peninsular War, and the last battle ever to be fought between French and British on the soil of France. The ceremonies which took place at Bayonne and Biarritz on Sunday, April 12—the actual date of the sortie was April 14, 1814—celebrated 150 years of peace on French soil, and made a contribution to friendship between the two nations.

THE END OF THE WAR

The Peninsular War, which lasted from 1808 until 1814, was a relatively small but vital campaign in the conflict between Napoleon and the Allies which opened in 1794. It was brought to an end by Wellington's series of victories over Marshal Soult, but even more emphatically by the abdication of Napoleon after the disastrous Russian campaign and his defeat at the Battle of Leipzig. By the beginning of 1814 Wellington, with his mixed army of British, Portuguese, and Spanish troops, had driven Soult's army out of Spain. Before continuing his march eastwards towards Tarbos and Toulouse Soult posted a strong garrison in Bayonne, where the French were under the command of a very tough-minded soldier, Gen. Thouvenot. Wellington, following up the retreating French army, left a force to invest Bayonne.

A series of engagements between the two

main armies followed, notably at Orthez and, on April 10, 1814, at Toulouse, where again Soult was defeated. As the French Marshal was withdrawing from Toulouse two days later, news reached Wellington of Napoleon's abdication. He immediately informed Soult, and hostilities came to an end. Soult, it is presumed, sent a message to Thouvenot in Bayonne, but before it reached him the French garrison made a gallant, if in the circumstances useless sortie, with heavy casualties on both sides, the French losing 900 men and the Allies 800.

THE CEMETERIES

The British private soldiers were buried where they fell, but the bodies of the officers of the two regiments principally concerned, the Coldstream Guards and the Third (now Scots) Guards, were interred in two little cemeteries, about a quarter of a mile apart, on what are now the northern outskirts of Bayonne, just off the main Bordeaux road. They are maintained by the proceeds of a trust fund set up by a sister of one of the dead officers, a Miss Holburne, whose brother, Capt. F. R. T. Holburne, had been Adjutant of the Third Guards, by contributions from the two regiments, and by donations from other organisations. They have always been looked after voluntarily by members of the resident British community, with unfailing and generous assistance from the Municipality of Bayonne.



SORTIE DE BAYONNE. 14th April, 1814

The interior wall of the Memorial Porch at St. Andrew's Church, Biarritz

The French Memorial to the men who lost their lives in the sortie de Bayonne stands on the main road, near the British cemeteries.

This, and other engagements of the Peninsular War, is also commemorated by a memorial porch at the Anglican Church of St. Andrew at Biarritz, dedicated to the memory of "The Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the British Army who fell in the South-West of France from October 7, 1813, to April 14, 1814." It was erected in 1882 "by their fellow-soldiers and compatriots." On the porch is a list of the 63 British regiments which took part in the various engagements, and their respective casualties, and there is also a plaque commemorating the Royal Navy. The porch was damaged during the last war by bombs dropped by an Allied plane which had lost its way and thought it was jettisoning its bombs into the sea.

THE PORCH RESTORED

As the result of an appeal by the Anglican Chaplain in south-west France, the Rev. Walter Barnes, to the regimental associations concerned, the porch has now been restored and was re-dedicated on April 12. There is still a large resident British community in the area, which attracted large numbers of British visitors in the later years of the 19th and early 20th century. Queen Victoria in 1889, and King Edward VII 20 years later, both visited the Bayonne cemeteries.

At the ceremonies on 12th April, some 30 British Regiments were represented. The order of dress was No. 1, and the only three officers dressed alike were the three Major Generals (R. H. L. Wheeler, Col. Comdt. R.A.; R. C. MacDonald, Col. R. Warwick Fus; and myself). At least one Frenchman thought that the British were wearing the Peninsular War uniforms for the occasion; I was accused of being a cavalryman because of my spurs, and was invited to explain, in French, the significance of the many types of nether garment on view—the kilt, trews, overalls and trousers with various forms and colour of stripes. It was a severe test.

The day started with wreath-laying ceremonies at two British cemeteries in Bayonne, where the graves of Coldstream and Scots Guards casualties were notably well-tended and preserved. We then moved to a road junction on the main approach to Bayonne, where, for half an hour, a considerable crowd

held up the traffic by standing in the road while wreaths were laid on the memorial to the French defenders of Bayonne. Speeches were made by the Mayor and the British Consul, and a French children's choir sang. Then on to the Cathedral, where a Mass was celebrated. And the morning finished with a vin d'honneur (speeches and champagne) in the Hotel de Ville of Bayonne.

In the afternoon it was the turn of Biarritz. We attended the laying of wreaths at the Memorials to Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, and then attended a Service at which the restored Porch of St. Andrew's Church was re-dedicated. Finally, there was a dinner (in Mess Kit), and further speeches, in the Miramar Hotel. The next day I had to motor back to S.H.A.P.E. (500 miles in 10½ hours) in order to be on the job the following morning; luckily I had my wife and daughter with me to share the driving.

We did not have time to seek out any individual items of Regimental history. The Memorial Porch, while it recorded the presence in the area of both the 2nd and 31st Foot, and while it displays "PRISTINAE VIRTUTIS MEMOR" prominently, does not produce evidence to show that we took a leading part in the fighting. Two (un-named) rank and file of the 2nd Foot and one of the 31st Foot fell at the Battle of the Nivelle on 10th November, 1813; Ensign Hardy (31st) died of wounds received on the Nive, plus seven (again un-named) rank and file; and Bt. Major Fearon (31st) and one soldier died of wounds received at Garris nearby. It would seem that the major parts of both Regiments marched on to Toulouse (nearly 200 miles away) prior to the severe fighting which occurred at the "sortie de Bayonne."

Nevertheless, it was a very well worthwhile exercise. The British Military Memorials are well cared for by the enthusiastic Padre Barnes, and it is pleasant to note that the local French people really are Anglophile.

F.J.C.P.

OUR ADVERTISERS

Will our readers very kindly mention this Journal when writing to or purchasing from those firms who advertise in the pages of the Regimental Journal.

Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

Our annual Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral was held on Sunday, 21st June. The Regimental representatives with their families numbered about 600.

R.S.M. A. Quickenden with a party of P.S.I.s and N.C.O.s from the 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.) made the preparations outside the Cathedral. The Regimental flag was hoisted on one of the giant flagstaves and the saluting dais was placed in position together with a flagstaff at which was flown a small Regimental flag. R.S.M. Quickenden and his party also carried out the duties of ushers in the Cathedral and assisted in the taking of the collection.

Heavy rain fell before and during the Service but was replaced by bright sunshine in time for the March Past afterwards. Headed by the combined Bands of 3rd and 4th Queen's Surreys (T.A.) about 300 members of the Regimental Association, marshalled by R.S.M. Quickenden and commanded by Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O., took part. The salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, and the Dean of Guildford stood by the dais.

In the Service the Lesson was read by the Colonel of the Regiment, and The Right Reverend G. W. Clarkson, M.A., Dean of Guildford, gave the Address.

In his Address the Dean first welcomed the Regimental Association to its Annual Service and then expressed the gratitude of the Cathedral for the Regimental Chapel which was used regularly and frequently, with great gratitude, both to thank God for the loyalty and service of the Regiment since its foundation and also to make prayer to God for all those men who in the years of the Regiment's Service had died in action.

He then went on to discuss the present situation in regard to War and Peace, with special reference to the publicity given to "Hatred of War" movements in the country. "It is all very well to say you hate war if your hatred is based only upon theoretical considerations, but this is insufficient, and the people who really hated war most were the soldiers who had to take part in it, to endure its agonies, and to kill their fellow men in the pursuit of it. Soldiers hated war because of their actual experience in it and



Photo by D. E. F. Eldridge

Members of the Regimental Association in the March Past

not only for idealistic reasons."

But, he said, he would make two reservations about all this.

There is first the consideration that must be given to situations that were in fact worse than war, such as starvation, excessive disease, overbearing tyranny, out of which men would fight their way if they could by no other means escape from the misery and frustration and agony such things caused. These problems need the most careful study by the best sort of men, and out of that study should come training to deal with the problems involved and personal service on the spot to wean people, often unwilling people, from their conditions. In past years the study and training and personal service which The British Empire had given to such people had saved the world from disaster, and only similar personal devotion could save it again. He was of the opinion that the British Commonwealth could rise to such duties if only the younger generation would get it quite clear that sitting down and talking is not enough. In the meantime there is need to keep the peace in places where peace is hard to keep and the study, training, and personal service which soldiers were bringing to the work was essential and most praiseworthy. Here is a real glory to be served strenuously and a real man's job to be done.

His second reservation was that although war was wholly evil as it was conducted nowadays, the human spirit of the men who were actually caught up into it and endured its deprivations, disciplines and agonies, was able to rise out of the misery into comradeship of a very high order indeed. Soldiers made friends with each other, they wholly trusted each other, they supported each other without question or doubt in both good times and bad. This is very high virtue indeed. It also demands study and training and personal service of a very high order, and he was deeply grateful that young men were coming forward who were able and willing to do all the work that was involved and serve each other in the companionship that was essential to every operation.

So when he used the text "Be strong and of a good courage" (from the Lesson which had been read—the first chapter of the Book of Joshua) he used it not so much in the sense of being able in a sudden brilliant improvisation to do something vivid and spectacular, as in the sense of being able and willing

through years of hard work, study, training, and personal service, to carry this great burden of removing the agonies and hardships which were in fact worse than war. This would be a long-term, a more-than-lifetime's job, but only in the proper performance of it would true courage and true glory lie:

39 (West Surrey) Army Youth Team

A Hard Night's Year in Retrospect

BY LT. D. H. HUTT

Since the last brief report in the November 1963 issue of the Journal the Regiment's Army Youth Team has made a considerable name for itself and at the end of a year's activity it is possible to look back on some notable events.

The Army Youth Team, as opposed to a Regimental Recruiting Team, was the first to be operating actively in the Country, and much useful experience, obtained very often through trial and error, was passed on by the Team Leader to the Army School of Recruiting, where the new Team Leaders spend a week before taking up their appointments.

Although the first aim was to "sell" the image of the Regular Army as it lives today, it was inevitable that the three young soldiers working with the Team should develop a high powered sales technique which would have a direct influence on recruiting. The main objective was the Youth Clubs where it was possible to make personal and friendly contact with Club members, and to help them and their Club through providing facilities such as .22 ranges and gymnasias in winter, field firing ranges and training areas in summer. There are more than four hundred clubs in West Surrey and of these nearly 200 were actively approached and many more enjoyed "fringe benefits" through open days and "At Homes."

Winter work was confined to the evenings and five nights visiting a week was the rule from the earliest days. Both the National Press, especially the *Daily Mirror* which featured a very good report, and the B.B.C.,



AT WOKING Y.M.C.A.
Pte. Tony Goddard keeps a professional eye on bren gun sight-testing. The Youth Team stand, in the background, is a regular feature of an evening visit



AT WOKING Y.M.C.A.
Sgt. Eric Lockwood explains correct handling of the Stirling sub-machine gun

THE 39th (WEST SURREY) ARMY YOUTH TEAM



Photo by Thomas A. Wilkie, F.R.P.S., A.I.B.P., Guildford

Seated: Lt. D. H. Hutt, Sgt. E. G. Lockwood
Standing: Ptes. J. Brummell, A. Goddard and M. Caton

where the Team Leader gave a diplomatic breakfast-time interview to Ronald Robson of "Today," helped immensely in stimulating local interest.

Enterprises have included expeditions to North Wales, Dartmoor, Salisbury Plain, Stanford PTA and Poole, where all kinds of outdoor activities from rock climbing to canoeing have been enjoyed by the Team and club members alike.

This autumn it is hoped to exploit the goodwill that has been established and to make the Regiment's Youth Team part and parcel of the Youth scene, representing all aspects of the Army, both regular and T.A., in an effort to bring the challenge of "soldiering in the 60's" to life.

During the past year the 39th Army Youth Team has been made up of the following:—

Lt. D. H. Hutt, Sgt. E. G. Lockwood,
Pte. A. N. Goddard, Pte. J. Brummell,
Pte. M. P. Caton.

Both Ptes. Goddard and Brummell married girls from Oswestry during their tour. All three soldiers have now rejoined the 1st Battalion. Many thanks are due to them for their good humour and enthusiasm during a year which has been both exciting and exhausting.

Lt. Hutt and Sgt. Lockwood continue in office for another year and will be supported by three new faces from the 1st Battalion.

Finally, a general vote of thanks to the many who have, by their encouragement and help, done so much to make the "Youth Team" venture such a success.

D.H.H.

K.A.P.E.

Keeping the Army in the Public Eye 1964

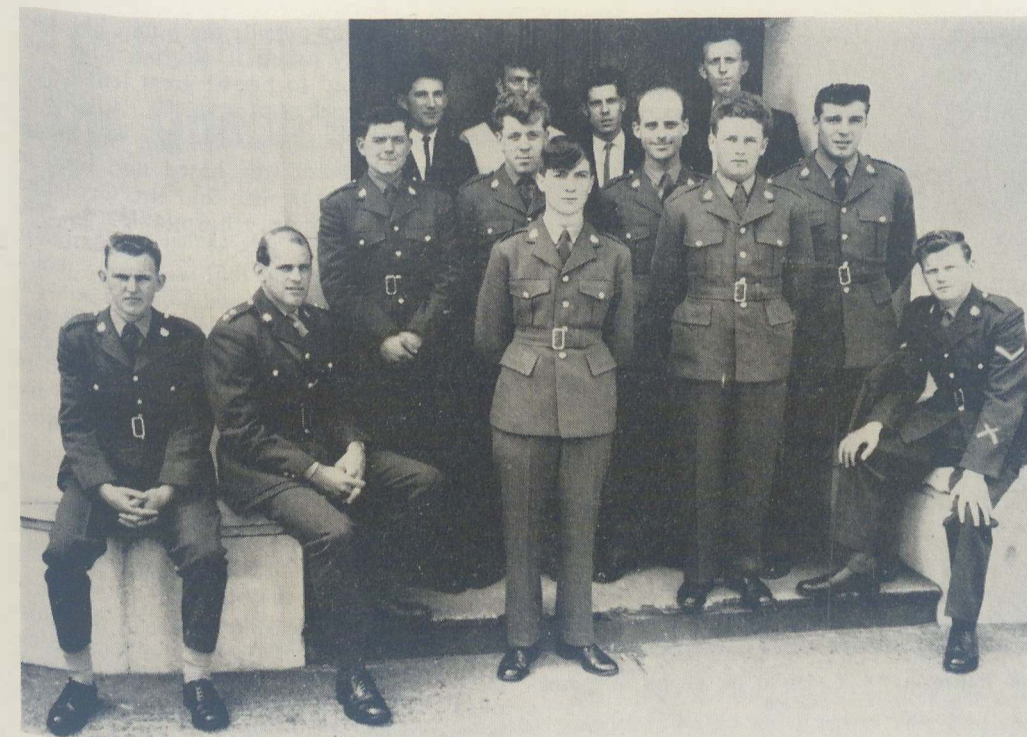
By LT. S. J. PETZING

"You're going back to England for six months to improve our recruiting figures" the Commanding Officer told me in March. Shortly afterwards I learned that Sgt. Jeeves, "C" Company was to go with me and that two private soldiers would complete the team. Pte. Jones of "C" Company and Pte. Williams of "B" Company were selected and we were told to be ready to move to U.K. by 27th April. In addition, our strength was to be temporarily increased for the month of July by a further nine men from the Battalion whom I was also able to select before returning to England.

Having attended a day's briefing on "K.A.P.E." in which Major Toby Taylor, from the School of Recruiting, played a leading part, I felt well equipped to tackle any potential recruit who might come our way, and also to pass on to the rest of the team what I had learned from the experts.

Sgt. Jeeves, Jones, and Williams left by air on Friday, 24th April and I left on the Saturday night by train, having played in the B.A.O.R. Seven-a-Side that afternoon.

The following Monday we installed ourselves at the T.A. Centre in Kingston with



K.A.P.E. 1964

L/Cpl. Hill, Pte. Peters, Sgt. Jeeves, L/Cpl. Jamieson
Pte. Snowden, Pte. Jones, L/Cpl. Shreeve, Pte. Jillings
Pte. Evans
Pte. Williams, Lt. Petzing, Pte. Patterson, L/Cpl. Atkins

Photo by Ian Bradshaw, Thames Ditton, Surrey

the 4th Battalion and R.H.Q. where we received every help with all sorts of minor problems and I met Col. Myddelton and Lt.-Col. Loveridge—the two retired officers with whom we were to work very closely during the summer months.

Having prepared our programme of visits to Army Cadet Force units and displays in the larger towns of Surrey, we then set about acquiring some vehicles, weapons and equipment. Two Champs and an Armoured 1 ton vehicle, the "Pig," came from a vehicle depot in Gloucester and the Brigade Caravan and an assortment of weapons and equipment were collected from Canterbury.

In addition, I had a slide projector and a box of slides of Aden and Hong Kong which proved of great interest to the A.C.F. units, especially those of Cadet Battalions of the Regiment, whom we visited in the evenings. Our additional nine men from the Battalion



Pte. Williams "B" Coy at the display at Long Ditton Green



Pte. Patterson "C" Coy at the display at Sutton Green

arrived at the end of June and for the next six weeks we were able to increase the tempo of our activities by working a shift system, having split the team into two.

Our programme included the setting up of information stands at Fairs, Church Fetes, in market-places and outside Town Halls; in fact in any place where we could get in. We also gave various demonstrations, including landings from helicopters; some complaints were received from the local population who objected to aircraft hovering around their chimney pots.

At the Surrey County Show, Guildford, our Information Stand got an honours mention for its decorations.

As we toured Surrey there were many hilarious moments, not least of which was the almost everyday occurrence of losing the "Pig" from our convoy for varying periods of time. Driven in the main by Pte. Snowden, who did a very good job manoeuvring it through the holiday traffic, the "Pig" was always an eye-catcher and standing out of the top in the observer position was, accordingly, a popular post.

There was a classic remark by a member of the public at Malden where the weapons

display was set up outside the public library—an elderly lady asked if we had sold any! It was explained to her at great length that the weapons were not for sale!

During July when we had maximum numbers the team was based and lived at Caterham Barracks with 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards who were very hospitable. In conversation with the R.S.M. of the Battalion he mentioned the fact that we were a junior Regiment and I was forced to point out that we had a far earlier Battle Honour, in fact the oldest in the British Army. Disbelief spread across his face and I was invited to have some coffee in his office while he disproved this mutinous talk. No further comment...

On 11th August the increment of nine men returned to Germany and the nucleus wound up our activities with a four-day visit to Mitcham Fair—"You've got candy floss in the working parts, mate!"

At the time of writing we are in the midst of a final fling in the form of a leaflet campaign via newsagents and Shanks' pony, all our vehicles, weapons and equipment having been returned.

With the exception of Sgt. Jeeves, who is following his K.A.P.E. activities with an attachment to the Army Information Office at Surbiton, we return to Germany towards the end of September having very much enjoyed our short stay in England.

S.J.P.



Left to Right: Lt. Petzing, Pte. Williams "B" Coy, Pte. Jones "C" Coy (hidden), at Long Ditton Green Display

1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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

February 1964 began with a visit from the Commander of 2nd Division, Maj.-Gen. M. A. H. Butler, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who inspected the Quarter Guard and then toured Barracks, meeting many officers and soldiers.

The emphasis this month was on brushing up on our Internal Security Training and mastering our Armoured Personnel Carriers, and to this end we held exercise Weight Handicap, which exercised us all in the preparations for the mechanics of a sudden move by air to support the Civil Power.

In the sporting world, we had two finalists in the B.A.O.R. Individual Boxing Championships. Pte. G. McLean ("B" Company) won the lightweight title and went forward to the Army Quarter Finals in England, but lost. L/Cpl. Ballard ("H.Q." Company) was beaten in the Featherweight finals.

In March we were the Spearhead Battalion of the Brigade Group, but in fact did not move from Munster, in spite of rumours and counter rumours about Cyprus and Malaysia. Besides standing by, the Companies took it in turns to have about a week at a time out in the field at nearby Haltern, being based on a friendly pub with a large barn. All ranks enjoyed this period of platoon and section training, and our A.P.C. "Pigs" became much more familiar.

In the middle of the month there was another air move exercise, and about 200 of us were moved to R.A.F. Gutersloh and had an hour's flight locally round Germany. Once again all the intricacies of the air move drill were practised, and all went smoothly.

On 20th March, we had a visit from the new 1 (British) Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir R. Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

In the sporting world, our rugby team took to the field and beat Munster Garrison, but lost to 1st Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

April saw the beginning of a gloriously sunny summer. For the first three weeks of the month, on and off, all Companies were based on Sennelager All Arms Training Centre, and nearly everybody fired every weapon and threw grenades. This period ended with a demonstration of the fire power of Battalion weapons, which went down very well. The G.P.M.G. made its first convincing appearance on this occasion.

Then came May, and during the month, staggered into the various airlifts involved, the whole Battalion, less the rear party, went on three weeks block leave. We had special coaches to take us to R.A.F. Gutersloh and thence by British United Airways to either Gatwick or Manchester, depending on the ultimate destination of individuals. By the end of the month we were all reassembled in Munster, fresh from leave and ready to get on with soldiering.

On 9th May, the Band and Drums took part in the Massed Bands Display at Osnabruck. As one of the 14 bands, including British, Canadian and a German one, they did very well. It was a great spectacle, floodlit, and before thousands of people in the Osnabruck Stadium.

At the end of the month, because we were away for the first half of June on training, we celebrated the Glorious First of June. On 29th May a party of 40 Officers, Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers from H.M.S. Excellent at Whale Island, flew out by the grace of the R.A.F. to take us on at cricket, eating and drinking. On that night an Officers' Mess Dinner Night was held, and on the 30th an excellent Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Ball. Meanwhile, the Royal Navy beat us at cricket. At the Officers' Mess Dinner Night, the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E., and the Captain of H.M.S. Excellent, Capt. H. H. Danreuther, were present,



Pte. Davey climbing into his armoured vehicle

together with several Queen's Surreys officers serving away from the Battalion, stationed in Germany.

On the 30th also, the soldiers had a special lunch with free beer, all of which went down very well. The next day the Royal Navy departed, taking with them the Silver Challenge Trophy, to be disputed again next year.

June was a lovely summer month. The first seventeen days of it were spent up in the Soltau Training area, near a village called Borstel, under canvas. We trained with our affiliated armoured squadron, "B" Squadron the 4/7th Dragoon Guards, and once again had a most enjoyable training period. The pubs round the area were most friendly too. Apart from pubs, there were several expeditions made in out of working hours to places of interest nearby, and one or two people even got to Hamburg for an evening out.

During this period camp we had about fifty five T.A.E.R. soldiers attached to us, from both our T.A. Battalions and also from 3rd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. They were split up among the rifle companies, according to their employment, and seemed to mix in well and fully enjoyed themselves. They finally returned to England on 19th June, and we hope we shall see them again next year.

After Soltau, seven teams, each of an officer and seven, from the rifle companies went trekking in the Harz Mountains for a

week. This was a form of adventure training, and involved walking, climbing and swimming, and living hard. All the teams did well and benefited from it greatly.

At the end of the month the Support Platoons went up to Putlos, on the Baltic Coast, for ten days or so, and fired live bombs and shells. This was part of the Divisional Support Platoons Concentration.

July was another pleasant sunny month. On 4th July, the Rifle Companies moved down to Vogelsang Training Area, not far from Aachen, a lovely place with lakes and pine covered hills, for training, based on Van Doren Barracks, all of which was administered by the Belgian Army. Headquarters Company and Battalion Headquarters joined them on 11th July. The accent here once again was on working as platoons and companies in A.P.C.'s with armour, and here too were "A" and "B" Squadrons 4/7th Dragoon Guards. Whilst in this area, we had three reporters staying with us for a week, one each from the Croydon Advertiser, The Surrey Comet and the Surrey Advertiser; they saw all that they could of our activities and wrote some local boy stories. Public Relations produced a photographer for them which was a great help.

From Vogelsang, too, we had the opportunity of visiting the Siegfried Line and other places of tourist interest.

We provided a platoon commanded by 2/Lt. M. R. A. Goode, for a demonstration to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, who were encamped nearby. This platoon did very well and made an excellent impression. The Commandant of Sandhurst wrote the Commanding Officer a personal letter on this occasion, thanking him and said "My staff particularly commented on the spirit, alertness and competence of both the platoon under 2/Lt. Goode and the enemy provided by your reconnaissance platoon under Capt. Anderson."

Meanwhile, in England all this month, under Lt. S. J. Petzing was our team of eleven soldiers keeping the Army in the Public Eye (K.A.P.E.). They were drawn from all parts of the Battalion after careful selection, and after a short course on all support weapons, vehicles, etc., were despatched to remind Surrey of our existence. They appeared all over Surrey at various demonstrations and functions and did extremely well, returning to us in August.

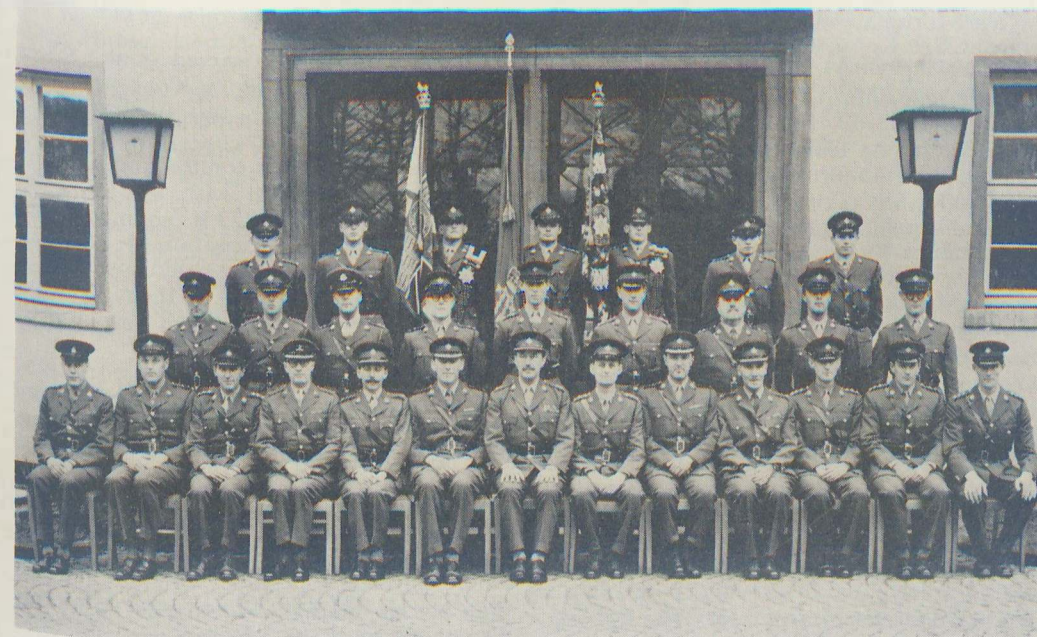


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THE OFFICERS 1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT, MUNSTER, GERMANY, 1964

Back Row Left to Right, Lt. N. D. J. Harris, 2/Lt. R. T. W. Mellotte, Lt. J. M. B. Westing, Lt. A. C. Ward, Lt. S. J. Petzing, 2/Lt. M. J. Jarratt, 2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld. Middle Row Left to Right, 2/Lt. D. M. Tucker, 2/Lt. C. M. Howard, Lt. J. H. Bonnell, R.M.P., Lt. F.J.W. LeMaitre, Capt. R. W. Acworth, Lt. R. P. Murphy, Lt. F. Oram, 2/Lt. M. R. A. Goode, 2/Lt. D. J. Heath. Front Row Seated Left to Right, Major R. H. McKeith, R.A.M.C., Capt. R. G. W. Bing, Capt. G. B. Redfern, Major R. Ewart, R.A.P.C., Major D. Abbott, Major D. R. Bishop, Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C., Capt. H. M. Hare, Major M. F. Reynolds, Major J. W. Kemp, Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson, Capt. T. C. Rogerson, Capt. B. D. S. Burton

On 17th July, the Commander-in-Chief Rhine Army, General Sir William Stirling, together with our Brigade Commander, Brigadier C. W. Dunbar, visited the Battalion in the field at Vogelsang, and lunched in the Mess. On 18th July, we returned to Munster.

The rest of July was a quiet period in Barracks, with one Battalion signals exercise at Haltern and two days of helicopter training, helped by R.A.F. Gutersloh, on the barrack square.

August Bank Holiday weekend was spent motoring 150 miles, as a complete Battalion move, up to Hohne ranges—the N.A.T.O. Artillery Ranges near Soltau—to take part in an exercise with live fire support. All went well with no mishaps, though one 105mm shell landed on the edge of the start line, not far from the Assault Pioneer Platoon. We then motored back to Munster, after the

exercise, to a day off instead of our Bank Holiday Monday.

On 15th August Munster Garrison held an At Home Day for the people of Munster. Our contribution was various side-shows, and a display of infantry weapons. Our Band and Drums, together with those of the 1st Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment, beat Retreat before the assembled crowd. About 10,000 people came to the At Home, and it is hoped that this will have done something towards maintaining the friendly relationship between the people of Munster and the British Army.

Later in the month we held the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Championships, and the standard of performance was good, with plenty of go about it. "B" Company won the Inter-Company Cup. We hope now to build up a goodish team from this, for the Divisional Championships.

We are fortunate in having a new A.P.T.C. Sergeant, Sgt. Kasai, with us, who is an expert in the boxing world, and we hope with his guidance and enthusiasm to do well in the future.

Our swimming team this year, with little training, was unfortunate to lose in the Divisional Championships, entirely because of one disqualification. However, it was a lesson for the future, and we hope next year our team will be the winners.

September is a month of Battalion exercises building up to the Brigade exercises in October. The Battalion rifle meeting is at Sennelager the first week in September, and on 6th September, we have the Band and Drums, together with a detachment of 80 strong, under the Adjutant, going to Brussels to take part in a ceremony of unveiling a memorial to the Brigade Piron, Belgian troops based on Britain during the war.

In conclusion, it can be said that we have had an interesting first summer season in Germany and have learnt a lot. The training has been varied and amusing, and we have certainly seen many different parts of Germany. Our recruiting figures are improving, with a steady flow of 20 or so recruits a month from the tireless Depot.

On 10th September, Captain T. L. Trotman relieved Captain H. M. Hare as adjutant.

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander ... Major A. Donaldson

The newly formed "A" Company has seen a number of changes in the first few months of its life. After a short time in the chair Major M. F. Reynolds moved on to "C" Company handing over to Capt. S. T. W. Anderson. He in turn handed over to Major A. Donaldson, whom we welcome back to the Battalion after a long period of absence.

C.S.M. Dunkeld has departed and C.S.M. J. Morris has taken his place. The C.Q.M.S. is now C/Sgt. Newman Knott who took up the appointment after one week as Recce Platoon Sgt. L/Cpl. Hudson continues to thump his typewriter and kick a football effectively. His presence gives some semblance of continuity to Coy. "H.Q."

The Company consists now of the Recce Platoon, the Corps of Drums and the Assault Pioneer Platoon. Very shortly we are to have a Support Platoon.

Recce Platoon

Many of those who served in the Recce Platoon in Aden and Hong Kong wondered from time to time whether the idea of a Recce Platoon was well conceived. Scope in these countries seemed limited and we were still living in the past with M.M.G.'s on charge. Arrival in B.A.O.R. soon dispelled all doubts about our usefulness however. The M.M.G.'s were left behind to decay in the "last outpost", and in their place we accepted, gratefully six, almost new, F.F.R. Land Rovers.

After two slack months the exercises came fast and furious. We found ourselves being used so much for so many varied tasks, some of which were actually quite good training, that one wondered what on earth the Army did without us!

In the last Journal the departure of Sgt. Anderson was recorded. He was unfortunately allowed to escape without taking a pint off his Platoon Commander who was dispatched with the advance party to Germany. Sgt. Anderson in his new job relieved Sgt. Silverside, who has arrived as Recce Platoon Sgt.

There have been many amusing incidents during exercises, and one that springs to mind happened when N.C.O.'s from the Rifle Companies were being shown some O.P. positions dug by the Platoon. Having been shown the various stages of construction the "C" Company party were then taken to an area and told that there was an O.P. position within a few yards. The Platoon Commander was in the process of revealing the entrance to the O.P. when five N.C.O.'s who had unwittingly been standing above the trench suddenly disappeared from view. The overhead cover had not been quite strong enough. It says a lot for the discipline in "C" Company that the five men were still standing to attention when they hit the bottom eight feet below!

We have had some worrying times with our Landrovers because when they are stripped down and camouflaged, they look so much like bushes as to be a hazard to all other drivers. We all look forward to winter exercises with no canopies or windscreens!

The pace of B.A.O.R. has been such that there has been little chance for people to partake in extra-mural activities. The only two men in the Platoon who have managed to leave our ranks were Pte. Constable who commendably completed a free fall course,

and Pte. Owen who spent a few days at Church House, Iserlohn. The time of the latter was obviously not wasted when he was prevailed upon to conduct some hymn singing in the field a few weeks later!

Although late in the day we have to congratulate Cpl. Woodhall on his marriage and also his promotion. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Woodhall knew about the promotion in advance, because she now works in the typing pool, and of course being a member of the "Kremlin" said nothing.

Block leave in November will see the marriage of two if not three of the Platoon, led by the Platoon Sergeant who obviously had a very successful tour at Tonfanau. We wish them luck and a happy married life. In this wish we also include Sgt. Anderson who was married shortly after arrival in Tonfanau.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major A. G. Jones

Since our last notes the Company has mastered the PIG—the Humber 1 ton A.P.C.—and the tactics of A.P.C. warfare. Most of our time has been spent with our Pigs. Cleaning, painting, riding, breaking and training in them, and except for a few weeks at Sennelager in April on classification and individual training, most of our time has been spent with the A.P.C.'s.

We paid two visits to Haltern Training Area from 2nd to 7th and 16th to 18th March, where platoon and section commanders were able to shake out for the first time in their new role of A.P.C. Commanders. The Company were housed on both occasions in Gasthause Wilms, which gave us some protection from the bitter cold, and supplied liquid refreshment to help protect us from the remainder. Most evenings, when we were not on night exercise, developed into loud and lively choral evenings under the leadership of Cpl. Morant.

A number of problems arose from the exercises, particularly the difficulties in communications and the tendency of the A.P.C.'s to bog or breakdown, but a number of good lessons were learnt. The climax of the training was a Company Advance to Contact, which the Brigade Commander, Brig. Dunbar, came to watch; he seemed pleased with our progress.

On our return to Munster No. 7 Platoon lost their Platoon Commander, Lt. A. F. S. Ling, who left for the United States of America to do a three month Rangers Course, and 2/Lt. Jarrett took over his platoon. The Company continued to train in preparation for Sennelager, but were packed and ready to move to any trouble spot in the world.

Our move to Sennelager was the first journey of any length taken by the Company in our A.P.C.'s. We moved out in platoon packets at 2 minute intervals and arrived at Sennelager in a different order and at varying times, but nevertheless complete. Our visit to Sennelager lasted from the 2nd to the 22nd April. The first week was under canvas during which time we completed our own and half of "H.Q." Company's Annual Classification. The results this year were rather disappointing and the general standard below average. The bitterly cold weather certainly had an effect on everybody, going so far as to snow one day. So much for April in Europe. Morale was kept high during this unpleasant week by four factors, an enormous wood fire, which was not appreciated by the local Forstmeister; Sgt. Stagg and his cooks; C/Sgt. Proud and his Rum, and Cpl. Dean with his hot dogs and beer. For the last two weeks we joined the remainder of the Battalion in Theatre Barracks, and the sun came out to stay. These last two weeks consisted of platoons taking turns on the excellent and realistic section and platoon live firing ranges. We were also able to do some night firing and a number of people were able to experience the surprise of the night Recce Patrol Course.

The Support Platoons of both Companies amalgamated and worked as Mortar and A/Tk. Platoons. They were also able to carry out some first class training, culminating in a successful Support Weapons Demonstration for the rest of the Battalion, though a near miss by a "B" Company D.C. with our precious H.E.S.H. rounds produced a number of interesting comments.

Soon after our return to Barracks preparation for our block leave began and most of the Company were on leave by the 6th May and back by the 28th May. It can be recorded from all accounts as a successful month.

No sooner had the Company arrived back than we were off to Soltau with the Battalion to carry out Infantry Tank co-operation with "B" Squadron of the 4/7th Dragoon Guards.

Before we departed Lt. J. M. B. Westing, Lt. R. Murphy and Pte. Scott were selected to represent the Regiment in the traditional cricket match against H.M.S. Excellent. We spent the 1st to 21st June in the Soltau Dust Bowl, and if it had not been for the over-worked bath unit nobody would have been recognisable. The training was hard and worthwhile and culminated in Exercise Mounted Major, a Company and Platoon test exercise, Major A. G. Jones arriving fully equipped but without his horse. No. 6 Platoon under 2/Lt. Heath were awarded the title of Top Platoon.

While at Soltau, although the Company Canteen made large profits a number of trips were made to surrounding towns, Celle, Lunneburg, Soltau, and an interesting trip to Belsen under 2/Lt. N. D. J. Harris.

Our next activity of any interest as a Company, was our continued training with "B" Squadron, but this time at Vogelsang on the Belgium Border. The Support Platoon managed to vanish for ten days to Putlos for the British Corps Support Weapons Concentration which, except for the poor ranges, was very successful. They joined us at Vogelsang on the 6th July. While at Vogelsang we were hoping to do some river crossing exercises, but unfortunately the lake which we were to have used had been emptied to clear some recently discovered Royal Air Force bombs. The training was entirely on a Company Squadron basis and though wireless nets were inclined to become tangled and No. 7 Platoon were rarely on the net, more good practical experience was gained. We were also fortunate whilst at Vogelsang to undergo the Battle Inoculation Course. 100 yards leopard crawl under wire, L.M.G. fire surrounded by plastic explosives and to complete the atmosphere, a Tannoy System playing records of Dunkirk. The general opinion was that little of the noise was heard as the effort used in propelling oneself 100 yards at high speed on the belly, numbed one's hearing ability.

This summer, due mainly to block leave and exercises, has been very quiet on the Battalion Sports front, though Cpl. Meaden, L/Cpl. Hickman, Ptes. Miles and Scott were members of the Battalion Swimming Team which was so unlucky in the Divisional Swimming Championships.

During this period we lost Lt. C. G. Reeves to North Midland Command as A.D.C. to G.O.C., and Lt. R. P. Murphy, Sgt. Perryman

and Cpl. Patterson to the Depot. We would like to wish all who have left the best of luck in their new jobs. We also lost from 25th June to 10th August Cpl. Atkins, L/Cpl. Jamieson, L/Cpl. Hill and Ptes. Jillings and Williams who were selected to join Lt. S. J. Petzing's K.A.P.E. team for its tour in England.

Our congratulations go to Sgts. Thompson, Allan, Creane, Cpl. Atkins and L/Cpls. Smith (84), Glazier, Jillings and Fowle on their promotion; Cpl. Patterson and Atkins, Ptes. Mitchell, Tutor and Cross on their recent marriages, and to Sgt. and Mrs. Speakman on the birth of their son Robert Austin and finally to Pte. and Mrs. Pagani on the birth of their daughter Debra Jacqueline.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major M. F. Reynolds

At the beginning of April the Company said goodbye to Major Roupell who had commanded for nearly three years. We wish him and Mrs. Roupell the very best of luck in their new posting at H.Q. B.A.O.R. Major Reynolds moved over from "A" Company and in this same period we have welcomed Lt. Wakely from a three year holiday at Oxford University. He has taken over from Captain Bing as Second-in-Command. Lt. Ward is now Support Platoon Commander, 2/Lt. Horan has joined from Mons and Sgts. Maume and Hope from the T.A. They keep fatherly eyes on 11 and 9 Platoons respectively. We congratulate Sgt. Robinson on his promotion. Cpl. Parker has joined the Company from the Depot and Cpl. Prior from "A" Company. Sgt. Stredwick is now Company M.T. Sergeant. It was sad also to say goodbye to Cpl. Winfield on his leaving the Army, and Cpl. Wharmby to the Depot. The C.Q.M.S.'s empire has had its changes too; Myford has left to go plumbing and L/Cpl. Moore on posting. L/Cpl. Ibrahim has joined the Regimental Police and L/Cpl. Martin the Army Youth Team. Good luck to them all. We haven't seen Lt. Petzing, but understand he is "keeping the Army in the public eye" in his inimitable manner.

We moved to Sennelager for two weeks field firing on 9th April and were blessed with excellent weather. The new Company Commander started well by losing almost the



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"C" Company in the field, with tanks of "B" Squadron, 4/7th Dragoon Guards, at Soltau, June 1964

entire Company on a map reading exercise. It was a cross country affair without officers or N.C.O.'s. Everyone should have been in by 1700 hours but by midnight only a dozen had turned up. All was well in the end despite two nameless soldiers who found themselves inside the perimeter wire of a nuclear missile regiment with searchlights trained on them. The field firing went very well indeed and everyone seemed to enjoy the feel of real bullets whizzing around them. We also learned quite a bit about fire fighting and at least one Sergeant Major now knows that 2in. Mortar smoke bombs do cause fires in dry weather!

We all went off on block leave in May and returned to be thrown straight into the Glorious First of June Celebrations. These went well however, and without drawing breath we moved out on 31st May with all our vehicles and kit for two weeks infantry and tank training at Soltau. We had a good camp and again marvellous weather. The most memorable thing about Soltau was the dust. Each evening we returned looking like miners but thanks to the Brigade Bath Unit, which the Battalion monopolised, we got a shower every evening. During this fortnight we had about 20 men from the 3rd and 4th

T.A. Battalions attached to us. The Company Commander made a memorable, if rather long, speech of welcome at one o'clock in the morning and at 0800 hours they found themselves on a 15 mile endurance competition! We enjoyed having them and hope to see them again another day. Soltau ended with Platoon and Company test exercises.

At the end of June Lts. Howard and Goode took six men each trekking 100 kms. in 5 days through the Harz mountains. We had to borrow Lt. Winterfeld from "H.Q." Company to take another six as Lt. Mellotte had been banished to a Norwegian Island for three weeks on an Outward Bound Course. He tells us he was even driven to eating the only seagull that was stupid enough to visit his island. From the pictures Public Relations took of the Harz parties, it looked as though they had a great time.

Support Platoon at this time was up at Putlos having a jamboree with all the other Support Platoons of Rhine Army.

Lt. Howard had hardly returned from the Harz when he was off again with a party from No. 11 Platoon on a Border Patrol of the Iron Curtain. Despite many predictions there were no international incidents.

Early July saw us on the move again—this

time to join our affiliated armoured Regiment, the 4/7th Dragoons at Vogelsang. We lived in a vast ex S.S. barracks in the most glorious countryside, and once more the weather was kind. We had been due for only one week's training but the Cheshires were put on 24 hours notice to move so we took their week as well. Talking of "Stand-by," we've spent the whole of this period, except when on leave, at some sort of "Stand-by," but no one ever seems really to know what it is. One thing we do know is that we have to pack our kit one way for an air move, one way for I.S. and yet another way for a quick turn out here in Germany!

We got to know the tank "run" at Vogelsang pretty well after one week with "A" Squadron and another with our normal friends of "B" Squadron. The Company Commander hit on several new ways of occupying us when we'd had enough of the tanks, one of which was an "Escape and Evasion" exercise. Most of the Company and two helicopters under Lt. Horan were given the task of recapturing 20 "escapers" including some of the officers and the Sergeant Major. Needless to say they didn't get the latter, and only five got to the "frontier." Curtis was first; Lt. Goode and a gunner officer, attached for a week, also made it. But the most notable escapers were Newham and Robinson, who, after being captured once and stripped of their clothes, succeeded in escaping again clad only in one shirt and one pair of pants between them!

Whilst at Vogelsang Lt. Goode and No. 10 Platoon had to give a demonstration of platoon tactics to the cadets of Sandhurst who were in Germany on a two week exercise. It went very well and the Commanding Officer received a letter of congratulations from the Commandant of the R.M.A.

The Company Commander also started the habit of letting the Platoon Commanders take command of the Company at Vogelsang; whether out of conviction or laziness we are not quite sure. It will be a long time before we forget Lt. Howard's left hook attack on Pt. 85 though! Another memorable occasion was the cordon and search of Wolfseifen village, commanded by Lt. Ward, with the Sergeant Major and a grinning Cpl. Kiamil applying a little pressure round the ankles to obtain information from prisoners. The only successful "bandit" to escape was Gilbert.

The fortnight ended with another Company

test exercise. This involved village clearance which was great fun and the Commanding Officer congratulated the Company at the end of it.

We came back from Vogelsang to find that it was the cadre season. Driving, signalling, German language, education, field engineering—there seems no end to it.

In early August our K.A.P.E. team, Peters, Evans, Snowdon and Patterson, arrived back having had an excellent time with Lt. Petzing touring Surrey. Let's hope it has done some good and brings in the recruits. We have in fact had 15 reinforcements to the Company in this period and very welcome they are too. We also welcome Cpl. Buckmaster and 4 signallers from the Signals Platoon who are now fully part of the Company. This is all part of the policy of making Companies self contained with their own transport and signals.

We found that to celebrate August Bank Holiday we were to take part in a big gunner exercise at Hohne. This involved a Battalion attack supported by two Honest Johns and two 8in. shells, simulating nuclears, two regiments of guns, a squadron of tanks and our own mortars, all firing live! It seemed to go jolly well, but we did hear they dropped one short amongst "B" Company.

It is worth mentioning that to the great credit of Sgt. Stredwick and our drivers the Company has gone through every exercise with its full compliment of A.P.C.'s—no mean achievement with "Pigs."

We are about to leave for Sennelager again where once more we've caught the task of running the Battalion Rifle Meeting. We hope to do well with our team captained by Lt. LeMaitre who went to Bisley this year with a small party including Nolan. After that we embark on Brigade exercises which last until November when block leave comes round again.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Capt. R. G. W. Bing

Since the last publication of the Regimental Journal the inevitable change of personalities has been made. We were very pleased to welcome the R.Q.M.S., W.O.II McGregor who took over as C.S.M. of the Company and we were sorry to see the departure of C.S.M. Hopkins on posting to the Junior Soldiers' Wing at the Depot and W.O.II Chick, A.C.C. posted on promotion. We



Sgt. D. Roland Shrubbs at the wheel of the Office 3 ton truck

welcome the arrival of R.Q.M.S. Jessup and W.O.II Walker A.C.C., who should do us well in the cooking department having just come from the A.C.C. School. We also welcome Capt. Trotman and Lt. Smith who are due to take over Adjutant and Signals Officer respectively, Lt. Oram who returns to the Battalion as second Q.M. on commission and the recent arrival of Capt. "Wings" Stiff who might find it difficult to come down to earth now that he is back with the Battalion.

One important item not recorded in the last Journal was the fact that the Company was greatly reduced by the loss of the Corps of Drums, the Recce Platoon, and the Assault Pioneer Platoon to the newly formed "A" Company. This left us very weak, especially when it came to sports competitions, and we still had to produce "H.Q." Black and White. We were, however, left with our three major departments about which more follows.

SIGNAL PLATOON

R.S.O. ... Capt. R. W. Acworth

We now have a completely new organisation to enable communications to work. Whereas in the past all Regimental Signals

have been kept in the Platoon in "H.Q." Company we now have detachments with Companies, one Cpl. (Hythe-trained), two driver operators, and three operators. These teams are responsible for their Company communications and also their rear link communications on the Battalion Cmd. net. This has the effect of breaking up the platoon which was not at first very popular with its members. The result is, however, good and makes the task of providing communications easier.

Also, we have now produced four more driver operators, namely Ptes. Ely, Innes, McLeod and Cpl. Taylor (508 Sig. Tp.).

In March 508 Sig. Tp. R. Sigs was permanently attached to us with Sgt. Hunt as its Troop Commander. They now provide us with a complete rear link detachment to work on Brigade, two technicians who have proved their worth and who look after all minor repairs and Dunn, the only Welshman in the Platoon who looks after the batteries.

Cpl. Lees returned from Hythe in April having got an extremely good course report.

Sgt. Rippon is to be congratulated on being promoted to C/Sgt.

We started a new Grade III Regimental Signals Cadre in July and still have another two weeks to go. The results have not been very promising but we hope for much better results in December when we start another Grade III Cadre and three driver operators cadres.

In May after a successful N.C.O.'s Cadre the following were appointed L/Cpls:- Swanton, Goodman, Shreeve and Jones.

TRANSPORT

M.T.O. ... Capt. T. C. Rogerson

A recent description of Munster was "It's so flat you have to go uphill to Holland." Certainly this makes a pleasant change from Hong Kong where one hardly had the opportunity to get out of second gear.

The whole concept of M.T. life changed with our recent move to B.A.O.R. In the Battalion's last three stations, Hong Kong, Aden and England, driving on the left-hand side has become the rule. Several of our drivers, Callender and Morley among them, have spent several puzzled days wondering why so many Germans insisted on driving fast towards them on their side of the road.



Pte. Burnett and Pte. Rogers wait by the section vehicles.

We have also, for the first time, come on to the A.P.C. Bn. role. The A.P.C. which we have at present is a converted Humber 1 ton vehicle; 32 cwt. of Armoured plating has been slapped on to the Humber chassis and its appearance and performance has everyone calling it by the nick-name "Pig." Everyone except Burden who called it a long string of other priceless names when the "Pig" he was driving at Vogelsang lay on its side because it refused to be driven by a 3 ton driver. Pigs are sensitive animals.

Since transport has been decentralised to Companies, the M.T., to ensure that everyone appreciated that they, and only they, were the "Black Gang," took to wearing black webbing (officially black).

C/Sgt. Lea has recently followed the advice of Sgt. Leach and bought a Hillman Imp. After picking the car up from Dusseldorf the C/Sgt. drove via Koln back to Munster. The platoon is now a little apprehensive about the chances in the forthcoming B.A.O.R. driving championships.

"Chunky" Hassan taking three weeks leave in June with his knapsack on his back disappeared in a pair of oversized boots to tramp over Europe. There can be very few countries left now for Chunky to explore during the November leave period.

Lt. Oram has joined us as Q.M. Tech. and C/Sgt. Palmer is with us for a month to learn a few sharp practices prior to going to Bordon.

Our first A.S.M. R.E.M.E. when we arrived was Mr. Stevens who put in much

hard work with us as mediator in an introduction to the "Pigs." Mr. Barlar has succeeded him and leads a very hard working R.E.M.E. team. Cpl. Camlin although a firm teetotaller himself, has been useful in showing us the "bright lights" around the training areas.

Our congratulations go to Ptes. Sewell, Brown, and Baylis on their marriage and to Pte. and Mrs. Lane on the birth of their son and to Sgt. and Mrs. Roberts on the birth of Petra Lynn.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Early in May the Band took part in a successful display at Osnabruck, which started the season of Band engagements. The Bands taking part were from Germany, Canada and Great Britain. This did a lot to further good relations between musicians of the three countries taking part.

The next engagement of this type was at Cologne where we took part in a parade at the stadium with the Paris Police Band, a German Police Band and a Band from Belgium. Music of the marching kind has proved to be the favourite with the German people, especially in this instance where they showed their enthusiasm by clapping their hands and stamping their feet as the Band marched off playing *Auf Wiedersehen*.

The Nijmegen Marches in Holland gave the Band another chance to meet musicians from other countries; the first day started with a march into the town stadium with

all the marching teams taking part. Then followed a week of engagements along various parts of the route, the Band beginning to play when marchers came into sight. This was greatly appreciated by the British and American teams of whom there were many.

To bring the week to a close the Bands marched through the streets of the town to a great welcome by thousands of people, both young and old, who found great pleasure in throwing flowers and streamers from roof-tops and windows down into the streets.

The Queen's Surreys Band led the British teams through the town; this parade incidentally was televised by Eurovision. In the evening the Massed Band Finale had to be stopped half way through due to rather bad weather conditions.

At Vimy in France where the Band played for their annual festival, the local population could not do enough for the Band.

A great deal of work was put into the Munster Garrison At Home Day held at Waterloo Barracks in August together with the Band of the Royal Hampshire Regiment. This was a resounding success, both Bands wearing scarlet, which impressed the German people immensely; they were delighted by the fact that we included German music as well as our own Retreat marches.

In the future the Band has engagements in Brussels, again in Nijmegen, Eindhoven in Holland, then later on in October we go to Switzerland for a few days. This should prove to be one of the best jobs of the year as we are now rehearsing a new display which improves our appearance.

Promotions which have occurred since our arrival here are those of Cpl. Rothwell to Sergeant, L/Cpl. Macey to Corporal and Bandsmen O'Neil and Seal to L/Cpl.

We now have a four piece dance band instead of the five piece band used in Hong Kong. It now consists of Cpl. Imeson on Saxophone-Clarinet, Bill Bailey on Trumpet-Bass, Cpl. Macey on Guitar and John Willis on Drums. The jobs for the dance band in Germany are mainly Mess functions.

The Trad Band has become popular on Mess functions recently and has represented the band with neighbouring regiments and corps as well as in our own Mess.

As a whole work for military Bands in Germany has been far better than we ex-

pected, the Band being kept quite busy at weekends as well as during the week.

The Band is now well up to strength and in October we shall be losing five members to the Royal Military School of Music; Bandsmen Burdock, Constable, Kitcherside, Coleman and Nicklin. About the same time as these five leave us, the four whom were sent for the one year course last year will be rejoining us. These will be Bandsmen Lloyd and Hale who were sent from the Band and two former junior soldiers, Bandsmen Cleeve and Gardiner, who went direct to the Royal School of Music from the Brigade School at Canterbury.

CORPS OF DRUMS

Sgt. Fulker has now left us and taken up his new appointment in Berlin as Sergeants' Mess caterer at H.Q. Berlin Brigade Group. He is a great loss. Since he left us in July we have had a few replacements and our strength gradually increases; we are now twenty strong. Cpl. Richardson has taken over as leading Side Drummer and is filling in where Sgt. Fulker left off and at the moment is doing very well. Our flute section is coming on well with Cpl. Maloney at the head.

In the sporting field we were represented in the Battalion Swimming Team by Dmrs. Jenner, Dawkins, and Clay, who were in the team which was unfortunately beaten by the Royal Fusiliers over a disqualification which should not have happened.

We have been kept busy as a Band and Drums with engagements all over the Continent; between Exercises with the Battalion we have played at the Nijmegen Marches, Cologne Police Show and at Vimy in France. On the 15th August we beat Retreat with the Royal Hampshires at the Munster Garrison At Home Day.

We express our thanks to the T.A.E.R. soldiers who were attached to the Drums at Soltau as drivers; they were a great credit to the 3rd and 4th Battalions and due to their efficient work and driving we had no accidents.

OFFICERS' MESS

If one read the Officers' Mess notes in the last Journal and then these notes, one would think that the Mess did nothing but have parties. This is always so with a change of

station, farewell parties before you leave and arrival parties at the new station.

Our boxes arrived safely in Germany with not too much damage caused except for one or two pieces of silver which have been repaired locally. The only thing missing was a parcel containing the Mess accounts which arrived eventually in May just after the Mess Secretary had closed the temporary account for audit. He was seen working into the small hours of the morning rewriting the account into the old book and converting Hong Kong Dollars into £ s. d. and then to Deutsch Marks.

Having unpacked and then made the Mess reasonable to live in, we found that we were on "Stand-by" in March. Unlike one Regiment in 6th Infantry Brigade who pack up all their silver and pictures every three months when on "Stand-by," we held our arrival cocktail party. In the case of an air move we would rely on our rear party to pack up the Mess. The cocktail party to which over 150 guests were invited was a great success, as are most parties in Germany with Gin planning at only seven shillings a bottle.

In April we held a party to which the W.O.s and Sgts. were invited, which we hope repaid some of the endless hospitality that they have given us in the past and which, for one reason and another, we never seem to get round to repaying.

At this stage Major Bishop tried to hand over the task of P.M.C. to Major Jones. Because of leave and exercises this was not as easy as it may sound and it must have been the longest handover take over on record.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated this year over the weekend 29th to 31st May and was built up round the cricket match against H.M.S. Excellent. Capt. Danreuther, R.N. and nine officers of H.M.S. Excellent arrived on the Friday morning. They had a hasty buffet lunch in the Mess, changed into their whites and were out on the cricket field by two o'clock. General Metcalfe came out to Munster for the weekend as did many E.R.E. Officers, some of whom we had not seen for some time and many reunions were made over tea, or was it beer. The Mess Staff produced an excellent tea but were seen in the background noting down officers who had two or even three lots of strawberries. At the Dinner Night on Friday evening the dining room was filled to capacity, so much so that the tables had to be arranged in two

lengths. A very good evening was had by everyone and very early in the evening a Royal Marine Officer was seen helping the Band in a jazz number by making very loud, if not tuneful noises out of a trumpet.

The cricket the next morning was surprisingly bright considering the heavy heads that some of the players must have had. Batsmen were seen drawing pints of beer before going into bat. The match had a very long exciting finish with H.M.S. Excellent eventually winning and so taking back the trophy. One of the remarks made by the Navy was that they had to win because they had promised the Customs they would bring back the trophy to England. On Saturday evening everyone was invited to a very excellent ball at the W.O.s' and Sgt.s' Mess and several people not normally seen dancing, were doing the twist and limbo, obviously to get up an appetite for the superb buffet that followed. Our guests left on Sunday morning perhaps a little weary but not so tired as to forget their duty free cigarettes and spirits to take back to England.

For most of the rest of the time the Mess was in the field on exercises and Cpl. Waring was seen trying to put up a tent, cook lunch and serve officers with cold drinks all at the same time and still keeping in a reasonably good temper.

Cpl. Butler left on the 1st September on posting to the Depot for his last six months of service. Everyone was extremely sorry to see him leave as he almost became a permanent fixture in the Mess and officers returning to the Battalion expect to see him in the Mess and have a chat about the last time they were there. Many Majors will remember Cpl. Butler in the Mess from the time they first joined the Battalion.

Cpl. Butler joined the Army at the age of thirty in 1939. He started in the Royal Artillery and joined The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1943. On return from Italy he was demobbed in 1946, only to rejoin the 2nd Queen's in 1947, eventually finding his way to the Officers' Mess in 1950 where he has been ever since. His life in the Officers' Mess has taken him to Dortmund, Berlin, Iserlohn, Malaya, Singapore, back to Iserlohn, Bury-St.-Edmunds, Colchester, Aden, Hong Kong and now back to B.A.O.R. And so with 25 years in the Army completed he leaves us at the age of 55. Cpl. Butler was invited in the Mess at lunch time for a farewell drink and was seen escorted by two



C.S.M. J. Chaffer, M.M. in the field

officers to the C.O.'s office for his final interview. The R.S.M. was looking at his watch but nothing was said.

SERGEANTS' MESS

During March, the Mess underwent several structural changes to make life more pleasant for our members. The Bar was refitted with a completely new interior and exterior, by the hard work of W.O.II Pip Piper and his assistants. It now looks like a part of a high class hotel establishment.

Congratulations are due to Sgt. Roland Shrubbs on the arrival of a daughter on 8th March, a note of which somehow appeared in a column of a well-known London newspaper.

In April the Mess held a Dinner Night for all members and their wives. Being the first official Mess function, a great deal of hard work and preparation had to be done by members in arranging the seating etc., to fit in with its surroundings. The Dinner proved excellent, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

After the Battalion had been away on block leave in May, arrangements were in full swing for the Mess Glorious First of June celebrations to be held on 30th May. Invitations were extended to all the Officers and their Ladies; Officers, C.P.O.s and P.O.s of H.M.S. Excellent who were playing in the Regimental Cricket Match, and other invited guests. The Mess was highly decorated with floodlights, greenery and a host of assorted flowers of brilliant variety. In the entrance to the Mess, the Colours

and Silver Drums occupied a central position of honour, guarded by two sentries. The evening's activities also included a sumptuous buffet, at which on viewing, would have broken the heart of any diehard dietician.

Having woken from the above celebrations, the Mess then departed to Soltau with the Battalion on training.

After the rigours of Mess life in the field, a short break was had, back in Munster, before all members were again packing their possessions and moving out on training to Vogelsang.

The Mess has entered the local Darts League, and played its first game in July against another local unit, but unfortunately we were unable to carry the game to victory mainly due to lack of practice. Honour was retrieved in some slight manner by the Ladies who won their game.

Arrivals: W.O.II (R.Q.M.S.) Jessup, C/Sgt. Palmer, Sgts. Maume, Hope and Silverside.

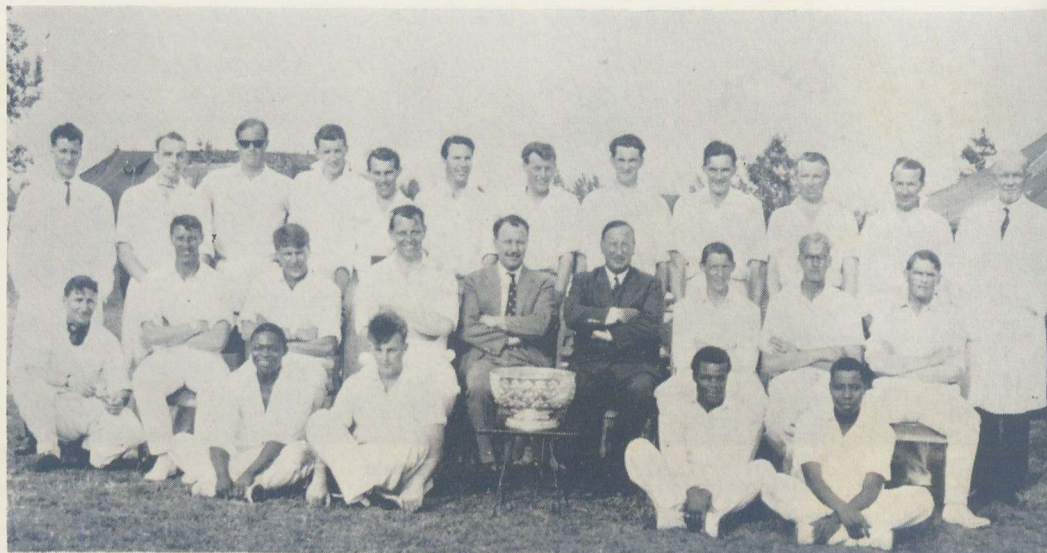
Departures: Sgts. Perryman, Jeeves and Sgt. Fulker (who has now been posted on the Long Service List to Berlin).

Promotions: Sgts. Thompson, Allan, Robinson, C/Sgts. Smith and Rippon.

Cricket v H.M.S. Excellent

The Battalion arrived back from block leave about three days before we were due to be hosts to H.M.S. Excellent on the Glorious First of June, for the first time since amalgamation.

H.M.S. Excellent arrived, by the courtesy of the Royal Air Force, on the morning of 29th May. After a buffet lunch we left for the cricket ground on the other side of Munster.



The Glorious First of June — The two cricket teams

H.M.S. Excellent went in to bat first having lost the toss. They were all out by 1717 hours having made a total of 95 runs for 9 wickets. Pte. Peters bowled extremely well taking 5 wickets for 15 runs, Major Davidson also bowled well. Comd. Foster for H.M.S. Excellent scored an embarrassing 41 which saved his team from being in a very difficult position.

The Regiment went into bat at 1720 hours and at close of play that day they had made 23 for 1. We continued our innings at 1130 hours the next morning and, apart from Capt. Burton who made an extremely good and very necessary 22, the highest score that morning was 3, we were all out for 73.

H.M.S. Excellent went in to bat for half an hour before lunch; they batted quite well, and we succeeded in getting them all out at 1600 hours for a total of 102.

By this time we needed 125 to win with all wickets standing. Pte. Crawford and Major Davidson opened but with little success and at 1620 hours were 6 wickets down for 31. Lt. Murphy and Capt. Acworth then managed to put on 34 in 35 minutes including a 20 minute break for tea. This raised our hopes considerably but these were smothered again when Lt. Murphy was caught and bowled by Lt.-Comd. Coates and 5 minutes later Capt. Acworth was bowled. Then total collapse, the last three batsmen only making three runs leaving us with a total of 75.

In spite of the result the cricket was enjoyed by everyone and we were fortunate in having some very good weather.

SCORES First Innings

H.M.S. Excellent	
Luck b Peters	0
White c McKeith, b Davidson	5
Dawson b Peters	0
Spicer b Davidson	9
Coates b Davidson	0
Foster not out	41
Mellish b Davidson	1
Collis b Peters	24
Rayner c Anderson, b Peters	0
Martin c Price, b Peters	5
Extras	10
Total	95

Sloper did not bat.

Bowling: Peters 5 for 15, Davidson 4 for 40.

1 Queen's Surreys

Crawford c Foster, b Mellish	14
Davidson b Mellish	0
Price b Sloper	18
Burton c White, b Coates	22
Peters b Mellish	0
Scott b Sloper	0
Murphy b Sloper	1
Anderson b Sloper	0
McKeith c Dawson, b Sloper	3
Acworth not out	3
Westing st White, b Sloper	3
Extras	11
Total	73

Bowling: Mellish 3 for 44, Sloper 6 for 24.

Second Innings

H.M.S. Excellent	
White c Anderson, b Price	9
Coates c Burton, b Davidson	1
Dawson c Anderson, b Peters	13
Foster lbw b Peters	17
Spicer b Crawford	9
Luck lbw b Peters	11
Collis c Crawford, b Peters	15
Mellish not out	12
Rayner (Capt.) b Peters	0
Sloper b Murphy	7
Martin lbw b Davidson	1
Extras	7
Total	102

Bowling: Peters 4 for 20, Davidson 2 for 20, Price 1 for 19, Crawford 2 for 21, Murphy 1 for 7.

1 Queen's Surreys

Crawford lbw b Mellish	10
Davidson c White, b Sloper	0
Price c Spicer, b Sloper	1
Burton b Sloper	2
Peters c Collis, b Sloper	0
Acworth (Capt.) b Sloper	19
Anderson b Mellish	0
Murphy b Coates	23
Scott not out	3
Westing b Coates	0
McKeith run out	0
Extras	17
Total	75

Bowling: Sloper 5 for 24.

Result: H.M.S. Excellent won by 49 runs.

Boxing

On the 20th and 22nd August, an individual and inter-company novices boxing competition was held. The unit team has several gaps in it and we were anxious to discover new talent. Competitions of this nature sometimes fall flat with the boxers not entering into the spirit. This however was certainly not the case in this competition which provided some of the most ferocious novices boxing that most spectators had ever seen.

In all, thirty-four boxers took part in the competition and of the twenty-seven bouts, there was only one which had an unsatisfactory ending. Any doubts about being able to raise a unit team were soon dispelled because the lighter weights where the shortage lay, provided evidence that we can once again produce a useful team.

We have been very fortunate in having S/I Kasai, A.P.T.C. posted to the unit. He is one of the best boxing coaches in the Army and under his guidance we should go far, if not this year then next. S/I Kasai was

chiefly responsible for the success of the novices competition which resulted in a win for "B" Company.

The individual winners were as follows:—

Bantam	Pte. Sheehy ("B")
Feather	Pte. Chamberlain ("H.Q.")
L/Welter	Pte. Conway ("B")
L/Welter	Pte. Billingham ("B")
Welter	Cpl. Rundle ("C")
L/Middle	Pte. Collins ("B")
Middle	Cpl. Jackson ("B")
L/Heavy	Pte. Davey ("H.Q.")
Heavy	L/Cpl. Jillings ("B")

Swimming

The one sport in which we felt we had a great advantage over most B.A.O.R. units was swimming. After three years in warm waters and tropical routine which allowed swimmers to spend hours in the water, our team it was felt stood a very good chance of winning the B.A.O.R. competition.

With this in mind training started under S/I Kasai and when the Divisional Championships took place at Sennelager in July we felt confident that we would get through to the B.A.O.R. finals in Berlin.

We went into the Divisional finals without competing in a Brigade meeting as we were the only entrants from 6th Brigade.

The team for the Divisional finals was depleted by the absence of three of the best swimmers; Pte. Jillings was keeping the Army in the public eye in Surrey, Pte. Sharman was keeping the Army in the public eye in Margate and Pte. Lane was unfortunately on compassionate leave.

One would like to tell of success in spite of adversity but we were beaten by the last year's B.A.O.R. winners The Royal Fusiliers owing to a disqualification in one race. Had we not been disqualified in this race we would have been easy winners and might have gone on to bigger and better things.

We have learned our lesson in this disqualification and we hope to do well next year.

The Battalion team was as follows:— 2/Lt. Howard, Cpls. Meaden and Edwards, L/Cpls. Hickman and Jillings, Dms. Clay, Jenner, and Dawkins, and Ptes. Lane, Miles, Miles, Morris, Brown (74), Rew, Wharton and Scott.

EXERCISE "ROADMASTER II"

The Battalion put in a team of three vehicles and nine men for this exercise. The object was to drive 1200 miles round Germany on a set route calling at a total of 98 check points on route. Also along the route the teams had to complete two cross-country driving sections, two physical fitness tests, two driving tests and a rifle shooting test.

This is an extract from a report made by one of the vehicle commanders:—

We left Barracks on Monday 24th August at 1000 hours to drive to the start point on Sennelager Ranges. After an excellent meal, our last for four days, we set off in the early hours of Tuesday morning on the first stage of our long journey. The route lay south west of Paderborn down through Bonn to the N.A.T.O. training area at Vogelsang, a distance of about 300 miles. This section of the course was run by the Battalion, so, though we had no help from them, it was good to see friendly faces from the Battalion at these check points. This first section of the course was completed successfully by two vehicles, those of Cpl. Gill and C/Sgt. Lea, but unfortunately L/Cpl. Sambrooks' vehicle suffered considerably from petrol trouble delaying it 3½ hours.

At Vogelsang the team completed one hour cross country driving with no loss of points; this was also organised by the Battalion. There then followed a two hour rest during which time Pte. Morris completed some repairs to the petrol system of his vehicle.

The next stage of the course lay down through the Eiffel Mountains to Trier on the Luxemburg border, where one vehicle missed a turning and landed up in Luxemburg. Due to this and several other misfortunes L/Cpl. Sambrooks' vehicle was by now 7 hours late. Having refound the route, this same vehicle broke a fan belt at the next check point. After much searching the team found a garage who could supply the necessary spare, the cost was DM 3:20; between them the team raised DM 2:60 and arranged for the garage to send a bill for a further 60 pf. By now the vehicle was 13 hours late, but despite much talk of giving up they decided to continue for the sake of the rest of the team and because they felt they would be unable to face the M.T.O. had they given up. So by driving all night and by leaving out many check points they arrived at Hockenheim where they got some rest and set off

again on time, keeping to the schedule to Wasserkuppe where they did a two mile marching test.

The route then lay north up to the finish at Sennelager, arriving only half an hour late, to be reconciled with the rest of the team. The following day the whole team completed the T.O.E.T., and driving and shooting tests extremely well. The final placings put the team in 7th place overall; out of a total of 86 teams to start only 10 teams finished. The team also came 2nd in the military activities tests.

The prize giving took place at Sennelager on Saturday 29th August. We were very pleased to see Capt. T. C. Rogerson (M.T.O.) and 2/Lt. D. M. Tucker at the prize giving by Maj.-Gen. Wheeler, C.B.E., G.O.C. 2nd Division. Each member of the team received a small cup for the military activities.

The team consisted of:— 1 x ½ ton, Cpl. H. Gill, L/Cpl. C. Jillings, Pte. D. Stracey; 1 x 3 ton, C/Sgt. S. Lea (Team Captain), Pte. M. Sewell, Pte. H. McCarthy; 1 x 3 ton, L/Cpl. M. Sambrook, Pte. J. Morley, Pte. R. Morris.

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Trekking in the Harz Mountains

By 2/Lt. D. J. HEATH, 1ST QUEEN'S SURREYS

THE two days before departure had been full of activity, so much so that my team was beginning to wonder what lay in store for them if this was the amount of running and walking necessary to prepare for the trek. However, the collection of water purification tablets, sleeping bags, spare laces, picks and shovels, foot powder and a thousand and one personal "this might be useful" items, eventually found their way into the right hands leaving only the most important of all problems to be dealt with—the collection and distribution of rations. It was at this stage that we greatly appreciated the immense amount of packing space in the well-designed 1958 pattern equipment. Packing done, the rest of Sunday afternoon was spent relaxing with everyone early to bed, for departure was to be at 0200 hrs. the next day.

Monday morning was cold and cheerless, though with a little excitement in the air as the eight members from each of the six teams assembled. A quick warming cup of tea, an even quicker FBI investigation to see if anyone despairing at the thought of compo for yet another week had liberated the cook-house sausages and we were away, winding our way through the back streets of Munster. This was a time of silence, when everybody either slept in preparation for the active days ahead or sat thinking. None of my team of seven soldiers had been to the Harz before and each was wondering what he had let himself in for. However, they were all volunteers.

The early part of our journey was boring since the route out was well known and the grey cheerless dawn did nothing to improve the flat and uninteresting countryside. However, with little traffic about, we made good time, and those awakened for the breakfast stop were rewarded with the sight of a fine day, green trees, colourful houses and gardens, and ever-steepening hills. The rest of the journey gave many memorable views of winding roads through the valleys, mountain villages, streams, wild flowers of all colours, and a blanket of fir trees covering the slopes and hilltops, relieved only occasionally by the lighter green of young plantations.

Rumbling through the steep cobbled streets of St. Andreasberg, a small and very attractive town, featuring on many summer and winter holiday itineraries. We knew that it was only another 3 kilometres to our destination, the Special Training centre at Silberhütte, from which a small staff controlled all army activities in the Harz. We were given a quick briefing by the O.C. and his German assistant, and then ate our lunch, cooked on our hexamine cookers. A German carpenter repairing skis gave us a picture of the delights of training in the area and an interesting account of the history of the building in which the STC was now situated. It was one of the fastest producing ammunition factories of the last war and was one of a series to be found in the valleys of the Harz. Nearby, too, were the original VI and VII Rocket Sites which were so well camouflaged that even when indications were given by an informant the closest bomb fell some four hundred yards away. The huge camouflage nets were stretched almost from one side of the valley to the other with the tall dark trees offering good additional concealment and protection. After lunch, we set off with our heavily-laden packs and were quite pleased with our progress. The distance to the first communal camp site was short and had only one climb of real note, but even this was hailed as a "killer." When we reached the camp site we set about the preparation of the evening meal and laying out our bedding. Most retired very early anticipating the long day's march ahead, but some took advantage of the strategic views afforded by a nearby Gasthaus. On this first night we learned the nature of our friends and enemies for the coming week. Our friends were the local inhabitants of the Harz who could not have been more friendly. Their generosity and hospitality were, at times, embarrassing. Our enemies were to be rain and midges and countless other winged insects that go "bzz" in the night. Given good weather, we knew that our trek would be tremendously enjoyable, but the drenching rain we had in the early hours of our first night out gave us misgivings. The camp sites were naturally always near a

stream or some other water supply and since trees were inescapable, the combination was an ideal hunting ground for midges and the like which did their best to spoil otherwise pleasant locations and the very necessary good night's sleep.

An early start was planned for the next day's long march and a downpour in the early hours ensured that there was no over-sleeping. The day was bright and with a warm sun to dry out our clothes, the march went well. This was our longest march in any one day, and we were dubious at having to undertake such a task at the beginning of our trek but on reflection this initial effort proved valuable in accustoming us to the weight of our packs, tramping hours over the uneven ground and settling down to a workable pace, as well as standardising our march discipline. Our route took us over every possible variation of ground, from main roads, mountain tracks and footpaths, loose surface roads, woodman's tracks in the forests, and cross country, with many differing obstacles to be crossed, particularly felled trees. Downhill progress was found to be as difficult as uphill, since the steepness of the slopes made it impossible to run downhill. The scenery, as with all mountain panoramas, cannot be adequately described and must be seen. There were infinite variations but some of the best potential views were obscured by thick forests. It was on this first day, too, when almost despairing of reaching our objective, that we were refreshed by the meeting with our first real character in the Harz, near the shores of the Odersee. He was an inn-keeper, who on our sacrificing a tin of oatmeal blocks, called the deer from the forest and hills nearby and fed them by hand in a field only a little way from his inn and the noise of traffic.

Another early start was made the second day, again in fine weather, and the prospects for this day's long march seemed good. However, muscles were stiff and the going harder, which resulted in our still being some 4 kilometres from our destination by early evening. A stiff climb up the Hamkuenenbourg, part of the Diefensbeck range, and one of the highest points of the central Harz, luckily provided medical comforts in the form of a quaint mountain inn which had been converted from an old windmill. The drink and empties were carried to and fro by mule pack and candlelight was the only form of illumination. Water had to be drawn from wells

built round underground spring sources. The isolated position of the inn enhanced the warm hospitality of our hosts, an elderly couple, who had lived in the district all their lives and had grown accustomed to its hardships. The husband worked in the forests by day and obviously knew and loved it well, and was able to settle an argument for us regarding antlers and the number of points they had, and whether these represented a year in the life of the animal. It seems the stag sheds its antlers in February or March of each year and on growing its new set will produce one or two more points on each side each year. The two sides of a set of antlers should be identical, and any deviation, however slight, whether in number of points or shape, must result in the animal being shot if and when seen by woodmen, otherwise an impure strain will breed. Similarly a stag with sixteen or more points should be shot, since it is then reckoned to be about twelve years old, though a far more accurate estimation can be gained from an inspection of the teeth. From the age of twelve the stag starts to lose points each spring instead of gaining further ones, again resulting in deformities in the herd, and so must be shot on sight. Our lubrication made easier going of the remaining distance which was soon covered. A swim for all in the nearby lake had been threatened throughout the day and everyone including myself was, in fact, relieved to see the sign "Baden Verboten."

The shortness of the next day's march was much appreciated, and despite some steep gradients the training was beginning to take its effect, and the route was soon mastered. Having arrived at mid-day, those who dared were able to take a plunge during the afternoon in the Prinzensteich, whilst others rested their now blistered feet and sunbathed. The only other incident of note was our re-supply of rations for the next three days.

The team was moving into "top gear" now and the moderate march to the next camp site was quickly and easily achieved, again allowing plenty of time for swimming, this time in the Okersee, the largest expanse of water we had yet seen. It was surrounded by particularly enjoyable countryside. Now that we had moved further north and nearer the large towns, we met up with many tourists, mostly German, but an occasional Englishman. We went into the attractive town of Altenau. Here more than anywhere else we had been, we were conscious that tourism is

looked upon as a valuable industry and source of wealth, second only to timber exports.

Rock climbing was the most important item on the agenda for the next day which was near the well-known ski village of Torfhaus. The route to the RV with the rock climbing instructor was short but very steep in places and not made easier by a thunderstorm. This soaked us to the skin. The storm eventually passed, and the decision to carry on with the climbing programme had a mixed reception. The climb, using a guide rope rather than conventional hand holds, was approximately 40 to 50 ft., and due to the wet surface, was quite difficult. The climb as such was basically a test of arm strength and I felt that instruction in the skills of modern rock climbing would have been more beneficial, particularly as many in the Battalion had previous experience of this and abseiling in Hong Kong. However, the ascent successfully completed by all, we stopped a while to admire the high peaks of the Harz mountains in the Eastern Zone, being particularly prominent.

A hot pace was set on the next leg of our journey to our camp site for the night to help us dry out. The route lay along the main road running north to south from Bad Harzburg to Braunlage and parallel to the East/West Border. Our next site was near the Oderteich lake. This is as near as we or anyone else could approach the Border, except on other military duties. Civilians in the area certainly seemed to be well aware of this, and well pleased with the presence of British troops in these sensitive parts. They cheered us on with waves and shouts, offers of lifts and free drinks.

There was an ideal camping site on the shores of the lake itself. Even here, however, our constant enemies the gnats and midges showed up in force, and exasperated many of us. This was obviously a very popular resort and seemed as active by night as by day. A party of students awakened us soon after midnight and from the shouts of "Licht aus" which greeted the inquiring beams of torches it was obvious that they were swimming in the nude. With only a very short march to be covered the next day, Sunday, we could afford to enjoy with all the tourists the pleasures of the Oderteich until late evening. The sun was already beating down when we arose and encouraged every one of the team to take to the water. We built our own raft from driftwood which was to provide both

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an excellent diving and sunbathing platform, and a soldier in our team sporting bright red bathing trunks was much photographed paddling to and fro across the lake.

The week had passed all too quickly and had been most enjoyable. We had achieved our aim, that of attaining a high standard of fitness and good team work, learnt in one of the most relaxing and beautiful areas of Germany.

D.J.H.

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Outward Bound—Norway, 1964

BY 2/LT. J. A. WINTERFELD, 1ST QUEEN'S SURREYS

ON May 10 of this year, I and 29 other Officers and N.C.O.s from units stationed in B.A.O.R. set off for 1 (BR) Corps Outward Bound School in Norway. We had a two-and-a-half day journey ahead of us, plenty of time to ponder on the delights in store for us on arrival. Views ranged from a holiday camp to a neo-concentration camp. You may draw your own conclusions as to which was the more accurate view.

The first night of our journey we were put up at a British Army Barracks in Kiel. The following day we travelled by coach across Denmark, staying in a Danish Army Camp at Halborg. The final stage of the journey started with a short coach ride to Hirtshals on the coast, followed by a five-hour sea trip to Kristiansand on the southern tip of Norway. On landing, we were met by some very rugged looking permanent staff from the school, who bundled us and our kit into two blue painted three-tonners. They said we had a 12-mile journey over some pretty rough roads to come. This was a classic understatement. Forty-five minutes later, bumped and bruised and choked with dirt (most Norwegian roads have only gravel surfaces as tarmac breaks up badly in severe winters), we arrived at the school.

The camp called "Isefjaer" (pronounced "Izerfear") is situated at the top of a sea water fjord and surrounded by low, rocky, and thickly-wooded hills; an attractive setting. The only other buildings in the vicinity are Norwegian owned summer houses, which apparently most Norwegians own, plus of course boats. Everyone in the camp wears civilian clothes. The reason for this and the blue painted WD vehicles is the presence of British troops in military uniform might embarrass the Norwegian Government politically.

Having been divided up into three patrols, Moray, Aberdovey and Ullswater, we were given a short briefing. Smoking, we found out, was only permitted between eight and ten o'clock in the evening, and there was no alcohol in the camp.

We were then doubled, luggage and all, up a small hill to our tent area via the famous "39 steps," enormous steps roughly hewn

from the hillside, which we were to tread a thousand times in the next 10 days. We were back down again in 10 minutes in bathing costumes for our first introduction to the freezing water of the fjord. I plunged in and swam 20 yards before I could even get my breath back. All the time we were goaded on by the staff with cries of "relax, smile" and the school motto, "It's all in the mind!" We came to know that water very well in the next 10 days, as for many times a day and for increasingly longer periods, we suffered its icy bite, during PT and swimming periods, early-morning dips and canoe capsize drills. However, there was even one more fiendish instrument of torture and that was a bubbling mountain stream which flows into the fjord. After a swim in the fjord, shambling and shivering, we were led to the stream and told to lie down in it. It seemed impossible but even the fjord felt like a warm bath compared with it, and our yells as we hit the water used to reverberate round the camp. One might wonder what purpose this all served, but undoubtedly we learned that by forcing ourselves to relax in very cold water we could survive in it for quite some time. How long depends on physical build, but most of us could manage over half an hour when we came to take the Amateur Swimming Association bronze and silver tests.

A typical day during the course went as follows. Reveille 0530, wash, shave, clean the camp area and parade at 0630 for the early-morning run in boots of two or three miles, followed by a dip in the fjord. Then breakfast (all meals were compo, which we cooked ourselves), PT and swimming, canoeing, mountain rescue, and after lunch, rock climbing, PT and swimming, inter-platoon canoe races. The day ended at about six o'clock when we could cook our evening meal and wait for the canteen to open at seven-thirty. Thoroughly tired out, we were quite happy to crawl into our sleeping bags by 10 o'clock. So went the first 10 days of the course, not even a Sunday off, but at the end of it we were rewarded with an evening out in Kristiansand.

To rest us from our previous exertions, we were now to taste the delights of a Robinson Crusoe-like existence on our own little

islands in the Baltic, one island per patrol. The only snag was that we had to swim in the scanty clothes allotted to us to the boats, which, an hour later landed us on our survival islands. On these rocky, inhospitable isles, equipped with a box of matches, a fishing line, a few packets of nuts and oatmeal blocks, and a small tin of water, we were to spend the next 36 hours. The first day we built a shelter, basked in the sun, ate half-cooked fish caught with the spinner, and seagulls' eggs. That night we all huddled together in our shelter but, alas, despite blankets of heather, we quietly froze and soon resorted to sitting out the night round a small fire, one minute being scorched as a pile of heather was ignited, for wood was scarce, and the next feeling the chill air through our flimsy clothes. The final sunless morning brought little relief and we welcomed the rescuers' boat at mid-day.

That afternoon we set off for the higher mountains about a hundred miles further north, where we were to spend the last eight

days of the course carrying out canoeing and trekking expeditions. This was undoubtedly the most enjoyable part of the course, for although the trek was long and hard and we carried four days' rations in our bergans, we passed through magnificent scenery completely unspoiled by tourists and the amenities provided for them. Indeed, there are probably few wilder places in Europe. The canoeing was less exerting and we appreciated the occasional shops we met in villages on the edge of the fjords, where we could taste again such luxuries as fresh bread and milk.

Then return to Isefjaer, the award of canoeing and climbing certificates, and the evening out in Kristiansand before catching the night ferry to Denmark.

Looking back on the course, it was undoubtedly hard, but enjoyable and very worthwhile. We all learned a lot and often surprised ourselves at what we could do and achieve, encouraged by those immortal words: "It's all in the mind."

J.A.W.



CYPRUS

Major John Burgess, Queen's Surreys; serving as a United Nations Liaison Officer in Cyprus briefing the U.N. Force Commander, at the Turkish village of Kokkina, in North West Cyprus during fighting around that village.

U.S. Ranger Course-Fort Benning U.S.A.

By LT. A. F. S. LING

During Korea and the last war, Ranger Patrols operated in the enemy's rear carrying out harassing missions similar to those of Stirling's S.A.S. in North Africa. They operated on foot always choosing the toughest terrain, be it swamp or vertical cliff, since this was the least likely to be covered by enemy defence. It is on this example that today's U.S. Army Ranger School has based its instruction.

As a prospective candidate I was flown out to the U.S.A. early in April 1964. On arrival we were briefed as to the battle picture. The aggressor had invaded the U.S.A. He had established a Northern Front, pushing a salient through into the tail of the Appalachian mountains, in the area of the Georgia and North Carolina State Line. Trying to effect a pincer movement, he also had landed troops in the Glen Swamps of N.W. Florida. We, as members of a Ranger company, had to undertake a three weeks conditioning phase before being sent to the battle fronts.

The conditioning phase took place at Fort Benning, Georgia, the School of Infantry. The candidate for Ranger training, stripped of his rank and his hair, became subject to immediate "harassment"; he must double everywhere, salute everybody, simultaneously yelling "ranger" and uttering a "ranger growl" (a guttural sound intended to frighten the aggressor when in close combat).

For the first two weeks we rose at three in the morning for P.T. At six we breakfasted and then the long day's instruction began. "This is a map etc." Between noon and three we were herded into the unarmed combat pit, thrown about and kicked, and we learnt again "to growl like a Ranger". During these two weeks the instruction varied from demolition expeditions, route marches and compass work to first aid and how to catch and cook a rattlesnake. Our day ended round eleven when we crawled into our bunks in our vast ugly barrack rooms.

The third week the company moved out into the woods for practical instruction on patrols.

By the end of the conditioning phase many had dropped out. Swimming tests, included being walked off the top board of a swimming

pool in full kit, blindfolded and carrying your rifles. Long runs and marches and confidence tests had cut the course by 20%; more yet were to fall by the wayside.

The evening before we left for the Northern Front we were allowed out for a few hours—the first and last time we saw anyone but our fellow-rangers for a long time.

Once on the Northern Front we were involved in the war. We had no time-table. We were summoned at strange times, perhaps to a patrol briefing or perhaps to instruction on rock climbing, river crossing or mountain rescue. When we moved out on patrol we passed through our own friendly front lines, actually manned, complete with a company commander with whom we liaised. We entered territory held by an enemy who wore strange insignia, foreign uniforms, and even spoke a strange language. The three weeks in the mountains passed and soon we were driving fast for the new battle front and the "Florida phase."

In Florida we learnt new techniques. Sometimes we had to raid islands operating from landing craft and rubber boats. Sometimes we walked for hours in swamp up to our necks. Always we were tired, averaging perhaps four hours sleep every other night. Many of us saw hallucinations, express trains roaring through the swamps, coke machines, but most of all food. We would be issued with one meal in tins on leaving camp; after two or three days we would be still living on this meat, the enemy having possibly captured our aerial resupply after a hard battle on the drop zone.

When we eventually returned to our camp we had to expect to be woken within an hour or so by the cry "You have a mission." This meant that we would all get briefed: everyone would then prepare his orders and then one ranger would be told "You are the patrol leader." Then he gave out his orders which, complete with annexes, might take three hours.

The changing of patrol leaders was frequent. Perhaps we had been walking for ten hours uneventfully, when suddenly the instructor, who always travelled with each patrol, would say "Ranger Ling, you are the new patrol commander."

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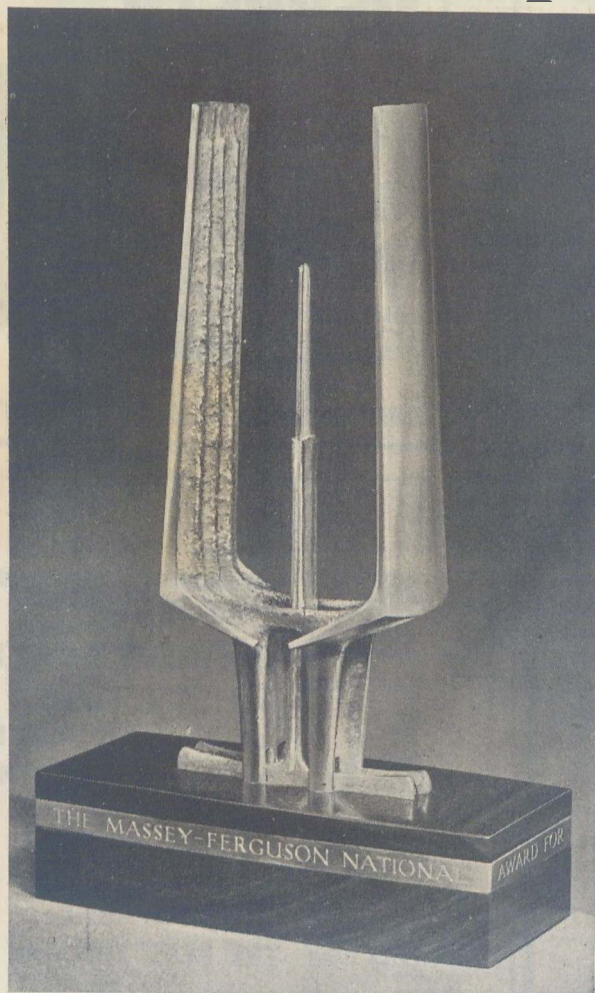
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For the British student the course offers a great deal from the military aspect, but the greatest is the chance to visit the U.S.A. and meet the Americans. A.F.S.L.

Home Counties Brigade Depot

The last Depot notes were written just before the move from the old Wemyss Barracks in Canterbury to what one local newspaper called a "£400,000 palace for 300 troops." The move to Howe Barracks, about a mile away from our first home, was completed early in March and apart from the inevitable teething troubles there is no doubt that the new accommodation is a great improvement over the old. Barrack rooms are smaller containing on an average six beds with individual bedside-light and bookshelf, and the Junior Ranks' Club is really luxuriously furnished and equipped. The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes too are excellently fitted out.

Immediately after the completion of the move we were sorry to have to say goodbye to Col. and Mrs. M. T. N. Jennings after his three-year tour of duty as Brigade Colonel. His successor is Col. I. H. Battye, M.B.E., late The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and we hope that he and Mrs. Battye will have a happy stay here. We were delighted to hear of the Birthday Honours List award of the M.B.E. to our former R.S.M., W.O.I G. E. Milham, now with the 4th Battalion.

Depot sports teams successes during the period under review have included:—

Hockey

Won 44 (Home Counties) Division/District Minor Units Competition.

Won Eastern Command Minor Units Competition (Defeated Royal Military School of Music 2-1 in Final).

Soccer

Eastern Command Minor Units Competition—Lost to Home Postal Unit R.E. in Semi-final.

Finished 1963/64 season at head of Div. II of East

Kent Wednesday Football League. Promoted to Div. I for 1964/65.

Cricket

The Junior Soldiers' Team reached the final of the Army Junior Knock-out Cup but lost to the Mercian Brigade Junior Soldiers.

Athletics

Second in 44 (Home Counties) Division/District Championships (Minor Units).

Walking

Cpl. Thomas Lamkin, B.E.M. was 15th out of nearly 6,000 entries in the Kent Messenger 50 mile Walk. His time was 11 hours 21 minutes.

A visit to Canterbury by the Massed Bands of the North Irish Brigade would not appear to have any Regimental connection but when the Bands of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the Royal Ulster Rifles and the Royal Irish Fusiliers appeared here prior to a 13,000 mile tour of Canada and the U.S.A. it was found that two of the Bandmasters had served with the Regiment. Bandmaster Leo Marks of The Royal Irish Fusiliers had previously served in the Queen's and Bandmaster Ronald Horn A.R.C.M., of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers started his career in the Surreys. Bandmaster Horn and his Band also played at the Guest Night when Col. Jennings was dined out.

In June a party of Junior Soldiers spent a week in Belgium cycling and camping. The party was commanded by Capt. P. de S. Barrow with L/Cpl. Beeson as his assistant. Other members of the Regiment were J/Cpl. Alan Jones, J/Dmrs. Philip Beard, Stewart Coutts and George Hood. They visited Ostend, Ypres, Menin (taking part in the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate), Courtrai, Renaix, Waterloo, Brussels, Alost, Ghent



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Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., Commander 47th Infantry Brigade (T.A.) presenting the Best Section Cup to Pte. Anthony Davis

and Bruges. Shortly before the summer term ended the Junior Soldiers' Band and Corps



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Sergeants at Home Counties Brigade Depot towing Col. and Mrs. M. T. N. Jennings out of Howe Barracks, Canterbury. Included in the photograph are W.O.I Floyd, W.O.II H. Hyde, W.O.II R. Morris, C/Sgt. Palmer and C/Sgt. Washington

of Drums performed the ceremony of Beating Retreat before the Mayor of Canterbury and several hundred guests at the Depot.

In Hobbies exhibitions Queen's Surreys Junior Soldiers have had the following successes:—

Canterbury Federation of Youth Exhibition 1964

J/Dmr. J. Jones	Pottery	1st
J/Dmr. K. Kinghorn	Pottery	3rd
J/Dmr. P. Beard	Modelling	1st
JL/Cpl. K. Whyte	Modelling	3rd
J/Cpl. A. Jones	Art	Highly Commended

JL/Cpl. H. Barker Craft 2nd National Association of Boys Clubs—Arts Festival—Maidstone 1964

J/Dmr. P. Beard	Craft	1 Silver
J/Dmr. J. Jones	Craft	1 Silver, 2 Bronze
J/Dmr. K. Kinghorn	Craft	1 Silver, 1 Bronze
JL/Cpl. K. Whyte	Craft	1 Bronze
JL/Cpl. H. Barker	Craft	1 Bronze
J/Cpl. A. Jones	Art	Commendation
J/Dmr. A. Harraway	Written-Word	1 Silver

Junior Soldiers Group Art 1 Bronze

The following exhibits were retained for National Exhibition:—

J/Dmr. K. Kinghorn	.. .. Pottery
J/Dmr. P. Beard	.. .. Modelling

Other Junior Soldiers' activities have included a Sports Day and the annual "At Home" and Prize Day to which parents, relatives and friends were invited. The Brigade Colonel presented the awards on the Prize Day and Regimental recipients were:—

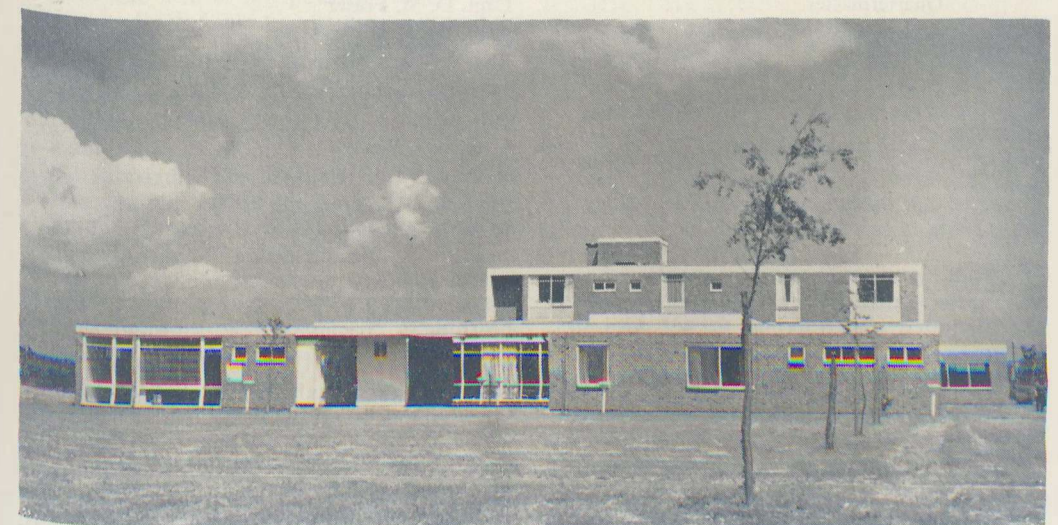
J/Bdsm. S. Woolford	.. Progress prize for brass
J/Bdsm. K. Kinghorn	.. Progress prize for reed
J/Dmr. G. Hood	.. Howells Trophy (Best All Round Drummer)
J/Cpl. A. Jones	.. Drummers Cup (Best Side Drummer)
J/Dmr. G. Hood	.. Queen's Surreys Platoon Prize (for special services, extra mural, performed for the platoon)
J/Dmr. G. Hood	.. Education Progress Prize Intermediates. 2nd Merit
J/Dmr. A. Church	.. Education Progress Prize Juniors. General Progress

During their summer holiday Cpl. B. Beeson took J/Cpl. A. Jones, JL/Cpl. H. Barker and J/Dmr. S. Coutts on a tour of France in his car, as part of their adventure training.

We have continued to have good relations with the local Press and in August were visited by Peter Rolls of the Croydon Advertiser, Barrie Fraser of the Surrey Advertiser and Michael Hains of the Surrey Comet. This followed up their visit to the 1st Battalion in Germany and County readers will have seen their excellent reports on the Battalion and the Depot in their respective newspapers.

During the six months covered by this report forty-three recruits have been drafted to the 1st Battalion and among these the following distinguished themselves:—

Date of Final Parade 1964	Award	Name of Recruit	Inspecting Officer
3 April	Best Shot	Pte. John Playne	Major J. R. Stephenson, R. Sussex
24 April	Best Recruit and Best at P.T.	Pte. Anthony Davis	Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E.
15 May	Best Shot	Pte. Dennis Rose	Major D. H. Woolstencroft, Queen's Own Buffs
19 June	Best Section, led by	Pte. Andrew King	Lt.-Col. H. S. Flower, O.B.E. (Retd.)
3 July	Best Recruit	Pte. Robert Betterton	Lt.-Col. R. A. J. Wiggins, O.B.E. (Retd.)
	Best Section, led by	Pte. Christopher Worsfold	Col. I. H. Battye, M.B.E.
24 July	Best Recruit	Pte. Derek Smith	Col. J. F. Myddelton, O.B.E.
19 August	Best Recruit	Pte. P. Gay	



Junior Ranks' Club, Home Counties Brigade Depot

Photo by C. F. Cole

In May the Minister of Defence for the Army, The Rt. Hon. James Ramsden, M.P., paid a private visit to the Depot, arriving by helicopter and staying for more than four hours.

Other visitors to the Depot included the following:—

Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.
Major-Gen. F. J. C. Piggott, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O.
Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O.
Lt.-Col. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.
Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E.
Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.
Lt. S. J. Petzing
Lt. (Q.M.) F.B. Oram
2/Lt. M. R. A. Goode
2/Lt. J. E. Horan
2/Lt. G. C. Brown
W.O.I G. E. Mileham, M.B.E.
W.O.II E. Potts

The following have left the Depot:—
Lt. H. G. Dalziel-Smith, C/Sgt. A. Palmer and Cpl. T. Lamkin, B.E.M. to the 1st Battalion, Sgt. H. Putman and L/Cpl. G. Soaft on release and Pte. N. Jillings to permanent staff Mons. O.C.S.

Arrivals have been Lt. R. P. Murphy, W.O.II W. Hopkins, Sgt. J. Perryman, Cpl. D. Patterson, L/Cpl. K. Atkins, Ptes. J. Cairns, G. Foster and T. O'Neill. W.O.II Hyde and Sgt. F. Branscombe have been staying at the Depot awaiting posting and release respectively.

In April Mr. W. C. Norman was appointed Civilian Steward in the Sergeants' Mess. When, in July, 1963, he retired after twenty-four years' service he was drafting Sergeant at the Depot.

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	Capt. D. M. Fraser
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Capt. R. W. Strutt, M.M.
Chaplain	Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim, R.A.Ch.D.
R.M.O.	Major J. Attenborough (R.A.M.C.)
	Major B. H. B. Robinson (R.A.M.C.)
Administrative Officer	Capt. E. J. Weeks
R.S.M.	W.O.I L. M. Burnstin-Wilson
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 R. E. Alexander
R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 T. S. Stephens

A varied and vigorous six months, which has included the Laying up of Colours, Annual Camp, The Courage Trophy Competition and the Brigade Exercise.

In April we laid up the Colours of the 4th Queen's in Croydon Parish Church and the Colours of the 6th Queen's in Bermondsey Parish Church. At the latter ceremony we had as our guests M. Albert Fassin and a party from "La Sarcelle," of the Belgian Resistance Movement, from Ghent. Both

ceremonies are described elsewhere in the journal.

At Easter, a party of 90 from the Battalion went on our usual Belgian battlefield tour, once again staying with our friends the Belgian Engineers at their barracks just outside Ypres where Major Dournez, the Commanding Officer, gave us a very warm welcome for the second year running and Major Jean Charles and Jos Klein of the Ecole Royale Militaire escorted us on a most

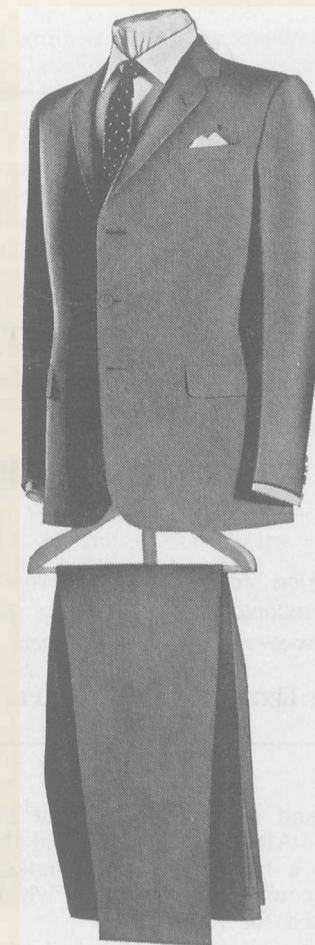
interesting tour. The tour included some of the famous World War I Ypres battlefields, the Mole at Zeebrugge (the scene of the St. George's Day raid in 1918) and the positions held by our parent units, the 1st/5th and 1st/6th Queen's on the Escaut line in May 1940. Our party included Sgt. John Bryan, who was with the 1st/6th at the time and for whom many memories were revived.

The following weekend saw the Courage Trophy Competition, where our "B" Company team gained second place out of the 50 teams entered from the Home Counties and East Anglian Divisions.

The team was led by the Company Commander, Major David Robinson, and the members included Sgt. Joseph Nugent, his brother L/Cpl. Michael Nugent, Pte. David Haw, Cpl. Norman Thornhill, Pte. Walter Jacob, Cpl. Denis Humphreys, Pte. John Shults, Pte. William Stewart and Pte. John Hedges. Each member of the team received a silver tankard and the personal congratulations of Field-Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, who presented the prizes.

The T.A. Marathon is in any event a tough test of a Territorial soldier's fitness, skill at arms and training. This year the severity of the competition was greatly increased by the cold and wet weather conditions. Even the winning team, 44th Parachute Brigade Headquarters, found the going tough and many teams failed to complete the course with all ten members.

The teams were started at Maidstone by actress Liz Fraser in pouring rain. Each team was divided into two groups, a marching group and an administrative group. The marching group began with a 12-mile march to be completed in three hours, while the administrative group competed in a "Chuck Wagon" competition, setting up a bivouac area, preparing tea and moving off. The administrative group then picked up the marching group in vehicles and drove under rally conditions to the night bivouac area at Crookham, where the evening meal of stewed steak, dumplings, peas and carrots, followed by rice pudding, was prepared. The "B" Company team scored top points in the



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driving and cooking sections of the competition. After the evening meal the teams went on a two-mile night compass march across country, following which they bivouacked for the night.

The next morning the teams fired the self-loading rifle at "pop up" targets on a mechanical range in the Aldershot area, after which they moved to Crystal Palace in vehicles. From Crystal Palace they marched to the Duke of York's Headquarters in Sloane Square, completing an assault course at Brockwell Park on the way and passing through Trafalgar Square. All competitors carried rifle, battle order, small packs and groundsheets.

The teams had been in training for the competition since Christmas, but few expected the weather conditions of the weekend. Major Robinson's team was selected from men of one company only and were justly proud that Camberley had beaten teams of picked men from larger units of battalion or regiment size. Three other teams from the Battalion were also placed in the competition.

"B" Company went on to repeat their success at the 47th Brigade Weapons Meeting,

where they tied for first place with "D" Company, Royal Fusiliers.

The team was led by Lt. William Clarke-Maxwell and Sgt. Joseph Nugent. The team members included Cpl. Lyen, Pte. Jacobs, Pte. Hedges, Pte. Small, Pte. Fleming, Pte. Lewis, L/Cpl. O'Dell, Pte. Smith, P., and Pte. Smith, D.

This year's Brigade Competition was a new one and a searching test of weapon training and fieldcraft. All teams had to conduct two section attacks, one after a brief period of preparation and the other, completely unexpected, the team being brought "under fire" while on the move across country. Other parts of the competition included a field-firing exercise, grenade throwing from the lying and kneeling positions, firing the Energa anti-tank grenade, an assault course and a night compass march. The Camberley Company gained full marks on this night march.

Our own "D" Company gained fifth place in a very enjoyable weekend, at the end of which the Brigade Commander presented the prizes.

This year it was our turn to go to a "Rescue and Survival" Training Centre for our Annual Camp. As always there were a number of long faces, but also as always, at the end of the camp everyone agreed that after all it had really been quite interesting and enjoyable.

The Camp was held at the Army School of Civil Defence at Devizes and instructors taught us about the effects of nuclear explosions, how they were measured and the plans made in the light of the damage and residual radioactivity. This training included rescue, debris clearance, stretcher loading and carriage, jacks and sheerlegs, decontamination and first aid. Much of the training had value also in a T.A. volunteer's civil life, particularly the first aid and stretcher work.

The camp training ended with an exercise in which the battalion's role—as part of a disciplined reserve of trained men assisting an area of mass devastation—was made extremely clear to all ranks.

Certain specialist sub-units of the Battalion—The Signals Platoon, the M.T. Platoon, the Assault Pioneer Platoon and the Recce Platoon—carried out their normal military training as their essential work remains little altered in nuclear conditions.

The Battalion was at camp for the Glorious First of June. Normal training took place on the day, but a brief special parade was held in the morning and every man had a bottle of beer with his dinner. The Band and Drums beat Retreat in Camp in the evening.

Camp also included the usual full programme of social functions, company socials and sports fixtures. "D" Company won the Six-a-side Football beating "C" Company by ten goals to one. "C" Company however won the Cricket Competition, defeating the Officers' Mess XI.

The Battalion's most notable sporting success however was the winning of the 44th 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, 3 Queen's Surreys of Guildford. The other members of the Bn. team were Pte. John Allaway, two brothers, Ptes. Peter and Michael Dance, Pte. Victor Chambers, Sgt. J. Nugent, Pte. Alan Gardiner, L/Cpl. R. Temlett and Cpl. M. Lockett.

Each member of the team received a medallion and Pte. Hassell, the new Divisional Champion was presented with a special trophy.

Another sporting achievement we would wish to record is the winning of the Divisional Welter-weight Boxing Championship by L/Cpl. John Allaway.

A week-end training for the whole Battalion was held at Crowborough in March when rehearsals for the Laying up of Old Colours parades took place, together with anti-tank and other specialist training and a short Church Parade service conducted by the Chaplain.

A more strenuous week-end took place in July when the Battalion participated in "Exercise Bold Venture," 47 Brigade's annual exercise. This exercise fell into three phases; the holding and patrolling of a defensive position, a night withdrawal and a series of early morning and daylight attacks.

The reader should not deduce from the above that the remaining week-ends were spent at home. We will be delighted to produce patient and long-suffering wives

who will confirm that other week-ends were spent on classification, signals, recce or air-photo reading specialist courses, company training or officers' study periods.

Our T.A.E.R. (Ever-Readies) spent a valuable period of training with the 1st Bn. at Soltau and came back greatly impressed with training facilities and equipment.

In August, the Battalion entertained at Bermondsey a party of French people from the village of Steenwerck where last year drums belonging to our parent unit, the 6th Queen's, were discovered.

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

Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

Sgt. W. M. Woods (4th Clasp)
W.O.2 L. C. Stevens (1st Clasp)
L/Cpl. R. Smith (1st Clasp)
W.O.1. F. W. Braddick (Medal)
L/Cpl. S. Thorn (Medal)
Sgt. R. P. Burston (Medal)
Sgt. R. A. Gould (Medal)
Sgt. W. H. Burnham, B.E.M. (Medal)

Meritorious Service Certificate

W.O.2 L. C. Stevens
Sgt. J. C. Corcoran
C/Sgt. M. G. Rapley
Sgt. S. M. Gooden
Sgt. R. W. Gibson, M.M.
L/Cpl. R. Smith

"A" COMPANY

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

Since the last Company Notes ending in February, training has continued at its usual boiling and successful pace; recruiting under the enthusiastic and almost frenzied whip of 2/Lt. Geoffrey Wright has increased; and our social activities, in this period of lighter evenings, have gently simmered along.

On 1st February, the Reigate platoon held an "At Home." This, together with many other recruiting efforts in the Borough, finally resulted in the magnificent total of 20 new volunteers. L/Cpl. D. Gibbs of the Coulsdon Platoon has recently won the Battalion recruiting competition. Generally, the standard and enthusiasm shown by our new members is excellent and they are becoming more vital every month. Similarly, our friendly connections with local cadet

units—both army and air—are becoming increasingly active and fruitful.

Towards the end of February volunteers were seen to be prancing off into the dark while the smell of embrocation pervaded the locker rooms. Once again we were practising hard for the Courage Trophy. The team this year, very ably coached and led by 2/Lt. Wright, consisted of Sgt. Brady, Cpl. Kane, L/Cpls. Sparshott, Heard J. and Shipton, Ptes. Brown, Skinner, Cross and Mackenzie. They came a very creditable 14th—and in one section, the Motor Rally, were 1st.

Easter saw a group of 15 from "A" Company off to test the delights of Belgium, and again, in September, we will be sending a similar group to the Ghent Resistance Celebrations. All in all, they will be becoming quite seasoned travellers.

Classification, for the first time with the new rifle, has been held on three weekends.

47 Brigade Weapon and Platoon Skills competition was another stimulus to hard practice and training. We were, however, unfortunate to have one man sick and this led to a placing of eleventh. It is however, encouraging, when one considers how many enthusiastic recruits made up the team.

As a prelude to 47 Brigade Exercise "Bold Venture" "A" Company held its own "Practice Venture" at Hawley Common—each platoon vying with the others to score more ambushes and successful attacks. Perhaps, after all, the mosquitoes won.

On 18th and 19th July, we took part in the very successful exercise "Bold Venture" at Long Valley and Hankley Common. After defending a position for five hours without sign of the attacking enemy the Coulsdon Platoon could stand it no longer and swept off to find our Fusilier friends from London queueing up for their evening meal. The destruction was quite total. Later, as attackers, we again had the pleasure of catching them completely unawares at Lions Mouth. To their chagrin we were two minutes early and were not expected to come from behind.

Our fortnight at Annual Camp at A.S.C.D., Devizes, was very enjoyable, culminating in a fine party at which prizes for "A" Company competitions were presented. We congratulate: L/Cpl. Shipton, Best Soldier '64, and Pte. Brown as Runner-up; L/Cpl. Heard, J., Best Shot '64, and Reigate as Champion Platoon.

This year-long competition has been most

ably conducted by Lt. John Samuels to whom our thanks are due.

Whilst at camp Pte. Keens, I., a soldier of less than a year, achieved the distinction of leading the most efficient and successful C.D. Section. Congratulations.

To Germany went our T.A.E.R. group of Lancaster, Shepherd and Rogerson, who apparently had a very enjoyable and tough time with the 1st Battalion.

Since our return from Annual Camp, Lt. John Samuels and Mike Baird have gone to Dorking. Lt. Jon Pullinger to Reigate and Lt. Geoff Wright to Coulsdon. Great things are expected in the autumn from these changes.

Finally, our warm congratulations to John Samuels on being called to the Bar, to C.S.M. Stevens on his first clasp to the Efficiency Medal and the award of the Meritorious Service Certificate; to Sgt. Brady on his promotion and the birth of his first-born son; to L/Cpl. Heard, J., on his marriage to Cpl. Sparshott's sister—and to Cpl. Sparshott; Cpl. Heard, J., L/Cpl. Gardner and L/Cpl. Mackenzie on their promotions.

We are sad to lose Sgt. Sutherland who has moved to Northampton and Cpl. Ward and Pte. Burgess who have moved to Australia, and we wish them every success and happiness. Goodbye also to Cpl. Foster after many faithful years of service.

We are pleased to record that our gallant P.S.I. C/Sgt. Gardner has been promoted and that after indescribable tortures in Millbank he is once more fit and well.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major D. A. Robinson

We have been indulging in a little "Pot Hunting" in the last few months and collected 38 in a period of six weeks. This we felt was a record and so we patted ourselves on the back and had our photograph taken. Among other things we were second in the Courage Trophy, equal First in the Brigade Exercise "First Venture," and won one of the sections outright. Our team was runner-up in the Camberley Industrial Darts League and Sgt. R. H. T. Smith was Individual Champion. Sgt. J. Nugent contributed a large share including the visitors' prize at the Middlesex T.A.F.A. shoot and medals for 44 H.C. Division Cross Country running and Boxing.

Sgt. J. Maume, our P.S.I., has now left us and joined the 1st Battalion in Germany. We thank him for his help and friendship



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Some members of "B" Company, with their trophies

during his tour with us and we send him our best wishes. We welcome W.O.2 B. Dunkeld who has taken his place. His arrival coincided with our success at collecting pots and so we regard him as a splendid mascot.

We congratulate the following on their promotions: Sgt. D. H. Humphries, L/Cpl. P. J. Smith and L/Cpl. W. R. Jacobs. We also record Sgt. J. Nugent's wedding and assure him and his wife of our very best wishes.

The Company did very well in Civil Defence at Annual Camp. The parties went well and Mr. Clarke-Maxwell's accordion was a great success. We missed our T.A.E.R. contingent who went to Germany with the 1st Battalion. They were very grateful for the hospitality and returned much wiser soldiers.

The June Ball was again organised by the Social Committee. It was the best yet and many volunteers worked really hard to transform the Drill Hall completely. It was indeed a very busy day as we also entered a team in the Guildford/Camberley march and manned a recruiting stand at Camberley Sports Day.

"B" Company produced five of the Battalion Team for the China Cup at Bisley.

Sgt. W. H. Burnham, B.E.M., won a silver Medal and Bar in the B.S.A. shoot and Sgt. J. Nugent reached the T.A. Fifty.

We are now enjoying the August break and look forward to the Battalion Shoot and our Company Shoot.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major W. B. Greenhow

Since the last notes appeared in the Journal much of interest has taken place. Pride of place must go to the Laying-up of the Colours of the 4th Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment T.A. This most impressive and heart-moving ceremony took place at Croydon Parish Church on Sunday, 5th April. The Battalion provided two guards for these Colours and the Band and Drums of the Battalion headed the parade. It was gratifying to see so many members of the O.C.A. on parade for the last time with the Colours under which they served. On the evening of the 4th April, the O.C.A. held a dinner in the drill hall at which the guest of honour was Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., Honorary Colonel of 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal

Surrey Regiment. The Colours were uncased in the Hall and it was indeed an evening to remember. These Old Colours are now to be seen hanging above the Queen's screen in the Church.

During the past three months the stork has been busy. Capt. and Mrs. Dorey now have a daughter, C/Sgt. and Mrs. Lay have a son, and Cpl. and Mrs. Moore have another son. We send to all of these our congratulations and best wishes.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. R. Chapman. "Bob" Chapman is a great supporter of the Company and we extend our sympathy to him and his daughter in their most personal loss.

We are all sorry to lose C/Sgt. Lay who has, so it is said, returned to the 1st Bn. in Germany. His enthusiasm and hard work will be greatly missed in the Company, but the 1st Bn. will doubtless rejoice at his return. We wish him well and send our best wishes to Mrs. Lay and the children.

We learn that the report obtained by the Bn. at camp was good and it is understood that the members of the Company did very well in this "new to us" role. The Company Commander wonders if this is due to the fact that he was posted to the far-flung corners of Waller Barracks to reflect upon the siting of poles, oak, 4in., field machines for the use of, Mk. I. He was however, allowed to return in the evenings to witness the Company cricket team soundly beat all comers. This team bore a striking likeness to the West Indian members of the Company supported by those who come from colder climates. In spite of having eight runs scored against them in one match they are still in good heart and ready for the next competition.

In September we hope to begin our second winter training cadres and, in the meantime, we extend to our many friends, best wishes, especially to Sgt. J. Miller who is at present ill in hospital.

We close these notes with a welcome to C/Sgt. Baker who has joined us from the Royal Sussex Regiment. We hope that he will be happy with us during his tour.

"D" COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major J. Schofield, T.D.

"D" Company always rallies to the Government's call for more exports. In the

last eighteen months we have exported two subalterns to be Company 21C's. We have now exported a third to be Band President, and our Company Commander, Major Wilson to "H.Q." Company. Looking for talent?—Look to "D" Company!

We wish Major Wilson all happiness at "H.Q." Company and are only sorry that his last few months with us were clouded with family illness. We are glad that this is now improving. We welcome Major Schofield to Bermondsey and hope he will be happy with us.

The Company sent a strong team of "Ever Readies" to the 1st Battalion, including L/Cpls. Fairfax, Smith, Wallace and Buckle. They all came back with stories of great hospitality, which we readily believe, and much hard work which we take with a pinch of salt.

The 11th-12th April was a great week end for Bermondsey, when we laid up the Colours of the old 6th Queens. We were glad to have so many old friends with us, and glad, as always, to have Albert Fassin and "La Sarcelle" with us again. The evening before the ceremony we held a ball in the Drill Hall at which 6th Queens Colours were displayed for the last time in their old home. The ceremony is described elsewhere in the Journal, but we must record the incident of the small boy who came up to Lieut. Cutcher who was wearing a Colour Belt inscribed with the Battle Honours of the Regiment. The boy said to him in great admiration and pointing at the honours—"Ere, mister, did you kill all them?"

February and March saw us on the Purfleet Ranges classifying with the new rifle. Capt. Clayton discovered the ranges were considered so cold in Queen Victoria's time that a special rum issue was made to troops firing there. We duly applied for this but Authority said "No." We look forward to Authority visiting the range with us next year—we believe the matter will then be reconsidered.

Congratulations to Cpl. Rogers on winning the Wigan Award for the best junior N.C.O., and congratulations to L/Cpl. Allaway for his successes in Cross Country and Boxing. Our best wishes to Sgt. and Mrs. Johnson, too, on the occasion of a new arrival in the family.

We have with regret to say farewell to two great stalwarts of Bermondsey, Sgts. Harry Reeve and George Macleod. We shall miss

them both and hope that they realise they are always welcome at 2 Jamaica Road. We hope to see them very often. We also say farewell to Pte. Welch who has decided to soldier on wheels, and L/Cpl. Hancock whom we hope we may see again some time.

We all enjoyed camp and were delighted (but we must admit, slightly dazed) to find ourselves winners of the Football Competition by so large a margin. We held a very happy social at camp.

Our Sutton Support Platoon continues to flourish; the platoon held its own week-end in the Aldershot area in August with two B.A.T.S. and two mortars. This was a particularly pleasant week-end with some very valuable training.

Cpl. Elliott has made a magnificent job of repainting and reconstructing the Company Armoury. We congratulate him on its very smart appearance.

Recruiting in the Company continues very well, both Sutton and Bermondsey increasing their strength. Shinty is now played regularly at Bermondsey and Badminton at Sutton.

The Company, as usual, provided a guard at the installation reception of the Mayor of Bermondsey in May.

A party from the Company went to the Royal Tournament in July and greatly enjoyed themselves. In August, the Company acted as hosts for the French visitors from Steenwerck.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major D. G. Wilson, T.D.

"H.Q." Company showed how well the various entities making it up can combine when a squad consisting of members from Guildford, Woking and Haslemere won the Battalion Drill Competition during the Spring Training week-end in Sussex. A lot of the credit for this success must go to C.S.M. J. Homersham, M.B.E., the indefatigable P.S.I. Sgt. Holledge and Sgt. Evans who commanded the squad.

For the Brigade Competition Exercise "First Venture," it was decided to give the Recce Platoon a rest from continually representing the Company for tactical and endurance competitions, and a team was made up from the Signals and M.T. Platoons.

If there could have been more practice at shooting, grenade throwing and on the

Energa grenade, the team would have come higher than its overall placing of tenth. However, everybody was surprised and pleased at the high standard of fieldcraft shown by the drivers and signallers and by the third fastest time put up on the Assault Course. In practice on the Water Jump the team commander nearly despaired when two members of the team collided when swinging in mid-air!

On 1st August we bade farewell to our Company Commander, Major J. R. Gill. He has served at Guildford throughout his twelve years in the T.A., having been M.M.G. Platoon Commander, Adjutant and more recently, our O.C.

From Bermondsey comes our new Company Commander, Major D. G. Wilson, T.D., who was a member of "H.Q." Company ten years ago when M.T.O. and we now welcome his return.

Since his arrival the bar has been closed and sounds of hammering and sawing emanate from the area. All feel it is a good job the permanent staff are all on leave. C.S.M. Homersham, M.B.E., helped by Cpl. Wright, Cpl. Rutter, L/Cpl. Rutter, Pte. Frost and others have been busy. Plans are still secret but we do know that it will look very different when completed.

The game of Shinty has also been imported from Bermondsey and S.S.I. Griffiths (who is now getting about again after his illness) is marking out a Badminton Court for us—so we shall be playing hard as well as working hard.

The Regimental Police, reinforced by Pte. Gilliver, continue to flourish at Bermondsey and the Intelligence Section at Sutton. The Section now has an extensive collection of model N.A.T.O. and foreign A.F.V.'s and is taking on A.F.V. recognition instruction training, having finished its Air Photo Interpretation Course.

OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C. ... Major J. Schofield, T.D.
Mess Sergeant ... Sgt. E. J. Rolfe

At camp this year we did not have the luxury of a country house but the mess staff made a very fine job of the spider building given to us.

Alterations had to be made, not least, the replacement of the issue tables. The tables issued were of a canteen type and were issued on the scale of one table per four

officers and for the first forty-eight hours the dining-room had the true air of Jack's Cafe. However, a trip to a local furnishing store soon put this right.

Two Guest Nights were held at Camp. The first one was a family affair and was for officers' personal guests. The P.M.C. allowed officers to choose the menu but in spite of this everything went well.

Before the second Guest Night the P.M.C. and Cook Sgt. Rolfe were seen slipping off at unusual hours and on the day before the Guest Night the pair of them left very early in the morning. The result of their trips was seen when delicious sucking-pig appeared on the menu.

At the Guest Night we were very pleased to see our Kealy and Col. Mike Lowry who came up from Warminster.

The W.O.'s and Sgts. visited us on the middle Saturday and Cook Sgt. Rolfe laid on an excellent buffet including another sucking-pig. It was noticed that certain officers joined the big queue more than once.

Our thanks are due to Mess Sgt. Rolfe and Cook Sgt. Rolfe and their respective teams for a very successful Mess.

The Battalion's Bermondsey Mess continues to flourish. Guests on various Tuesday evenings have included the Mayor of Bermondsey, M. W. Carman of the Imperial War Museum, Officers of 47 Brigade "H.Q." and Officers of the 1st Royal Hampshires, with whom Lieut. Tony Cutcher went on attachment. The last was a particularly enjoyable dinner but it was after that evening that the phrase "That Wednesday morning feeling" came into circulation at Bermondsey.

The Bermondsey Mess has received two gifts, one from Col. Geoffrey Bevington, of photographs of himself, his father and grandfather, all of whom served with the Battalion, and another from an anonymous donor, of a case of medals including every campaign medal (although not all the bars) issued for every campaign from the Peninsula to Malaya, in which a battalion of the old Queens served. The medals were all won by members of the Queens and include an M.M. of the 22nd London. We have also had restored and netted the Colour awarded in respect of the service of the 2/22nd London.

Congratulations are due to Capt. and Mrs. Peter Dorey and Capt. and Mrs. Hugh Clark on the additions to their ration

strengths. By all accounts that stork is still hovering over the Mess.

During the last few months we have had Major Ted Stevart from 2nd East Anglian as our Q.M. Ted has now left us for retirement and we welcome Capt. Douglas Fraser as our permanent Q.M. We have said "good-bye" to Major Julian Gill who decided to live in the West Country. Julian has been in the Battalion for eleven years—always in "H.Q." Company. We are very sorry to see him go as he has always been a stalwart figure in the Mess.

The Officers' Summer Ball this year was held at the Burford Bridge Hotel near Dorking. This hotel is in the shadow of Box Hill and in the summer evening made a most delightful setting. It is believed that some officers took advantage of the swimming pool and senior officers gave it a wide berth.

In August we entertained the Battalion's guests from Steenwerck to a Buffet Lunch in the Bermondsey Mess.

Conclusion

A wise G.O.C. under whom we were happy to serve frequently said "Good training must be good fun." This is all-important for the Territorial, expected as he is to give the Army his spare time. We certainly feel, in the 3rd Battalion, that we combine training with enjoyment. We hope our readers will think so, too.

We would just ask of them, if they or anyone they know is thinking of serving with the T.A. to remember 3 Queens Surreys is the unit to choose.

BAND AND DRUMS

Band President	..	Lt. A. W. Cutcher
Bandmaster	..	W.O.I F. W. Braddick
Band Sergeant	..	C/Sgt. R. Gibson
Drum Major	..	Drum Major V. St. J. Colley

In June the Band was pleased to be able to return a favour by playing at a Garden Fete organised by James Walker & Co., Ltd., and held at Woking. Many will remember the Football Ground at Woking which was the scene of the Colour Presentation last year; this was made available to the 3rd and 4th Bns. by courtesy of James Walker & Co.

There have been several other social occasions during this part of the year and we are grateful to the organisations asking us to

play because the income so derived is helping us to improve our equipment. On these occasions we have been as far afield as Godalming and Sevenoaks.

Apart from these functions we have taken part in a number of Band Parades the most memorable of all being the Laying Up of Old Colours at Croydon (the Old 4th Bn. Queens Royal Regiment) and at Bermondsey (the Old 6th Bn.) the following week. The Band also took part in the Reg. Assn. Day at Guildford on 21st June.

More recently we supported a Tattoo organised by our Honorary Col., Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O. for the Sussex T.A. Association. This was at Preston Park, Brighton and was part of the Brighton Festival. Sgt. Bryan, who plays the Bass Drum had a particularly tight schedule that day as he wanted to get back to Bermondsey in time to see many of his friends from Steenwerck (he was there in 1940). He just made it.

Recruiting is always a problem for the Band but recently we have been having some encouraging results to our efforts to increase our strength. We congratulate Mrs. Uttley (wife of L/Cpl. B. Uttley) on the birth of a second son—said already to be very musical! Bandsman Uttley followed his brother's example and married earlier this year. Bandsman Lavender is being married after our Ghent visit—which at time of writing these notes is the week-end after next.

To all of us the visit to Ghent is always a special occasion and once again we are looking forward to it immensely. Apart from the normal parades in Ghent we are this year giving a concert on Sunday morning.

Our forward plans are many—and Mr. Braddick (Bandmaster) is already pressing for 1965 engagements. Of immediate interest is a concert in the Old Kent Road, part of "D" Company's activities during the London T.A. Fortnight. (We wonder whether we ought to have a few Beatle tunes in reserve). The following day, 27th September, the Band takes part in a Band Concert at Sloane Square, organised by the County of London T.A.F.A.

Everyone in the Band was sorry to see the departure of Major B. Bowen, T.D., who has been our Band President for the past year and has done so much to help us. We welcome Lt. A. W. Cutcher who has been appointed B.P. at the same time as his transfer to Croydon from "D" Coy, Bermondsey.

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LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS

Of the 4th Battalion, The Queens' Royal Regiment, T.A.

On the 5th April, 1964, the Old Colours of the 4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment were laid up in Croydon Parish Church.

The Colours, cased, were carried through the streets of Croydon for the last time in procession from Mitcham Barracks. The parade was headed by the Band and Drums of the 3rd Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; there followed No. 1 Guard, the Old Colours, No. 2 Guard and the Old Comrades.

The Service in the Church began with the hymn "Fight the Good Fight." The Vicar and Rural Dean of Croydon, the Rev. Canon W. Warren Hunt, then said The Bidding; there followed Confession, Absolution and Prayers. The congregation then sang the hymn "Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer," after which the lesson was read by Lt.-Col. B. Gill, T.D., J.P. The congregation then sang Bunyan's hymn "Who would true valour see." After the Address and the



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The Colours of 4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) being marched into Croydon Parish Church, for Laying-up, on 5th April, 1964



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The Colours of 4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) on the Altar in Croydon Parish Church on 5th April, 1964

hymn "Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God," the Colour Party formed up at the West end of the aisle with Colours at the carry and arms at the shoulder. The Band then played the Slow March "Scipio" during which the Colour Party moved forward almost to the altar rails. The Commanding Officer having taken post, took the Queens' Colour in his right hand, the Regimental Colour in his left and turned about. The Colour Officers drew swords and the Colour Party presented arms.

The Commanding Officer carrying the Colours advanced to the altar in slow time, halted and said "These consecrated Colours, formerly carried in the service of Queen and Country, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls." The Vicar replied "I receive these Colours for safe custody within this Parish Church." He then placed the Colours on the altar, after which the Colour Party shouldered arms.

After prayer, all stood for the National Anthem, during which the Colour Party presented arms.

The service ended with Luther's hymn

"Now thank we all our God," and the Blessing.

The Battalion representatives taking part were Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., and Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, T.D., Honorary Colonel and Commanding Officer respectively of the 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The Colour Party was Capt. P. J. Dorey and Lt. A. B. Daly; the Escort was W.O.II L. A. Fuller, Sgt. W. M. Woods and Sgt. L. C. Ridley.

The Mayor of Croydon was present at the service.

A very strong contingent from the Old Comrades of the 4th Queens was present and all who had served watched the ceremony with deep emotion.

LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS

Of the 6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment, T.A. (formerly 22nd London Regiment (The Queens))

On the 12th April, 1964, the Old Colours of the 6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, T.A., were laid up in Bermondsey Parish Church.

The Colours, cased, were carried from Jamaica Road, down Abbey Street to the Parish Church for the last time. The parade was headed by the Band and Drums of the 3rd Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; there followed No. 1 Guard, the Old Colours, No. 2 Guard, the Old Comrades and members of La Sarcelle of the Belgian Wartime Resistance.

The Service began with the hymn "Fight the Good Fight," during which the Colour Party formed up at the West end of the church with Colours at the carry and arms at the shoulder.

The Colour Party then moved forward almost to the altar rails in slow time, while the Band played the Slow March "Scipio." The Commanding Officer took post and then, having taken the Queen's Colour in his right hand and the Regimental Colour in his left, turned about. The Colour Officers drew swords and the Colour Party presented arms. The Commanding Officer, carrying the Colours, advanced in slow time and then halted. He said, "These consecrated Colours, formerly carried in the service of the Queen and Country, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls."

The Rector of Bermondsey, the Reverend

F. S. Skelton, D.S.O., D.F.C. replied: "I receive these Colours for safe custody within this Parish Church." He then placed the Colours on the altar and turned to face the Colour Party who shouldered arms.

The congregation then knelt in prayer. After prayer all stood for the National Anthem, the Colour Party presenting arms, at the Anthem's conclusion the Colour Party turned about and marched in quick time to the West end of the Church. There followed the Bidding, Confession, absolution and Prayers.

The lesson was read by Lt.-Col. C. H. Nice, T.D. after which the congregation sang "Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer."

In the Address the Rector told the congregation of the plans for the safe keeping of the Colours in the Church and asked them to think of all that the Colours had represented to several generations of Territorials in terms of comradeship, service and duty, suffering and death.

The Service concluded with Luther's hymn "Now thank we all our God" and The Blessing.

The Battalion representatives taking part were Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O. and Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, T.D., Honorary Colonel and Commanding Officer respectively of the 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The Colour Party was Capt. P. J. Dorey and Lt. A. W. Cutcher; the Escort was Sgt. J. A. Bryan, Sgt. M. R. Nason and Sgt. L. T. Johnson.

The Mayor of Bermondsey was present at the Service.

Many past members of Bermondsey's Territorial Battalion came to this last parade and service with their units' Colours; the Rector's address most eloquently expressed the thoughts of all those present.

WITH THE ROYAL HAMPSHIRE IN GERMANY

By Lt. Anthony Cutcher, 3rd Queen's Surreys

"Well," they asked, when I climbed out of the B.U.A. Viscount at Gatwick, "did you like Germany? How did you get on with the Germans?" Nobody believed me when I said that I had seen nothing of Germany except its training areas and had met only two of its Nationals.

Those experienced in such matters will

know that this means I had just returned from a two weeks tour with B.A.O.R.

Early in May, my Company Commander, Major Desmond Wilson of "D" Company, telephoned and asked if I would like to spend a fortnight with the Regular Army instead of our T.A. camp. I jumped at the idea and asked "when, where and with whom?" It was to be in a couple of weeks time, somewhere in Germany, and with two others from my Battalion. No one knew exactly where in Germany, but it wouldn't be the 1st Bn. who were on block leave at that time. Nor did anyone know why such a vacancy had occurred. But this did not matter—a fortnights training with a regular infantry battalion, mounted in A.P.C.'s, was going to be much more interesting and worthwhile than the T.A.'s prospects at a Rescue and Survival Course at Devizes.

Oddly enough it also turned out to be something of a survival course for us.

Near our departure date we learned we would be attached to the 1st Bn. The Royal Hampshire Regiment at Munster. The Hampshires are in the same Brigade as our own 1st Bn. (6th Inf. Bde. Group) and they would be training at Soltau, together with 1 Queen's Surreys for some of the time.

Our flight tickets indicated that we must be at Gatwick at 1000 hrs. so the Bn. suggested an R.V. at 9 just to be safe. We soon discovered that other organisers had already taken precautions against our late arrival and the plane was not due to take off until 1130 hrs. Still it gave us time to change our money into marks and to look around to see who else would be on our flight.

There were three of us from the 3rd Bn., L/Cpl. Burroughs, Pte. Greenough and myself. There were also two L/Cpls. from the 4th Bn. and one or two others from the Green Jackets and the Gloucesters. Later, we discovered that a good mixture of units were to be represented with the Hampshires—about 12 men in all.

We were met at R.A.F. Gutersloh by a Royal Hampshire sergeant who made sure that we got the right coach for Munster (at this time it looked quite easy to arrive on the wrong side of Germany; later we came very near to doing so).

Lt. Colin Howard of 1 Queen's Surreys was also on the coach so I managed to get some background information which was to come in useful during our stay.

After a welcome at Waterloo Barracks by Major C. D. Darroch, 2i/c. and Acting C.O., we were taken to the companies with which we were to train, issued with kit and briefed for the coming exercises. The T.A. members hardly saw each other again for 15 days as companies were training separately and often in quite different locations.

"B" Company, to which the 3rd Bn. members had been attached, was sending a small party out on adventure training the next day (Saturday) and asked if I would like to go along. The plan was to motor down to the Mohne See for canoeing instruction under Lt. C. Winchester—as part of training for the B.A.O.R. Canoeing Certificate. The Mohne See is well-known to the Germans of the Ruhr Valley because it supplies their electricity, and to the rest of the world because it featured prominently in the film "The Dambusters." There are still signs of the damage caused by that famous air-raid. I thought that I learnt quite a lot about canoeing that day, but I still have not received my certificate. Ah, well . . . perhaps next year!

During the first of our two weeks, "B" Company spent four days at Haltern training area, about one hour's drive south of Munster. Major A. Imrie, Company Commander, felt that some basic training before the more advanced programme of Soltau would be a good idea. As far as we were concerned it was essential; the T.A. cannot expect to be up to the standard of the Regulars so a little basic work helps enormously.

Consequently we were doing observation exercises, compass marches, wire laying and night patrols for three days and the period culminated with a 24 hour defence exercise at Levesham, a training area adjoining Haltern. Each of these was extremely valuable and much was learnt by the T.A. The main advantages of training with the Regular Army became apparent: firstly, the Regulars can spend more time preparing their exercises and as a result things generally go more smoothly than in the T.A.; secondly, everyone is trained to a higher standard than we are and consequently our training while with them is more concentrated.

The map reading exercise was held on a delightfully sunny and warm afternoon. We were dropped off in groups of two or three about eight miles from base with instructions to report at three check points on the way

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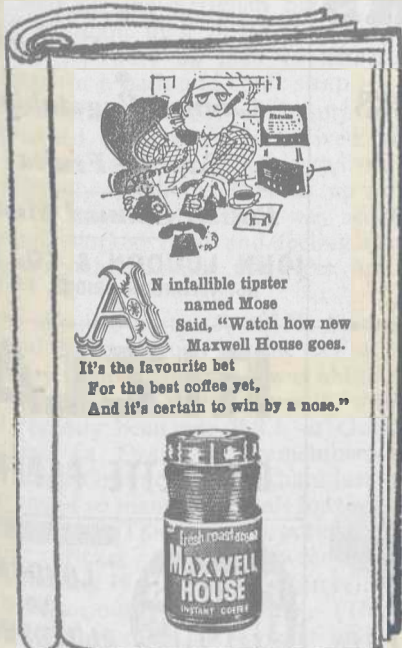
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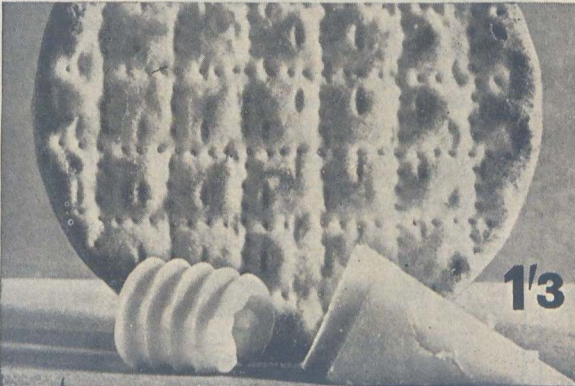
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back. We were given maps and compasses and sent on our way.

Well, my two colleagues didn't actually get lost but somehow they got the wrong reference—they mis-read an 8 for a 5 and headed for a point three kilometres east of the one they should have gone to. As Pte. Greenough said later (much later) "If this had been the T.A. they would have known something was wrong—it was much too far to walk!" But who knows—perhaps the Regulars do go on 20 mile map marches after lunch?

They got to their R.V. without any great difficulty and were rather irritated to find no-one else there. The only thing to do after some local refreshment was to get back to base, which was now some ten miles away. They decided to hitch-hike, soon got a lift and found themselves fifteen miles from base. We reckoned that they stood on the wrong side of the road—so easy to do on the Continent. Full credit is due, however—they came back before reveille.

We part-time soldiers were extremely impressed with the 24 hour exercise. Again so much more was accomplished by the Royal Hampshires than the T.A. could do in the time. This, of course, had its disadvantages. As L/Cpl. Burroughs said—"It's all very well digging a trench but to have to spend all night in it in pouring rain is no joke." We were all glad to get back to Munster for a bath and some sleep.

Movement orders for our return to U.K. were issued to us when we arrived back at the Barracks and we imagined that this was intentionally timed to cheer us up at "the half-way stage." Not that we needed it; although worked hard and feeling tired we were sorry that already one week had gone by.

The advance party set off for Soltau next day and the main body left the day after—on Saturday. But meanwhile I was able to meet Sgt. Hope of 1 Queens Surreys, who had until recently been our P.S.I. at Guildford, and also, Lt. Oram, well remembered from the Parade Ground at Crookham last year—the scene of so many rehearsals for the Colour Presentation. This was the occasion of the annual cricket match between our 1st Battalion and H.M.S. Excellent in celebration of the Glorious First of June. (The R.H. have the only pitch in Munster and it was being put to good use).

A few R.H. Subalterns laid on an "instant

party" for Friday night and this added further restrictions to our sleeping hours. For the first time I felt that I might have been at a T.A. camp—where else does a party go on until three with reveille at five? The seven hour drive in A.P.C.'s to Soltau gave us time to recover.

Camp had been established by the advance party and it did not take the rest of us long to settle in to the new routine. The T.A. were staying until Wednesday but the Hampshires were there for just over two weeks. I was rather surprised to find that, in spite of the whole Bn. being in the same area, each company was left to its own arrangements—siting, feeding and training.

After a while I could see the reason for this; training was to be by companies and units could become much closer-knit if they lived as a unit; also, of course, it is much easier to cater for 100 or so men in the company than trying to feed a battalion. Incidentally, we lived extremely well in the field, occasionally on "compo" but mainly on fresh rations.

Training was to start on Monday so until then we had time to ourselves.

The Soltau training period is the highlight of the year; the whole Bde. moves up and during the two weeks everyone is working towards the Bde. Exercise. I was very sorry that we were to miss this.

Only two more days to go and we intended to make the most of them!

On Monday we started using A.P.C.'s in their operational role—in attack, defence, withdrawal. We also met the affiliated Tank troop, from 4/7 Dragoon Guards. The two days were fully occupied in Inf./Tank work.

The R.H., like the 1 Q.S., who by this time were also at Soltau, are equipped with Humber Armoureds, the fore-runner of the Trojan A.P.C. which is now finding its way out to units. When it does perhaps the T.A. will get the Humbers. Apart from the very real military advantages this would give us it would cut out the vast amount of foot-slogging that has to be done otherwise and the time this wastes; it would also, and this is of almost equal importance, increase our appeal to potential recruits. The Infantry will always be less attractive than are mechanised units but a few Humbers to each company would narrow the gap, raise morale and make the T.A. feel they were "with it."

We left the R.H. on Wednesday morning and were sorry to do so. We had learnt a tremendous amount; we had enjoyed our-

selves immensely because we had been made very welcome during the whole of our stay and we had perfect weather.

What more could part-time soldiers want on a working holiday?

3rd Battalion Personality:

SGT. LEO DUNCAN
"D" Company

Sgt. Leo Duncan first joined the Army on Boy's Service with the Border Regiment. He transferred to The Queens in 1932 when he reached Man's Service. He did six months at Stoughton and then went to the 2nd Battalion at that time at Aldershot. Before long he was drafted to the 1st Queens then stationed at Allahabad, in India. Sgt. Duncan served eight years in India, including spells on the North West Frontier—perhaps the best School of Infantry in the British Army's history.

He served in Burma with the 1st Queens until the Mayo Ridge, after which he was brought back to England in view of the length of his continuous service in the Far East. There being no Queens Battalion in England preparing for service overseas he transferred



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to the Parachute Regiment. He fought in the 9th Battalion in the Normandy landings, the Ardennes ("We had to leave England when the Christmas turkey was in the oven") and the Rhine crossing operations.

He was demobilised at the end of the war and began a new life as a civilian. He now works as a Post Office storeman, has a wife, two daughters and a son. He joined the Regiment again as a Territorial in 1957 and now, whatever the 3rd Battalion is doing Sgt. Leo Duncan will be there. Whether it is a wet week-end on Salisbury Plain or a mid-winter freeze on Hankley Common, a recruiting exercise or a party, Sgt. Duncan will be in the middle of it, keeping those around him as happy and irrepressibly cheerful as he himself always seems to be.

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4th Battalion

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

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This has been a summer of hard and profitable training. The first major event was the Brigade Platoon Skills Competition in May, which was an admirable incentive to all to revise the basic Infantry skills. Company teams from the three battalions in 47th Infantry Brigade competed in battle-craft, shooting, night navigation and assault course events. We were well satisfied to have three Companies in the first six places ("C" "H.Q." and "D"), and to win the Field-Firing, Night Navigation and Assault Course Trophies.

Annual Camp took place from 30th May to 13th June, at the Army School of Civil Defence, Devizes, where the bulk of the Battalion carried out rescue and survival training. This is the fate of all T.A. Battalions once every four years, but despite previous misgivings it proved to be interesting and worthwhile training. The Battalion did well in the test exercise and achieved very high average marks in the individual tests. One of the drawbacks of that sort of Camp is the break in continuity of normal training and the lack of opportunity to train as a unit. However, Senior N.C.Os and Signals cadres were held and nearly all officers were able to attend an extensive tactical and methods of instruction course during the second week, which included a visit to the Methods of Instruction School at Warminster arranged by Maj. R. C. Guy, M.C.

The annual R.E.M.E. inspection of vehicles and equipment took place only a fortnight after the end of Camp, which was stretching the willingness of the soldier and forbearance of families to the limit! The highly satisfactory report received was a tribute to the tremendous amount of hard work put in



Lt. G. A. J. Cameron receiving the Field-firing Trophy from the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., after 47th Infantry Brigade Platoon Skills Competition

by those concerned, particularly the M.T., at a time when traditionally the Territorial Army relaxes for a while.

No sooner were the vehicles and equipment nice and clean and inspected, than they were all out on Brigade Exercise "Bold Venture." The exercise was well named. It entailed occupation of a defensive position and counter-patrolling, a night withdrawal of some twenty miles to occupy a new defensive position, and finally next morning a three-stage Brigade counter-attack which

was watched by the Army Commander. This all took place from Saturday afternoon to mid-day Sunday. We were thin on the ground and at times had to resort to somewhat unorthodox improvisations—the Recce Platoon certainly never had a dull moment in this respect—but the exercise went according to plan and finished on time. Much of this was due to good communications, thanks to the Signal Platoon and rifle company reserve signallers who had trained so hard at Camp.

It is alleged that some found time for holidays between the Brigade exercise and the Battalion Rifle Meeting at the end of August. This meeting was the climax of the shooting year as unfortunately the Division Rifle Meeting had to be cancelled. The form of the Battalion meeting was therefore changed to incorporate matches which normally make up the Division meeting. It was a glorious day, and many families and friends turned up to make it a splendid social occasion, in addition to the more serious business of shooting. An improvement in shooting was indicated in the previous April when "A" and "C" Companies came 2nd and 4th respectively in the County stage of the Territorial Army Small Bore Rifle Match, 1964, and this was borne out by the results at the Meeting which were generally encouraging despite the more difficult matches.

It was decided to make a new award this year for the best all-round Company at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, to be known as the Champion-at-Arms Cup. This necessitated a review of the Battalion silver to select a suitable piece. We think we have found a most appropriate one. It is the cup presented in 1905 to the 3rd Volunteer Bn. The East Surrey Regiment (which later became the 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment) by the Honorary Colonel, Col. F. F. Roupell, for the promotion of efficiency in Musketry. Col. Roupell was the father of Brig. G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.

First winners of this trophy were "C" Company. They secured the same number of points as "B" Company but under the rules they won by having a higher score in the L.M.G. Match. 2/Lt. R. M. Arnold was Champion Rifle Shot and Pte. Gosden won Class "B" (Corporals and below with less than 2 years service). As Gosden had less than three months service at the time, this was a notable achievement.

At the time of writing the training year is

approaching its end with the Brigade Support Weapons Concentration at Lydd and the Battalion mountaineering exercise in Snowdonia.

T.A.E.R. Visit to Germany

On the 5th June twenty-five members of the Battalion who are on Territorial Army Emergency Reserve engagements put aside their civilian occupations and reported to Battalion Headquarters at Kingston-upon-Thames. That afternoon they flew to Germany and by 0800 hours the next day they were in the field with the 1st Battalion on training at Soltau. An abrupt, but exhilarating metamorphosis! There followed two weeks hard and grimy training with tanks and A.P.C.s. All enjoyed themselves immensely and hope for more. We are grateful to the 1st Battalion for having looked after them so well, and above all for arranging for them to do the jobs which they normally do in the 4th Battalion.

The Nijmegen March

Among other training activities mention should be made of Cpl. Taylor's enterprising one-man expedition to Holland to take part in the annual international march at Nijmegen at the end of July. This march entails completing a 55 km march each day on four successive days within a set time. Several thousand competitors took part, including civilians and soldiers from many N.A.T.O. countries. Cpl. Taylor was, we believe, the sole member of the Regiment to take part this year. He finished in good order, paraded for the final ceremony looking extremely smart in No. 2 Dress, and won his fourth Nijmegen medal. Well done indeed!

Sports

The annual inter-company six-a-side football and tug-of-war competitions were held at Annual Camp. "C" Company, who had recently acquired two incisive young forwards in Ptes. Bailey and Camburn, were outstanding winners in the football. "A" Company's wealth of experience in the tug-of-war enabled them to win that event after a close semi-final against "C" Company, last year's winners, and by two straight pulls against a heavier "H.Q." Company team in the final. The Battalion Swimming Meeting was held at the Kingston Baths the weekend after Camp. There was a good attendance and "A" Company won the inter-company

cup after a close tussle with "H.Q." Company. In the Officers v. Sergeants Relay the officers were leading by over half a length up to the last leg; nevertheless the Sergeants managed to win in somewhat mysterious circumstances.

Band and Drums

The Band under W.O.I Pearce and the Corps of Drums under Drum-Major Stuart William, M.B.E., and latterly Drum-Major Barker have entertained us on many occasions and worthily represented the Battalion and the Regiment. We enjoyed several excellent concerts at Clapham and Kingston T.A. Centres, and we wish the Band the Best of luck in the County of London Band Competition which is to be held in Sloane Square at the end of September.

At Camp the Band and Drums joined forces with the Band and Drums of the 3rd Battalion to beat Retreat in Devizes. The editor of our Battersea Detachment magazine has recorded that the public was most impressed. He visited all the seventy-five pubs in Devizes that evening and didn't have to buy a drink. He has suggested that they beat Retreat in Battersea some time.

The New Wandsworth Borough

One of the consequences of the Greater London reorganisation is that the Borough of Battersea will be absorbed by the Borough of Wandsworth. There will then be a direct connection between the 4th Battalion and Wandsworth which will be very welcome. Although the reorganisation does not take effect until 1st April 1965, we have already begun taking part in Wandsworth activities.

Early in September "A" and "B" Companies competed in the Wandsworth Borough Rifle Meeting against eight other teams. The meeting was curtailed because of a heath fire, but by then "B" Company had established a substantial lead and were awarded the major trophy, presented by the Deputy Lieutenant's Committee.

On 26th September the Mayor of Wandsworth unveiled a memorial by the Borough to the 13th (Service) Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. This Battalion was formed almost entirely of Wandsworth men and fought on the Western Front in the 1914-18 War. The memorial is in the gardens of the Wandsworth Municipal Buildings. At the unveiling ceremony a Guard of Honour was found by "A" and "B" Companies; the

Band played during the ceremony and later the Band and Corps of Drums beat Retreat in the forecourt of the Municipal Buildings.

Before the last war, and more recently, the 23rd London Regiment at St. John's Hill T.A. Centre was directly identified with Battersea. But it is worth recalling that during World War I the 1/23rd and 2/23rd Battalions of the London Regiment came largely from Wandsworth as well as Battersea. In the orders for a raid by the 2/23rd Battalion near Arras on 7th August 1916 there is the following paragraph:—

"Password will be "Wandsworth" answered by "Battersea" and vice-versa. The code sentence for withdrawals will be "Loyalty Unites Us"."

It is understandable that the Borough of Battersea does not relish losing its separate identity, but perhaps our Regimental history may contribute to harmony in the new Borough of Wandsworth!

Honours and Awards

The following honours and awards have been gained by members of the Battalion, to whom go our warmest congratulations:—
M.B.E.: W.O.I G. E. Mileham.

T.D.: Major J. H. Johnson (2nd Clasp)
Major A. V. A. Cummins (1st Clasp)
Capt. D. R. Rowston.

Territorial Efficiency Medal:

Lt. (Q.M.) W. Messenger (2nd Clasp)
Cpl. C. Stevens
C/Sgt. H. A. Goble (4th Clasp)
Sgt. B. J. Hanson (3rd Clasp).

Merritorious Service Certificate (County of Surrey):

Cpl. W. Taylor.

Valedictory

There have been more changes in Battalion Headquarters. Major J. H. Johnson has transferred to the T.A.R.O. and Capt. G. B. Redfern has succeeded Capt. J. W. Francis as Adjutant. Major Johnson joined 6th Surreys in 1948. He had previously served in 1/6th Surreys in the B.E.F. and after the war with 2nd Surreys. He was Second-in-Command of the 6th Surreys before the amalgamation with the 23rd London Regiment, and became Second-in-Command of this Battalion in 1962. His sense of loyalty, great capacity for work and cheerful patience have been a tremendous asset to the Battalion. We are very grateful to him for all that he

has done for us, particularly at the time of the amalgamation and during the Colour ceremonies last year and wish him all good fortune in his retirement.

Capt. Francis will always be remembered for all his hard work during the preparation and training for last year's Colour Presentation Parade, and particularly by the officers who were on parade. We were very pleased to learn that he had been nominated for Staff College next year, and though we are sorry to lose him and Mrs. Penny Francis, we welcome Capt. and Mrs. Redfern.

This year's Camp was the last for several of the more senior members of the Sergeants' Mess, who had to retire on reaching the age limit. They were Drum Major Stuart-William, C/Sgts. Hodgkin, Francis and Ryder. Their total service amounted to 128 years, and they will be really missed by the Battalion, as will C/Sgt. Dawson who has had to move to Nottingham.

It does not seem possible that Drum Major Hector Stuart-William has retired. He joined the 6th Surreys 44 years ago, and the Battalion is extremely grateful to him for the way he has managed to keep the Corps of Drums going under very difficult circumstances since the war. No effort was too much for him and it is typical of him that he still helps at times with training the Drums, who are now in the very capable hands of Drum Major Barker.

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander .. Major D. H. Conran

Well, we've done it again! For the fourth year running "A" Company have won the Company Championship Cup; 1961, 1962 and 1964 outright, and shared with "C" Company in 1963. This unique record was celebrated in the only fitting way by the Cup being filled and replenished with plentiful supplies of champagne.

Swimming and tug-of-war having always been our strong point in the sporting field, thanks to some hard practice and the very welcome final coaching of Sgt. Goble ("B" Company), our final against a weighty "H.Q." Company team was won with two convincing pulls.

We opened our 1964/65 record by winning the Battalion Swimming Cup in a narrow and exciting contest with "H.Q." Company, and we congratulate Capt. Landen and his team on this splendid effort.

We much regret having to say farewell to Capt. Stuart Landen who has played such an important part in all Company activities as Second-in-Command. We shall miss him, but congratulate him on his appointment as M.T.O.

Another sad farewell was to C/Sgt. Ted Ryder, one of the pillars of the establishment at Clapham, who has recently retired. As a mark of the appreciation of all members of the Detachment at Clapham a presentation was made to C/Sgt. Ryder of an engraved cigarette box and lighter. This took place during a most successful Social held for both "A" and "B" Companies in the Gazala Club. Wives and girl friends were also invited, and we were pleased to have Mrs. Ryder with us and to be able to express our thanks to her for her support and interest over the past years.

We congratulate Sgt. Wilkin, another old Clapham hand, on his promotion to C/Sgt.

We are pleased to say that our Detachment Magazine, reported as launched in our last notes, has survived and prospered and issue No. 6 is in course of preparation.

The Lindale Trophy for small bore rifle shooting which, as reported in our last notes, was won by Richmond Detachment, was presented by the Mayor of Richmond, who also presented Cpl. Lee with a shield for the highest individual score in the whole competition.

"B" COMPANY

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

We congratulate the junior members of the Company who did so well in the Young Soldiers' Competition.

Pte. Gosden received the prize for the best turned-out young soldier in the Drill Competition. In the second stage of the Competition he was the best S.L.R. shot and the best Young Soldier with less than five months' service.

Ptes. Tugwell, Anstee and Swaden scored high marks in the Drill Competition. Pte. Swaden also tied for first place in the Weapon Training and Fieldcraft, and classified on the Signals Cadre at Camp.

The Company won the Rifle Match in the Battalion Rifle Meeting.

Unfortunately, we have lost C/Sgt. Dawson, who has moved out of the district, and Sgt. Saunders, who has to leave owing to ill health.

For the last four Camps C/Sgt. Dawson has done a fine job as Ration N.C.O., and will be missed by the Company and the Battalion. We hope Sgt. Saunders' health will improve.

"C" COMPANY

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

"I'll beat him this time," I said to myself, "I'll have the notes in before he asks." I looked at the blank sheets of paper on the table before me and concentrated. Suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder, and looking up saw the Company Commander peering at me. "Ah, my boy! I see you are doing the Notes. Good, I'll have them in." He looked at his watch—"30 minutes' time." "But," I began; "No buts," said he, "30 minutes." (You just can't win, can you?).

The Company team, led by Lt. G. A. J. Cameron and consisting of Sgt. Elliott, Cpl. Bowen, L/Cpls. Moore, McCauliffe, Ptes. Taylor, Roberts, Demarre, McCarthy, Frampton, Regnard and Symonds, were runners-up in 47th Brigade Exercise "First Venture," and also won the Field Firing Competition.

At Camp the Company won the Six-a-Side Football Competition, and were awarded the Commanding Officer's Cup.

Cpl. Charlie Stevens led his section in the Rescue and Survival Training Examination to a top score of 92.5%.

Some of our Young Soldiers did very well in the two stages of the Young Soldiers' Competition: Pte. Tom Allford being Best

All-round Soldier and Best at Drill. Pte. Demarre was the Best Soldier in the second stage as well as being Best L.M.G. Shot. Pte. Fred Griffin tied for first place in the Weapon Training and Fieldcraft, and classified on the Signals Course.

Further honours went to the Company in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, as they won the L.M.G. Match, the China Cup, the Falling Plate and the Champion-at-Arms Cup. The latter was awarded for the most points gained in the Meeting, and although we tied with "B" Company on total points we obtained higher points in the L.M.G. Match.

At present a team from each Detachment is being entered in the Leatherhead Auxiliaries Forces Shield, a .22 Rifle Competition.

We are sorry to lose Major Stanley Wright who has commanded this Company since the amalgamation of the Battalion, but congratulate him on his appointment as Battalion Second-in-Command and welcome Major McConnell to the Company.

We also congratulate Cpl. Stevens on the award of the Territorial Army Efficiency Medal, and Cpl. and Mrs. Bowen on the birth of their son.

We are pleased to report that Pte. George Wildman, injured while playing football for the Battalion, and 2/Lt. Trevor and Pte. Tub Harris, injured in the "Courage Trophy," have recovered.

● Have you ordered your copy of the Journal? Why not do so now!



"C" Company Team. Runners-up in 47th Infantry Brigade Platoon Skills Competition and winners of the Field Firing Trophy



"D" Company Team. Winners of night marathon Cup in 47th Infantry Brigade Platoon Skills Competition

"D" COMPANY

Company Commander . . . Capt. C. J. S. Cullum

We were extremely sorry to have to say goodbye to C/Sgt. Freddie Hodgin, who retired after 32 years in the Territorial Army, and we shall miss his friendliness and help. He first served in the 6th Surreys, and then the 2/6th Battalion. He was taken prisoner when serving with this Battalion in France in 1940. After the war he rejoined the 6th Surreys.

We were also sorry to lose Major McConnell to "C" Company, but we wish him and Capt. Cullum, his successor, good luck.

Congratulations to Pte. Rossall on being top in the Battalion Signals Cadre.

Most of the Company who were on Rescue and Survival Training at Camp were under our own instructor, Sgt. Hyman, and we congratulate him on being the best T.A. instructor.

In Exercise "First Venture" 2/Lt. Meanley led the team which consisted of Sgt. Ramsey, Cpls. Tucker and Yallop, and Ptes. Rossall, Enticknap, R., Enticknap, P., Cox, Hitchcock, Finlay, Rendell and Thomas. They were awarded the Cup for Night Patrolling after a number of teams had tied, and did well in the Field Firing and Energa sections of the Competition.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Company Commander . . . Major J. W. Brewster

The Company Team, led by 2/Lt. R. M. Arnold, won the Assault Course Competition in Exercise "First Venture," in the excellent time of 2 mins. 40 secs. against the runners-up, who took 3 mins. 13 secs.

The Company also won the S.M.C. Match in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, as well as being runners-up in the Rifle and L.M.G. Matches.

We congratulate Pte. Fava on being the Best All-round Young Soldier with less than three months service in the Drill Competition, and also Cpl. Taylor on completing the Nijmegen March for the fourth time and qualifying for a further clasp to his medal.

It was with great regret that we said "Farewell" to C/Sgt. Francis and Drum Major Stuart-William.

C/Sgt. Tony Francis became C/Sgt. of "H.Q." Company when the Battalion amalgamated, and was a very great help in cementing that amalgamation during the first Camp. He joined the 42nd R.T.R. after the war, and was always a most popular and staunch supporter of that Regiment, the 23rd London Regiment, and this Battalion. We hope that he, and the Drum Major, of whom

more is said elsewhere in these notes, will often visit us.

We congratulate W.O.II Bob Haynes (A.C.C.) and Drum Major Barker on their well deserved promotions.

We welcome Capt. Landen to the Company but were sorry to lose Capt. Cullum. However, we feel he deserves a rest after 3½ years as M.T.O., a job he carried out extremely well.

Twenty Years After—Cassino Revisited

BY COLONEL T. A. BUCHANAN, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D., D.L.

AT 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, 9th May, a party of some two dozen assembled at Victoria Station. Eight were members of the Veterans Company, the others were wives, sons and friends. They were foregathered for the Twentieth Anniversary of the Battle of Cassino. We were most delighted to have in the party Mrs. I. A. Hobbs, widow of L/Cpl. Hobbs killed at Cassino, and her son Peter now twenty years old.

By 10.30 a.m., they were all on their way to Newhaven and at lunch time were on the high seas; a few had lunch but there was a general re-union at the bar where past battles were refought.

The train journey to Paris and the coach trip across Paris were uneventful but gave the party an excellent opportunity of getting to know each other.

As darkness fell we were all settled in, on our Rome bound train, and by midnight, couchettes had claimed us all and loud were the snores from some compartments. When Mondane was reached at about 4.30 a.m., a couple of hardy souls "came to" and climbed from their bunks to enjoy coffee and brioche in the station buffet but the majority preferred to sleep unseen. But soon there was hustle and bustle around and as we ran into Torino all were ready for breakfast. Brioche and coffee were thoroughly enjoyed in the station restaurant and after about an hour we ambled back to our coach. But consternation! On arrival at the platform we had left we could not see our coach. A few minutes of alarm that to some seemed an eternity and the coach was found on the next platform all ready for our next stage of the journey.

At times travelling at sixty miles an hour and at other times appearing to stop at every station, we bashed on. A quiet but



CASSINO REVISITED

Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D., at the Memorial. The famous Monastery, now almost completely rebuilt can be seen on the skyline

interesting journey was suddenly rudely interrupted—Chas. Nash had lost his passport. We turned compartments inside out; Guard, Porters, Station Masters, Gendarmes, High Admirals appeared and disappeared. Suggestions, some rude, were made but the passport could not be found.

At about 1700 hours on Sunday, 10th May, we ran into Roma and were delighted to be met by Stanley Glyn and Tony Fox of the Royal West Kents. On arrival at our hotel we had messages and visits from others joining us; otherwise we had a quiet evening.

Monday, 11 May dawned, and by 9.0 a.m. we were on the autostrada en route for Cassino.

On arrival we joined up with the rest of our party and made our way to the Memorial and at about 11.50 a.m., we were joined by the Mayor of Cassino and his entourage.

A short service was conducted by Col. T. A. Buchanan and the following wreaths were laid:

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While in Sorrento a visit was made to Capri.

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Don Horstman. John Canty was one of his company commanders at Cassino and Don Horstman had been his Adjutant in the same battle.

"R" (Surrey) Battery

265 Light Air Defence Regiment, R.A. (T.A.)

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

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

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

We acknowledge that authority moves in a mysterious way. This observation is made because our title has yet again been changed. When we suffered amalgamation streamlining, call it what you will, in 1961 we became R. Battery of 265 L.A.A. Regiment; we have since then successively gone through the following titles: R. (Surrey) Battery of 265 L.A.A. Regiment, then R. (Surrey) Battery of 265 Regiment, and now R. (Surrey) Battery of 265 Light Air Defence Regiment. All this in just three years.

At Camp this year we were splendidly clothed in former U.S. Army combat jackets and trousers, obtained by local purchase. Those novel titles like "Hell on Wheels," and the top sergeants' stripes were removed to baffle our Regulars the more, and equipped with Esso maps of South England and Wales we went forth to war and the pleasure of Camp.

Frankly without our Esso maps, bought in the field of battle, we should probably still be in the Cambrian Heights. We travelled about 1,000 miles in our vehicles whilst at Camp. Going to an area near Blackdown, Aldershot, we moved to Salisbury Plain, on to Cardiff for the middle weekend, then to

Manorbier and the Prescilly Mountains in South Wales. We fired our guns at the School of Artillery in Manorbier, and then moved back to Sennybridge for the C.R.A.'s Exercise. Then to Salisbury Plain again and so back to Eelmore, Aldershot, where we arrived amidst a tropical monsoon on Friday night, 12th June. We certainly had an active Camp, unlike any we have had recently.

At last the decorators are here! Promised in 1960, they've been a long time coming, but their work is partly completed already. This ancient Drill Hall, built in 1864, even has radiators in places which never before knew warmth, whilst the Canteen which used to have a coal fire now has four powerful blower-blast floor heaters. We still have to wait for the boilers, but we live in hopes; after all they only started the central heating last March.

December 1964 sees the Centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at these Headquarters. How many thousands have passed through here! It is the largest Drill Hall in the Metropolitan area, and probably the oldest. It has been occupied by the same Unit or its forebears without a break during all this time. An event to celebrate the Centenary is to take place on December 12th; an account of which will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

Quite a number of the Battery have recently been awarded the Efficiency Medal, and we warmly congratulate Sgt. F. F. Durbin, Bdr. R. Barnes, B.Q.M.S. D. J. Oliver, Sgt. T. G. Grantham, Sgt. D. A. Lindup, and L/Bdr. A. T. Brown on their awards.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

Spring Meeting 1964

The Spring Meeting was held on April 28 and 29 at Sudbrook Park, Petersham. The attendance was average; about 25 members were present—and they all seemed to enjoy themselves as much as usual—this in spite of one rather sad conclusion about the weather. It appears that the legend of "Surreys weather" for the golf meeting is not a legend—it is a myth: the first day of the Meeting was one of the wettest and windiest on record, and everybody who played two rounds in such conditions deserved a medal. The second day was drier, but just as windy.

Among our distinguished visitors to luncheon on the first day, we were delighted to welcome Major Spencer Ford, a pre-war captain of the Society. This was the first time—I think—that he had been able to attend since the end of World War II, and we very much hope that he will not leave it so long before he again comes. We were sorry to miss one constant attender—Lt.-Col. Congdon, who was not well enough to appear. But he did not let this stop him from providing the usual "Hidden Holes" prizes for the Medal Round.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on the evening of April 28, Major A. L. Sutton, M.C., was elected President for the ensuing three years, in succession to Capt. Alec Mason, whose term of office as President had come to an end.

Results of Competitions—Spring Meeting

STABLEFORD BOGEY
Seniors: Capt. J. A. Clark (32½ pts.), Heales Memorial Trophy.

Juniors: Major R. C. Taylor (27 pts.).

Veterans Halo: Major J. C. Drane (35 pts.).

MEDAL ROUND

Challenge Cup: H. P. Mason—79 (gross).

Dodgson Cup: Major D. J. Wright—88 less 14 = 74 (net).

Best last nine holes (Seniors): Major C. H. Dickins.

Best last nine holes (Juniors): W. J. T. Ross.

Nine hidden holes (Seniors): Lt.-Col. G. S. Abbott.

Nine hidden holes (Juniors): D. J. Dickins.

BOGEY GREENSOMES

Lt.-Col. B. A. Hannaford and Major D. J. Wright.

BOGEY FOURSOMES

Major D. J. Wright and D. J. Dickins.

Match v. Royal Marines, 20th May, 1964 at Blackmoor, Hants.

This Match most unfortunately did not take place, as at the very last moment the Marines had to withdraw most of their team owing to the exigencies of the public service. But our team were already on their way to Blackmoor, and so with the assistance of the three devoted R.M.s who were able to turn up "we had a very good day, although we missed the amusement of the match" (writes the Captain) "due partly to the Marines hospitality, and partly to the wonderful weather and the beauty of the course. And we also had the pleasure of watching Bobby Locke at work."

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

Honorary Colonel	Col. J. F. E. Goad, O.B.E.
Commanding Officer	Major W. J. H. Sale, M.B.E., M.C.
Adjutant	Lt. C. F. Wells
Battalion Headquarters	T.A. Centre, Sydenham, Road, Croydon
Detachments at	Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon
	John Ruskin Grammar School, Croydon
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	T.A. Centre, Chart Lane, Reigate
	T.A. Centre, Batts Hill, Redhill
(Wallington Platoon)	Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton
	T.A. Centre, West Street, Dorking

Training

A successful and quite well attended weekend camp was held at St. Martins Plain, Shorncliffe, during Easter. The Battalion was in camp with the rest of the Surrey A.C.F. from 9th to 22nd August, at Stanford Training Area, near Thetford. The weather was pretty good and some interesting training was carried out, which included two 24-hour exercises. The cadets seemed to have enjoyed themselves and one or two said that they would have liked to stay for a third week! Actually the number attending camp was rather smaller than usual, but the school-boys tend to get scattered unless they can go to camp as soon as the school term ends.

Shooting

The Battalion shooting team have been practising regularly and achieved an outstanding success at Surrey Cadet Rifle Meeting held on 2-3rd May at Bisley. We entered three teams of four cadets and won eight out of nine events. C.S.M. D. Smith shot very well and won all three individual trophies. Unfortunately he has now reached the age limit and will be unable to shoot for the Battalion in future. He has had a most successful career, beginning three years ago when he was the best A.C.F. shot in the Cadet Hundred at Bisley. Cpl. I. MacDonald of John Ruskin Grammar School, who was top of the Cadet Hundred in 1962 was selected to join a team from the C.C.F. and A.C.F. for a trip to Canada in August; at the time of writing this report, MacDonald has not returned to England but we hear that he has had a wonderful time. We hope to give a fuller report in the next issue of the Journal. About £110 had to be found towards the

cost of MacDonald's trip and we are very grateful to all those who helped towards raising this sum. They include The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, McDonald's parents, John Ruskin School, the Croydon Education Authorities and other Surrey Cadet Battalions and Officers of the Battalion. Congratulations are due to Capt. Hunneyball, the Officer in Charge of shooting and to Mr. Martin, the coach. We are looking forward to having some success in the National Cadet Rifle Meeting on 3-4th October.

Change of Commander

This autumn, Major W. H. J. Sale, M.B.E., M.C., will be giving up command of the Battalion after more than three years of hard work, and we are very grateful to him for all he has done for the Battalion during his tenure of command. Jimmy Sale has always shown the greatest interest in training and the Cadets have enjoyed the many realistic exercises that he has laid on. We very much hope that we may still see something of him in the future. His successor will be Capt. R. O. Nebel, T.D., who has served in the Battalion for the last few years since leaving the Territorial Army. Roger Nebel is a Master at Selhurst Grammar School and had a long career in the T.A. His last appointment before joining the Battalion was as a Company Commander in the 6th Queens (T.A.) at Croydon. We wish him every success when he takes over. It might be mentioned here that one former Commanding Officer of the Battalion is still serving in the Surrey A.C.F., in the person of Lt.-Col. H. C. Hughes, T.D., who has been serving as a Deputy Commandant for the past few years since he gave up command of the Battalion.

5th Cadet Battalion**The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment**

Honorary Colonel	Col. T. A. Buchanan, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D., D.L.
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Adjutant	Capt. D. Sweasey
Chaplain	Rev. A. G. Wedderspoon, M.A.
R.S.M.	R.S.M. L. R. Green

"A" COMPANY

Commander	Capt. J. Rapley
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"B" COMPANY

Commander	Capt. W. C. Burnett
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Appointments

Under Officers E. Peirce and T. Hargreaves have now received their commissions, Peirce as Lt. and Hargreaves as 2/Lt. Congratulations to them both.

Cdt./Sgts. Evans (Twins) have both been appointed Sgt. Instructors.

Mr. Marshall has joined the Battalion as S.M.I. and now serves with Walton Platoon. We welcome the Evans brothers and Mr. Marshall to the adult ranks of the Battalion. We also welcome the appointment of:—

Cdt./Sgt. Breeze (S.G.S.) to Cadet Under Officer.

Cdt./Sgt. Pollard (Walton) to Staff Sgt.

Cdt./Cpl. Brown (Leatherhead) to Sgt.

Cdt./Cpl. Bradley (Chertsey) to Sgt.

Cdt./Cpl. Watkins (Walton) to Sgt.

Resignations

We are sorry that Capt. Kitchen ("C" Coy Cmdr.) has had to resign for personal reasons. He has served the A.C.F. well for many years.

Training—Annual Camp

We have just completed the highlight of the Cadet year, namely Annual Camp. We combined forces with the 2nd Cadet Battalion. The following narrative describes the exercise and it was considered a worthwhile experiment.

EXERCISE "PEACE FORCE" NARRATIVE

"Tension is rising in the Island of Bono due to an increase in the activities of Anti-Government terrorists who seek to overthrow by force the Democratic Government of Bono.

The Government of Bono have requested Great Britain to send military assistance to prevent Civil War and assist Government Forces to keep law and order until United Nations take over.

The Ministry of Defence (Army) have ordered a Company each of the 2nd and 5th Cadet Battalions The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment to Bono in response to this request. These Companies will be known as "E" Training Coy (2nd Bn.) and "D" Training Coy (5th Bn.)."

Shooting

We haven't done so well this year but this is to be expected as our teams are nearly all "new boys" and we haven't had the practices we should. However we have won many trophies. Our new teams are to be congratulated on their first successes.

Annual Trophies

Brunt Cup: Inter-Coy Patrol Competition: "C" Coy.

"C" Coy represented the Battalion in the Inter-Bn. Competition and took second place. Well done.

Rayner Cup: Company with highest .22 Marksman: "A" Coy.

Mackay Cup: Inter-Sec Battle Shoot. "B" Coy No. 6 at Annual Camp. Walton Sec.

C.O.'s Inter-Coy Challenge Cup: "C" Coy. (Company with highest achievements).

Sport

New Malden Platoon won the Messenger Cup. Awarded by Malden and District Youth Council, for six-a-side Soccer.

We did fairly well in the County Sports and set up some new County standards. Cdt. Turner, Chertsey, has been awarded his County Colour. He took part in the National Championships and came second in Junior Weight, under 16. He achieved a National

Standard in Putting. His throw was 34 ft. 10½ in. with a 10lb. weight. Well done.

General

Congratulations to the R.S.M. on being awarded a Certificate of Merit. A well deserved award.

Chertsey and St. Paul's Platoon entered a

joint team in the Walton and Weybridge District Youth Council Camping Competition and tied for first place with St. John's Cadets. A very good result.

We are losing Surbiton Grammar School Platoon. This is a great pity; the Pl. Cmdr. is leaving for another school and we are unable to find another officer.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The last contribution referred to our intention to bring our records of members up-to-date. A business reply card was sent out with the Annual Report, and members were asked to return it with their brief regimental particulars and to state whether they wanted to receive the Annual Report in future. The following note appeared in bold type on the card—"If no reply is received, it will have to be assumed touch with you has been lost."

It is somewhat disappointing to record that of over 2,000 cards sent out only 600 have been returned. The reasons for the failure of the other 1,400 to be returned must be attributed in the main to the Annual Reports being sent to out-of-date addresses. It is possible that some recipients did not reply because they no longer wanted to keep in touch. There are however a number of our members who are known to be good supporters of the Association who have not taken the trouble to reply. We hope that any readers of the Journal who are in the last category will let us have their business reply cards immediately.

On Sunday, 21st June, the Regimental Service was held in Guildford Cathedral. An account is given elsewhere in the Journal. In the afternoon the Reunion was held in Guildford's new civic hall, a pleasant afternoon was spent culminating in the combined band of the 3rd and 4th Battalions Queen's Surrey's (T.A.) playing off to the Regimental marches.

Members Overseas

In our last issue we referred to Arthur P. Locke (Queen's 1907-1918) now living in Canada. He came to England during the summer, and attended the Regimental Service and Reunion at which he met a couple of old

2nd Battalion bandsman. He now writes of a chance meeting in Canada with W. J. Lisney (7727) who enlisted in the Queen's in 1903. He too would like to hear from any old Queen's man who remembers him. Lisney's address is Lyle Hotel, 1012 Eveleigh Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

W.O.II D. Moody, now serving with the MPSC in Malta, reports our liaison with the Royal Navy is still going strong. At a recent Mess function he noticed one of the naval guests, PO Jack Porter of H.M.S. *Lion*, was wearing a Queen's Surreys regimental tie. The Petty Officer said he had practically been a member of the 1st Battalion Sergeants' Mess in Aden and again in Hong Kong when he had been serving in H.M.S. *Lanton*. It is probable a number of 1 Queen's Surreys will remember "Jack from the Lanton."

Old Soldiers Calling

Ex-L/Sgt. Ernest Turner, M.M., who served in the 1st Queen's between 1915 and 1918 would like to hear from anyone who served with him. In particular, he asks for news of the following members of 1st Queen's:

Lt. D. V. Bernard	..	..	Signal Officer
Lt. Mallet	..	..	O.C. "C" Company
Sgt. Colley	..	..
Sgt. Dabbs	..	..
Cpl. Amos	..	..	All Signallers
Cpl. Goodwin	..	..
Pte. Morley	..	..
Pte. Read	..	..

The late R.S.M. A. L. Stent, B.E.M., whose Obituary appeared in our last issue, left in his Will the sum of £25 to be used for the general purposes of the Regimental Association.

This generous gift was typical of the kindly nature of Arthur Stent. He joined the

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Queen's in 1905, and although he left the Colours over 40 years ago, he always maintained a very keen and active interest in his old Regiment.

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

We deeply regret to record the passing of the undermentioned members of our Association:—

Arthur J. Dixon, Sidney (Basil) Bicknell, Syd. Maile and Frederick Goatham.

The writer feels a deep sense of personal loss in the passing of Arthur Dixon, who was his Colour Sergeant in the very early days of his service in the Battalion, prior to the 1914 War, and his C.S.M. afterwards in the 1/4th Battalion. He will be remembered with abiding respect and affection by all who served with him—both as a soldier and a good and loyal comrade. He was an outstanding shot with the rifle and was referred to as "Deadeye Dick" by all his competitors on the range. He gave his best for all things that entered his life, both on duty and off, and we tender, with deepest sincerity, our sympathy to his wife in her loss.

The loss of Basil Bicknell was also a very great blow to us all. He died as he would have wished, with his beloved Drums. His heart was with the Regiment for fifty years.

Our Annual Dinner on the 4th April was an unqualified success, both in the numbers present and in the whole spirit of the occasion. Our chief guest was Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., and the occasion was immensely enhanced by the presence of so many distinguished Commanding Officers of the 4th Bn. The Queen's and its successors, particularly by Col. K. A. Oswald, D.S.O., who made the journey from Whitby in Yorkshire to be present. Col. Oswald, who commanded the 3/4th Battalion in France and Flanders in the 1914-18 War, looked remarkably fit and well, and we were delighted to see him, particularly those of us who had the honour of serving under him. It was in all ways the most successful Dinner we have had for many years, 129 being seated at table.

On the following day, the 5th April, our Colours were laid up in the Parish Church of St. John, Croydon, a Parade and a Service which will live in our memory for the rest of our days. There were so many old comrades,

of so many generations, that it was truly a living pageant of nearly three quarters of a century. Our Secretary received a telephone call from Lady Watney excusing her very distinguished husband, Col. Sir Frank Watney, from attending the parade on account of his great age. This must surely be one of the most moving and inspiring messages ever received, and we can but humbly salutethis very great old gentleman and warrior, who commanded the 2/4th Battalion in 1915 in the Gallipoli landing. We must also pay a very high tribute to the 3rd Bn. Queen's Surreys for their smartness and efficiency on parade, particularly to the Escort to the Colours. Tea was provided at the Barracks at the conclusion of the parade for all members and their families, which made a most delightful reunion and climax of an unforgettable day.

Our annual Derby Draw was a record-breaking success—the profit therefrom to our Benevolent Fund being over £80 and the Social Evening during which the Draw was held was also a most enjoyable and profitable occasion. Our warmest thanks to those two magicians, Messrs. Bill Fields and Bob Saunders and to everyone concerned.

Our very best wishes and congratulations to one of our oldest members, Mr. Charles Francis Woods, who celebrated his 80th birthday in July. He served in the 1st Volunteer Bn. The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment from 1900 to 1908 and in the T.A. Battalion onwards until 1920. He is still a staunch member of our O.C.A. and the writer has the pleasure of meeting him frequently on his return from work for which he makes the daily journey to and from London Bridge six days a week. He can truly a wondrous tale unfold and is a living historical record of our Battalion over the past sixty-five years.

We would like to conclude these notes with a tribute to our successors—the 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. We are regarded by these young men, doubtless, with a smile of kindly tolerance as a lot of very enthusiastic old codgers, but we would like them to know this—To offset the inevitable sadness at the passing of our own Battalion, we can feel a great pride in the soldiers who succeed us and we feel certain that they will carry into the future with unflinching—and even increasing—lustre the great tradition of Service for which our Regiment stands second to none.

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

Despite the fact that our numbers are diminishing, attendances at our functions continue to be very good and "new" members are even being enrolled after fifty years.

The benevolent work of the Association is our main concern, and the spirit of comradeship that has bound us together for fifty years has helped some of our less fortunate comrades through sickness and hard times. The financial position of the O.C.A., through various causes, was not so healthy at the last Annual General Meeting. Since then however, due to an appeal by the Treasurer and efforts made by the Secretary, funds have been increased by generous donations for which the O.C.A. registers its grateful thanks to all members concerned.

Our new Chairman Len Merrow Smith, elected at the last Annual General Meeting, proved a popular choice, and has entered into his various duties with zest and verve. As he has always been a very "live" and active committee member this is not surprising.

At our last reunion dinner held on 25th April, 1964, at the Harlequin Room, Grants Restaurant, Croydon, 115 members and guests attended. The dinner Chairman was Lt. R. Jennings, Registrar of Marlborough College and the guests included Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Canon Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon, representatives of the 4th Queen's O.C.A. and members of the Press. The dinner was excellent and the rousing speeches were in keeping with the spirit of the evening. In a witty and interesting speech Lt. Jennings proposed the Toast of the O.C.A. and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and Col. Duncombe replied in a forthright and interesting way that aroused our enthusiasm. Capt. Herbert gave the Toast of "Absent Comrades," Harry Mann, our never-flagging Secretary gave his report with a strong plea to continue our efforts for the O.C.A. and its work.

Our yearly Shrine Service will take place at Croydon Parish Church on 15th November, 1964, at 3 p.m. The Annual General

Meeting will follow at Mitcham Road Barracks Croydon, and we urge all members to attend. The annual reunion dinner will be held at Grants Restaurant, Croydon, on Saturday, 24th April, 1965, at 7 p.m. Our Honorary Secretary Harry Mann, will then have served forty years as our one and only Secretary, and to celebrate the occasion and the founding of the Association forty years ago, he will take the Chair at the next dinner. We hope that on this occasion all ranks will flock to the dinner to join in the grand festival of reunion forty years after foundation, and make this a bumper year.

We sincerely regret to report the death in May this year of our old friend "Chuck" Sheffield aged 74, who served with the Battalion 1914-1918. He was famous for his length of service in the British Army, being one of the longest serving Privates in The Queen's. Everybody knew "Chuck" and we shall all miss him very much. He was a loyal and devoted member of the O.C.A. and was instrumental in collecting a considerable sum of money towards O.C.A. funds.

S.W.V.

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

The 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Members Association was formed a few years ago with three objects:—

To enable Old Members of the Battalion to keep in touch with one another.

To organise the Annual Reunion and other functions.

To foster the Regimental spirit of The Queen's Royal Regiment, and to provide a link between the past and present Members of the Battalion and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment formed by the amalgamation of the Battalions of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment.

All objects were attained at the Reunion Dinner held at the Headquarters of 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, on the night of Saturday, 2nd May. The Association has just under 300 members; more than 120 attended the Reunion, a remarkable

The Queen's (Bermondsey) Regimental Association

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

Our old 1908 Colours were paraded for the very last time on Sunday 12th April, when they were carried to Bermondsey Parish Church, their final resting place. They will flank the 6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) Memorial Window in this ancient (XIVth century) haven of peace.

Needless to say, a very strong contingent of former members of both 22nd London (The Queen's) and 6th Queen's attended to pay respect to the Colours they had all served in the past, and grateful thanks are due to the 3rd Queen's Surreys and "D" Coy in particular for the generous arrangements made to supply tea and refreshments to all.

A full account of the Parade and Ceremony appears elsewhere in this Journal.

On the 15th August, a party of about 60 of our friends from Steenwercke arrived to spend the day in London, culminating in an evening "ding-dong" in the Canteen. A good turn-up of members helped to entertain these visitors who staggered to their night train at Victoria in very fine form. Now we look forward to our next meeting whether it be at home or away!

The Ghent weekend, 4th to 7th September, coincided with the anniversary of the signing of a Peace Treaty between Britain and America in Ghent in 1814, so the Liberation festivities were even more enjoyable for all who attended. This year our party consisted mainly of the intelligentsia of the Battalion, the old Signal Platoon, and Jack Leach leading a merry band which included Eddie Alderman, Woollacott, Read and Ron Davies. Chick Coles, M.M. also returned to his old haunts, with Archie Clowes, B.E.M. and the inimitable Freddie Chalker complete with undertakers rule which fortunately was not required. With Johnnie Bryan, making more noise than ever by bashing the bass drum, and Tich Clamp, the "walking 38 set," still serving with the Battalion party, the old 1/6th Queen's had strong representation of those who were there in 1944.

This issue is just too early for an account of our Salerno night "do" being arranged by Frank Peart for the 12th September but

number when it is realised that membership is spread far and wide, not only in this country but abroad; there are members in Switzerland, Belgium and Germany. Some members travelled quite long distances, from Sittingbourne, Romford, Chester and Andover, to mention a few.

As usual, the Dinner was by courtesy of the Officer Commanding, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, cooked by the Regimental Cooks and served by members of the Battalion assisted by some members of the Committee.

Col. J. B. H. Kealy, Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion, presided, supported by Maj.-Gen. Whitfield, Brigadiers Palmer, Richardson, Veasey and Wood, Cols. Wigan, Duncombe, Llewellyn and Young, Lt.-Cols. Pullen and Harris, all of whom commanded either the 5th, 1/5th or 2/5th Battalions in their time, with the exception of Brigadier Veasey, who was Adjutant in the 1920's.

In a short speech Col. Kealy thanked Col. Pullen and all members of his Battalion for once again making the Dinner possible; he also thanked all those members who, although unable to come, sent donations to enable the Dinner to be laid on with a minimum of expense, thus enabling some of the older members living on pension to attend. He referred to the 3rd Battalion's many fine achievements during the past year and in particular to the magnificent parade at Woking last July when Colours were presented to the Battalion. Many of those present had seen the parade; many had taken part in the parade when Colours were presented to the 5th Battalion by H.M. Queen Mary in 1926. These Old Colours are being laid up in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Sunday, 25th October. Col. Kealy hoped that as many Old Members as possible would attend on this occasion.

A Colour Film of the ceremony at Woking was then shown. As yet incomplete, the sound track has to be synchronized with the action; nevertheless, the film is a fine record of a memorable occasion and was much appreciated by the Old Members.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has served in or was attached to 2nd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, 5th Battalion, 1/5th or 2/5th Battalions at any time. The Honorary Secretary is L. C. A. Moxon of "Stumpers," Pine Avenue, Camberley.

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it will undoubtedly be up to his usual high standard.

Following this will be the Regimental Association Dinner at Clapham Junction on the 3rd October, with the Alamein Night reunion after that at Bermondsey on the 24th October. For these and all other activities, contact Eddie Townsend, Nick Nice, or Frank Peart if you want further particulars.

Capt. (Lester) Pound has had to give up full time employment for health reasons, but he has kindly offered to assist in Welfare work for us. He is able to visit sick in hospital and at home, and has secured the promise of assistance from legal friends in cases where members would like advice. If you need his assistance contact Eddie Townsend at 34, Layard Road, London, S.E.16.

You will be pleased to know that Nick Nice is now out of hospital after his operation and although not quite so chirpy as before, he is getting back to normal. Ghent will no doubt kill or cure him!

Alf Lock has also been in hospital for treatment and is now convalescent, and we

hear that Major (Sam) Woolley has been indisposed for some time, being in and out of hospital several times in the last two years. May they both soon enjoy a return to full health, together with Eddie Townsend who is ill with back trouble.

We remind all Members that the Canteen at Bermondsey, with the kind permission of "D" Company Commander, is still open to us on the first Tuesday of every month. Numbers are growing slowly but there is still plenty of room for more.

We regret to record the deaths of the following members:—

Pte. James William Bryan, late 22nd London Regiment and 1/6th Queen's at the age of 57 on 19th April.

Sgt. Thomas Wright, Tpt. Sgt., late 22nd London Regiment on 24th June, aged 69.

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

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

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sad passing of Maj.-Gen. G. A. Pilleau, C.B.E., M.C.

General Pilleau assumed command of 1/7th Queen's in early 1940 and took the Battalion to France soon afterwards. He is well remembered by many who served with him and who now mourn his death.

Our social committee has been very active this year. Two very successful dances were held resulting in handsome donations to the Association and to the Historical Fund. The very great success of the Ladies Festival last year, when 250 members and wives attended has encouraged the committee to stage another on 21st November; in addition to a fine floor show, two bands have been engaged which should amply cater for both young and old. With the cessation of the official Alamein Reunion, it was felt that we should hold our own celebrations and accordingly arrangements were made to combine this function with the Ladies Festival. However, suitable accommodation, to coincide with the usual date around which the reunion was previously held, was not available and 21st November was the best we could do; despite this, a large gathering

of 1/7th Queen's members and wives is anticipated.

As in previous years, the Association has arranged for a Badge Cross and surround of poppies for Plot 331, (1/24th and 2/24th London Regiment (The Queen's),) and Wreath Crosses for Plot 60, (1/7th and 2/7th Battalions The Queen's Royal Regiment) respectively, in the Field of Remembrance, at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, to be opened on 5th November by H.M. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the 1914-18 War and 25th anniversary of the start of the 1939-45 War.

**23rd London
Regimental Association**

Givenchy/Gazala Day, 1964

On Sunday, 24th May, members of the 23rd London Regimental Association met at St. Mary's Church, Battersea, to remember their comrades who fell at Givenchy and at Gazala. The traditional service was conducted by the Vicar.

For the first time there was no parade, just a small gathering of rather elderly old soldiers who, once again, sang the words of "Jerusalem" and stood in silence as a wreath of Flanders poppies was placed on the Regimental Memorial. A solitary bugle sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

"Still stands thine ancient sacrifice."

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

Saturday the 12th September was a very special day for the 8th Battalion, for on this day our members together with their wives commemorated the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Battalion by attending a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the 24th Divisional Memorial in Battersea Park in memory of Old Comrades who died during the 1914-18 War and also those who have since passed on.

The Service at which Lt.-Col. F. D.

Higham, M.B.E. officiated was simple, sincere and made more impressive by the buglers who kindly came along from the 3rd Bn. Queen's Surreys to sound "Last Post" and "Reveille."

After the ceremony those taking part then proceeded by coach and various cars to the Victory Ex-Services Club, Marble Arch, where their Reunion Dinner had been arranged.

The Chairman was Lt.-Col. F. D. Higham, M.B.E., whilst among the officers present were Sir Edward Fellowes, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brigadier Allen Block, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. and Mrs. Block, Capt. F. C. J. Lofting and Capt. C. F. Tatham.

Many messages of Good Wishes were received including one from Col. R. H. Rowland who is in New Zealand.

After dinner the customary Toasts were proposed, "The Queen," "The Regiment," and "Absent Comrades," which was followed by the Chairman giving a very full report of past, present and future events.

It was during this report that special reference was made to the presence of Mr.

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Eric Sayer the eldest son of the Battalion V. C. Cpl. H. Sayer, who died whilst a prisoner after the famous action in March 1918.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that Mr. Vic Lintott who was present with his wife were also celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Finally a vote of thanks was given to the Hon. Secretary Mr. G. F. Steadman after which those present were left to converse among themselves.

Gradually they began to leave for their homes, mainly in Surrey, but some were as far afield as 200 miles and more but all taking with them the memory of a very happy and memorable day spent together.

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Company Commander Colonel T. A. Buchanan,
D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D.,
T.D., D.L.

After his tour of duty Arthur Grimwood has given up as C.S.M. and Andy Handison takes over. This means that Peter Henman now takes over as Company Quartermaster Sergeant. We would like to thank "Gripper" for all his help in the past and although he no longer has the onerous duties of C.S.M. we still expect good support from him.

The main event of the last six months has been the visit organised by the Veterans Company to Cassino. An account of this appears elsewhere in the Journal. A good time was had by all and we hope that it will not be too long before we can organise some other visit may be to France or the Western Desert.

The Ladies Shoot was held in April, and this coincided with a W.O.'s and Sergeants' social evening.

The result of the competition was:—

Mrs. White	..	1st
Mrs. Stephens	..	2nd
Mrs. Charlton	..	3rd

It was a close fought competition and only one point separated first and second.

The Veterans Company is responsible for

keeping the archives of the Battalion and a few weeks ago we were delighted to receive from Mr. G. W. Wells the Volunteer Medal presented to his father in 1908 after 34½ years Volunteer Service. It is proposed that it will be mounted and presented to the Battalion. If any other member has photographs or other items of interest we will be delighted to receive them.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

On Saturday, 2nd May, the Association Annual Dinner was held at the T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, where 100 members and their guests sat down to dinner. We were honoured to have among our guests, Major-Gen. J. F. Metcalfe, C.B., C.B.E.; Brigadier G.R.P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.; Lt.-Col. Clarke, M.B.E., and Lt.-Col. J. F. Sherrard, T.D.

It was nice to see members like Ron Hicks, Len Jackson, Spango Spencer, Dave Clemens, and Bill Pratt who travelled from Colchester, Southampton and other long journeys to be present. An excellent evening was had by all and our Committee must be congratulated on putting on such a fine show.

It is with regret that our Chairman Bill Dorsett has decided to retire. He has been in the Chair since 1953 but he felt that owing to his age it was time for him to retire and hand over the Chair to a younger member. Bill who is always so cheerful, has been a tower of strength to the Association and he was always prepared to give up his time to Association matters. He has accepted the invitation to become Vice-President and we all wish him a very happy retirement.

Dave Boorer has been elected as our new Chairman. He has served for many years on the Committee and has given yeoman service and I am sure he will follow in the footsteps of Mr. Dorsett and do everything possible for the good of the Association.

We offer our sincere congratulations to George Mileham who was awarded an M.B.E. and Tom Cahill who was awarded a B.E.M. in the Birthday Honours List 1964.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the deaths of Mr. S. Bicknell who was an old Queen's member, and Mr. W. G. Lancaster who joined the East Surreys in 1905.

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Wearing of Uniform by Retired Warrant Officers and Sergeants

A.C.I. No. 49/64 is published below, for the information of retired Warrant Officers and Sergeants

Dress—Wearing of uniform by warrant officers and sergeants after retirement or discharge from the Army.

1. Warrant officers and sergeants of substantive rank who retire or are discharged from the Army having completed not less than 10 years' unbroken service on a regular engagement, and in possession of a military character assessed at not lower than "Very Good," may, upon retirement or discharge and upon making application, be granted permission in writing by the appropriate officer i/c records, to wear a prescribed uniform under the conditions and upon the occasions set out in the following paragraphs. Permission once granted remains in force until withdrawn.

2. Conditions

(a) Only the current pattern of No. 1 and No. 2 Dress or Mess Dress may be worn. When worn the uniform will always carry the letter "R" above the badge of rank on each sleeve. The symbol "R" will be of metal as for officers, $\frac{1}{8}$ in. high, $\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide.

(b) The uniform will be provided at the wearer's expense and shall, upon all occasions when worn, conform with the standard of repair and smartness required of a serving warrant officer or sergeant.

A uniform prescribed in para. 2(a) above may be worn when attending:

(a) an officially-sponsored function in celebration of the Sovereign's (official) birthday;

(b) an officially-sponsored function in connection with Remembrance Day;

(c) a regimental function in barracks or any other military establishment, with the approval of the appropriate regimental authority.

(d) any occasion concerning which a special War Office announcement has been made regarding the wearing of uniform.

Applications to wear uniform other than on the above occasions will be made in

writing on each occasion to the appropriate officer i/c records, who, if in doubt, will refer to the Ministry of Defence (P.S. 12). Applications to wear uniform outside the United Kingdom will not be granted.

4. All warrant officers and sergeants who may wish to avail themselves of this permission should note that it is a privilege which, if abused, may be withdrawn either generally or in a specific instance.

They are also warned that the wearing of uniform must not contravene the provisions of The Uniform Act, 1894, to which their attention is drawn and the relevant sections of which are set out at the Appendix to this A.C.I.

APPENDIX

Extracts from: The Uniform Act, 1894

2 (1). It shall not be lawful for any person not serving in Her Majesty's Military Forces to wear without Her Majesty's permission the uniform of any of those forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform: Provided that this enactment shall not prevent:

Any person from wearing any uniform or dress in the course of a stage play performed in a place duly licensed or authorised for the public performances of stage plays, or in the course of a music hall or circus performance, or in the course of any bona fide military representation.

(2). If any person contravenes this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

3. If any person not serving in Her Majesty's naval or military forces wears without Her Majesty's permission the uniform of any of those forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform in such a manner or under circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt upon that uniform, or employs any other person so to wear that uniform or dress, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 10 pounds, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Items of Interest

We have had news of Mr. A. V. Kyrke who is believed to be the oldest T.A. soldier alive to-day. He is 96 and enlisted in the 1st Volunteer Bn. The Queen's, at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon, on 26th February, 1887.

J/PTE. R. SILK

A record was established at Bisley this year when for the first time a Junior Leader qualified for the Army Hundred. He is J/Pte. Richard Silk, of the Queen's Surreys, serving in the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, at Oswestry. He enlisted direct from school because he was attracted by what he had read about the Army and he wanted an active life. To have become one of the Army's best shots before reaching his eighteenth birthday is a remarkably fine achievement. We congratulate him heartily and wish him every future success, both at Bisley and in his Army career.

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BIRTHS

PLEACE.—On 28th March, 1964, at Windsor, to Rose, wife of Bds. B. Pleace, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, David Anthony.

ANDERSON.—On 11th April, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Diana, wife of Capt. S. T. W. Anderson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Nichola Mary.

HUGGINS.—On 19th April, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Sheila, wife of Cpl. S. Huggins, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Sharon Patricia.

BARROW.—On 2nd May, 1964, at the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Janne, wife of Capt. P. de S. Barrow, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Camilla Anne.

SPEAKMAN.—On 13th May, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to the wife of Sgt. R. Speakman, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Robert Austin.

EMMENS.—On 12th June, 1964, at Hereford, to Margaret, wife of Cpl. A. Emmens, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Marcus Michael.

LOWRY.—On 28th June, 1964, at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, to Rua, wife of Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C., The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Susan.

WOODGER.—On 15th July, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Margaret Rose, wife of Pte. R. Woodger, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, twin daughters, Rosemary Ann and Dawn Sue.

PRIOR.—On 23rd July, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Pauline wife of Cpl. D. Prior, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Dean.

LANE.—On 2nd August, 1964, at Park Hospital, Urmston, Lancs., to Margaret, wife of Pte. L. Lane, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Paul Leonard.

STIFFELL.—On 3rd August, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Margaret, wife of Pte. G. Stiffell, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Kevin Michael.

BOYNE.—On 4th August, 1964, at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to the wife of Cpl. F. Boyne, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Peter Vincent.

RILEY.—On 4th August, 1964, at Wuppertal, Elberfeld, Germany, to Christa, wife of Cpl. R. Riley, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Ronald Otto.

GISSING.—On 2nd September, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Phyllis Elsie, wife of Pte. G. Gissing, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Jacqueline Carol.

MILLER.—On 11th September, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to the wife of Pte. C. Miller, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Rita Izzard.

BURTON.—On 12th September, 1964, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Anne, wife of Capt. B.D.S. Burton, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Alexandra Mary.

MARRIAGES

SEWELL.—BANLAY.—On 28th March, 1964, at St. Augustine's Church, Romford, Essex, Pte. M. Sewell, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Helen Banlay.

MUSTOE.—PETERS.—On 9th May, 1964, at the Surrey Northern Register Office, L/Cpl. M. Mustoe, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Susan Peters.

PATTERSON.—MORLEY.—On 9th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Reigate, Surrey, Cpl. D. Patterson, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Margaret Ann Morley.

BAYLIS.—CARD.—On 11th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Shoreditch, London, Pte. D. Baylis, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Doris Ann Card.

HENRIETTE.—HARRISON.—On 13th May, 1964, at St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville, Kent, L/Cpl. E. Henriette, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Dorothy Jean Harrison.

FOXON.—LYNE.—On 14th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Canterbury, Kent, L/Cpl. E. Foxon, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Carol Jean Lyne.

BROWN.—LUCAS.—On 16th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Greenwich, London, Pte. E. Brown, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Carol Ann Lucas.

CROSS.—BOOTH.—On 16th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Eton, Bucks., Pte. R. Cross, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Margaret Jean Booth.

MITCHELL.—RANDALL.—On 16th May, 1964, at All Saints Church, Grayswood, Surrey, Pte. G. Mitchell, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Susan Frances Randall.

PUGH.—MILLER.—On 16th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Woking, Surrey, Pte. K. Pugh, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Carol Ann Miller.

TITHERIDGE.—OSBORNE.—On 16th May, 1964, at the Register Office, Worthing, Sussex, L/Cpl. G. Titheridge, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Wendy Kathleen Osborne.

TUTOR.—WRIGHT.—On 16th May, 1964, at St. John's Church, North Holmwood, Surrey, Pte. D. Tutor, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Sandra Aileen Evelyn Wright.

WARD.—ABBOTT.—On 16th May, 1964, at St. John's Church, Belmont, Surrey, Lt. Anthony C. Ward, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Gillian Sandra Abbott.

SLADE.—OXLEY.—On 20th June, 1964, at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon, London, Pte. P. Slade, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Dolores Oxley.

SHADBOLT.—LANE.—On 22nd June, 1964, at St. Mary's Church, Sutton, Surrey, Pte. P. Shadbolt, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Margaret Lane.

WEEKES.—PARCHMENT-LINDO.—On 25th July, 1964, at the Register Office, Lambeth, London, Pte. N. Weekes, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Maud Victoria Parchment-Lindo.

WHITTLE.—KRITE.—On 29th August, 1964, at Weybridge, Surrey, Pte. D. Whittle, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Rosemary Jane Krite.

DEATHS

MANGLES.—On 5th August, 1964, Sylvia Amy Rhys, widow of the late Brigadier-General R. H. Mangles, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Obituaries

MAJ.-GEN., G. A. PILLEAU, C.B.E., M.C.

Gerald Arthur Pilleau died at his home, the Bridge House, Mordiford, Herefordshire, on June 6, 1964. He was sixty-eight.

Educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst he was commissioned in The Queens' Royal West Surrey Regiment as Second-Lieutenant on December 16, 1914.

He joined the Second Battalion in France in May 1915 and was wounded during the Battle of Loos in September of that year. In June of the following year he returned to France and served in the First Battalion in the Battle of the Somme. He was Adjutant of the Battalion from July 16 to October 31, 1916. During the last year of the campaign in France he held Staff appointments as Brigade Major 100th Infantry Brigade from December 29, 1917, to January 13, 1918; and Staff Captain from February 14, 1918, to April 2, 1919. For his gallant and distinguished services in the Great War 1914 to 1918 he was awarded the Military Cross and was Mentioned in Despatches.

In the immediate post-war years he was Staff Captain, Rhine Army, from April 3, 1919, to October 30, 1919, and was next Specially Employed in the War Office for six months.

He was promoted to the substantive rank of Captain on January 8, 1921.

Then followed a tour of duty as Adjutant of the Fifth Battalion of The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) from July 1921 to September 1924.

He was next posted to the First Battalion of The Queen's and was appointed Adjutant on April 17, 1926. In that capacity he went with the Battalion when, in April 1927, it sailed for China as part of the reinforcements for the Shanghai Defence Force. His tenure as Adjutant ended when the Battalion arrived in Malta in April 1929. His Adjutancy had been a very happy one; his efficient and alert mind combined with a very pleasant personality produced the ideal result. Advice and help were given readily to junior Officers and others; reprimands, criticisms, or admonitions, issued only when thoroughly deserved, were administered in a firm but kindly manner and were the more effective consequently.

He continued to serve as a company commander in the First Battalion for the next four years in Malta, Tientsin, and Peking, and was promoted to the substantive rank of Major on December 3, 1933. In 1934 he was in charge of the Iraqi Officers attending the course at the Staff College, Camberley, and from April 1935 to March 1937 was Brigade Major (T.A.), Home Counties Division.

He commanded the Regimental Depot at Guildford in 1937 and 1938.

In 1939 he attended the course at the Staff College, Minley.

When war broke out in 1939 he went to France with the British Expeditionary Force in the appointment of G.S.O.2 at G.H.Q. and held that appointment until early in 1940 when he was appointed to command 1/7th Queen's. He commanded the Battalion throughout the operations in North East France and Belgium including the withdrawal actions to the line of the River Escaut and the defence of the La Basse Canal. After the withdrawal, in very difficult conditions, to Dunkirk he collected the survivors of the Battalion on the beaches and embarked with them for evacuation.

He was promoted to the substantive rank of Lieut.-Colonel on April 24, 1940.

In May 1941 he was appointed to command 197th Infantry Brigade in 59th Division and a year later became Brigadier General Staff in 5th Corps and at H.Q., 1st Canadian Army.

He was promoted to the substantive rank of Colonel on April 24, 1943.

After nine months as Brigadier General Staff at H.Q. Scottish Command in 1944 he went to H.Q., Middle East Forces as Chief of General Staff, with the temporary rank of Major-General.

For his services in the war of 1939-1945 he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and was twice Mentioned in Despatches. He also received the Norwegian honour of Commander of the Order of St. Olaf, with Star.

In 1945 he was acting Commander of the Ninth Army in Syria and Lebanon, and became G.O.C. British Troops North Levant in 1946. His last appointment was that of President of the Regular Commissions Board

which he held until he retired on October 15, 1947.

"Pills," as he was affectionately known by everyone, was a very distinguished and greatly esteemed Regimental figure. His advice and counsel in the administration of regimental affairs was sought frequently and he was for several years a member of the Regimental Committee. His exceptionally kind and friendly disposition gained for him universal popularity and respect. One of his invaluable characteristics was his loyalty to those serving under him and his ability to inspire the team spirit.

He had a brilliant and infectious sense of humour; any gathering whether it was an official conference, a committee meeting, or a cocktail party, was the brighter and more congenial by virtue of his presence.

An accomplished horseman, he was a keen rider to hounds and was a member of the First Battalion's Polo team which achieved considerable success in the tournaments in North China in 1931 to 1934. After his retirement his main recreation was fishing.

He was County Commandant of the British Red Cross in Herefordshire.

He was twice married. He married firstly in 1921 Eileen Georgina, daughter of Maj.-Gen. Sir Menus O'Keeffe; they had one son, David; he is now a Major in the Royal Artillery. Eileen died in 1945. In 1947 "Pills" married Doris Kathleen, daughter of William John French and former wife of Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst. On 4th May, 1948 their daughter, Jill Geraldine, was born.

In the passing of Gerald Pilleau the Regiment has lost a very distinguished and devoted member. To Kathleen, David, and Jill we offer very sincere sympathy and condolences from us all.

MAJ.-GEN. THE REVEREND A. E. COTTAM, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 18th May, 1964, of Algernon Edward Cottam.

Born on 8th July, 1893, and educated at Highgate School, he joined the Artists Rifles (T.A.) in 1912, with which he went to France in 1914. He was commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment in May, 1915. After a few months with the 2nd Battalion, he was invalided home, but returned to France in

July, 1916; joined the 1st Battalion and remained with it for the next nine years. He was Mentioned in Despatches in 1917 and awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service in the operations in France in August and September, 1918. He was twice adjutant from 1918 to 1920 and from 1922 to 1925.

In 1926 he received accelerated promotion to captain and transferred to The South Staffordshire Regiment. From 1928 to 1938 he served in the Sudan Defence Force. During the Second World War he held various Staff appointments, 1st and 2nd Grade, from 1940 to 1943, before becoming Head of the British Military Mission to Ethiopia in 1943. In this capacity he was Military Adviser to the Emperor and guided the formation and training of the new Ethiopian Army, which he very successfully commanded in its early years.

Emperor Haile Selassie's relations with him were particularly cordial, and, when he left Ethiopia for retirement in 1949, the Emperor's parting gift was a portrait of himself, the only one then in existence, and later, when Cottam was Rector of Bodiam, the Emperor sent a large donation to provide an additional bell for the Church.

Before going to Bodiam in 1955, Cottam had attended a theological college at St. George's, Windsor Castle, and had been curate at Wadhurst for two years.

Of Algy Cottam's many outstanding qualities, it is for his absolute integrity and quiet strength of character that he will best be remembered. His seniors and subordinates had implicit trust in him. An officer, who joined on first commission during his adjutancy and who subsequently himself had a distinguished military career, wrote recently: "He impressed me, as a young man, tremendously. He gave the feeling of great restrained strength. I never remember him being angry or impatient, but I do remember how small and chastened one felt when one had obviously and justly incurred his disappointed displeasure, and one went away feeling one must try not to let him down again. That has always been my idea of leadership."

Of his ministry, a parishioner, referring to him as "Our greatly loved Rector," wrote: "There can be no one in Bodiam who has not in some way or another benefited from his unfailing Christian charity and his ever-ready help."

We extend deep sympathy to Mrs. Cottam and her family. Both sons held national service commissions in the Regiment.

A.L.S.

PTE. FREDERICK "CHUCK" SHEFFIELD

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Frederick Sheffield, who died in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on 2nd May, 1964, at the age of 74. He had fought bravely for some years the illness which eventually led to his death. "Chuck," as he was universally known, had completed a total of 43 years' regular army service in the Queen's. Joining the Regiment in 1908, his service was spent almost entirely with the 2nd Battalion, apart from short periods at the Regimental Depot. His service took him to Gibraltar and Bermuda before going to France for the 1914-18 War. The period between the wars found the 2nd Battalion with, of course, Sheffield, on the North West Frontier, India and the Sudan. During the 1939-45 War he served at the Regimental Depot, Stoughton Barracks, and was awarded the Certificate of Gallantry and Good Service in 1942.

In his heyday, "Chuck" was one of the smartest soldiers in the Regiment, helped in no small measure by his fine physique and appearance. Always cheerful and seemingly contented with his lot, he was liked and respected by All Ranks and the name of "Chuck Sheffield" soon became a household word.

He had been a staunch member of the Old Contemptibles Association and the British Legion for many years and members of these organisations were present at his funeral to pay their last respects to this grand old soldier. Sheffield finally retired from the Army in 1951. It is interesting to note that at that time he was reckoned to be the oldest serving soldier in the British Army, a unique ambition which "Chuck" always strove hard to achieve. He continued to serve at the Depot as a civilian employee until 1959, having spent a "lifetime" of 51 years with the Regiment.

His loyalty to the Army and to the Regiment in particular was quite outstanding and his passing will be mourned not only by his old comrades but by the many recruits who passed through the Depot over the years.

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to his relatives.

J.M.

LT.-COL. MAURICE JUBERT

We record with deep regret the death, on 12th May, 1964, of Lt.-Col. Maurice Jubert.

He served in the Green Howards during the 1914-18 War and was severely wounded. During the 1939-45 War he commanded one of the East Surrey Home Guard Battalions, and later served on the Regimental War Memorial Committee. In this capacity he was instrumental in raising a substantial sum for The East Surrey Regiment War Memorial Fund.

Maurice Jubert had an engaging personality, and he will be remembered with gratitude for his work on behalf of The East Surrey Regiment.

R.S.M. J. T. MEREDITH, D.C.M.

*The Royal Leicestershire Regiment
(Malaya 1941-45 R.S.M. of The British Battalion)*

It is with deep regret we record at the early age of 57, the death of R.S.M. John Meredith.

He joined 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment in 1923 and soon became an enthusiastic and expert Musketry Instructor. He served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, India, and on the North West Frontier. He was often seen in India exercising on a chain a half-grown panther with which no-one else dared take liberties.

Although offered a Commission at the outbreak of War he preferred to remain Regimental-Sergeant-Major. In this rank he was quite outstanding both in peace, in war, and as a P.O.W.

In the depressing retreat down the length of Malaya he never lost the offensive spirit and was quite fearless, organising and leading local counter-attacks with Battalion H.Q. personnel. He well deserved the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The smoothness and success of the amalgamation of the 1st Leicesters and 2nd East Surreys into The British Battalion was largely due to his tact and his quiet but determined strength as R.S.M.

In the very difficult conditions of P.O.W. life he was able through his personality to maintain discipline and never lowered his standards. He commanded universal respect and admiration.

After the Japanese had separated the Officers and Other Ranks in base camps Mr. Meredith was in a large camp, where the Japanese called for 300 volunteers to go

up river to repair some railway bridges which the R.A.F. had destroyed. There were only 30 odd volunteers. However, when it became known that Mr. Meredith had volunteered to go in charge of the party, at once seven or eight hundred more volunteered. It was a remarkable tribute to his character and qualities as a leader, since these volunteers were from all different units of the British and Indian Armies, and realised the risks involved. His Regiment always came first in his thoughts.

C.E.M. and C.O'N. W.

MR. W. A. MOUGHTON

William Alfred Moughton died in The Burton General Hospital, on 23rd July, 1964. He was in his 80th year.

His interest in soldiering began in 1898 when he joined the 62nd London (Bermundsey) Company of The Boys Brigade. He served in that unit until 1901 and it is believed that he was the youngest bugler on duty at the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. From 1902 to 1908 he served as a Drummer in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment and from 1908 to 1919 was in the 22nd Battalion The London Regiment (The Queen's).

In 1915 he qualified as 1st Class Instructor at Bisley School of Musketry and from then until 1918 he was C.S.M. Instructor to No. 2 Officer Cadet Battalion at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He was demobilised in 1919.

He was a holder of the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

From 1923 to 1950 he was Repton School Marshal.

To his daughter we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

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

KEELING.—On 27th May, 1963, Mr. Cyril Keeling, aged 63. Served with 4th Queen's 1918-1919.

BLAY.—On 22nd August, 1963, Mr. E. L. Blay. Served with 8th Bn. Queen's during 1914-18 War.

HORNER.—On 4th September, 1963, C/Sgt. R. L. Horner, (6757598). Served in the Queen's from 1936-1945.

FAULKNER.—On 16th September, 1963, Capt. H. R. Faulkner, M.B.E. Served with 2nd Surreys during 1914-18 War.

COX.—On 10th February, 1964, Mr. J. A. Cox. Served with 8th Bn. Queen's during 1914-18 War.

JONES.—On 17th February, 1964, Sgt. William Henry Jones (6757660). Served in the Queen's from 1929-1945. Was P.O.W. in Germany for 5 years.

GRANT.—On 28th February, 1964, L/Cpl. George Henry Grant (6104882), aged 40. Served in the Queen's from 1941-1943.

THOMPSON.—On 12th March, 1964, Mr. D. Thompson. Served with 8th Bn. Queen's during 1914-18 War.

SUREY.—On 16th March, 1964, Sgt. Richard Edward Surey (6078956), aged 65. Served with 2/5th Queen's and 23rd London Regiment from 1914-1919. Joined 2nd Queen's in 1921 and was discharged in 1924.

HALE.—On 31st March, 1964, Pte. Walter George Hale (6077502), aged 66. Served in the Queen's from 1916-1923.

DIXON.—On 16th April, 1964, R.Q.M.S. Arthur J. Dixon, aged 82. Joined 4th Queen's in 1905. Served throughout 1914-18 War and was discharged in 1930.

BRYAN.—On 19th April, 1964, Mr. James William Bryan, aged 57. Served in 22nd London Regiment and 1/6th Queen's.

WRATHALL.—On 20th April, 1964, Pte. John Sidney Frank Wrathall (201341), aged 67. Served with 1/5th Surreys from 1915-1920.

SHEFFIELD.—On 2nd May, 1964, Pte. Frederick Sheffield (6076838) The Queen's, aged 74. (See Obituary).

BICKNELL.—On 2nd May, 1964, Sgt. Sidney (Basil) Bicknell (6076564), aged 63. Served in the Queen's Band from 1916-1925. He joined 5th Queen's (T.A.) in 1925 and transferred to 4th Queen's R.A. (T.A.) in 1939, and served in France with that Unit during World War II. He was Pipe Major of the British Legion Band, Croydon, and died while on parade.

FUDGER.—On 5th May, 1964, L/Cpl. W. Fudger (4121), aged 90. Served in the Queen's from 1892-1913. He had been an active supporter of the Regimental Association for 44 years.

JUBERT.—On 12th May, 1964, Lt.-Col. Maurice Jubert. (See Obituary).

BERRYMAN.—On 16th May, 1964, Lt.-Col. Edward Rolleston Palmer Berryman, D.S.O., T.D. Served in 2/39th Garhwal Rifles when brigaded with 2/5th Queen's in Mesopotamia in 1918. Commanded 70th (Young Soldiers) Battalion The Queen's 1940-1942.

OSBORN.—On 17th May, 1964, W.O.II James William Osborn (6756546). Served in the Queen's from 1908-1932.

COTTAM.—On 18th May, 1964, Major-Gen. The Rev. Algernon Edward Cottam, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., The Surreys, aged 70. (See Obituary).

NEWELL.—On 19th May, 1964, Lt.-Col. Herbert William (James) Newell. Served in 2nd Battalion The Queen's 1925-1930 and in The King's African Rifles 1930-1936. Transferred to the Indian Army 1936.

TOOLEY.—On 28th May, 1964, Capt. F. S. Tooley, M.C., the Queen's. Served during 1914-18 War, when he was awarded the M.C. and Bar. During 1939-45 War he was Adjutant of No. 2 P.T.C. at Guildford.

PILLEAU.—On 6th June, 1964, Major-Gen. Gerald Arthur Pilleau, C.B.E., M.C., the Queen's, aged 68. (See Obituary).

WRIGHT.—On 24th June, 1964, Sgt. Thomas Wright, aged 69. Served in the 22nd London Regiment The Queen's.

JEFFREY.—On 3rd July, 1964, John William Hardwick Jeffrey. Served in the Queen's from 1916-1918.

BOYD.—On 19th July, 1964, Major John Leslie Shepherd Boyd, the Queen's 1917-1937. Served in France and Flanders from 1917-1918. He was Adjutant Depot Queen's from 1926-1929 and Adjutant 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1932-1936. He retired 23rd January, 1937. He was recalled for service for the 1939-45 War and served in the War Office.

MOUGHTON.—On 23rd July, 1964, William Alfred Moughton, the Queen's, aged 80. (See Obituary).

ORME.—On 8th August, 1964, in Palo Alto, California, Major Dennis Frederick ("Babe") Orme, aged 63. Served in the Surreys from 1919-1946.

TURNER.—On 21st August, 1964, William Thomas Turner (6392). Served in the Surreys from 1902-1908.

SACKETT.—On 30th August, 1964, Cpl. Robert William Sackett (6084233), aged 56. Served in the Queen's from 1929-1936, and with the Surreys from 1939-1945.

LANCASTER.—On 2nd September, 1964, R.S.M. W. J. Lancaster (8592). Served in the Surreys from 1905-1917.

SHEPHERD.—On 12th September, 1964, Mr. S. M. Shepherd, late O.R. Sergeant, 8th Queen's. Served with that Unit during 1914-18 War.

MEREDITH.—R.S.M. John T. Meredith, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, aged 57. (See Obituary).

EDWARDS.—On 29th September, 1964, Lt.-Col. Frank Cyril Edwards, T.D. Served in 2/5th Queen's in France and North Africa 1939-1945.

SPRING.—On 9th October, 1964, R.Q.M.S. Edward Spring (6132275), aged 78. "The Duke" served in the Surreys from 1907 to 1929, and with the R.A.S.C. from 1939 to 1944. He regularly attended the Remembrance Day services at Kingston-upon-Thames.

Prize Essay Competitions

Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition, 1965.

Prize: £80. Closing Date: 22nd June, 1965.
Subject:

"The resources of our defence forces have become increasingly stretched over the past two years. The Army has been particularly affected, and has had to provide lightly equipped forces for IS and counter-insurgency operations world wide while still maintaining more heavily equipped forces in B.A.O.R."

"The other two Services suffer to a lesser degree, and are not faced with the same difficulties of having to train, equip and allocate man-power for two such different commitments."

"How can these difficulties best be met? Discuss any measures (including financial measures) which you consider might help the Army to meet its varying commitments more easily and without any loss of effectiveness."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1964 competition and can be found in ACI 397 of 1963, except that the address of the Army

Quarterly and Defence Journal shown in paragraph 5 is now:—43, Cardington Street, London, N.W.1.

George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay, 1965. Prizes: 1st prize, £35; 2nd prize £15. Closing date: 31st March, 1965.
Subject:

"Because of the revolutionary development in weapons, and changes in the pattern of war during the past 50 years, some people now doubt the value of military history as part of an officers educational curriculum."

"Give your views on this, and discuss in general terms how best the experience of the past can be reconciled with modern trends and made to serve present and future needs in the military field."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1964 competition and can be found in ACI 243 of 1963, except that the address of the Army Quarterly and Defence Journal shown in paragraph 7 is now:—43 Cardington Street, London, N.W.1.

Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and the Regimental Funds

ONE of S.S.A.F.A.'s objects, "to look after the welfare of the families of Service and ex-Service men and women, and to help applicants to obtain all the assistance for which they may be eligible from statutory sources, and also from Service and Regimental Funds," has meant a close and understanding liaison with those funds by all S.S.A.F.A. representatives.

There is a S.S.A.F.A. worker covering every town, village and hamlet in the British Isles, available at short notice to investigate a case which requires advice or financial assistance. All ex-Servicemen and Servicemen, at home and overseas, are eligible to apply if their families or dependants are in need. Widows and dependants, of course, can apply direct, but applications for S.S.A.F.A.'s help are often received from various outside sources and not only from the man or family concerned. Hospitals, doctors, prison welfare officers, prisoners themselves, probation officers, Local Au-

thorities and many other bodies ask the local S.S.A.F.A. representative on the spot to investigate and follow through a case that has come to their notice.

S.S.A.F.A. may be able to solve the problem without financial aid, but, if such aid is required and financial help cannot be obtained from statutory sources, the next step is for S.S.A.F.A. to approach the Service or Regimental Fund on which the man has the strongest claim.

The case must be presented to the Fund by S.S.A.F.A. on a detailed form, generally the common application form, giving full particulars of the need, and this may entail more than one visit to the family or dependant.

Contact may have to be made with doctors, hospitals, National Assistance Board, Employment Officers, Local Authorities, landlords; with electricity and gas boards in the case of unpaid bills and with Hire Purchase firms to verify H.P. debts. Negotiations may have to be made to persuade such firms to accept lower payments or a cut rate. If the case needs immediate help, the S.S.A.F.A. representative may make an initial payment from S.S.A.F.A. funds.

The man may have served in more than one Service or Regiment, which means S.S.A.F.A. has to duplicate the report and apply to all the Funds on which the man may have a claim. The full picture of the need and of the help already obtained ensures that the Fund can assess the position immediately and, when a grant is authorised for a specific purpose, the S.S.A.F.A. representative sees that the Fund's requirements are carried out to the letter.

In many cases S.S.A.F.A. is approached by the Commanding Officer—perhaps from overseas—or by the Service or Regimental Fund itself, to ask that S.S.A.F.A. investigate a case and report back so that the Fund may have the full background on which to base their decision. S.S.A.F.A. is usually asked in such cases to administer any grant sanctioned and to follow the case through.

The S.S.A.F.A. network of 1,500 Branches throughout the United Kingdom and in many places overseas ensures that the help of central funds can be brought personally to every village doorstep. No Service or ex-Service family is beyond the reach of S.S.A.F.A. We are the eyes and ears of the Service and Regimental Funds and their willing agents in bringing their generous and welcome help across the threshold.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover

School Prospectus

General

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is a boarding School for the sons of soldiers. While it is intended primarily for boys who aim to make the Army their career and whose parents or guardians desire them to do so, it affords every opportunity for boys to proceed to the University or to follow other careers.

The School was founded by Royal Charter in 1801, chiefly through the instrumentality of Frederick, Duke of York, son of George III, and was established at Chelsea in 1803.

In 1909 it moved to Dover, where a School was built on up-to-date lines, with separate boarding houses, school chapel, sanatorium, class-rooms, library, workshops, gymnasium, swimming bath and playing fields within 150 acres.

The School is regularly inspected by HMI of Schools.

Registration of Candidates and Ages of Admission

Any boy is eligible for registration as a candidate for admission to the School who is the legitimate (or lawful) son of a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or a man who is serving or has served in the Army or of an officer who, prior to being Commissioned, enlisted on a normal engagement in the Regular Army (for a minimum of four years' service).

A boy may be registered as a candidate between the ages of 8 and 11, and early registration is advisable, but apart from certain entries between 9 and 11 years all entries are made annually (in September) at the age of 11. To be considered for admission in any particular year a boy must be registered before 1st November of the previous year.

Selection for Admission

Selection for admission is made by Her Majesty's Commissioners who administer the School. Preference is given to the sons of soldiers who have been killed in action or have died whilst serving, and other family circumstances are taken into account. In making their selections the career and the service of the father are considered as a principal recommendation.

Before being considered for admission candidates are required to undergo educational, general and medical tests.

Expenses

Education and essential clothing at the School are provided free. Parents who can afford to do so are required to provide certain items of games clothing and of school civilian dress. It is also desirable that boys should be provided by their parents or guardians with some pocket money (including contingencies) but this should not exceed 5s. per week. The pocket money should be sent to the boy's Housemaster, who will administer it on the boy's behalf. In the case of certain pensionable boys, pocket money up to 5s. a week is provided.

For the normal school holidays (Christmas, Easter and Summer) boys return to their parents or guardians who are required to pay their fares from and to school, except in the case of certain pensionable boys whose fares are paid for them.

Organization of the School

The School is organized into:

- (a) Four Junior Houses of boys from ages 10 to 13.
- (b) Four Senior Houses of boys from ages 13 to 19.

Each House can take up to 60 boys.

Education

The School is organized into three streams and provides a boy according to his aptitude and abilities with:

A sound general education, and either—

- (a) A normal academic education of the Grammar School type, or
- (b) A curriculum with a technical bias.

Boys following either course are expected to stay at school until they reach the age of 16, and take the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level, in subjects appropriate to their interests and future careers.

Boys selected as likely to benefit by further education are expected to take a sixth-form course for the General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, for at least two years after Ordinary Level.

The following are the subjects taken in the school:

English, History, Geography.

Mathematics.

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Science.

Metalwork, Woodwork, Engineering Drawing.

Latin, French, German.

Art, Craft (including bookbinding, printing, pottery, linoprinting, and clay modelling).

Music.

In addition, all boys are given instruction in Religious Knowledge and physical education. All boys are taught to swim.

Clubs and Societies

All boys are given opportunities, and are encouraged, to join clubs and societies in the following range:

Clubs. Aeromodelling; Art; Bridge; Canoeing; Chess; Duke of Edinburgh's Award; Gymnastics and Trampoline; Judo; Life Saving; Modelling in wood, plastic and metal; Photography; Pottery; Rock Climbing; Shooting (.22 and .303).

Societies. Archaeological; Astronomical; Cinema; Classical; Debating; Dramatic; French; German; Globe Trotters (Geographical); Literary; Mathematics and Science; Natural History; Philately.

The range of clubs and societies varies from time to time.

Games

The major school games are Rugby Football (Autumn Term), Hockey (Spring Term), Athletics and Cricket (Summer Term).

In addition, boys are given the opportunity of taking part in the following:

Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Fencing, Sailing, Squash Racquets, Swimming, Tennis.

Military Training

Elementary Military Training is given to boys in the junior School. From the age of 14 all boys join the C.C.F.: special emphasis being placed on the training of Sixth Form boys in leadership. After passing Proficiency Test, Lower VIth Form graduate through the N.C.O.'s Cadre and all boys may join one or more of the following sections: R.E. including Field Survey, Signals, Civil Defence, R.E.M.E., and take part in Arduous Training. The School has its own 25x .22 (indoor) and 25x .303 (outdoor) Ranges.

Boys who show sufficient aptitude are expected to take their place in the Band or Drums, which form an essential and distinctive feature of the life of the School.

Future Careers

A comprehensive careers service is provided to give boys guidance in following the careers of their choice in the fashion best suited to their abilities, including entry to the Universities. The Armed Forces are given pride of place and there is an excellent record of boys entering Service Cadet Colleges to obtain Regular Commissions in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Those with the necessary aptitudes may also leave to join Service Apprentice Schools or Boys' Units.

LOCATION STATEMENT

Regular and Short Service Officers and Warrant Officers of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt.

(a) Regular Officers

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, C.B.E., 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.	Colonel A/Q, 54 (East Anglian) Division/District.
Lt.-Col. S. W. Peet, M.C., T.D.	Headquarters, B.A.O.R.
Lt.-Col. P. E. C. Andrews (Temp. Colonel)	Colonel GS, H.Q., Far Eastern Land Forces.
Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, M.C.	School of Infantry.
Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowden, 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.	Headquarters Eastern Command.
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 Methods of Instruction Centre.
Major R. C. Guy, M.C.	Army Methods of Instruction Centre.
Major J. B. C. Palmer, M.C.	M.A. to Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.
Major L. Brown	H.Q., Northern Command.
Major I. M. Craig-Adams	Trucial Oman Scouts.
Major S. S. Ashby	Ministry of Defence (2(b)).
Major C. S. Fitzpatrick	H.Q., 1 (B.R.) Corps.
Major P. R. Swanson	Army Apprentices School, Carlisle.
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.
Major (Q.M.) H. R. Gill	Transit Camp, Brigade of Gurkhas, Singapore.
Major K. Osborne	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Major (Q.M.) G. C. Foreman	H.Q., Cyprus District.
Major P. G. F. M. Roupell	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major (Q.M.) J. E. Griffin	Army School of Preliminary Education.
Major G. Mason	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Major P. G. Collyer	1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.
Major H. C. Millman	H.Q., 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade Group.
Major D. R. Bishop	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major A. G. Jones	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major P. H. Clayton, M.B.E.	Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment.
Major G. G. Strong	H.Q., Allied Forces Central Europe.
Major N. G. Pepperall	H.Q., 149 (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade (T.A.).
Major D. J. Wright	R.A.S.C. Officers' School.
Major A. Donaldson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major J. A. George	H.Q., British Guiana Garrison.
Major D. Abbott	Headquarters Eastern Command.
Major J. H. S. Burgess	S.M.I.U., H.Q., Strategic Reserve, Att. H.Q. Southern Command.
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	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major J. T. Day	1st Battalion The Jamaica Regiment.
Major M. F. Reynolds	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Major (Q.M.) N. J. Turner	2nd Battalion Federal Regular Army, Aden.
Capt. A. B. S. Faris (Temp. Major)	Royal Military College of Science.
Capt. M. E. Girling	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Capt. M. E. C. Rixon	Staff College.
Capt. H. G. Greatwood	1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment.
Capt. J. W. Francis	Royal Military College of Science.
Capt. G. C. Sharpe	Att. Regimental Pay Office, R. E., Guildford.
Capt. M. J. Doyle	H.Q.1 (B.R.) Corps.
Capt. J. G. W. Davidson (Temp. Major)	H.Q., 19th Infantry Brigade Group.
Capt. H. M. Hare	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. G. B. Redfern	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Capt. J. V. Warner-Johnson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. R. G. Stiff	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. K. R. Burnett	Adjutant, London University O.T.C.
Capt. B. D. S. Burton	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. T. C. Rogerson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. T. L. Trotman	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. A. F. Ridger	Att. No. 4 Communications Coy R. Signals.
Capt. P. A. Gray	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. (Q.M.) W. G. Woolley	Army Home Defence Centre, Devizes.
Capt. S. T. W. Anderson	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Capt. R. W. Bing	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. P. de S. Barrow	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Capt. (Q.M.) D. H. Fraser	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Lt. J. M. B. Westing	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. D. J. C. Dickins	Home Counties Brigade Depot
Lt. C. E. J. Allanson	Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces.
Lt. R. W. Acworth (Temp. Capt.)	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. S. J. Petzing	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. K. G. Wakely	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. A. C. Ward	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. D. H. Hutt	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. C. G. Reeves	No. 39 Army Youth Team, Guildford.
Lt. H. G. D. Smith	A.D.C. to G.O.C., 49 (WR & NM) Division/District.
Lt. (Q.M.) R. H. Esler	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. F. W. Le Maitre	H.Q., 51 Infantry Brigade Group.
Lt. (Q.M.) W. Snowden	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. R. P. Murphy	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
Lt. A. F. S. Ling	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
Lt. (Q.M.) F. B. Oram	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. N. D. J. Harris	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
Lt. C. M. Howard	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. M. R. A. Goode	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. M. J. Jarratt	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. R. T. W. Mellotte	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. G. C. Brown	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

(b) Short Service Officers

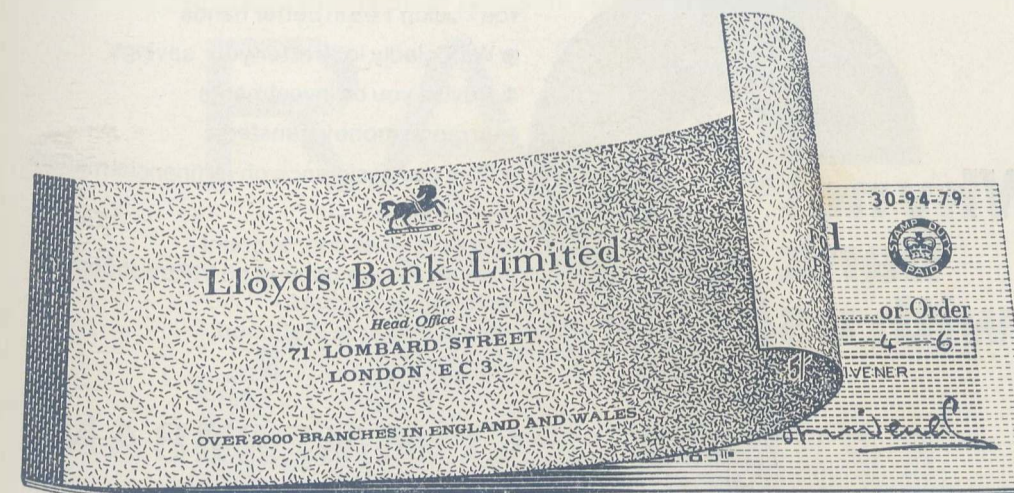
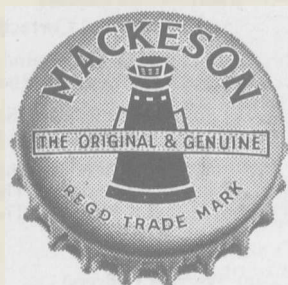
Major S. F. Harris	Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester.
Capt. J. F. G. Hayes	H.Q., Libya and Tripolitania Area.
Capt. P. J. Collman, M.B.E.	1 Div. Field Records, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Lt. P. C. Aitkens (Temp. Capt.)	Trucial Oman Scouts.
Lt. P. N. Jackson	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
2/Lt. D. M. Tucker	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. J. A. Winterfeld	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
2/Lt. D. J. Heath	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

(c) Warrant Officers

W.O.1 (R.S.M.) G. E. Mileham, M.B.E.	4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.1 (R.S.M.) R. L. Wildgoose	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
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.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) R. A. Booth	Home Counties Brigade Depot
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) H. C. Hyde	Home Counties Brigade Depot.
W.O.2 (A/W.O.1) J. A. Rodgers	4/5th The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) 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 (C.S.M.) A. Quickenden	1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.
W.O.2 (A/W.O.1) L. M. Burnstin-Wilson	3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).
W.O.2 (A/W.O.1) K. Yonwin	Royal Hong Kong Defence Force.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) M. W. Battrick	41 Army Youth Team, Brighton.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.) D. Crowther	Royal Hong Kong Defence Force.
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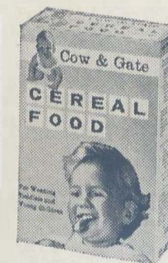
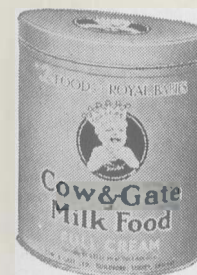
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