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Editorial

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On 17th November 1964 the death occurred of one of the most distinguished soldiers the Regiment has produced, Gen. Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., a former Colonel of The Queen's and a man of great character. In accordance with his wishes his Banner and Crest of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath are given to the Regiment for safe custody in Guildford Cathedral. During his lifetime these insignae hung in Westminster Abbey; they will be handed over to the Cathedral in a brief ceremony during our annual Regimental Service there on Sunday, 30th May, 1965. His Obituary is contributed for us by his onetime Adjutant and friend of many years, Colonel Lance East, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Last November brought also the death of Brigadier H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., one of the last of our Regimental Officers who served in the South African War.

The staff of R.H.Q. recently said farewell to one of our founder members, Mr. J. H. Chenery, for the last five years the Museum storeman and caretaker. We include a short appreciation of his services together with a photograph of him receiving a presentation from the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Museum is very popular and receives a good number of visitors all of whom comment favourably on the lay-out and quality of the exhibits. Maj. John Reed, the Officer-in-Charge, has given us some up-to-date notes on the Museum, with some photographs, which we reproduce.

In our issue for May, 1964, we mentioned briefly the magnificent gift of £10,000 made to the Regimental Association by Mr. A. C. Borrett in memory of his son Maj. Allen Borrett, who was killed in action in 1944 when serving in 1/5th Queen's. We are now able to publish the full details of this very generous donation. We include an appreciation of Maj. Allen Borrett by the Rev. V. C. Castle the wartime Chaplain to 1/5th Queen's.

Brigadier Allen Block has recently returned from a visit to Portugal where he has been

engaged in research in connection with the origin of the Paschal Lamb as our Regimental Badge. We reproduce a brief reference to his activities which appeared in The Daily Telegraph recently. We hope that Brigadier Block will produce a full account and the results of his endeavours for inclusion in our next issue.

A young Cadet of the 1st Cadet Battalion, Corporal Ian Macdonald, was selected to tour Canada with a team from the C.C.F. and A.C.F. He has written a very interesting account of his experiences on the tour. We are delighted to reproduce it.

Shortly after going to press we learned with the deepest regret of the death of General Sir Richard Foster, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., a very distinguished Royal Marine and a former Colonel of The Surreys. We are able to include an appreciation written by Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L.

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.

Member of the Order of the British Empire. Major J. H. Johnson, M.B.E., T.D., late 4th Battalion. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.).

Mentioned in Despatches

In recognition of distinguished services during the Cyprus emergency.

Major M.J.D. Perrett-Young, Intelligence Corps, formerly served in The Queen's Royal Regiment.

The Journal

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Contributions, including photographs are invited on all matters of interest to the Regiment, and should be typed on one side of the paper. Photographs should be accompanied by a permission-to-publish certificate from the photographer.

Mr. J. H. Chenery

Mr. John H. Chenery, a founder member of the staff of Regimental Headquarters, has for health reasons been obliged to retire.

He is a Kingston resident of long standing and was, in fact, born 68 years ago, in the house which he still occupies in Bearfield Road.

His association with the Army began at the age of 16 when he joined the 3rd Field Ambulance, T.A., in Surbiton, as a bandboy. On the outbreak of war in 1914 he was mobilised with the T.A. and went to France in November 1914 as a stretcher bearer in the R.A.M.C. and served throughout the war.

After being demobilised in 1918 he became a signwriter at the R.A.O.C. Depot at Feltham and continued in that capacity for forty years until he retired in 1959. For his long and devoted service he was awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

He came to Regimental Headquarters, as our storekeeper and museum orderly, soon after we opened in our original location at the Barracks. For the past five and a half years he has given outstandingly loyal and devoted service to the Regiment.

Exquisite examples of his expert craftsmanship as a signwriter are to be seen in the Regimental Museum and the many sign boards both within and outside the Regimental Headquarters building. Many of the sign boards used at regimental functions

such as the Tercentenary Parade, and Presentation of Colours were executed by him. He is also a skilled light carpenter and the making and repair by him of show-cases, exhibit stands and picture frames has been an incalculable contribution to the establishment of the new Regimental Museum.

On 13th January there took place a little ceremony at Regimental Headquarters, when the Colonel of the Regiment presented to Mr. Chenery, as a token of the Regiment's appreciation, a clock suitably inscribed.

Mr. Chenery is a keen fisherman and was for many years secretary of Kingston Piscatorial Society. We wish him many years of happy retirement and peaceful and successful fishing.



Photo by Surrey Comet.

The Colonel of the Regiment making the presentation to Mr. J. H. Chenery

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Regimental Committee

The following are the main points arising from the meeting of the Regimental Committee held on Saturday, 6th March, 1965.

Colours in Guildford Cathedral

The Secretary reported that the repairs to the Colours have been completed very satisfactorily and the Colours are now back in the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral.

New Member

The Chairman welcomed Maj. M. N. O'D. Pereira as a new member of the Committee.

Regimental Museum

The Secretary said that the Museum is popular and receives a good number of visitors.

When the Chief of Staff H.Q. London District carried out his annual Administrative Inspection of R.H.Q. he was very favourably impressed with the Museum and recorded this fact in his report.

It was agreed that the Civic Dignitaries of the new Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames should be invited to visit the Museum.

Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

It was confirmed that the Service will be held on Sunday, 30th May, 1965, at 11.15 a.m.

The usual arrangements and programme will be followed with one important addition. The Service this year will include a short ceremony in which the G.C.B. Banner and Crest of the late General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., will be handed over for safe custody and preservation within the Cathedral. This is in accordance with General Giffard's wishes.

O.C. 3 QUEENS SURREYS agreed to provide Luncheon and Bar facilities at Sandfield Terrace for those requiring them after the Service.

Regimental Christmas Card

It was agreed that the subject of this year's card should be a coloured photograph of the interior of the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral.

The style of the card to be the folder type without ribbon or inset, with the picture on the outside.

Alliances

The Chairman said that Alliances were being considered with the Zambia Regiment (formerly allied with us as The Northern Rhodesia Regiment), and the 12th Punjab Regiment.

The Large Regiment

The Chairman explained the origin of and reasons for, the Large Regiment concept. He outlined the salient points and said that any future reorganisation of the Infantry would come about by a process of evolution. In order to plan for this a Committee had been set up, under the Brigade Colonel, to consider and report to the Council of Colonels as to how this could best be done. The Committee had submitted their Report to the Council of Colonels.

A copy of the Report will be sent to each member of the Regimental Committee, asking for comments.

Points submitted by other Committees Officers' Club

The following provisional dates for functions in 1966 were agreed:—

Cocktail Party. Friday 10th June or Friday 17th June.

Regimental Dinner. Friday, 7th October.

Regimental Association

(a) Annual Reunion 1965.

Friday, 8th October, at the Seymour Hall, London. This is the first of the new pattern of Reunion and is experimental. It is hoped that members will bring their wives and that many of the younger members will attend with wives and girl friends.

(b) One Day's Pay Scheme. Money is coming in well from the scheme. Certain difficulties had been encountered in gaining contact with Officers E.R.E., most of whom, however, have now been approached.



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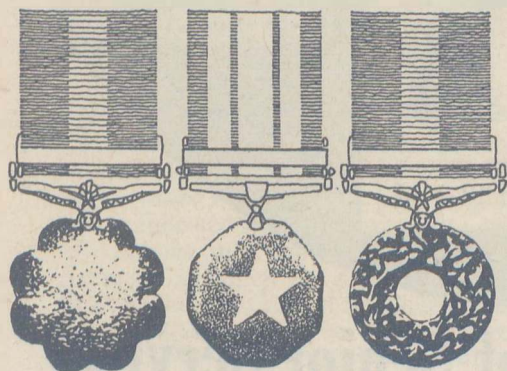


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Adjutant	Capt. T. L. Trotman.
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LIFE has been varied and hectic. After the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Sennelager, September opened the exercise period of seven weeks. It started with our own exercise Iron Shield and progressed through exercise Treble Chance IA IB and II, during the course of which we exercised with and against West German, Canadian and British troops. Most of the officers, senior N.C.O.s and signallers then went to umpire exercise Lowland Fling which was 12th Brigade's answer to Treble Chance; and then in November most of the Battalion went on block leave. December we spent in a whirl of activity running cadres to produce yet more drivers, signallers, anti-tank and mortar members, preparing for a vast galaxy of Christmas festivities and finally recovering from what the Alka Seltzer bottle calls "over indulgence of food and drink." All this, and more was to come in the shape of the Annual Administrative Inspection on 8th January. However we weathered the storm so successfully that we were warned for an emergency tour in the Far East. The cancellation of this was greeted with mixed feelings, not least by the Quartermaster, who has 282 quarters to administer of which families from the Battalion occupy 170. In spite of this, the cadres are battling on manfully, even "H.Q." Company is classifying on the range, and we are preparing to entertain two officers and 15 cadets from Cranwell, two officers and 13 men each from the 3rd and 4th Battalion. The Cheshire Regiment is still in Cyprus, so we are taking their Territorial Army visitors as well. We are administrative sponsors for the Brigade Ski Hut in Bavaria in addition. While you are reading this, we shall probably be at Soltau in June, having provided 250 men for the parade in May, at which Her Majesty The Queen will take the Salute. A battalion's commitments in the Rhine Army are rather like Cleopatra,

"Age cannot wither them, nor custom stale their infinite vanity."

Exercise Treble Chance

The exercises were held in a very picturesque part of Germany between Paderborn and Kassel. Our opponents varied from Royal Hampshires to Germans to 4th/7th Dragoons but the culmination was 6th Brigade against the Canadian Brigade. The Battalion's "piece de resistance" was an unaided counter attack across a river. "C" Company was ordered to leave behind harrassing parties; Cpl. Rodmell with Dingwall and Hands holed up, need we say it, in a pub. They accumulated a mass of intelligence about the enemy as well as the landlady. Carman was captured and escaped so often that the Canadians wrote him a commendation. Major Reynolds was blown up by a mine, but looked so pleased to be out of the exercise that the Colonel reactivated him. Finally in exasperation, he gathered the "dead" and led them over hill and dale for nearly four miles into Canadian territory. Frantic cries over the radio that the umpires had lost control and that everyone should return to do another attack went unheard and the Colonel was able to report that the Battalion had reached its final objective. Movement into woods at night became second nature. Even Drake of "B" Company, who had lost his glasses, found it easy. Cpl. Holland and a patrol from 7 platoon distinguished themselves by capturing a Canadian tank. It was delivered proudly to battalion headquarters where the R.S.M. seemed uncertain whether or not to charge him with improper possession. Eventually Cpl. Holland was given the benefit of the doubt and the possession of one enemy tank was deemed to be "proper." It took the Adjutant three days to persuade the Canadians that as it was their tank it was their

pigeon to remove it from battalion headquarters where it upset the traffic circuit more than somewhat. The drums platoon had a rather hurried move from Switzerland, where they had an engagement, straight on to the exercise just in time to take part in the final phase. A thunderflash exploded in the battalion command post as a result of some faulty map reading by the umpires, to whom the Colonel's description in the heat of the moment was positively nuclear. So, from exercises through block leave, to Christmas.

Christmas 1964

There was no time to produce and rehearse a battalion pantomime; the M.T. platoon produced one of their own, and the number of festivities was rivalled only by the amount of alcohol consumed. All the companies and departments held parties. The All Ranks Dance on 30th December must rate as one of the most successful ever held. The Gymnasium was superbly decorated by S.I. Kasai A.P.T.C. and wired for sound by our regimental Jimmies, (Sgt. Hunt, Cpl. Page, L/Cpls. Dunne and McNally and Sgm. Sherlock and Higbee) alias 508 Signals Troop. For a change both the bar and the dance floor were crammed, and L/Cpl. Ballard's twisting had to be seen to be believed. The children's party on the 21st December was a great success. A helicopter coped bravely with Sgt. Leach (all 18 stone) as Father Christmas and 280 children uttered appropriate oohs and ahs as they unwrapped the presents which Mrs. Woodman and her gallant band of helpers had spent long hours tying up and labelling. Mustoe of the Signal Platoon led the singing at lunch on Christmas Day at which a soldier was heard to remark that the only good food came from a bottle. This did not, however, stop him having three helpings of turkey. The R.S.M. conducted the band with such verve that we thought he must have chosen the wrong profession. Christmas festivities ended on 30th December which meant that we had nine days of feverish activity before the Annual Administrative Inspection.

The Annual Administrative Inspection

Our drill parades in December proved in vain. It rained heavily during the morning and a steady drizzle persisted all day. Brigadier

C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E. the brigade commander was greeted by the Quarter Guard under Sgt. Silverside and formed from the Recce platoon. The programme was involved but special mention must be made of the Brigadier's inspection of "C" Company in respirators and P.T. Kit, "B" Company's I.S. demonstration and the fact that all "C" Company's vehicles started when they paraded for European warfare. It was apparent from the Brigadier's comments at the end that the inspection had gone very well. Certainly all the preliminary reports were excellent.

The Brigade Ski Hut

By the end of March some 160 men will have had a fortnights skiing at Oberjoch in Bavaria. We provide a commandant and a small staff to run the hut which is really a large barn. The casualty rate has been reasonable, about six limbs around the battalion with one encased in plaster. The hut is a mile and a half from the nearest village and the track up to it, despite herculean efforts, refuses to allow vehicles on it. However, although called a winter warfare centre, it is essentially a ski hut. The name, we hope, fools the Command Secretary.

Sport

Our achievements in the sporting world have not been spectacular. The football teams have been enthusiastically led by S.I. Kasai and both are in the top half of the Munster Garrison League. We came up against the Queen's Own Highlanders in the first round of the Army Cup who beat us convincingly by 6 goals to Nil.

We are through to the final of the 2nd Division Boxing Plate after a most exciting match against the 4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards which we won 17-16. We now meet 25 Corps Engineer Regiment. In the individual championships we have five B.A.O.R. finalists, Scott, Conway, Geraghty and L/Cpls. Ballard and McMullen. At the time of writing they are on their way to Berlin for the championships.

The cross country team captained by Lt. Ling started the season with a resounding victory in the Brigade Championships. Lt. Ling came first with Sgt. Maloney (Drums) second. All our runners finished in the first eleven places. The divisional championships provided us with stiff opposition in the form of the Royal Canadian Regiment to whom

we came second, but we went forward to the B.A.O.R. finals which were held in Munster, as indeed was the Brigade Championship. The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry won and we were sixth out of seven. Although disappointing, this was no disgrace as the times were extremely fast. 2/Lt. Winterfeld who coached the team is unfortunately leaving the Army but his enthusiasm has been largely responsible for the success and keenness of the team of whom the following were awarded their battalion colours for 1965: Lt. Ling (Captain), Captain Wakely, 2/Lt. Winterfeld, Sgt. Maloney, Cpls. Rundle, Emery, and Rogerson, Ptes. Britchford, Hands, Smith and Sullivan.

Quotes

C.S.M. Chaffer: "But I thought Carl Gustav was King of Sweden, Sir".
Sgt. Bromige: (Watching the Signal Officer washing on exercise) "Sir, stop hiding behind that sapling".

Sergeants' Mess

The dinner night held on 10th February, in commemoration of Sobraon Day, was without doubt the highlight of Mess life during the last six months. We were very pleased that the Brigade Colonel was able to be with us for what will long be remembered as an evening "par excellence". We were also very pleased to see Major E.G.A. Lett, D.S.O. again. The scene during the dinner defies description; no one adjective could do justice to the occasion. The Regimental Colour flanked by the Silver Drums, the scarlet jackets of the diners and the scarlet tunics of the waiters, the dazzling whiteness of the table cloth, the glittering silver and glass, all reflected in the glow of candlelight. Magnificent certainly, but for those of us privileged to witness it, it was something else besides, something which will long be remembered as an outstanding occasion. At the conclusion of the dinner, but not, I hasten to add, the party, the Regimental Colour was marched out of the Mess carried, in accordance with tradition, by a Sergeant. On this occasion Sgt. G. Terry was selected for the honour of carrying the Colour which was escorted by C/Sgts. Proud, Swift and Lay.

The success of the party which followed the dinner can best be judged by the remark passed by a Subaltern officer on the 11th of February, "I haven't been able to approach a

single field officer or Sergeants' Mess member all day"!

Our congratulations go to C/Sgts. Gibbs, Lay and Wheeker and to Sgts. Lees, Champion, Prior, Pearson and Maloney on their promotion and to Sgt. Silverside on his marriage.

Officers' Mess

A specially chartered aircraft brought out guests to a ball held on 12th December. Amongst those present were Brigadiers Ling and Goode and Major Sewell who is due to take over the command of the Battalion in October. There was grave doubt whether the aircraft would be able to get here in time because of fog in England but although it arrived 24 hours late everyone seemed to enjoy the function and the party was loaded into cars and deposited in Dusseldorf en route for England the next day. We entertained the Regierungs President, his deputy and the Lord Mayor of Munster to dinner on the 19th February. The Band played for about an hour after dinner and the President to our great delight conducted. It was their first guest night in a British Officers' Mess. We thoroughly enjoyed having them and hope that their visit will help towards establishing good relations with the people of Munster.

At Large

We had a practice emergency turn out on the 7th December. By chance, it was Wives Club evening and so all the husbands were baby sitting. The news (without embellishment) flashed round and we were all out of barracks with our equipment within two hours. The Paymaster (in combat kit!) and the Colonel returned with the R.S.M. to partake of the excellent supper laid on for their wives. "It would only have been wasted" they said. The M.T. platoon and the Signal platoon have made frequent trips to Amsterdam. The reason we are told is sightseeing. C/Sgt. Lea had overlooked the fact that one can bathe just as easily in the swimming bath in Munster as in the Grand Canal in Amsterdam.

FOUR YEARS ON

BY MAJOR G. MASON

WHILST "B" Company, 1 Queen's Surreys was serving at Mukeiras, Aden during the latter end of 1961, it was decided at a "Demob" party of National

Servicemen that those present should meet at "The World's End" Chelsea on the 2nd January 1965—four years hence.

Although this arrangement was only made amongst some fifteen people attending the party, it was most heartening to find that twenty-two of the old "B" Company turned up—with many letters of apologies from those who wanted to come but couldn't manage it. Moreover it was very touching to find out the distances most people had come to be there. Those present were:

Major Geoffrey Mason, Capt. Paul Gary, Capt. Keith Burnett and wife, Lt. David Burgess and wife, Lt. David Hutt, Sgt. Eric Lockwood, Peter Ing, Lawrence, "Jim" Matthews, Brian Higgs, Hore, Bryant, Goldsmith, "Tiger" Tyson, Anderson, Cruise, Brian Pickford, Jordan and wife, Bevan, Ingerfield, Hewsall, and Barry Betts.

The R.V. was chosen for its amusing name, but unfortunately it lived up to it. So much so that a quick "recce" had to be organised to find a nearby "pub" which could give us the room to celebrate. Fortunately this was found some four hundred yards away and after a quick drink at the original R.V., the party moved to the more

salubrious surroundings of the "Man in the Moon".

As may be expected, the reminiscing that went on after four years was enormous and, prompted by Cine films of the Company brought by Lt. David Burgess (now a Chartered Accountant), and slides brought by Capt. Keith Burnett, all old members of "B" Company in Aden can rest assured that they were either seen, talked about, or laughed about during the course of the evening.

In spite of the English Licensing Laws the party continued to nearly midnight and everyone left rather reluctantly—in much the same condition as they did after the Mukeiras parties. It was a tremendous reunion and those who couldn't make it—particularly Lt. Petzing, R.S.M. Yonwin and C/Sgt. Proud,—were sadly missed. However it is hoped that as many ex-members of "B" Company will be able to come to the next reunion at the "Man in the Moon" on the first Saturday in 1968.

Your correspondent will then have pleasure in recording the episode under the title "Seven Years On".

G.M.

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

During 1964 the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 11,922, which was 81% of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 49 Branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number 5,192 were from the Army and 38 were from your regiment.

If when you get home you have mislaid the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office or to your own Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.

EMPLOYMENT

An ex-officer of the Regiment is able to offer appointments as Resident Porters for luxury flats in the Home Counties from time to time. A modern flat with heat and light

is provided. The wage varies with place and degree of responsibility undertaken.

Inquiries addressed to the Secretary of the Regimental Association will be forwarded.

JOURNAL PHOTOGRAPHS

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.

Make a note of the date

Annual Reunion

Regimental Association

Friday, 8th October, 1965

Seymour Hall, London

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Home Counties Brigade Depot

The Depot has now spent its first winter in Howe Barracks, Canterbury and the oil fired central heating has done much to make for comfort although up to the time of writing these notes the winter has not been at all severe.

During the six months under review 141 men have been posted to the 1st Battalion. Permanent Staff postings out have included Major G. Mason and Capt. P. de S. Barrow to 1st Battalion, Lt. D. J. C. Dickens to the Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces and Cpl. Boyne to the 1st Battalion. Arrivals have included Capt. S. T. W. Anderson and B. D. S. Burton, Lt. N. J. D. Harris and Cpl. B. Wharmby, all from the 1st Battalion. Sgt. Pearson has arrived from Malaysia to take over from C/Sgt. Washington. Major Mason's successor as O.C. Junior Soldiers Company is Major A. D. Peckham, M.B.E., Queen's Own Buffs, who served with 1st Queen's in Berlin in 1948/49 and again in Iserlohn in 1951/52.

Among visitors to the Depot were

the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Eastern Command, Gen. Sir Roderick McLeod, G.B.E., K.C.B., A.D.C. and his successor Lt.-Gen. Sir George Cole, K.C.B., C.B.E., the Director of Infantry, Maj.-Gen. P. G. F. Young, C.B.E. and the G.O.C. 44th (Home Counties) Division/District, Maj.-Gen. E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O. Regimental visitors included Lt.-Cols. D. C. Snowdon, T.D., O.C. 1 Royal Sussex, E. G. Woodman, M.C., M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E., Major (Retd.) R. P. Mangles, M.B.E., M.C., Major (Retd.) C. G. Rousell, Majors J. W. Sewell, K. Osborne, J. G. F. Naumann, G. C. Forman, Capt. H. M. Hare, G. B. Redfern, Lts. S. J. Petzing, D. H. Hutt, J. R. B. Griggs, F. B. Oram, 2/Lts. M. F. Howard, M. A. Siggers and G. C. Brown; W.O.I.s Wildgoose, Boseley, Rodgers, Yonwin and Burnstin-Wilson, and W.O.2.s Adkins, J. Morris and Quickenden. Many others attended the Sergeants' Mess St. Valentine's Ball which was a great success.

Regimental recruits gained awards at final parades at the Depot as follows:—

Date	Award	Recruit	Inspecting Officer
25th Sep., 1964	Best at P.T.	Pte. H. Lisk	Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
16th Oct., 1964	Best Recruit Best at P.T. Best Shot Best Section	Pte. D. Bradshaw Pte. M. Nicholls No. 1 (Pte. M. Nicholls Section Leader)	Colonel I. R. Ferguson Innes, O.B.E., M.B.I.M. 44 (H.C.) Div./Dist.
10th Dec., 1964	Best Recruit Best Shot	Pte. J. Lishmund	Major R. J. W. Fletcher (Retd.). Central London Recruiting Depot.
8th Jan., 1965	Best Recruit	Pte. D. Cooper	Lt.-Colonel W. A. H. Taylor, R.A.P.C., Regimental Paymaster, Home Counties Brigade, Royal Anglian Regiment and R.A.P.C.
22nd Jan., 1965	Best Shot Best at P.T. Best Section	Pte. J. Hedges Pte. C. Maby No. 2. (Pte. J. Hedges Section Leader)	Lt.-Colonel M. R. R. Turner, O.B.E. (Retd.), A.R.O. Blackheath
5th Feb., 1965	Best Shot	Pte. M. Dickinson	Major A. D. Peckham, M.B.E., Queen's Own Buffs.

Captains S. T. W. Anderson and B.D.S. Burton, Lts. D. J. C. Dickens and R. P. Murphy and Cpl. Braiden have represented the Depot regularly at hockey and L/Cpl. Cairns at soccer. In a new and short lived

venture Lt. Murphy captained a Ten Pin Bowling Team in the qualifying round for a Combined Services Championship.

In the Eastern Command Minor Units Cross Country Championship the results



Photograph by C. F. Cole

Major R. J. W. Fletcher of Central London Recruiting Depot presenting the awards for Best Recruit and Best Shot to Private J. B. Lishmund. Also seen are Captain P. A. Gray and R.S.M. P. Floyd

were:—

1st	12 Company R.A.M.C.	18 pts.
2nd	Home Counties Brigade Depot	23 pts.
3rd	Royal Angham Regiment Depot	29 pts.
Pte. Smith was 5th overall.		

In the Junior Soldier's Soccer Championships our Junior Soldiers beat the Junior Musicians, Woolwich 10-2 in the first round and then drew 3-3 with the Junior Guards Company. In this second round replay the Junior Guards Company won 5-2 at Pirbright.

Those who have left the Depot during the past year will be interested to know that the Junior Ranks' Club Supervisor, Mrs. Bryan, has left to take charge of the I K.O.S.B. Junior Ranks' Club at Shorncliffe. Her successor is Mrs. Johnston who was previously at the W.R.A.C. Depot in Guildford.

During 1964 we were lucky in receiving from the Nuffield Trust grants which have enabled us to get a minibus and a judo mat. The former is invaluable, particularly for transporting sports teams in greater comfort than that normally provided in the back of a 3 tonner.

At the beginning of the year, whilst on the Lydden Sports Range, Lt. Murphy's platoon assisted in the capture of one of the boys who had escaped from Borstal. The other who threatened to jump off the cliff made headlines in the national press. Junior Drummer Chapman and two other Junior Soldiers were commended for assisting the civil police in arresting two criminals in October 1964.

Members of the Junior Soldiers' Company sounded Last Post and Reveille in a number of Churches in Kent on Remembrance Sunday and gave a marching display in Canterbury on 21st November 1964.

On the social side a party of recruits attended the Regimental Association Annual dinner in October. In the same month the Corporals' Mess (now known as the Permanent Staff Club) held a Dance and in November the Junior Soldiers ran a fireworks display for the Garrison. Christmas activities included a party for nearly three hundred children, an Officers' Mess dance, the Sergeants' Mess draw and Junior Soldiers'

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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.
Second-in-Command	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. Robinson (R.A.M.C.)
Administrative Officer	Capt. E. J. Weeks
R.S.M.	W.O.1 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

When these notes come to be published our battalion will have celebrated its fourth birthday. The activities of the battalion over these four years are on record for all to see; there is, however, one sobering fact which might be pondered upon. From 1st April, 1961 to 31st December, 1964 the following moves took place:—

Officers left	36
Officers arrived	14
Other Ranks left	391
Other Ranks arrived	411

During this short time, therefore, we can see that apart from the "hard core" on both decks, this is indeed a new battalion. There will be much heart-searching as to why so many have left. Whatever the answer, there is no need for long faces or despair. Old soldiers always fade away but the Unit continues, and we are happy to report that the battalion is as keen as ever, but younger, and this latter fact may have its compensations.

And so to our activities over the past few months, which as ever with the T.A. are "Not so much a programme, more a way of life."

On 25th October, 1964, we laid up the Colours of the 5th Queen's in the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, in Guildford. A fuller account appears elsewhere in these notes.

On 5th, 6th September, a party of 100 all ranks visited Ghent in Belgium, to take part in ceremonies marking the 150th

anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the last war between Britain and America. This date also coincided with the 20th anniversary of the liberation of Ghent in September 1944, in which two of our parent units, 1st/5th Queen's and 1st/6th Queen's, took a leading part.

Following upon this visit a letter was received from the British Charge d'Affaires at the British Embassy, Brussels, which reads as follows:—

"I do hope that the visit which you, your Band, and the detachment of your Battalion paid to Ghent last weekend will have been so pleasant as to be in itself a reward for the time, trouble and expense incurred by all concerned. But I should like to convey to you my own thanks and appreciation for the excellent show put up by all ranks. The ties between England and Belgium have for centuries been close and friendly, and we enjoy a great fund of good will here. But those of us whose job it is to represent British interests in Belgium, are well aware that occasions such as last Saturday, and visits such as that of you and your officers and men provide them with priceless support. Such visits indeed keep alight the lamp of Anglo-Belgian friendship in a way that years of diplomacy can never hope to do. So, to all of you, thank you very much."

On 27th September, the Regimental Band took part in a Competition organised by the County of London T. and A.F. Association. This took place in Sloane Square, and

of all the bands taking part, our Regimental Band was placed fifth, reflecting great credit on Mr. Braddick and all concerned in our musical department.

The battalion paid yet another visit to Salisbury Plain on 10th, 11th October, when an exercise known as "Beatle Drive" was held around the village of Imber. Many lessons were learned; the Exercise was therefore of much value and succeeded in bringing to light some of the places where we creak.

We welcome Capt. D. H. P. Fraser who arrived from the 1st Battalion and took over the duties of Quartermaster on 17th July. Capt. Fraser is not new to the way of life in the T.A., having served as R.S.M. with 6th Queen's in Bermondsey, and we all feel confident that this most important department of our battalion is in safe and sympathetic hands.

We are also happy to welcome R.S.M. L. M. Wilson who joined us after two years service with the Trucial Oman Scouts in Southern Arabia. Again we are fortunate in having Mr. Wilson as our R.S.M. because he, like Capt. Fraser, is an old hand at the peculiarities and uncertainties of T.A. life.

Civilian duties have taken Capt. J. N. Napier-Ford to India, and most regretfully he had to transfer to T.A.R.O. on 1st October. Lt. C. M. Wigan has now taken over the duties of R.S.O. in his place.

We congratulate Capt. A. W. Cutcher and Lt. D. W. A. Peters on their promotion and hope the latter may be able to be with us in Camp this year, in addition to his usual military global exercises.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ash on Sunday, 13th September, when heath fires did their best to put an end to firing. However, apart from fire fighting, the day's shooting produced the following results:—

L.M.G. Competition—won by "B" Company. Runners-up "H.Q." Company.

Sub-machine Carbine Competition—won by "B" Company. Runners-up "D" Company.

As a consequence of their two wins "B" Company were awarded the Inter-Company Challenge Cup.

In the field of sport congratulations are due to Lt. F. B. Herd, on being selected for the T.A. Hockey Team for the match against R.M.A. Sandhurst, on 18th November, 1964.

Remembrance Sunday

To mark this day, parades were held in all Company locations. For 1964 the main battalion parade was held in Bermondsey, and the parade this year held some additional sadness for many serving and past members of the battalion. This was the last occasion on which our parade would be attended by a Mayor of Bermondsey, due to the "amalgamations" now proceeding in Greater London.

The parade formed up at the T.A. Centre, 2, Jamaica Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 8th November, under the Commanding Officer. Headed by the Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band, the parade left the Drill Hall and halted for a brief ceremony and the laying of wreaths at the Regimental War Memorial in Jamaica Road. The parade then marched to the Parish Church of Bermondsey for the Service of Remembrance.

After the Service the parade marched past the Mayor of Bermondsey, Alderman Nicklin, who took the salute.

Regiments amalgamate. Boroughs amalgamate. We now look forward to the same close ties with the new and larger borough in South-East London, as has always existed in the past between our unit and the Borough of Bermondsey.

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

Efficiency Decoration (Territorial):

Capt. D. H. Miller

Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

Sgt. S. M. Gooden

Sgt. D. L. Smith (2nd Clasp).

Sgt. B. G. Humphreys

Sgt. J. A. Shaw

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Regular Army):

W.O.2 W. G. J. Warren.

"A" COMPANY

Since the last issue of these notes and the August break, life in "A" Company has continued at its usual swift pace.

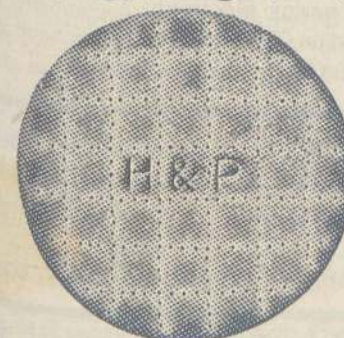
Several rearrangements have taken place. Lt. John Samuels with Lt. Michael Baird are now very firmly entrenched at Dorking, while Lt. J. Pullinger has moved to Reigate.

Coulsdon detachment ceased to be part of "A" Company in January and passed to

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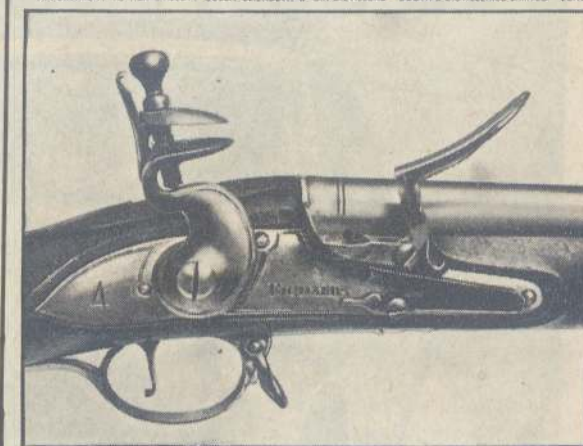


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"C" (Croydon) Company. It is sad to lose a detachment which has such potential and which from time to time has been thriving and successful. It will however lighten the burden which fell on the Company with three widely separated and different detachments to administer. We wish all luck to "C" Company, Lt. Daly and Lt. Brothers. Compensating for this loss we are very happy to welcome Lt. Geoffrey Wright, Sgt. Corcoran and L/Cpl. and Pte. Gibbs, who have transferred to Reigate.

Between July and December "A" Company Support Platoon at Coulsdon held many very active weekends ranging from visits to Stanford P.T.A., live firing at Long Valley and Lydd, recruiting drives and social activities, culminating finally in a grand social on 18th December at which over 70 people were present.

Similarly, since the summer, Dorking has had a very full and active programme. In the words of one officer "The sleepy man of Dorking has woken from his torpor," resulting in an influx of 12 recruits and a general quickening of enthusiasm. Great strides have been made in establishing contact with many local bodies and clubs. Social activities—particularly for wives, girl friends and non-T.A. friends have been increased and a memorable dinner was held just before Christmas. Once again the backbone of our Courage Trophy team has come from Dorking. It was even rumoured at one stage that Mick Brady and Chris Kane in a mad burst of Spartan enthusiasm had given up smoking and drinking.

In September we took part in the Battalion Rifle Meeting which a brush fire caused to be abandoned.

The Company was well represented in the Battalion Exercise on Salisbury Plain called "Beetle Drive." Excitement waned rather after three hours drive in army vehicles and a route march. However, the air there is good, the scenery pleasant and our C.Q.M.S. managed this time to produce good and sufficient food.

Farewell to Sgt. Yates after 25 years service. In early December we also bade farewell to Mrs. Foster, caretaker at Reigate for over 10 years. We hope she and her family settle happily in Australia.

Our usual Children's Party was held in early January. Once again, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Hounslow, her

mother and a few helpers, a very happy time was had by 40 children.

"B" COMPANY

Immediately after the August break we had our Company Shoot at Caesar's Camp Range and also took part in the Battalion Annual Shoot. Sgt. J. Nugent was our Company champion and W.O.2 Smith, Sgt. Nugent and Pte. Hedges won the individual shoots. It was a perfect day and we enjoyed entertaining a large number of visitors. In the Battalion Shoot we won the Bren and Sten competitions outright but were denied the chance of completing the hat-trick when a range fire made it necessary to cancel the rifle event.

In mid-October we took part in the laying-up of Colours of the 5th Battalion. The Queen's Royal Regiment in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and were gratified to note that our turn-out and drill was still up to scratch despite the long gap between ceremonial occasions.

The Battalion exercise on Salisbury Plain was much enjoyed and Brigade provided a most active enemy. We had the lion's share of the work, due in part to our small numbers. One notable patrol spent the night confirming that every single hill on Salisbury Plain looks the same in the dark, and the Company Commander and the C.S.M. did sentry duty at the same place at different sides of the same tree, completely unaware of each other.

With the longer winter evenings we have kept up our .22 shooting and were delighted to beat Camberley Rifle Club who brought their newest match weapons. We have also shot against other local clubs and played basket ball, shinty and darts matches with them.

The Social Committee, under Cpl. Dillon, have been very active. They ran a most successful Christmas Dance and a Children's Party. We were very pleased to see approximately 50 guests at our Boxing Day Shoot. The Company dinner was graced by the Training Major, Q.M., and R.S.M. We missed our usual sing-song but compensated with records which had a distinct Rugby flavour. This was the occasion when we said farewell to our P.S.I. W.O.2 Dunkeld who has been posted to "C" Company. During his time with us we enjoyed a most successful period in competitions and looked on him as our mascot. We thank him for all his help and wish him well. We now

welcome Sgt. Holledge from "H.Q." Company and hope he enjoys his stay with us.

Lt. Clark Maxwell has left us temporarily to work in Paris for a year. We do not know on which "bank" he is living but he assures us he will return for Camp when we shall look forward to hearing about his experiences.

We congratulate W.O.2. Smith on his promotion and appointment to C.S.M. Also Sgts. Coulson and Chennells on their promotions.

It seems almost certain at last that the drill hall will be modernised within the next three months. However, if the plans are to be believed, it will consist mainly of separate conveniences for each sex and every rank; a formidable task, we fear, of signing for the Regimental Police and, incidentally—where shall we train?

"C" COMPANY

Time passes so quickly that it would seem only yesterday since the last notes on Company matters were written. In spite of this rapid passage of time we have still managed to supply our regular quota of recruits to the Depot. We congratulate Ptes. Greenslade and Groves on their good sense in enlisting as regular soldiers in the Regiment. We are also delighted that our own recruiting is going well, and our recruits in training now number 12.

Absences from drill nights causes concern, but when the absentees happen to be L/Cpl. Rumens, L/Cpl. Luff and Pte. Fish, the concern is greater still. They all recently returned and apologised for the "odd absence" and smartly produced marriage certificates. We congratulate them and wish them well in the future.

An excellent Christmas Draw was run by the Company when over 250 members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening. C.S.M. Fuller and Sgt. Woods were once again well to the fore, being assisted, as usual, by W.O.2 Rolfe and Mr. Chapman.

We congratulate W.O.2 Rolfe on being classified as a B1 Cook and on his well-earned promotion. The Company is indeed fortunate to have the services of such a loyal and versatile Warrant Officer.

We welcome W.O.2 Dunkeld as our new P.S.I. After only a few weeks he is regarded by all as a member of the Company. It is hoped that he enjoys his tour with us.

In December we took the Coulsdon detachment under command and we welcome

all the new members thus gained. Lt. Daly is now in command of the "Coulsdon and Purley private army." We hope that they will soon feel part of "C" Company. A special welcome is extended to Lt. M. Brothers who is now with the Company having been posted from Coulsdon on re-organisation.

The new entrance hall and toilet block has now been completed. We look forward to the day when a new drill hall will be added to this palatial extension. At least we now have a most comfortable rest room.

"D" COMPANY

The Christmas revels of the G.P.O. are over and now it is back to training as a Company and training for the Courage Trophy. In this respect Cpl. R. Elliott has been seen conducting P.T. classes and little groups of men are to be found in deep conference in odd corners. Phrases like "Commando boots" and "44 equipment" are heard at various times.

Since our last notes the New Year Dance and Draw have been held. The Drill Hall looked splendid draped with parachutes from our friends and a net-like material which we are told came from a film studio. We were very pleased to see the Mayors and Mayoresses of Bermondsey and Deptford at the Dance, the former straight from his appearance on I.T.V. at the professional wrestling—as a spectator, of course.

In January the Children's Party was held. Some 24 sons and daughters of the Company regaled themselves with jelly and lots of good things. Children old and young thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

At the time of writing preparations are afoot for "D" Company's first All Ranks' Dinner, which is to be held in the Canteen.

This last period has not, however, been all social activity. Hard training has continued and results are beginning to show.

We welcome several new recruits to the fold and wish them a happy stay with us.

"H.Q." COMPANY

When the last copy for the Journal went to press, all ranks at Guildford were hard at work on the canteen. Well, on Friday, 16th October the Honorary Colonel, Col. J. B. H. Kealy, D.S.O., opened the redecorated and much more pleasant canteen room. It has to be seen to be believed, so if you are

reading these notes and haven't seen it yet, please take this as an invitation to come and see for yourself.

The closed season in the T.A. is from approximately October to early February. Post Offices fill our drill hall, dinners and dances and Christmas parties are all that one remembers. However soldiering carries on; the Weapons inspection is over and the Battalion Exercise on Salisbury Plain brought a good turnout from "H.Q." Company.

It was with great regret that we learned during October of the death of C/Sgt. Dixon, who was at Guildford for more years than most of us can remember. He was a very kind man, and an efficient and loyal soldier and he is sadly missed.

A change of P.S.I.s in November brought us C/Sgt. Baker. He took over from Sgt. Holledge who has gone to "B" Company at Camberley.

In December the Int. Section moved from their old home at Stonecot which they shared with the Support Platoon of "D" Company and have now ensconced themselves in an office at Sandfield Terrace.

M.T. Platoon

Main emphasis has been on Driver training which is going well and on the preparation for the vehicle inspection which passed off without undue fuss.

Signal Platoon

The standard of training is improving, in no small way encouraged by the efforts of our own P.S.I. Sgt. Jones who is a most enthusiastic signaller.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon at Haslemere

Training is progressing well and at weekends interest has come from blowing trees up and also sawing them down the old-fashioned way. Four members of the Platoon with Capt. Boylett attended a course in watermanship at Gillingham R.S.M.E.

The Recce Platoon at Woking

The dinner at the Cotteridge Hotel in Woking was attended by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Pullen and was its usual huge success. During the dinner, presentations were made to the following:—

Pte. Saunders—the Camp Cup presented by the Officers and N.C.O.s to the best all-rounder at Camp.

Pte. Guest—The N.C.O.s Cup, presented to the best all-rounder of the year.

Sgt. Humphries has decided to retire after 12 years at Woking and he will be missed, as also L/Cpl. Simpson who has left to join the Cadets as a civilian instructor. Recruiting is going well and four new members have been signed on.

The Company Commander in his wisdom decided to pay a visit to the Platoon on a Thursday Drill Night and picked 5th November. Having waited for half-an-hour and getting most irate, he learned from the caretaker that Drill was cancelled as it was fireworks night! An unscheduled rocket is believed to have hit Woking that night.

Training is in hand for the team who are representing "H.Q." Company in this year's Courage Trophy Competition.

OFFICERS' MESS

Officers arriving at the Bermondsey Mess for the Annual Christmas Dance found themselves in a 1914-1918 dug-out as they came up the stairs. Sandbags, braziers, dim lamps and, as one officer said, "There was a delightful smell of camouflage nets."

Inside the Mess all was gay and Sgt. Rolfe was serving glasses of hot punch. It was a very successful dance thanks to the Mess Staff.

In November we held a Guest Night at Guildford when we dined out Burke Bowen. Unfortunately, Julian Gill, also due to be dined out was unable to be with us.

Just before Christmas the P.M.C. received a letter from Miles Hunt-Davies, a former 3rd Battalion Officer now with the 6th Gurkha Rifles in Hong Kong. When Miles was in Nepal he had a kukri made, mounted on a stand and had sent it to the Officers' Mess. The kukri has now arrived and very beautiful (and sharp) it is, too. The Commanding Officer has decreed that it will not be removed from its scabbard on Guest Nights—lest they become ghost nights. Miles also sent us an invitation to his wedding in Hong Kong on 23rd January. Unfortunately, training had to take priority. We wish him and his bride every happiness.

Speaking of weddings, the stork has been busy again. Congratulations to Bob and Mrs. Cunningham and our sympathies to those other officers awaiting delivery.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Towards the end of last year we welcomed our new R.S.M., W.O.1 L. M. Burnstin-Wilson, who joined us direct from the Trucial Oman Scouts. R.S.M. A. Quickenden has now returned to the 1st Battalion.

The following long-standing T.A. Mess members have now left us:—Sgt. B. G. Humphreys of Woking, Sgt. E. H. Gallagher of London, and Sgt. J. R. Yates of Coulsdon.

The Mess at Battalion H.Q. at Guildford has now been completely redecorated, entirely through "self-help" by Mess members, and the bar has been redesigned, and of course, restocked. We should be pleased to welcome any serving or ex-Sergeants' Mess members of the Brigade whenever they are in the Guildford area.

On 5th/6th December Mess members congregated at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon, where a successful and entertaining weekend was held. On the Saturday evening a first-class five-course dinner was prepared by W.O.2 J. V. Rolfe (A.C.C.) and his staff; immediately followed by a general "rush" to the bar which was propped up until the early hours of Sunday morning. On Sunday the programme consisted of mutual drill, lectures on training and administration, followed by a quiz. It is planned to hold such "get-togethers" at least twice a year in the future.

On Saturday, 12th December the annual Mess Christmas Draw was held at Guildford, and the general opinion was that it was the best we have had to date.

3rd BATTALION PERSONALITY

L/Cpl. Bob Jacobs is the type of man that you cannot keep down. He has the sort of infectious grin that would meet behind his head but for his ears.

It has been said that one gets from the T.A. in enjoyment the equivalent of the work put in. Certainly Cpl. Jacobs shows his immense enjoyment and satisfaction gained from the T.A.

Born 24 years ago in Sandhurst, he was educated locally and left only to join the Merchant Navy for four years. He resigned from the Service to get married and now has a charming wife and two delightful children, Tracy aged four and Clinton aged two. They lived in a caravan for three years before getting a council house in Sandhurst.



L/Cpl. R. Jacobs, "B" Company, 3 Queen's Surreys

His jobs have been various and though now self employed as a painter and decorator, he has been a pipe fitter, a builder and an undertaker's assistant.

He joined the T.A. in 1962 and the T.A.E.R. in 1963. Was a member of the successful Battalion Shooting Team and also in the No. 1 Guard at the Presentation of Colours. Perhaps his most successful parts were in the 1963 and 1964 Courage Trophy marches when he was lead man and timed the teams perfectly for a 10th and

2nd place. He has the happy knack of marching an even pace for long periods and can change from 130-140-150 paces per minute at will. He was also a member of the Guildford-Camberley marches. Now, having joined the Company BAT team he is preparing for a second visit to the 1st Battalion in Germany with the T.A.E.R.

We wish him and his family good fortune wherever they go and hope he continues to enjoy his obviously successful career in the T.A.

LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS

of

The 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.)

On the 25th October, 1964, the Colours of the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.), were laid up in the Parish Church of Holy Trinity at Guildford, in the presence of Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of Surrey, The Right Honourable, The Earl of Munster, P.C., K.B.E.

The Colours, cased, were carried through the streets of Guildford for the last time in procession from Battalion Headquarters in Sandfield Terrace. The parade was headed by the Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band; there followed No. 1 Guard, the Colours, No. 2 Guard and a goodly assembly of Old Comrades.

The Service in the church began with the hymn, "All people that on Earth do dwell." The Rector of Holy Trinity, the Reverend Michael Hocking, then said The Bidding; there followed the Confession, Absolution and Prayers. The congregation then sang the hymn, "Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer," after which the Lesson was read by Col. J. W. P. Llewellyn, O.B.E., former Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), and the last Commanding Officer of 5th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.).

The hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," was then sung, to be followed by the Address, given by the Reverend Colin Pilgrim, Chaplain to the 3rd Battalion. Then was sung the hymn "Fight the good fight," after which the Colour Party formed up at the West end of the Aisle with Colours at the Carry and Arms at the Shoulder.



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The Cased Colours of the 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (T.A.) about to enter the Parish Church of Holy Trinity at Guildford on Sunday 25th October 1964

The Regimental 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 Queen's Colour in his right hand and the Regimental Colour in his left hand and turned about to face the Altar. 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 Rector 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.

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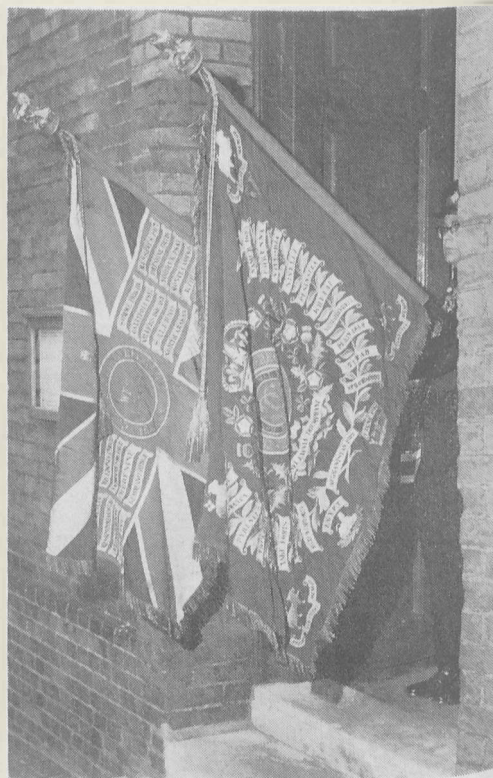


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A last glimpse of the Colours of 5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) in the doorway of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity at Guildford on Sunday 25th October 1964

After prayer, all stood for the National Anthem, during which the Colour Party presented Arms. The Service ended with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" 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 Battalion, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.). The Colour Party was Lt. F. B. Herd and Lt. C. M. Wigan; the Escort was C.S.M. J. B. Homersham, M.B.E., C/Sgt. T. G. Shuff and Sgt. T. W. R. Quinnell.

This was the last official parade in consequence of the amalgamation of 1st April, 1961, and the ideas and thoughts of Service without material reward epitomised in the Colours and expressed by the Battalion Padre will be a source of strength in the years which lie ahead.

4th Battalion

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

Honorary Colonel	Col. A. R. Martin, O.B.E., T.D.
Commanding Officer	Lt. Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E.
Second-in-Command	Major J. S. D. Wright, T.D.
Adjutant	Capt. G. B. Redfern
Quartermaster	Lt. W. Snowden
Quartermaster (T.A.)	Lt. W. A. Messenger
Chaplain	Rev. D. Landreth, T.D., M.A., S.C.F.
R.M.O.	Major D. V. Foster, T.D., R.A.M.C.
	Capt. D. C. Ower, R.A.M.C.
R.S.M.	W.O.1 G. E. Mileham, M.B.E.
O.R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 A. R. Scriven, M.B.E.
R.Q.M.S.	W.O.2 G. A. Hurley

From its reconstitution in 1947 until quite recently the Territorial Army consisted very largely of volunteers who had previously served for at least two years with the Regular Army on National Service or Short-Service engagements. Now it is quite different. Few recruits have previous military experience, most are very young—between seventeen and nineteen years old—have different reasons for joining the T.A. and expect different things from it, compared with the National Service era. It is necessary to train young officers, N.C.O.s and men from scratch, and this entails an increased tempo of training and greater demands on the spare time of the older members of the Battalion; demands which are loyally and cheerfully met. Thus the winter period under review in these notes has been much occupied with officer, N.C.O. and recruit cadres, and with specialist training for trained riflemen on the basis of learning a new skill each year. However, there have also been the usual social events, a Battalion exercise in Wales, a visit by a Minister of Defence, and participation in various competitions with auspicious success in the most important of them, the T.A. Marathon in which the Battalion took first and third places.

Exercise "Snowdonia"

The Battalion autumn exercise was held in Snowdonia during the second weekend of October. A road party moved to North Wales on the Friday and established an administrative base at the 6/7th Royal



EXERCISE "SNOWDONIA"

Cpls. K. Hammond, C. Kewish and B. Littlejohn

Welsh Fusiliers' T.A. Centre at Bethesda, and the main party travelled overnight by rail arriving at Bangor at 4 a.m. on the Saturday morning. The exercise plot envisaged an ascent of Carnedd Llewellyn (3,480 ft.), which is the second highest peak in Snowdonia, only 100 ft. lower than Snowdon itself, by ten teams and then infiltration through "hostile" country and across the Conway River. However, as teams were assembling for the climb early on the

Saturday morning and looking with some trepidation, it must be confessed, at the snow which had unseasonably arrived during the night, a request for assistance was received from the Mountain Rescue Post at Ogwen, to the north-west of Mount Snowdon.

A Surrey medical student had been reported missing on Carnedd Llewellyn since the previous evening, and it was essential to find him without delay as weather conditions were bad with strong winds, heavy rain and over a foot of snow on the higher slopes of the mountains. All climbers in the area rapidly assembled at the Mountain Rescue Post. These included Sir John Hunt of Everest fame and mountain rescue teams from the R.A.F. and Bangor University. By far the largest party in the area, however, were the Territorials of 4th Queen's Surreys and the Commanding Officer decided to make them available although it meant abandoning the exercise. A comprehensive and very detailed sweep of the mountain area was worked out at the Rescue Post and the 4th Battalion, who were well equipped with transport and wireless sets, were given the task of driving round to the far side of the mountain and searching up to the Carnedd from the north.

The student was found by another rescue party soon after midday, but the 4th Battalion teams continued climbing for several hours above the snow-line at heights up to 3,000 ft. and although weather conditions were severe the whole party found it a stimulating experience. It is intended to return to North Wales next autumn, this time a month earlier, in order to carry out "Exercise Snowdonia" as originally planned.

Visit of Under-Secretary of State

We learnt in January that the 4th Battalion was to be one of the units to be visited by Mr. G. W. Reynolds, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Army in the Ministry of Defence, during his tour of selected Territorial Army units. The tour was part of the new Government's close look at all aspects of defence policy. The visit took place on Sunday 14th March and the programme was designed to show as much as possible of the accommodation, equipment and normal out-of-camp training of a T.A. Infantry battalion, and to enable the Under-Secretary of State to talk to T.A. volunteers at all levels. At the Kingston-upon-Thames T.A. Centre he saw the Signal Platoon

preparing for an exercise and visited the Sergeants' Mess where, amongst other things, members briefed him very fully on the iniquity of levying the higher rate of income tax on T.A. pay! At Cobham, Mr. Reynolds saw a support weapons demonstration by "C" Coy, and on Ash Ranges he saw recruits and Courage Trophy teams practising, after which he presented prizes to the winners of the Young Soldiers' Competition.

Mr. Reynolds said he was keen to learn about the Territorial Army and that he was receptive to ideas on how greater use might be made of it. We sought from him a declaration of intent in regard to the future of the Territorial Army. We did not get all we wanted, but he did at least say that he felt certain there would be a vital place in the Nation's defence structure for the T.A. in the Reserve Army of the future. He repeated this next day in the House of Commons when he also referred to his visit to the Battalion. Mr. Reynolds appeared to enjoy his visit and he wrote to the Commanding Officer as follows:—

"I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the 4th Queen's Surreys yesterday. Thank you very much for making it so interesting.

May I wish you all the best of luck in your efforts to capture the Courage Trophy in the T.A. Marathon next weekend."

T.A. Marathon

The T.A. Marathon is a challenging test of physical fitness and military skills which is run annually by the County of London Territorial Association for company, or equivalent sub-unit, teams from London, Middlesex, Kent and Surrey. There were thirtyone entries this year although not all teams came to the starting post. The Marathon began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning 20th March, when teams assembled on Epsom Downs and were given a dazzling send-off by stage and T.V. star Elizabeth Larner despite heavy rain which persisted until late that evening. The marching element of teams then moved to Box Hill for map-reading tests followed by a forced march across country to Guildford. At Guildford they competed at crossing a river obstacle using a recce boat and ropeway. Meanwhile the administrative element of the teams took part in cross-country driving, bivouacking and field cooking tests near Frimley. At nightfall both elements of



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"B" Coy, 4 Queen's Surreys, winning team in the T.A. Marathon. In the photograph are Sgt. B. Littlejohn, Pte. K. Tugwell, Pte. F. Swaden, Cpl. A. Bedford, L/Cpl. R. Ricketts and Cpl. M. Butlin



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H.Q. Coy, 4 Queen's Surreys, third in the T.A. Marathon. In the photograph are Ptes. D. and G. Sayer, Cpl. K. Hammond, Pte. F. Griffin, Pte. D. Clarke, Cpls. A. Andrews and P. Glazzard



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T. A. MARATHON

2/Lt. O. Bhur, "B" Coy, receiving the Courage Trophy from Mr. G. W. Reynolds, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Army

teams joined up and camped for the night. During the night they carried out a cross-country night navigation march. Next morning they competed at Rifle-shooting using new-style electrically controlled targets. This was followed by a vehicle navigation test, a forced march from Hampton Green to Battersea Park and a relay race which incorporated L.M.G. handling, first aid, and crossing obstacles.

The Marathon and the premier award "The Courage Trophy" were won by "B" Coy, whose team was commanded by 2/Lt. O. Bhur. The team was very fit, lost no points on the marches and maintained a high average in all the other events including first place in the vehicle navigation test. Runners-up were "A" Coy Queen's Royal Rifles, but 4 Queen's Surreys H.Q. Company team, commanded by Lt. R. M. Arnold, took 3rd place only a half of one point behind them, had by far the fastest time of all teams at the river crossing and also won the night navigation phase. "C" Company, commanded by 2/Lt. C. R. M. Kewish, were 12th. They had good scores in the map-



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Lt. R. M. Arnold, H.Q. Coy, receives 3rd prize in the T.A. Marathon from Mr. G. W. Reynolds, M.P. The Chairman of the County of London T. and A.F.A. is in the background

reading, water obstacle and vehicle navigation but lost points on the marches. We believe that this is the first occasion that the same unit has had two teams in the first three places in this competition.

Other Events

Although the T.A. Marathon dominated our thoughts in the New Year, company teams took part successfully in a number of other competitions. In October the Clapham Junction Detachment were a very close third to Battalion entries from the London Scottish and Queen's Royal Rifles in the County of London T.A. Publicity Competition for the Burberry Trophy. In November H.Q. Coy were runners-up in the Brigade stage of the Division First Aid Competition and fifth in the final. In the same month Maj. C. J. S. Cullum and his "D" Coy crew won a night driving rally over a course of 300 miles in which 72 crews from ten different T.A. units took part, and a crew from the Recce Platoon commanded by Lt. R. M. Arnold came third. In March "A" Coy won the Surrey



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Lord Mancroft presenting Major D. H. Conran, O.C. "A" Coy, with 3rd prize in the Burberry Trophy Competition, which was won by the London Scottish

county stage of the Territorial Army Small-bore Rifle Match 1965. In the field of sport the Battalion lost in the semi-final of the Eastern Command Association Football Cup and were fourth in the Eastern Command Cross-Country Championships.

Another event of importance was the visit of fifteen N.C.Os and other ranks to B.A.O.R. for two weeks training in March. This is always a much sought after event even though on this occasion it meant that several potential members of T.A. Marathon teams were not available for the competition. We were very glad that the party were again attached to the 1st Battalion, and are grateful for the interesting training which was arranged for them and the excellent way in which they were looked after.

Battalion social events, all at Kingston-upon-Thames, have included the All Ranks Dinner on 6th November, the New Year's Eve Dance and the Children's Christmas Party which took place on 2nd January and was attended by 110 children and a large number of parents. On this occasion Father

Christmas, who bore a striking resemblance to R.Q.M.S. Hurley, arrived in modern style in a suitably-decorated Champ driven by Red-nosed Rudolf, alias Sgt. Miller. We were indebted to W.O.II P. Todd, who compered the party with great success, and to him and the rest of the Permanent Staff who worked very hard to lay it on and make it a very happy occasion.

Band

The Band under W.O.I. A. Pearce continues to make up for its lack of numbers by the quality of its performances. It was placed seventh out of eleven competitors in the County of London Band Competition in October, but had only nine points less than the winners. It was the smallest Band in numbers in the competition and was reported on very favourably for its size. It has also entertained us at concerts at the Clapham Junction and Kingston T.A. Centres. These concerts take place periodically and any members of the Regiment and their friends will be very welcome. Dates of forthcoming

concerts, all starting at 8 p.m. are 29th April and 23rd October at Clapham Junction and 16th June at Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. We were sorry to lose two of our keenest members, Bds. G. J. Bottley and G. Castleton, to the Regular Army, but what is our loss is the 1st Battalion's gain.

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.: Major J. H. Johnson, T.D.

T.D.: Major W. E. McConnell (1st Clasp).

Territorial Efficiency Medal:

W.O.II G. Hurley (4th Clasp).

Lt. (Q.M.) W. Messenger (2nd Clasp).

Our congratulations also go to our Padre, the Rev. D. Landreth, on his appointment as Senior Chaplain (T.A.) 44 (Home Counties) Division/District. Fortunately for us he is able to continue as Chaplain to the Battalion as well.

Conclusion

Before concluding the Battalion section of these notes it is worth returning to the opening theme. The Territorial Army is changing. Most of the recruits nowadays are very young and have no previous military experience. If they like what they find, a higher proportion than previously are likely to join the Regular Army. But to give them good training, and to train young officers and N.C.Os from among them, requires experienced instructors. N.C.Os who leave the Regular Army to take up civilian jobs can be of great assistance to the T.A. in this respect. If they do not have a Reserve commitment and are under the age of forty-five they can enlist in the T.A. If they have a Reserve engagement they can be attached to T.A. units in their Regular Army rank and can draw T.A. pay and allowances for training. N.C.Os of the Regiment who leave the Regular Army and settle in the Battalion's area can be sure of a warm welcome in the 4th Battalion.

BATTERSEA (CLAPHAM JUNCTION) DETACHMENT

O.C. Detachment and "A" Coy... Major D. H. Conran
O.C. "B" Coy... Major P. Labbett, T.D.

Modesty and the Editor's strictures about

repetition prevent us from dwelling on "B" Company's success in the T.A. Marathon. Nevertheless our warmest congratulations go to 2/Lt. Omar Bhur and his team which consisted of Sgt. B. Littlejohn, Cpls. A. Bedford, J. A. Ryder, and M. G. Butlin, L/Cpl. R. J. Ricketts, and Ptes. F. R. Swaden, J. Lefevre, K. Tugwell, and K. F. Eldridge. Well done, indeed!

The Detachment Christmas Dance was held on 19th December. By general request we experimented with a Beat Group this year. They certainly livened up the proceedings which were much enjoyed by a large number of members and former members of the Detachment and their friends, even though at times the electronic instruments appeared to get out of hand and the spasmodic wiggles of the group suggested that they had got plugged in as well. Some members of the Detachment also attended the Wandsworth Military Ball, which despite rumours to the contrary, turned out to be a very pleasant occasion. During the evening the Mayor of Wandsworth presented Major Labbett with the Wandsworth Borough Shooting Cup which was won by "B" Company last September.

Our congratulations go to the following who have recently been promoted:—Cpls. R. Carpenter, D. Reynolds, and B. Littlejohn to Sergeant; L/Cpls. A. Bedford and M. Butlin to Corporal; Ptes. P. Ryan and A. Anstee to Lance-Corporal.

We were also very pleased that Pte. P. Dennis won the Drill Award in the 2nd Young Soldiers' Competition 1964 and that in the 1st Young Soldiers' Competition 1965 Pte. A. Toomer won the rifle shooting and Pte. V. Russell the L.M.G. Both classified as marksmen which is not bad going for recruits after only eight days out-of-camp training.

KINGSTON (PORTSMOUTH ROAD) DETACHMENT

O.C. Detachment and
H.Q. Coy... Major J. W. Brewster
O.C. "D" Coy... Major C. J. S. Cullum

Commiserations to Lt. R. M. Arnold and his H.Q. team on so nearly winning the Courage Trophy and so nearly being runners-up, and congratulations on taking 3rd place. They must have been one of the fittest teams in the competition. To have marched seventeen miles instead of the required

fourteen in the first march and even then to have taken only twelve minutes over the set time proves it. It also proves something else, but we had better not mention it. Even so they set to, and caught up on points throughout the rest of the competition. Had it not been for a spot of jack trouble in the vehicle navigation phase they might well have overhauled "B" Company.

"D" Company had to stand down from the Courage Trophy Competition this year because too many key members of the Company were away in West Germany training with the 1st Battalion. Nevertheless we can't wait for next year to show how it should be done. The Company had some consolation in providing a substantial part of the Battalion Cross-Country team which was trained and led by Lt. T. H. Meanley.

We welcome Captain R. W. Harrington and W.O.II L. Wood, M.M. to H.Q. Company as Second-in-Command and C.S.M. respectively, and congratulate them on their promotion. We trust that they won't find the Kingston area too rarified after their long stay in "C" Company.

Captain David Rowston has transferred to T.A.R.O. after many years with the Regiment and we wish him happiness and prosperity in his retirement.

Our congratulations go to the following on their recent promotion:—Sgt. F. Stokes to C/Sgt.; Cpls. P. Glazzard, H. Miller and W. Taylor to Sgt.; Ptes. M. Smith, J. Pearson, A. Mayhew and G. Cole to Lance-Corporal.

We were sorry that none of our recruits were among the prize-winners in the last Young Soldiers' Competition, but we were well-represented in the November 1964 Competition when Pte. D. Pink won trophies for the Best All-round Recruit and for Fieldcraft and Weapon Training, and Pte. B. Irvon won the L.M.G. prize. Our congratulations go to them both.

A highly successful Detachment Dance was held on New Year's Eve, which was well attended by a large number of the Detachment and members of the Battalion from the out-stations. We hope in future to run the New Year's Eve Ball at Kingston every year on behalf of the Battalion. The Orchard Room bar is under new management, Cpl. H. Peters having handed it over after three and a half years staunch service. Cpl. K. Hammond is holding the fort at the moment but we would welcome the assistance of

some retired member of the Detachment who could come in on Monday and Wednesday evenings to run it. Any volunteers?

"C" COMPANY

Company Commander... Major W. E. McConnell, T.D.
O.C. Chertsey Detachment... Capt. J. B. Harmon
O.C. Leatherhead Detachment... Lt. G. A. J. Cameron

The final of the Leatherhead Auxiliary Forces .22 Competition was fired in September. Although beaten into 3rd place for the second consecutive year, C.S.M. T. Collins, Ptes. C. Frampton and R. Harris improved on their last year's score to obtain a bronze medal. There were four teams in the final, two from the Gordon Boys' School and two from "C" Company. The other team was Leatherhead Detachment, represented by Sgt. M. Dodge and Ptes. M. McCarthy and J. Vincent.

A motor cycling display was put on at the Chertsey Agricultural Show under the direction of Sgt. B. Elliott. The team overcame great difficulties in obtaining a field to practise in and found on the day that they would have to operate in the Horse Jumping Arena, in which the jumps could not be moved. Great credit must be given to the team for performing under these difficulties. The team consisted of L/Cpls. G. Moore and M. McCauliffe, Ptes. M. Roberts, R. Davies, T. Demarre, C. Frampton and T. Roberts.

The following week the team performed in a far different role under the leadership of C.S.M. T. Collins when they acted as despatch riders on Civil Defence exercise "Crusader." This involved Civil Defence units from Kent, Sussex and Surrey and over 140 vehicles took part. The team efficiently directed the convoys over many miles during the weekend without losing a truck and were complimented on their performance by the Director of the Exercise.

A Company Dance was held at Cobham on Saturday 6th February. Over 100 guests and members of the Company, with their wives, girl friends and mums and dads attended. A wonderful time was had dancing to the music of "Les Modernaires." Buffet was arranged by W.O.II Haynes A.C.C. and raffles were organised by Cpl. and Mrs. D. Bowen. Amongst the guests were Councillor T. Kille, J.P., Chairman of the Leatherhead Urban District Council and

Mrs. Kille, and officers of the Battalion and their wives.

The Company Courage Trophy team under 2/Lt. C. R. M. Kewish did not finish among the prize-winners but they came higher than any "C" Company team previously. Had they been able to complete the marches without loss of points they would have been well placed overall.

We welcome to the Company Captain J. B. Harmon who has taken over the Chertsey Detachment, also 2/Lt. A. Birtles and 2/Lt. C. R. M. Kewish, and say farewell with many regrets to Captain R. W. Harrington on his posting to H.Q. Company.

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotion:—Captain J. B. Harmon, C/Sgt. M. Dodge, Sgts. D. Bowen and C. Stevens, Cpl. M. McCauliffe and L/Cpl. M. McCarthy. Congratulations also on the following domestic events to:—Lt. J. R. B. Griggs on his recent marriage; Sgt. D.

Bowen and his wife on the birth of a son on the 29th August 1964; Pte. T. Roberts and his wife on the birth of a son on the 2nd August 1964; L/Cpl. G. Moore and his wife on the birth of a daughter on the 3rd January 1965.

While on the subject of congratulations, mention should also be made of the excellent performance of our recruits on recent cadres. In the 1964 Young Soldiers' Competition Boy M. Roberts distinguished himself by winning the Rifle Prize and in the last competition all five "C" Company recruits obtained bonus points towards the Inter-Company Recruit Competition. Pte. A. Granados won prizes for Best All-Round Recruit, Weapon Training and Fieldcraft, and Rifle Shooting, and Pte. P. Whiting won the Drill. Almost a clean sweep for "C" Company.

Finally we thank L/Cpl. G. Taylor and Pte. D. Regnard for their valiant work in rebuilding the bar decor at Chertsey.

"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

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

Our highlight in recent months was the Drill Hall Centenary celebration held on 12th December. This was as popular as it was successful. The Band of the Honourable Artillery Company, who had played at the opening of the same Hall in 1865, started the evening with a stirring concert; the Vice-Lieutenant of the County of London, General Sir William Morgan, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., was then invited to unveil a commemorative plaque which he did with great charm and efficiency. The evening ended with a

very successful dance in the Hall, whilst a reception was held in the Officers' Mess. At this function, which commemorated the centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone in December 1864, we had many guests including Colonel A.J. Page, C.B., T.D., D.L., and Brigadier H.E.C. Weldon, C.B.E., both from the County of London T.A. Association.

Amidst Centenary celebrations and decorators, training and inspections have gone on apace. Our Admin. report was Good; and in the Divisional First Aid Competition, Captain Beevers led our team to the final where, unhappily, they not only dropped an enormous man with a broken leg on his leg, but also spent a long time trying to revive a "dead" man in preference to a "dying" one.

Main Regimental Events 1965

May 1	Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association Annual Dinner.	July 10—24	3rd and 4th Bns. (T.A.) Annual Camp.
May 25	Regimental Golf Match with Royal Marines, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.	Sept. 4-5	4th Bn. (T.A.) Rifle Meeting, Ash Ranges.
May 27, 28, 29	Glorious First of June Celebrations—Whale Island, Portsmouth.	Sept. 9	Salerno Day.
May 28	4th Battalion Officers' Cocktail Party, Kingston.	Sept. 10	4th Bn. Officers' Ball. Hurlingham Club.
May 30	Regimental Church Service in Guildford Cathedral 11.15 a.m. At this Service the Knight Grand Cross Banner of the late General Sir George Giffard, will be handed over to the Cathedral for safe custody.	Sept. 25 and 26	3rd Bn. (T.A.) Rifle Meeting, Ash Ranges.
June 1	Glorious First of June.	Sept. 30 and Oct. 1	Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting. Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
June 11	Officers' Club Reunion. Cocktail Party. Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.	Oct. 1	Officers' Club Annual Dinner. Claridges, Brook Street, London, W.1.
June 18	3rd Battalion Officers' Summer Ball—Burford Bridge Hotel, Dorking.	Oct. 8	Regimental Association Reunion. Seymour Hall, Marylebone, London, W.1.
		Nov. 14	Remembrance Sunday. Guildford, Kingston, Croydon, Bermondsey, Battersea.

Capt. M.F. Collett has returned to "Q" (London) Battery of the Regiment, and in his place we have Capt. F. Stansil and 2/Lt. B.E. Halliday, who are working hard, achieving good results in their Troop.

In the summer we shall return to South Wales and the School of Artillery at Manorbier for Camp. We hope for better weather than last year when in a dry summer we had the two wettest weeks.

S/Sgt. R. Ward is warmly congratulated on his award of the Efficiency Medal.

Our prolonged redecorations are now over; the new oil-fired boiler gives wonderful and hitherto unknown heat; fluorescent strips lighten our darkest corners; the Canteen Bar—which quite literally collapsed into the cellar beneath on the approach of the decorators, has begun a second century of very healthy business, and is run for us by our ex-B.S.M. and caretaker, Mr. Dick Edgeworth. Our excellent Museum is being put back to rights again; and in all aspects the Battery is back in full harness with volunteers joining our ranks steadily. We face the future with confidence and good cheer whatever it brings us.

Regimental Service Guildford Cathedral

A Regimental Service will be held in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, 30th May, 1965, at 11.15 a.m.

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

The Service will include a short ceremony in which the Knight Grand Cross Banner and Crest of the late General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., will be handed to the Dean and Chapter for safe custody within the Cathedral.

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

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

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

The Regimental Museum



Photo by Surrey Comet.

A small Section of the Museum which includes the South African War 1899-1902 exhibits

The Regimental Museum has now been open to the public for eighteen months, and it is thought that the accompanying photographs of small sections of it would be of interest to our readers. Of necessity, they portray only a very small part of the

Museum, and do not high light for the most part, any particular exhibits, but give a general idea of the layout.

One of the more outstanding sections is the Victoria Cross Gallery in which the photographs of officers, non-commissioned

THE VICTORIA CROSS—LOCATIONS OF ACTUAL DECORATION UNKNOWN

To whom awarded	Unit at time of award	Date of award
Capt. C. Robertson The Queen's Royal Regiment	Tank Corps	4th October, 1917
Pte. Jack Harvey The Queen's Royal Regiment	1/22nd Battalion The London Regiment (Queen's).	2nd September, 1918
L/Cpl. J. W. Sayer The Queen's Royal Regiment	8th Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment	21st March, 1918
Sgt. A. E. Curtis The East Surrey Regiment	2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment	23rd February, 1900



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The Section of the Museum which includes the illuminated Scrolls of the Civic Honours bestowed upon the Regiment

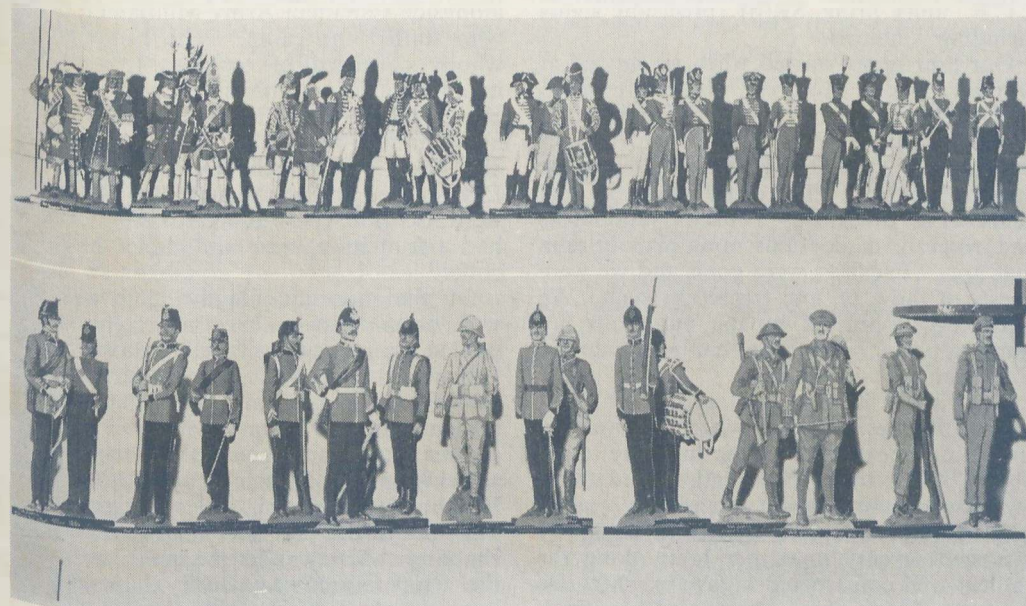


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Cut-out figures depicting the uniforms worn by the Regiment from 1661 to 1944

officers, and soldiers of the two former regiments who won this highest decoration for valour are exhibited. Four of the actual Victoria Crosses are displayed beneath the picture of the officer or soldier who received the decoration, together with his other orders, decorations and medals.

For record purposes, Regimental Headquarters is endeavouring to locate the whereabouts of the actual Victoria Crosses which were awarded to former members of the

Queen's and Surreys. Of the eighteen known to exist, nine Queen's and nine Surreys, to date the whereabouts of only four are unknown, and the details of these are given in this article. The Editor will be pleased to receive any information that can assist Regimental Headquarters in this task.

The Museum is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (except on Public Holidays).

1st Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Shooting

Corporal I. Macdonald, of John Ruskin Grammar School, who was top of the Cadet Hundred in 1962 was selected to tour Canada with a team from the C.C.F. and A.C.F.

The following is an account, written by him, of his experiences on the trip.

On the 29th July, 1963, I, a member of the Imperial Cadet Association Athelings Rifle Team left by air for Canada. I was chosen to join the team on the basis of my .303 SR(a) shooting. The team comprised sixteen boys of which fourteen came from public school C.C.F. units firing SR(b) (precision sights including windage).

Our tour really started when we landed at Dorval Airport, Montreal, on the afternoon of 29th July, to be met by a Canadian Army Officer and press photographers. Overnight we stayed at 25 Central Ordnance Depot just outside Montreal. The camp itself was well guarded as breakaway French Nationalists had recently made raids upon armouries in that area. Facilities were good and we were guests of the C.O. and treated as such. We were very impressed by the numerous fire warning posters and more than adequate fire alarms and escape system.

Early next morning we set off for Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, where we were to spend the next week shooting, the main object of our trip. The hundred and thirty mile journey was made in an army coach: quite comfortable and when travelling we averaged seventy miles per hour along the endless well constructed highways. Massive fly-over systems were a feature of Montreal, some times four miles long and providing speedy access right to the city centre. We inter-

rupted our journey twice; once to stop for refreshments at a roadside cafe whose standards of catering, comfort, and cleanliness were far above those of any comparable English one, and a second time to have a picnic lunch in a nearby National Park.

On arrival at Connaught, we were welcomed by the Camp Commander and local television cameramen who photographed us as we left the coach. The film was shown on the local network late that night. Throughout our stay at the Ranges we slept in marquee tents, eight per tent, and ate alongside Canadian Army Militiamen (T.A.) who staffed the camp. The camp almost wholly consisted of tents as it was only inhabited a few months in the year owing to climate conditions. Catering was by tender to a civilian firm and, in my opinion, very good. The food was much less 'stodgy' than English food and all the better for this; meals were also more copious and for every meal we had a fruit juice, milk and choice of tea or coffee.

On the shooting side the team did very well, winning over \$320 which, when we pooled the money, averaged \$20 or £7 each. Personally, I fared far better than I had expected and, in general, kept well up to the standard of the others who had had far greater experience, since shooting was invariably part of their school curriculum. We shot for one week, at least three times a day, but I did not feel as tired as when shooting at Bisley under the same conditions; the temperature was usually high and we were surprised at the light intensity even on cloudy days. Never once did it rain, but the wind was very tricky indeed and needed

watching very carefully even at the shortest ranges; whilst in the aim, it would change direction from right to left, and at the longer ranges would be blowing in one direction near the firer and the opposite down by the targets. The Great Britain senior team gave us much practical advice on this phenomenon and we were taught to assess wind velocity by watching mirage drift through the telescope. We always shot un-coached so I found my pre-tour Bisley S.R. (b) experience invaluable. In our only team match against the Canadian Cadets for the Michael Faraday trophy, we were most unlucky to lose by one point. The Rifles we used were Canadian Army long-branches though we fitted our own sights. During our stay at the Ranges we made great friends of Canadian Army Cadets shooting there as part of their six week Summer Camp. At nights we would be taken by coach to visit parts of Ottawa and its surrounds: Ottawa is the administrative centre for Canada and women outnumber men by eight to one. The City is still being developed and caters well for tourists; we also went to a party given by the British High Commissioner; many by Canadian Cadets and a farewell one was held in our honour by the Canadian Commandant.

The Range itself is not very similar to Bisley; targets are all white except for the black aiming mark and spaced more closely together. There is only one range but two sets of butts, one for short and one for long ranges. The area between points is smooth lawn intercrossed by drainage ditches and the butt markers are local school children paid at the rate of about forty-five shillings per day.

Having finished our stay at the Ranges we went a hundred and twenty miles to Camp Petawawa in the Pine forest region and overlooking Fort William on the Great Lakes. Along the route to Petawawa we saw many farms growing maize and rearing beef and dairy cattle. The view from the Officers' Mess where we were billeted was splendid. We went swimming and fishing in the nearby Ottawa River and visited Atomic and Hydro-Electric Power Stations as official guests. The camp itself is the second largest in Canada and when fully staffed, has a complement of two thousand six hundred servicemen and families but when we were there only a skeleton staff of one hundred was in the camp, as officers and men took leave en masse; facilities include

an airfield, skating and curling rink, Olympic size swimming pool, radio station, avenue of shops, beach and cinema. Our quarters were very modern and comfortable and food excellent. We also had the opportunity to catch up on the backlog of washing left over from Connaught and also some writing home.

We all felt that four days was too short a stay but we had to move on to Quebec City. This was in some ways the best part of our three weeks in Canada. We had more time to ourselves to explore at will this cosmopolitan city in the oldest inhabited part of Canada. Because of its long history, the city has more atmosphere than the rest of Canada and also a very large majority of French. We visited all its places of interest and thought it a wonderful finale to such a tour.

For our stay in Canada we have to thank the Department of National Defence and the organisation by Canadian Officers. As a team we were admirably looked after by Brigadier Ap Rhys Pryce of the Army Cadet Force Association and the Shooting Adjutant, Captain Lacey R.M. and I am very grateful to them both for all the work they put in to make the tour the success that it was.

Our return journey was by The Empress of England providing welcome relaxation after such an enjoyable three weeks.

For this absolutely unforgettable and wonderful experience I should like to express my most sincere thanks to all the people who, by their generous financial contributions, made my whole trip possible. Also Mr. Martin and Captain Bishop for all their trouble and many hours of careful and considerate coaching.

(Sgd.) Ian Macdonald (Cpl.).

John Ruskin Grammar School Company.

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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.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

The Cottage, T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road,
Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.Commanding Officer .. Major L. I. Raven-Hill
Adjutant .. Lt. J. J. Kavanagh

Appointments and Promotions

We welcome Lt. J. J. Kavanagh from the R.A. and Sigs. Group and Mr. C. C. Walker to the Battalion. Lt. Kavanagh has been appointed Adjutant and Mr. Walker Sgt. Instructor to Chessington Platoon.

We congratulate the following cadets on their promotion and wish them good luck:—

S/Sgt. Culley (Chertsey Pl.) to C.S.M.

Sgt. Bradley (Chertsey Pl.) to S/Sgt.

Cpl. Thompson (Walton Pl.) to Sgt.

Departures

We say farewell to S.M.I., M.R. Berry (Chertsey Pl.) who has taken up an appointment as Instructor at the Outward Bound Mountain School, Ullswater and S.M.I. Stebbings (Addlestone Pl.) who has retired due to health reasons.

Captain D. Sweasey has transferred to County H.Q. and joins the County Training Team. We wish him well and are grateful for all the assistance he has given the Battalion over the past years. R.S.M. Green has transferred to the 2nd Battalion owing to the distance from his new home and we are indebted to him as well for the service he has given the Battalion.

The following cadets have joined the Regular Army and we all wish them every success in their future careers:—L/Cpl. R. Trotter (Walton Pl.) to Junior Leaders' Battalion, R.A.S.C., Taunton; L/Cpl. G. Trotter (Walton Pl.) to Junior Leaders' Coy. Home Counties Brigade, Canterbury, and Cpl. M.M. Murphy (New Malden Pl.) Home Counties Brigade, Canterbury.

Courses

S.I.'s O. J. and J. R. Evans successfully attended No. 23 Basic Training Course at Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park. The following successfully attended weekend Drill Courses at Chelsea Barracks:—Cdt./C.S.M.

Culley (Chertsey Pl.); Cpl. Latham (Sutton Pl.); Cpl. Robbins (Chertsey Pl.), and L/Cpl. Till (Chertsey Pl.).

The following are attending 47 Inf. Bde. T.A. Post Cert "A" Training Course 1965:—

Cpl. Adams	}	Addlestone Pl.
Cpl. Munsey		
Sgt. Sharkey	}	New Malden Pl.
Cpl. Vassallo		
Cpl. Guffley		

All available Officers and S.M.I./S.I.'s will be attending an "Aids to Instruction Course" run by the County Training Team in April and May.

Shooting

At the 4th Battalion (T.A.) Annual Rifle Meeting the best Cadet shot was Cdt. U/O. P. Breeze. Well done. The Battalion won the Association Porringer Trophy in the Annual Empire Test Competition. This Trophy has never been out of our possession since it was first introduced five years ago.

At present all Companies are carrying out regular range practice from which the Battalion Teams will be chosen for the 1965 championships.

Training

The results of the last two Cert "A" Tests are as follows:—

Cert. "A" Pt. II	..	9 Passes	3 Failures
Cert. "A" Pt. I	..	11 Passes	11 Failures

We have formed a Battalion Training Team which is running all weekend training and range practice in order to obtain a better level of training and shooting and we hope the experiment will prove successful.

Sport

We won the Gates Cup 1963/64 by obtaining 9.28 points. This is 1.38 over-all score against all other battalions and groups in the County and full credit must be given to the Adult Staff for encouraging their cadets to participate in all the various events. Only two platoons did not partake in sport this year and if they had done so the over-all majority would have been even greater.

The Battalion was well represented in the County boxing championships and we won many bouts. Leatherhead Platoon secured the Junior Cup with a tie from Fairchild's Detachment Special Arms Group and therefore each Detachment will hold the Cup for six months. Well done Leatherhead.

The following cadets represented the Battalion at the London District Boxing:—

Leatherhead	..	Crooks, Brown and Harcombe.
Chessington	..	Simmons and Webber.
Chertsey	..	Gray, Synes and Robbins.
St. Paul's	..	Fenton and Dennis.
Walton	..	Davies and Fordem.
Kingston	..	Cherlton.

Of the foregoing Crooks and Brown went forward to the semi-finals at York; Brown lost his bout and Crooks was overweight. Full credit must be given to these two boys for fighting their way so high up the scale. In general the Battalion has done extremely well in boxing for 1964.

We did quite well in the County Swimming Championships and Chessington Platoon brought home a Trophy.

Awards

The Honorary Colonel has very kindly presented the Battalion with a bronze replica of "The Cadet" and this will be competed for by inter-platoon Dress and Drill Competitions which will be judged bi-annually with an aggregate to win the award.

Annual Camp

This year we go to Plasterdown, Dartmoor, but having "done" a camp at Dartmoor, Okehampton, three years ago this does not present any unusual problems to us.

General

We are in the throes of annual inspections at the moment which are being carried out by Lt.-Col. M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E., Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion. This presents a fine opportunity for him to get to know the Cadet Battalion well. We also enjoy seeing so many members of the 1st Battalion from time to time as we always enjoy a visit from any regular member of the Regiment.

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Left to right:—Capt. G. B. Redfern; Maj. F. J. Reed; Mr. J. McManus, Kingston's Youth Officer; Mr. E. H. Curtis, Surbiton's Youth Officer; Lt. D. H. Hutt, O.C. 39 Army Youth Team; Mr. P. Griffiths, Chairman of Wimbledon Youth Committee; and Lt.-Col. R. S. Loveridge

On Friday, 23rd October, 1964, Youth Leaders from several districts in West Surrey were entertained to cocktails by No. 39 Army Youth Team. The party was held in the T.A. Drill Hall, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Among the guests were Youth Officers from Kingston, Surbiton, and Malden, as well as members of Youth Committees and representatives of Surrey County Council's Youth Department.

Also present were Lt-Colonel M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E., Commanding officer 4th Battalion Queen's Surreys and his Adjutant Captain G. B. Redfern; Lt.-Colonel R. S. Loveridge, M.B.E., M.C., Recruiting Officer Surbiton Area; and Major F. J. Reed, R.H.Q. Queen's Surreys.

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.

The following appeared in The Daily Telegraph on 20th March, 1965, in Peterborough's column, London Day By Day:—

In Search of the Lamb

Viewed against the world's tumult, there is reassurance in the present quiet Portuguese quest of Brigadier A. P. Block. On behalf of his regiment, the Queen's Royal Surrey, he is trying to trace the origin of its badge, the Paschal Lamb.

The Queen in question was Catherine of Braganza, Charles II's consort. The regiment in its original form was raised in 1661 by the Earl of Peterborough to garrison Tangier, part of her dowry.

Brigadier Block's inquiries have still to discover any Portuguese link with the device, but the President of St. John's College, Oxford, Mr. J. D. Mabbott, has given him a clue.

It is that Queen Catherine had a special devotion to John the Baptist, one of the most popular saints in Portugal, who in sacred pictures is often shown with a lamb.

Meritorious Service Medal



Sergeant E. Fulker receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from Brigadier A. Taylor, in Berlin

Sergeant E. Fulker, Queen's Surreys, at present serving in Berlin, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Enlisting as a Drummer Boy before the Second World War he served in India and the Sudan. In the 1939-45 War he fought in France and Germany as a sniper.

He served in the operations in Korea and was badly wounded by a mortar bomb.

He received the medal from Brigadier A. Taylor, in Berlin.

The Journal

Please make a note of the date
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Regimental Golf Society

The Autumn Meeting was held on 30th September and 1st October at Sudbrook Park, as usual. It was a highly successful occasion, being blessed with beautiful weather and a select company of players and non-playing lunchers, although we had hoped to see one or two more of each category. To our great satisfaction, R.H.Q. turned up in force, Colonel Duncombe, Major Hill and Major Reed all being present at lunch, and Major Reed presiding over the sweepstake with unflappable efficiency. We owe him a debt of gratitude for the great help he has rendered in conducting this operation ever since he came to R.H.Q. We were glad, too, that Lt.-Colonel Congdon was well enough to attend this time: much to his regret, he had to miss the Spring Meeting. Once again he generously presented prizes for nine hidden holes in the Medal Round.

Among the players, we were very glad to welcome "P.G. W-B," back home from more exotic climes, while Major Keane again came all the way from Tipperary - and we know that's a long way—and, to everybody's pleasure, he took two prizes back with him. We were encouraged, too, by the attendance of two "new boys"—R. R. Davies and M. W. Murphy—and we gather that they firmly intend to come again. We certainly hope they will—and that others will follow their example.

Results

MEDAL

Seniors: Autumn Bowl: R. R. Davies 78 less 9 = 69.
Juniors: Glasgow Greys Cup: D. J. Dickins 90 less 16 = 74.

STABLEFORD

Heales Memorial Trophy: H. P. Mason, 36½ pts.
Veterans Halo: Major J. C. Drane, 38½ pts.

BOGEY GREENSOMES

Major M. W. Keane and Captain J. A. Clark, 2 up.

BOGEY FOURSOMES

Captain J. A. Clark and Captain A. F. Ridger, 1 down.

Petri Plate (net aggregate Spring and Autumn Medal Rounds): D. J. Dickins 74 and 74 = 148.

MEDAL

Best last nine holes (Seniors): Capt. J. A. Clark.

Best last nine holes (Juniors): Capt. A. F. Ridger.

Best nine hidden holes (Seniors): Brigadier G. A. White.

Best nine hidden holes (Juniors): Lt.-Colonel B. A. Hannaford.

STABLEFORD MOMENTO

Seniors: H. P. Mason.

Juniors: Major M. W. Keane.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Regimental Association Dinner was held in the 4th Queen's Surreys Clapham Drill Hall in October 1964. As usual the guests included representatives from H.M.S. Excellent and the Royal Marines who are always welcome at our table. A number of members have suggested that there is a requirement for an evening function which can be attended by ladies. The Committee considered this in relation to the Summer Reunion which had not proved very popular of recent years. The attendance at Association functions is mostly from men who served between the Wars, and the same loyal old supporters turn up each time. It is felt an effort should be made to attract the younger element, and also to provide an opportunity for families who had served overseas with the Regiment to meet one another.

The Committee accordingly decided that the Summer occasion should consist of the Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral on 30th May. A simple buffet lunch will be provided for a limited number in 3rd Queen's Surreys Headquarters, at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford. The Winter Reunion will be a social occasion and will be held in the Seymour Hall near the Marble Arch. Wives and girl friends will be welcome, and it is hoped with several bars, a snack bar and dancing there will be something for everyone. The date will be published in the Annual Report, and the function will be from 7-30 to 11-30 p.m.

We record with gratitude a legacy of £100 from the late Lt.-Col. G. E. Swinton, M.C., who was commanding the 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment at the fall of Singapore. He was ever a supporter of memorials to commemorate those who had served the Regiment well. Col. Swinton's own name is recorded on the memorial plaque he presented to the Regimental Chapel, Kingston-upon-Thames, in memory of those members of the 2nd Surreys who died in Japanese hands.

Old Soldiers Calling

K. H. Issom, ex-6012786, would like to hear news of his friend Arthur Bell, with whom he served in 1/7th Queen's. Issom's

address is 11, Larch Close, Warlingham, Surrey.

Mark Ricaldone, ex-14665352, who served in the Desert with 2/5th Queen's, would like to get in touch with his old friends. He mentions in particular Samuel Parker from Scotland and "Ginger" Philby from Oxfordshire. Ricaldone's address is:—

8 Calthorpe Street,
London, W.C.1.

Mr. Bill Glazebrook, D.C.M. would like to hear from any old Surreys who took part in the expedition to North Russia in 1919. These operations, sometimes known as the Karelia Campaign, took place from August to October 1919, and were of a nature completely different to anything experienced by the 1st Battalion on the Western Front.

Mr. Glazebrook, who won his D.C.M. while serving with the 8th Surreys in 1918, lives at 5, Wykeham Mansions, Rosendale Road, London, S.E.21.

An old Surrey would like to hear from anyone who served with him. He is ex-6137698 R. Walker. Joining in 1927, he served for a year with the 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar. The remainder of his service was with the 1st Battalion. Many will remember him as the very competent driver of the Regimental bus. Mr. Walker's address is:—

50 Headley Way,
Headington,
Oxford.

We hear that W.O.II, R. A. Booth, who joined The East Surrey Regiment as long ago as 1929, has at last retired from the Army. We send "the General" our best wishes on entering "Civvy Street".

Members Overseas

We hear from V. J. Aukett, Queen's, that ex-Drum Major Duffy emigrated to Australia last year, and we send him our good wishes for his new life "Down Under". Duffy's address is:—

15 Kennington Road,
Camp Hill,
Brisbane,
Queensland,
Australia.

Wally Exell in Bermuda has just celebrated his 88th birthday. He says that when the 2nd Queen's arrived in Bermuda in 1912 there were still two old 2nd Battalion men who had been there since 1864. The link between the Regiment and the Island has thus remained intact for over 100 years.

The first visit of the Queen's to Bermuda in 1864 coincided with an outbreak of yellow fever, in the course of which well over 100 members of the Battalion succumbed to the epidemic. In the words of the Regimental History, the Regiment "came out of this, as of other ordeals, with the highest credit, and with an enhanced reputation for cheerful courage and discipline".

Sydney Jackson Hopkins writing from New Jersey, U.S.A., tells us of his interesting life, which might be called "From Bandboy to Banker". In January 1904 at the age of 14 he enlisted as a band boy in the Queen's. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion on their return from the South African War, and served with the same battalion throughout the whole of his fifteen years service. Older members of the Band will remember Sydney Hopkins as the 1st French Horn player. During the more spacious days of service prior to 1914 there was ample time for study. While serving abroad in Gibraltar and Bermuda Hopkins added French, Spanish, Shorthand and Book-keeping to his 1st Class Certificate of Education—qualifications which were to stand him in good stead after leaving the Army.

Hopkins, now a sergeant, emerged from the 1914-18 War with the 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Italian Medalla de Honore and a Mention in Despatches.

Peace time found Hopkins determined to further his education. He left the Army and tried to register as a University student. After several disappointments, he decided to emigrate to America, arriving in New York in March 1919. After three years work as a book-keeper, he was able to enter Columbia University graduating in 1926. With an A.B.A. degree behind him Hopkins was able to join one of the big Wall Street international banks, where he remained for 25 years.

Hopkins now lives in retirement on his own farm, but still retains an active interest in his old friends in the Regiment. His

address is:—

Mr. Sydney J. Hopkins,
Route 1, Box 313, Morganville,
New Jersey, U.S.A.

Visitors from Overseas

In July we had a visit from E. G. Grimshaw, now serving with the Canadian forces in Europe. Enlisting in the 13th/18th Hussars in 1931, Grimshaw transferred to the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment at Fyzabad in 1936, where, needless to say he was known as "Trooper". He joined the 2nd Battalion at Port Sudan in 1938 and returned from the Far East before the fall of Singapore. Grimshaw served with 1/6th Surreys in North Africa, and was wounded and taken prisoner in Tunisia. He was transferred to prison camps in Italy and Germany, and after several unsuccessful escapes managed to get away in 1945 and joined the Czechoslovak partisans.

"Trooper" emigrated to Canada in 1948, and served with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during the Korean War. On leave in Japan he married a Japanese girl and they now have an 11 year old daughter. Promotion has been slow for "Trooper" Grimshaw. After 30 years service he remains a private, which he maintains is the best rank in the Army.

The Borrett Donation

As mentioned briefly in the May 1964 issue of the Journal, a magnificent gift of £10,000 was made to the Regimental Association by Mr. A. C. Borrett. The donation was in memory of his son, Major Allen Borrett who was killed in action with 1/5th Queen's in Normandy on 16th June, 1944. Major Borrett's grave is in the War Cemetery at Bayeux, and an appreciation by the Rev. V. C. Castle, the Battalion's chaplain is given below.

In making his gift Mr. Borrett said he wished it to be applied for the benefit of former members of The Queen's Royal Regiment and their dependants who were in necessitous circumstances. The Managing Trustees of the Regimental Association decided that the appropriate fund to receive the donation was the Queen's Charitable Fund, and that in accordance with existing



Photo by Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Major A. C. J. Borrett's grave in the War Cemetery at Bayeux

policy for this Fund, the cash should be invested in the United Services Trustee's Combined Charitable Fund. All legal and other formalities have now been completed and the whole of Mr. Borrett's donation has been invested in this manner.

We are glad to learn that our benefactor, now aged 90, is in excellent health, and we take this opportunity of expressing once more our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

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MAJOR A. C. J. BORRETT

I shall not forget the alarming experience of my first entry into the Officers' Mess of the 1st/5th Queen's after having been newly commissioned. Nor shall I forget how grateful I was when a young subaltern came up to me and in a friendly fashion greeted me as "Parder." I was later to learn that this was a peculiar form of address used only by Lt. Borrett. He in his turn I soon discovered was known affectionately, and in the best traditions of the Army, by his nickname of "Porridge."

For him as for most of us who were civilians in uniform, the War was a necessary interruption to be undertaken to the very

best of one's ability. He tackled all he did with the enthusiasm of a schoolboy, and the ability of a competent officer.

As we prepared to go overseas we were happy that, amid all the excitement, time was found to give Mr. Borrett his third "pip," so that he proceeded overseas as a Captain. I saw a good deal of him in the ship during the eight weeks we were at sea. He was always cheerful, and, by his apparently casual manner which cloaked his real efficiency, he dealt with each situation as it arose. From our first encounter in a Brigade operation prior to the Battle of El Alamein right across the desert until final victory in North Africa he was with the Battalion doing his job with quiet devotion to his duty.

Because he was always a keen Queensman, I remember that he shared in the general excitement when at Salerno there were six Battalions of the Regiment in that sector of the War. On our return to the United Kingdom to prepare for operations on the "Second Front" we were happy that Major Borrett was given command of "C" Company. The difficult task of welding the new re-inforcements with the rest of battle-experienced members of the Company was ably achieved by their new Company Commander.

Little did we think that within eight days of our landing in France "C" Company were to lose their Commander. I shall not forget the feeling of personal loss which I experienced as I travelled in the ambulance back to A.D.S., for I realised that he was mortally wounded. But to have known him had been a very real experience in friendship which I shall always cherish. Not only my life, but the lives of many others, have been enriched because we had the privilege of knowing Major Borrett.

"PARDER"
(V. C. Castle).

HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE DEPOT

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dance and draw and, of course, the traditional Christmas dinner for the Other Ranks.

The Sergeants' Mess held a very successful St. Valentine's Ball in February.

Promotions

12 Aug. 64 To paid A/L/Cpl. Pte. J. Cairns
4 Nov. 64 To Subs Cpl. A/Cpl. V. Atkins
3 Dec. 64 To Subs L/Cpl. A/L/Cpl. M. Beeson

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

ONCE again we are able to report a good attendance at the Remembrance Sunday Memorial Services, the municipal one at Fairfield Hall and, in the afternoon, at Croydon Parish Church. This great church was filled with worshippers, remembering the grief and heroism of two world wars. But, alas, the years roll on and many of our members now find the parade a little too much for their physical capabilities however willing their spirit may be. In addition to their attendance on the other parades, we were pleased to report that a dozen members were present in the evening at the Croydon Headquarters of the Salvation Army, with Standard and Standard Bearers, and also a Bugler. These members reported that the service at the Salvation Army Citadel was, without doubt, the most moving and powerful ceremony they had ever been privileged to attend, and they hope, with more of our members, to be present at next November's Service.

We are proud to report that about 50 members attended the Regimental Association Dinner at the Drill Hall, Clapham Junction on 3rd October, 1964. It was an excellent show all round, especially as one was constantly meeting old time friends; everywhere one could hear conversation beginning "Do you remember...?". A wonderful evening and our warm thanks and congratulations to the organisers.

We celebrated New Year's Eve with a dance in the Drill Hall at Mitcham Road Barracks, in co-operation with the Royal Navy O.C.A. and the Canadian Veterans' Association. This was a success in every way, especially as we were able to eliminate the presence of a gate-crasher who plunged the previous dance into momentary confusion—in the middle of the dance a mouse scampered across the floor. The reaction of the female dancers is best left to the imagination!

We deeply regret the passing of Ross Eagle, a well-loved old comrade. His name is well known far beyond the bounds of Croydon, for wherever there are swimmers and aquatic sportsmen he will be known and remembered. We also deeply regret to record

the passing of two more old comrades, Linsey and Dorrington. The former will be known to all members of the 1/4th Battalion as "Darky" Linsey, a good soldier and always quite a character.

Finally, a serious contemplation of our membership makes us aware that Time still rolls on and a great many of us are reaching the "three score years and ten" category. Their attendance at meetings and functions tends to lessen and this normally would mean a decrease in our numbers, but we are happy to say our membership is flourishing because of new members joining. We welcome these new comrades and feel sure they will carry on the traditions and good work soon to be their heritage.

F.P.S.

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

Our Shrine Service at the Croydon Parish Church on 15th November 1964 was well supported, about one hundred members and their relatives attending, including a coach load from the Woking and Guildford area. For the first time the Vicar, Canon Warren Hunt, very kindly permitted a commemorative photograph to be taken in the church during the Service and the laying of the wreath at our Shrine in the South Porch. This gesture was very much appreciated by all. After the very moving Service everyone fore-gathered at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon for the Annual General Meeting. Tea was provided through the kindness of the Steward and the meeting started at 5 p.m. Afterwards the bar was opened for our usual get-together and a day of memory ended on a note of togetherness that warmed our hearts. We felt that our Old Comrades whom we had remembered that day were with us once again.

At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer produced a copy of the balance sheet, and reported that the financial situation was much more healthy than last year. Benevolent payments amounted to £41 15s. but the reunion dinner and the cost of printing the Journal had to be subsidised. This policy was justified inasmuch that it helped to keep the Association welded

together. The keenness of members showed no sign of diminishing.

The Secretary, Harry Mann, gave his report, forceful and enthusiastic, and thanked all members for their continued loyalty. C.S.M. Edwards resigned as Vice Chairman and T. L. Davidson, M.M. was elected in his place. Otherwise the whole of the retiring Committee were re-elected "en bloc."

The fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Old Comrades Association occurs in 1965, and Sgt. Harry Mann, our one and only Honorary Secretary will take the chair at this year's dinner on 24th April. It is also fifty years ago since the battalion landed at Gallipoli, and we are determined to make this reunion a bumper one.

Regrettably I must close on a very sad note indeed. Our Chairman Len Merrow Smith passed away suddenly on 18th March 1965 aged 67 years. He was elected as Chairman in November 1963 by popular vote and entered into his period of office with zest and verve typical of his whole life. He had unbounding energy and nothing was too much trouble for him in furthering the cause of his old comrades. The Queen's meant a great deal to him and despite the fact that he was employed at a full time job he found time to attend almost every function and parade. He is irreplaceable and will be sadly missed as a valiant pillar of the Old Comrades Association. No one can take his place and we deeply mourn him.

S.W.V.

The Queen's (Bermondsey) Regimental Association

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

This year we celebrate the 50th and 25th anniversaries respectively of the following:—

1/22nd London Regiment (The Queen's)
sailed for France in March, 1915.

1/6th and 2/6th Bns. The Queen's sailed
for France in April, 1940.

We are indeed proud to have members who served in both 1/22nd and 1/6th or 2/6th Bns.

As forecast, the Salerno Reunion arranged by Frank Peart was again a great success and numbers showed an increase again on the previous year.

Numbers were also considerably up for the Armistice Day parade when more than 100 past members marched behind "D" Company and the Band to Bermondsey Parish Church for the Service. Unfortunately, the Faculty of the Southwark Diocese had not then been granted for the Old Colours, now encased in glass, to be mounted in their final position flanking the 6th Queen's Memorial window, but we are assured this will be done shortly.

A cordial invitation was extended to our members by "D" Company to their Dance Social held on 2nd January, and full advantage was taken of it. A large number attended and had a really fine time. It was perhaps abusing hospitality somewhat by winning so many prizes at tombola, but after suitable embarrassment had been shown, and a few beers bought, the evening proceeded joyfully, thanks to C.S.M. Bill Edwards and his merry men.

On the 20th February, a Past and Present Officers' Cocktail Party was held in the Officers' Mess by courtesy of Major Jack Schofield. It was again tremendously successful, a goodly number of about 75 attending, and ranging from those stalwart supporters, Majors Mayhew and Blakey of 1914—18 days to present serving officers, and including such recent "old" members as Leo Walters, David Hughes, and Professor Richard Southern, to whom go our kindly wishes in his new appointment at Leeds University. Others came from as far afield as Lincoln (yes, Tubby Spratt again!), Reading and Dover.

Sgt. Rolfe and his staff served our wants in their usual impeccable manner, and Freddie Gibbins, son of "old" Freddie, with "Ginge" surpassed all previous buffet efforts and really reached the heights. Our grateful thanks to them all.

Only one thing upset the evening for one member. He asked Jack Schofield to have a drink and was so shocked with "Bitter lemon please" as an answer, he nearly dropped his own drink. After seeing Jack actually drink the b.l., the said officer hardly dare sleep o' nights lest the nightmare repeats itself.

It is always a matter of regret to report hospital cases, and it is even more so in the case of Lt.-Col. Jimmy Flint. Once more he is "plastered" but not, we hasten to add, in the usual way. This time he has had "things" done to his hip and lies

encased in plaster from top to toe. We understand that he is assured of complete freedom of his old troublesome hip and is already swotting up on regulations covering Twist competitions. Anybody in the neighbourhood of Oxted Hospital would do a kindness if he could spare time to chat with him—he still has a long way to go, and life can be very boring in such circumstances.

To C.S.M. Henry Potter and his wife we send heartiest congratulations on celebrating their Golden Wedding in February.

Shades of the Past? The Cadets at Bermondsey deserve congratulations on their wonderful performance in the A.C.F. National Boxing Championships. We believe it is 5 outright winners and the winner of a cup for the best loser of the Championships, and that surely is some going. Of the eight finalists, seven were Queens Surreys cadets and six came from Bermondsey. Let us now hope that history will repeat itself and that the Bermondsey Drill Hall will again produce a boxing team second to none.

Are you interested in the Bermondsey Association? Then contact Frank Peart, Nick Nice, or the Secretary, Eddie Townsend for information. We are interested in anyone who has served with 1/22nd, 2/22nd London, 1/6th, 2/6th and 6th Queen's, and of course anybody of the East Surreys now resident near Jamaica Road. You will all be welcomed.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

The Association still continues to flourish and our increased membership more than offsets casualties during the year.

The fifth Dinner and Dance arranged by our Northampton area members was held at Earls Barton, on 21st September, 1964. This function was an outstanding success, and some 130 1/7th Queen's members and wives had a most enjoyable evening. The President and forty or so members from London joined in the festivities and all agreed it was the best evening ever.

The combined parade of the Association

and "R" (Surrey) Battery, at the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 8th November, surpassed previous parades held since the war. The Association mustered 105 which included a good number of 7th Queen's members, who were joined by a large number of other members, wives and relatives at St. Mary's (Newington) Church, Kennington Park Road. The Battery also had a strong and smartly turned out contingent and the Battery Commander, Major J.M.A. Tamplin, T.D. is accorded our thanks for his kind co-operation in this respect. Sincere thanks are tendered to all those members, including the strong party from Northampton, who attended the Service to pay homage to the Fallen of two world wars. After the service, the parade moved off to the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park, for a short Service, and wreaths were laid. The parade "marched past", the Salute being taken by Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C. It was unfortunate that the representatives of the Mayors of Southwark and Lambeth, usually on the saluting base, became "misaid" in the crowd. They managed however, to arrive at the Drill Hall to participate in the Reunion after the parade, so all was well.

Following the very successful and well attended Reunion Dinner, our Social Committee organised the Ladies Festival on 21st November, and this was undoubtedly the highlight of the year. A happy gathering of 312 members, wives and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner during which an orchestra played light music. The Chairman, Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, with some humorous and appropriate remarks, warmly welcomed the Guest of Honour Mrs. W. D. Griffiths and the Ladies. Mrs. Griffiths made a charming reply and hoped that the Ladies in particular would have an enjoyable evening.

Two bands, including a "beat group", provided the dance music during the evening. A Cabaret Show, which gave a most entertaining performance, allowed a well earned respite for the more exuberant dancers. It was a really marvellous night and enjoyed to the full by all those who participated.

In response to a kind invitation from the Burgomaster and Officers of the Council of St. Nicklaas, Belgium, Mr. J. Allen, M.M. represented the Association at the ceremonies held on Sunday, 6th September, 1964 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the liberation of the City of St. Nicklaas in 1944, in

which the 1/7th Queen's took a prominent part. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, was later honoured as a Freeman of the City. Mr. Allen and his wife were warmly welcomed by the Burgomaster and Officers of the Council and received V.I.P. hospitality during their visit.

Personal Notices

BIRTHS

WILSON.—On 18th February, 1964, at King's College Hospital, London, to Mary Charmaine, wife of Maj. D. G. Wilson, 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), a daughter, Lucinda Gay.

DAVIES.—On 4th June, 1964, to Susanna, wife of Lieut. R. R. Davies (late Queen's), a son, Mark.

HARDY.—On 28th July, 1964, at Ramsgate General Hospital, to Alfreda Croft, wife of Pte. B. Hardy, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Mary Ann.

VENTON.—On 18th August, 1964, at the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, to Diane, wife of Pte. P. Venton, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Wayne Stephen.

PYMAN.—On 9th September, 1964, at St. Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, to the wife of Pte. J. Pyman, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Keith John.

ROBERTS.—On 18th September, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to Sheila Hilary, wife of Pte. M. A. Roberts, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Mark Anthony.

PARKER.—On 25th September, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to Valerie, wife of Cpl. B. Parker, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Kim.

DOUGAN.—On 2nd October, 1964, at the West Middlesex Hospital, to Maureen Ann, wife of Pte. J. Dougan, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Bernard.

LAWRENCE.—On 3rd October, 1964, at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to Lisbeth, wife of Lieut. H. I. C. Lawrence (late Queen's), a son, Richard James.

BARRY.—On 5th October, 1964, at Tipperary, to Rowena, wife of Pte. W. Barry, 1st Bn.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Josephine Frances.

CROSS.—On 11th October, 1964, at St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, to Margaret Jean, wife of Pte. R. Cross, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Margaret Rose.

DUNKELD.—On 14th October, 1964, at Guildford, to Gwendolyn Betty, wife of W.O.2 B. Dunkeld, 3rd Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), a son, Marcus Andrew.

PATTERSON.—On 10th December, 1964, at Shorncliffe Military Hospital, to Margaret Ann, wife of Cpl. D. Patterson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Julie Teresa.

BINGHAM.—On 22nd December, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to Maureen June, wife of Pte. M. Bingham, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Nicola Karen.

BOOKER.—On 30th December, 1964, at B.M.H. Munster, to Hildergard Margaret, wife of Cpl. R. Booker, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Anthony John.

MURPHY.—On 2nd January, 1965, at B.M.H. Munster, to Ann Mildred, wife of L/Cpl. J. Murphy, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, James Oliver William.

OSBORNE.—On 17th January, 1965, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Elizabeth, wife of Maj. K. Osborne, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Emma Alexandra.

HALL.—On 23rd January, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Sandra Margaret Ann, wife of L/Cpl. A. Hall, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Tina.

RICE.—On 24th January, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Annabella, wife of Pte. A. Rice, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Donna Diane.

DAY.—On 13th February, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Jeanette Frances, wife of Pte. D. Day, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Nigel Patrick.

JONES.—On 15th February, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to the wife of Cpl. J. Jones, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, John James.

WARNER-JOHNSON.—On 28th February, 1965, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Elizabeth

Ann, wife of Captain J. V. Warner-Johnson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Jonathan Charles.

HANNIGAN.—On 6th March, 1965, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Rebecca, wife of Sgt. W. J. Hannigan, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Sean Gerrard Francis.

EADE.—On 11th March, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Vivien Carol, wife of Pte. R. Eade, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Debora Janice.

FOXON.—On 15th March, 1965, at the B.M.H. Munster, to Carol Jean, wife of L/Cpl. E. Foxon, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Colleen Ann.

MARRIAGES

CAMPION—GARFORTH.—On 22nd August, 1964, at Holy Cross Church, Fulham, Cpl. J. Campion, 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Linda Michele Garforth.

JONES—EDGAR.—On 29th August, 1964, at Feltham, Pte. F. Jones, 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Ann Edgar.

REDDING—GREEN.—On 19th September, 1964, at Holy Cross Church, Fulham, Pte. D. Redding, Home Counties Brigade Depot, to Evelyn Carol Green.

HALE—LAVIOE.—On 3rd October, 1964, at St. Mary's Church, Fleetwood, Bds. J. Hale, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Margerate Lavioe.

WILLIAMS—HADEN.—On 10th October, 1964, at Aston Brook Church, Birmingham, Pte. B. Williams, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Josephine Ann Haden.

AMPHLETT—HEATH.—On 7th November, 1964, at All Saints Church, Carshalton, Pte. D. Amphlett, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Brenda Joan Heath.

BURNSIDE—FENNER.—On 7th November, 1964, at the Parish Church, Swanley, Pte. A. Burnside, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Pamela Valcrie Fenner.

SAUNDERS—WEBSTER.—On 7th November, 1964, at Dartford, Pte. M. Saunders, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Pauline Webster.

CONSTABLE—MICHAEL.—On 7th November, 1964, at the Methodist Church, Romford, Pte. R. Constable, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Barbara Michael.

KELLY—TREHERNE.—On 7th November, 1964, at the Parish Church, Birmingham, Cpl. J. Kelly, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Ellen Teresa Treherne.

MCLEOD—COREA.—On 7th November, 1964, at the Parish Church, Wandsworth, Pte. R. McLeod, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Coretha Dorothy Corea.

SILVERSIDE—DAVIES.—On 7th November, 1964, at Barmouth, Sgt. T. Silverstone, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Brenda Jean Davies.

HILL—BARLOW.—On 14th November, 1964, at the Methodist Church, Headington, Oxford, L/Cpl. A. Hill, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Joan Barlow.

POWELL—MINNS.—On 14th November, 1964, at St. Mary's Church, Cowes, Cpl. C. Powell, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Daphne Margaret Minns.

WILLIAMS—NORTON.—On 14th November, 1964, at St. Mary's Church, Addington, Cpl. A. Williams, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Maureen Mary Norton.

CLARK—POWELL.—On 16th November, 1964, at the Register Office, Edmonton, Pte. M. Clark, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Barbara Anne Powell.

DOHERTY—PHILLIPS.—On 18th November, 1964, at the Register Office, Bury St. Edmunds, Pte. G. Doherty, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Marina Dawn Phillips.

PLAYNE—SOMMERS.—On 21st November, 1964, at the Register Office, Surrey North Western, Pte. J. Playne, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Sylvia Dorothy Sommers.

CHARMAN—TARGETT.—On 24th November, 1964, at the Register Office, Croydon, Pte. W. Charman, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Sandra Elizabeth Targett.

MORGAN—SZOGAS.—On 16th February, 1965, at the Register Office, Morden, L/Cpl. E. Morgan, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Monika Szogas.

BASSETT—PLUCKROSE.—On 27th February, 1965, at the Parish Church, Boxmoor,

Herts., Pte. E. Bassett, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Ruth Eileen Morrison Pluckrose.

DEATH

BUSHELL.—On 9th February, 1965, Rachel Edith Florence, widow of Lt.-Col. Christopher Bushell, V.C., D.S.O., late The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Obituaries

GEN. SIR GEORGE GIFFARD, G.C.B., D.S.O.

A full obituary appeared in the "Times" of Thursday, 19th November, 1964, the first paragraph of which is repeated here as it seems to portray a true epitaph to his Army career. "Gen. Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., who died on Tuesday at the age of 78, was Commander-in-Chief in West Africa from 1940 to 1942 and Commander-in-Chief of the 11th Army Group in the Burma Campaign of 1943/44. He made an outstanding contribution to victory: yet he was

perhaps the least known of all the British Generals who held high command in the Second World War. He was a tall, good-looking man with nothing dramatic about him in either appearance or speech."

The following short appreciation is written as a tribute to a man who was possibly the finest soldier that the Regiment has ever had. He was straight; he was strict; he was absolutely fair.

He was Commissioned into the Queen's in 1906 and served with the 1st Battalion for seven years before being seconded to the King's African Rifles. It is of interest that he always emphasized that an officer should serve his first six years, at least, with the Regiment so as to have regimental principles firmly fixed within him. Gen. Giffard did not serve again with the Regiment till he rejoined the 1st Battalion in 1927. In 1913/14 he took part in operations against the Mereham Tribe. From 1914 to 1918 he served in British, German and Portuguese East Africa. He was wounded. He was mentioned four times in Despatches. He was appointed Column Commander with the rank of Colonel at the age of 32. During the war he became a Brevet-Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel and was awarded the D.S.O.



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Lt.-Col. G. J. Giffard, D.S.O., with his Adjutant, Lt. L. C. East and the Battalion H.Q. Runner

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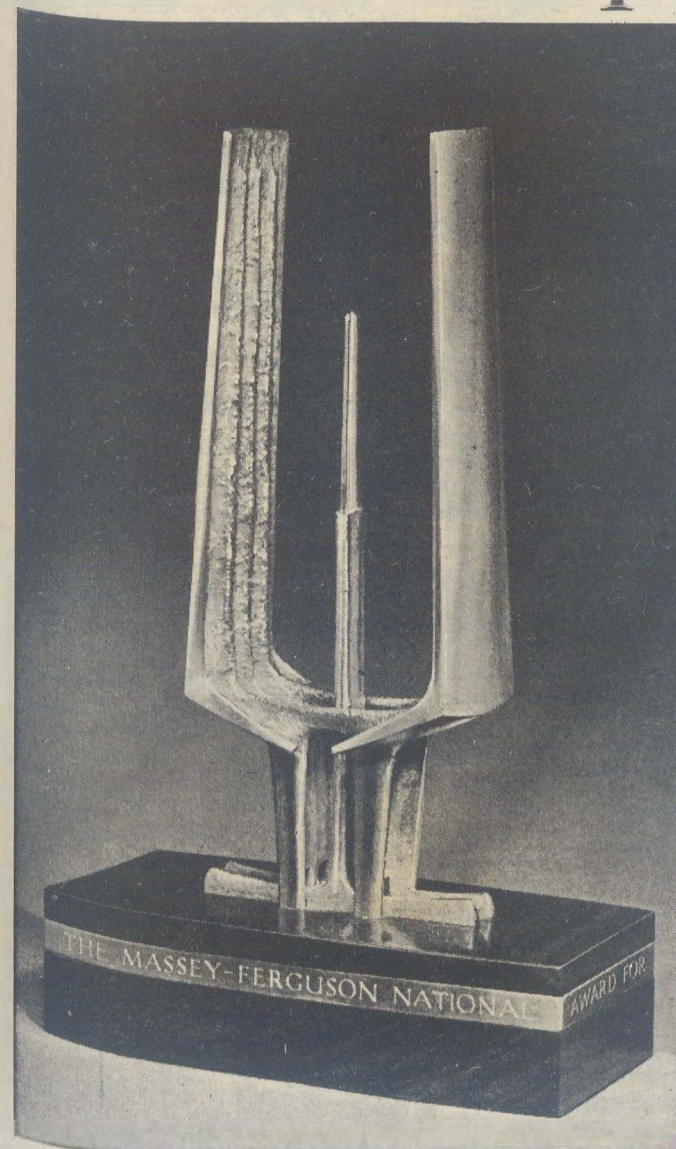
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In 1919 he attended the first post-war Staff College Course. In 1920 he was seconded to the West African Frontier Force and served with them until 1925. In 1927 he accompanied the 1st Battalion, under Command of Col. R. G. Clarke, to China as part of the Shanghai Expeditionary Force: he was in Command of H.Q. Wing as a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. From January 1928 to January 1931 he was an Instructor at the Staff College. Having already attended a Course at the Royal Naval Staff College, in 1931 he became a student at the Imperial Defence College. Most men would have considered themselves well-educated by now, but he decided that his knowledge of English was not sufficiently good: he therefore took a Correspondence Course in English. In other words he was never afraid to learn. In March 1931 he was appointed to Command the 2nd Battalion at Dover and joined them at Aldershot in January 1932 after leaving the I.D.C. The photograph reproduced herewith shows him mounted on Christopher Robin on a training scheme, followed by his Adjutant and Runner. Nowadays even Platoon Commanders, it is believed, carry out their recces in helicopters! The Battalion owed a great deal to his administrative skill and tactical knowledge. It was not only his reputation that disconcerted and filled with confusion opposing commanders in inter-battalion exercises. Members of "D" Company of that era will remember a certain ambush on the banks of the Basingstoke Canal! The Commander Guards' Brigade, in which the Battalion was serving, is reputed to have said "I know that everything Giffard and the Queen's do will be carried out properly, as well or better than I could do it myself" and again "I wish I had Giffard to train my Guards Officers." He had never indulged much in games, though he played "back" at hockey occasionally for the Battalion, while he was an enthusiastic and energetic squash rackets player. He was moreover, always remarkably fit: it made most of his officers shudder to watch him standing naked outside his tent in camp in the early mornings pouring cold water over himself. The present Colonel of the Regiment will doubtless remember the sweat that poured from him due to the many miles he had to push a G.S. bicycle, as Signal Officer, over the heather following the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and the R.S.M. all men over six foot tall. Col.

Giffard was a man of very high principles, to which he himself firmly adhered and he insisted that his subordinates should follow his example.

In July 1936 he was promoted to full Colonel and appointed G.S.O.1 to the 2nd Division in North Camp, Aldershot. He was A.D.C. to the King from 8th May, 1935 to 12th April, 1936. During his last year with the 2nd Division its Commander was Maj.-Gen. Archibald Wavell and he played a considerable part in framing and carrying out the novel and unconventional tactical exercises which Wavell introduced with the object of developing the initiative of Junior Commanders and making their training less stereotyped. In 1936 he was promoted to Major-General and appointed Inspector-General of the Royal West African Frontier Force and King's African Rifles. In 1939 he became Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Hore Belisha, but after a year he was posted to the Middle East as G.O.C. in Palestine and Trans Jordan, again under Gen. Wavell's Command. He was there only five months when he was transferred to West Africa as Commander-in-Chief. In 1941 he was promoted General and created K.C.B. In the spring of 1943 he was particularly asked for by Gen. Wavell to become G.O.C. Eastern Army in India, as he was the only senior officer in either the British or Indian Army with experience of fighting a first class enemy in Jungle warfare. In addition to formulating the strategic plan, his role virtually was to train the Army tactically and administratively for victory against the Japanese. From 1943 to 1946 he was A.D.C. General to H.M. King George VI.

In August 1943 he was appointed Commander-in-Chief 11th Army Group and under him he had Gen. Slim in direct Command of the Burma Front as G.O.C. 14th Army. History will undoubtedly record Gen. Giffard's contribution to the victory against the Japanese, while Gen. Slim in his book "Defeat into Victory" pays him glowing tributes. Gen. Giffard was not there to see the victory however for apparently he had lost the confidence of the Allied Commander S.E. Asia and departed before victory was achieved. Gen. Slim has recorded that "he saw him go with grief." Never once at any time did Gen. Giffard utter any complaint. In 1944 he was created G.C.B.

In spite of his rise to high command the

Regiment was never far from Gen. Giffard's thoughts; the records are full of remarks regarding his visits to various Battalions and his interest in them. In 1945 he became Colonel of the Regiment and again turned his particular attention and exceptional ability to putting all Battalions back onto a sound peacetime footing. He was never a great parade ground drill expert, except that everything he did was done thoroughly, but his statement on congratulating the 2nd Battalion on their Disbandment Parade in Berlin on 9th September, 1948, that "The secret of close order drill is attention to detail" shows that he never neglected ceremonial or any side of soldiering. He retired from the Army in 1946. He was President of the Army Benevolent Fund from 1946. In 1954 he gave up the Colonelcy of the Regiment and ceased to be Colonel Commandant of the Royal West African Frontier Force, of the King's African Rifles, and of the Northern Rhodesia Regiment.

He died at Winchester on 17th November, 1964.

He married in 1915 Evelyn, second daughter of Mr. Richard Margerison of Winchester, and had one daughter. His widow survived him by only a few days. To his daughter we offer our sympathy and the belief that her Father was a man, a great gentleman, and a very fine soldier. Our only regret is that he never achieved any great soldier's ambition, to be awarded a Field Marshal's Baton, which was his rightful due.

General Giffard, except in the cause of duty, always appeared somewhat shy and diffident. In the course of duty he was nothing of the sort; he carried out everything he considered right without fear, favour or affection. He could not suffer fools gladly but at the same time he was tolerant and kindly to his subordinates in that he would help them with advice and practical assistance. It was a real education to watch him "appreciating a situation." He was absolutely sound: everyone knew automatically that all his plans had been thought out and would work with complete success. His was not a flamboyant or noisy character; he was, however, an excellent lecturer and a very interesting talker about his world wide travels and experiences. His chief hobbies were shooting and fishing. The former he gave up in later life but the latter occupied and interested him for many years. He was also an enthusiastic gardener.

The following remark made to the 2nd Battalion on its disbandment could well apply to him himself—"We can look back with pride upon its Record and with thankfulness to the memory of those who made the Battalion what it is and handed down to us such a grand tradition."

L. C. E.

GEN. SIR RICHARD F. C. FOSTER,
K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., C.B., D.L., late Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment, writes:—

By the death of Gen. Foster, all the members of the Old East Surrey Regiment lose a great friend, for although Richard Foster was a Royal Marine, he became Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment in 1939 and retained that appointment until 1946.

Sir Richard thus exemplified that close association between The Royal Marines and The East Surrey Regiment which has existed since 1715, and, which we are happy to know, now continues with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

It was in that year, 1715, that one of the senior Marine Regiments became the 31st Regiment of Foot which was later named The East Surrey Regiment.

Sir Richard's appointment did much to strengthen the already close ties of friendship between the two Corps which has been a feature in the life of our Regiment for nearly two hundred and fifty years.

The period of Sir Richard's Colonelcy was by no means an easy one, covering as it did, the whole period of the Second World War, but he entered with energy, enthusiasm and instinctive sympathy into the life of his new Regiment, and did much to maintain the high morale of The Surreys throughout those difficult years.

His leadership was characterised by a high sense of duty, a great understanding of human nature, and a delightful sense of humour, attributes which endeared him to all ranks with whom he came in contact.

Although he felt that after the War he should hand over to an officer of The Regiment, he continued to keep in close touch with us, and he will be remembered with great affection, admiration and respect, by all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

G.R.P.R.

BRIGADIER H. N. A. HUNTER, D.S.O.

Henry Noel Alexander Hunter died at his home in Carlyle Mansion, Cheyne Walk, London on 8th November, 1964. He was 83.

Born on 14th January, 1881, he was educated at Haileybury.

He received his Regular Commission in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment after serving in 3rd (Militia) Battalion The Queen's and joined the 1st Battalion as Second-Lieutenant on 18th April, 1900.

He served in the South African War from 1900 to 1902 and received the Queen's Medal with two clasps, and the King's Medal also with two clasps.

Promoted to Lieutenant on 8th July, 1902 and to Captain on 22nd January, 1911.

He graduated at the Staff College in 1912.

On the outbreak of war in August 1914 he embarked for France with the 1st Battalion and played a prominent part, as a Company Commander, throughout the heavy and continuous fighting during the Retreat from Mons, until he was wounded on 23rd October, 1914 in the opening phase of the first Battle of Ypres.

From April 1915 until 1916 he was an instructor and Company Commander of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

He was promoted to the rank of Major on 1st September, 1915, and from October 1916 to September 1917 served in France as D.A.Q.M.G.

From September 1917 to March 1918 he was D.A.Q.M.G. at the Staff Course, Cambridge, after which he returned again to France and held staff appointments there until the cessation of hostilities.

For his gallant and distinguished services in the Great War 1914-1918 he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order; was twice Mentioned in Despatches; and was promoted to the Brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, 3rd June, 1919.

He served in India as G.S.O.2 from 1920 to 1922 and at Headquarters Southern Command from 1922-1925.

When the 1st Battalion The Queen's sailed for China, as part of the reinforcements for Shanghai Defence Force, in April 1927 Brevet-Lt.-Col. Hunter embarked as company Commander of "D" Company,

in which capacity he served in Hong Kong until early in 1928 when he returned to the United Kingdom on appointment to Command the 2nd Battalion.

On 7th April, 1931 he was promoted to Colonel, with seniority 3rd June, 1923, and was posted to Southern Command India, as A.Q.M.G. This appointment he held until 1934 when he was appointed Commander 11th Infantry Brigade, in Colchester. This was his last appointment and on 14th January, 1938 he retired.

After retirement he interested himself in civic and local affairs, and was particularly active in connection with Diocesan Committees.

He leaves a widow, a daughter, and a son. His son, Michael, is now a Colonel; he served for many years in The Wiltshire Regiment and commanded the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in Italy in 1944 and 1945 when he was awarded the D.S.O.

To Mrs. Hunter, Michael, and Elizabeth we extend sincere sympathy and condolences from all members, past and present, of the Regiment.

LT.-COL. E. L. L. ACTON, M.C.

It is with deep regret that we record the death on the 15th February, 1965, of Edward Leslie Lowry Acton.

Born on the 18th October, 1889, he was commissioned in the 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales Leinster Regiment on the 6th November, 1909, when Captain John Dill, (later Field Marshal), was Adjutant.

During the Great War he fought in France and Belgium until at the Battle of Messines Ridge, in July 1917, he received a serious head wound which resulted in permanent partial paralysis of his right arm and leg. For his gallantry in this action he was awarded the Military Cross.

On the disbandment of the Southern Irish Regiments in September, 1922, he was transferred to the East Surrey Regiment along with several of his brother officers, but was employed on extra-regimental duties until joining the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment stationed in Catterick, where, he took over command of "C" Coy.

In 1931 he was posted to the 1st Battalion in India where he remained until appointed

to command the 2nd Battalion in Shorncliffe in April, 1935.

Notwithstanding his disability, no more energetic C.O. ever led his battalion on manoeuvres or supervised the training of his men with more whole-hearted thoroughness and his enthusiasm permeated through all ranks. On moving to Colchester in October, 1936, the role of the Battalion was changed from that of a rifle to a machine gun and anti-tank unit, a major reorganisation which Acton tackled with unflagging zeal, only to experience the chagrin of seeing his handiwork nullified by a reversal of policy two years later, when the Battalion embarked for Shanghai equipped only with rifles and Lewis guns.

Whilst at Colchester the Battalion moved into camp in Hyde Park for duties in connection with the Coronation of King George VI and Acton insisted on taking part in the processional march round London, an endurance test for any fit man, but for him an ordeal which only his indomitable spirit enabled him to surmount.

Although approaching the end of his command on arrival in Shanghai, he threw himself into the task of tackling the difficult internal security and perimeter defence roles undertaken by the Battalion with undiminished energy, and during his last two months he deputised as Garrison Commander at a time when the situation vis-a-vis the Japanese had reached a most critical stage.

He returned home in April, 1939, preparatory to retirement, but on the outbreak of War he was recalled for service at home and appointed Chief Umpire for Exercises, Northern Ireland District.

Leslie Acton—"Ella" to his comrades—was a man who will be remembered best for his high sense of honour, his lack of self-interest, his fortitude and his unswerving loyalty to his friends. It is no exaggeration to say that he dedicated his life to his two Regiments, and, whether as chairman of committees or supporter of regimental activities, he spared himself nothing, until only the will to serve remained steadfast when strength was spent.

Perhaps it was because of his staunchness of spirit that fate handled him with more severity than falls to the lot of most men. On the 21st January, 1952, his only son, Lt. A. H. B. Acton, who was commissioned into the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1948,

was mortally wounded at Ismailia, Egypt, whilst seconded to the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

Although clouded by the memory of this tragedy, Ella refused to allow his life to become embittered, or to lose its purpose. The merry laugh, the helping hand, the generous response were still in evidence as they always had been and so it remained to the end.

Those of us who were privileged to know and to serve under him will feel the poorer for his passing. Our deep sympathy goes out to his family in their sad loss.

F.A.H.M.

LT.-COL. R. S. S. PATON

R. S. S. Paton, affectionately known as Pat, was born in 1884 and was gazetted into the Surreys in 1904. He spent a considerable part of his early service with the West African Frontier Force. In those days West Africa offered to a young subaltern not only a life of great interest, with any amount of shooting and other sporting activities, but also the opportunity to live on his pay which, at 5s. 5d. a day for a 2nd Lieutenant, was no easy matter on home service.

Pat returned to England in time to play his part in the First World War in which he saw active service in France, Belgium, Greece, Turkey and Macedonia.

At the end of the War he was posted as an instructor at the Royal Military College Sandhurst where he was a popular figure amongst the Staff and the Cadets, the latter naming him "Pampass Grass" on account of the tall stories which he told them about life in West Africa.

In 1931 Paton was promoted to Command of 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment then stationed at Catterick Camp; the Battalion moved from there to Shorncliffe where Pat finished his command in 1935 and retired the following year.

A keen sportsman and, in his younger days a very good soccer player. Paton encouraged games of all kinds and did much to improve the standard of play throughout the Battalion.

He will be remembered, with affection, by a number of all ranks in the Regiment as a man whose somewhat brusque manner hid a very kind heart.

G.R.P.R.

MAJ. F. A. BOWRING

Frederick Arthur Bowring was born in 1882; he was educated at Charterhouse, where he learned soccer which was to stand him in good stead in the Regiment, and joined the Surreys in 1906.

In his younger days Freddy was a keen athlete and won the Quarter Mile Army Championship, not so much through his natural ability to run but rather as a result of intensive training and determination to succeed: a tower of strength as full back in the Regimental soccer team too was largely responsible for the good athletic standard and high morale of the 1st Battalion just before the First World War.

As well as being a great sportsman Freddy was one of the most conscientious and efficient young officers in the Battalion, and was promoted Adjutant as the 1st Battalion left for France in August 1914.

With a promising military career ahead of him Bowring had the misfortune to be captured early in the war. During the Battle of the Marne he was hit in the head by a piece of shrapnel and was looking after a brother officer who had been very seriously wounded when they were suddenly surprised by a party of Germans and captured.

As one would expect from a man of his temperament Freddy made numerous attempts to escape, one of which was punished by a long term of solitary confinement; these attempts however were not successful and he did not get back to England until the war with Germany had ended.

He then served with the 1st Battalion in the Archangel operations in North Russia in 1919-20 and did a tour of duty with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, the Sudan and Hong Kong before retiring in 1926.

In his latter years Freddy Bowring suffered from a leg amputation which he bore with the same courage that he had displayed throughout his soldiering career; a splendid type of Regimental officer and a fine example to all his contemporaries.

G.R.P.R.

MR. L. MERROW-SMITH

Len Merrow-Smith was Chairman of the 2/4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association. He was elected

by popular vote in November 1963 and entered into his period of office with zeal and purpose.

He had unbounding energy and zeal and nothing was too much trouble for him in furthering the cause of his old comrades. He died on 18th March 1965 of coronary thrombosis and was cremated at the South London Crematorium at Streatham Vale on 24th March 1965. He was 67.

Len served for many years in H.M. Prison Service and some of his former colleagues provided the Bearer Party and acted as Pall Bearers at his funeral. Seven of his comrades from the O.C.A. also attended the funeral, together with Colonel H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O. and Maj. P. G. E. Hill from Regimental Headquarters, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Len, like many other soldiers of the 2/4th Queen's, joined up originally in the 5th Queen's and was seventeen years old when he landed at Gallipoli in August 1915. The Queen's and afterwards The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment meant a great deal to him and although when he retired from the Prison Service and took on another full time job, he always found time to attend almost every function and parade of the 2/4th Queen's O.C.A.; the 5th Queen's O.C.A., and the Regimental Association. Everything he did was for the honour and good of the Regiment.

Len was the author of his published book "Prison Screw" which told of his long experience in the Prison Service. He appeared on Television in connection with his book, and in the Series "1914—1918 Great War."

His was a most strong and likeable personality, and he was truly a pillar of the 2/4th Battalion The Queen's O.C.A. We mourn with great sorrow his passing, but he will live long in the memory of all those who knew him as a friend and comrade.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their great loss.

S.W.V.

MR. W. EXELL

Wally Exell who has died in Bermuda, within a fortnight of his 88th birthday, was one of our oldest members. Born in 1877, he enlisted in the Queen's at the age of 18. He served with the 1st Battalion in the

operations against the tribesmen on the North West Frontier of India, and was awarded the India Medal 1895-1902 with Tirah Clasp.

After 11 years in India Cpl. Exell sailed to Gibraltar with the 2nd Battalion in January 1910, and two years later to Bermuda. Here Sgt. Exell took his discharge to become a Barrack Warden, a position he held for 33 years.

One of his proudest memories was, as a young soldier, being selected for the Guard of Honour mounted by the Regiment at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of H.M. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee on 22nd June 1897.

In a recent letter Mr. Exell told us that when the 2nd Queen's arrived in Bermuda in 1912 there were still two old 2nd Battalion men who had been there since 1864. The link between the Regiment and the Island thus remained intact for over 100 years.

MR. ROSS EAGLE

Ross Eagle, who died on 16th December, 1964, at the age of 84, began his service with The Queen's at the age of sixteen when he joined the 1st Volunteer Battalion.

He was present on parade at the opening of Croydon Town Hall by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, in 1896.

In the South African War he volunteered for service in the Royal Army Medical Corps and was Mentioned in Despatches by General Buller for meritorious service in the field.

In the 1914-18 War he served firstly as a Boxing and Physical Training Instructor and then served in France as a Company Sergeant-Major.

Until recent years he attended regularly the annual service and parade held in London under the auspices of the South African War Veterans' Association. He also made a regular appearance at the Remembrance Service in Croydon Parish Church.

When he was almost 80 years of age he received an invitation from the Lord Chamberlain to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 14th July, 1960.

He was a staunch and loyal member of the 4th Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association, and his name was a household word in the world of swimming.

E.H.O.

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

DIXON.—On 3rd October, 1964, C/Sgt. Harold Norman Dixon (22221867) aged 50. Died suddenly whilst serving with 3rd Queen's Surreys (T.A.). He had previously served with 5th Queen's (T.A.) at Guildford for many years.

GRAHAM.—On 17th October, 1964, Sgt. Albert Edward Graham (614056) aged 75. Served in both the Surreys and the Queen's in the 1914-18 War, and was wounded with each Regiment. During the 1939-45 War he served with the Royal Air Force. He held the Territorial and Air Force Efficiency Medals.

SYKES.—On 19th October, 1964, Pte. George Walter Sykes (6084800) aged 53. Served in the Queen's from 1931-1944 and R.A.O.C. from 1944-1947.

GILBODY.—On 21st October, 1964, R.S.M. John Gilbody, M.S.M. (3635) aged 91. Served in the Surreys from 1891-1920. John Gilbody, who was born in 1873 joined The East Surrey Regiment only ten years after its formation by the amalgamation of the 31st and 70th Regiments. He served in the South African War and the 1914-1918 War, mostly with 2nd Surreys, and finished his service as R.S.M. of the 23rd London Regiment. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1947.

HUNTER.—On 8th November, 1964, Brigadier Henry Noel Alexander Hunter, D.S.O. The Queen's, aged 84. (See Obituary).

GIFFARD.—On 17th November, 1964, General Sir George J. Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O., The Queen's, aged 78. (See Obituary).

SCARLOTT.—On 17th November, 1964, Pte. Frederick Stephen Scarlott (7040) aged 70. Served in the Surreys from 1911-1919; Royal Leicesters from 1919-1931 and R.P.C. from 1940-1944.

COOPER.—On 23rd November, 1964, Maj. Edward Joshua (Eric) Cooper, aged 70. Served in the Surreys from 1915-1938.

WITTEY.—On 29th November, 1964, Pte. Alfred William Wittey (6079845) aged 63. Served in the Queen's from 1922-1937.

BELL.—On 3rd December, 1964, Pte. George Henry James Bell (6134397) aged 77. Served in the Surreys from 1901-1926. Was an In-pensioner at Royal Hospital Chelsea at time of death. "Ding-Dong" will be remembered as the barber at the Regimental Depot.

MILES.—On 5th December, 1964, R.S.M. Bertie George Robert Miles (6077765) aged 64. Served in the Queen's from 1919-1926 and R.A.S.C. from 1939-1945.

IRWIN.—On 9th December, 1964, Maj.-Gen. S. F. Irwin, C.B., C.B.E., Most of General Irwin's long and distinguished service was in the Indian Army, but older members may remember him as Intelligence Officer of the 1st Surreys at Arras in 1916.

BETTS.—On 10th December, 1964, Pte. J. Betts (9911) aged 72. Served in the Queen's.

EAGLE.—On 16th December, 1964, C.S.M. Ross Eagle, aged 84. Served in the Queen's from 1896-1918 (See Obituary).

WESTOVER.—On 16th December, 1964, C.Q. M.S. Westover, aged 42. Late Queen's.

BARHAM.—On 20th December, 1964, R.Q. M.S. Ernest Frederick Barham, M.B.E. (6132883). Served in the Surreys from 1915-1945. "Ernie" Barham was taken prisoner while serving with 2nd/6th Surreys in 1940. He was awarded the M.B.E. for his courage and inspiration in the prison camp.

SMITH.—On 21st December, 1964, Pte. Douglas James Smith (6142617) aged 46. Served in the 2nd Surreys from 1938-1946, and was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

KERRY.—On 31st December, 1964, Capt. John Henry Kerry, aged 67. Served in the Queen's from 1919-1925 after six years previous service in the Buffs. He then transferred to the Indian Army and served until 1945.

BLAKE.—On 12th January, 1965, A.G. Blake, aged 74. Served in the Surreys from 1906-1914. Was Founder Member of the Jersey Branch of Surreys Old Comrades' Association.

EDENBOROUGH.—On 19th January, 1965, Capt. Eric John Horatio Edenborough, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., aged 71. Served in 10th (Service) Bn. The Queen's from

1915-1918 in France and Flanders. Wounded on 24th February, 1917 in the raid on enemy trenches in the Holland-scheschuur Salient.

BOWRING.—On 5th February, 1965, Maj. Frederick Arthur Bowring, aged 82. The Surreys. (See Obituary).

ACTON.—On 15th February, 1965, Lt.-Col. Edward Leslie Lowry Acton, M.C., aged 75. The Surreys. (See Obituary).

PATON.—On 24th February, 1965, Lt.-Col. Ramsey Slade Stirling Paton, aged 80. The Surreys. (See Obituary).

EXELL.—On 1st March, 1965, Sgt. Wally Exell, aged 87. Served in the Queen's from 1895-1913, (See Obituary).

BOWES.—On 3rd March, 1965, No. 23883895 Pte. J. Bowes, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Died as a result of an accident whilst on training.

CONSTABLE.—On 5th March, 1965, No. 23867983 Pte. R. Constable, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Died as a result of an accident whilst on training.

MERROW-SMITH.—On 18th March, 1965, Cpl. Leonard William Merrow-Smith, aged 67. Served in the Queen's from 1914-1921 (See Obituary).

CHRISTOPHER.—On 30th March, 1965, R.S.M. Walter James Christopher, M.S.M. (240007) aged 86. Christopher first joined the Royal Sussex T.A. Volunteers in 1893 and served in the South African War. He transferred to The Queen's T.A. Volunteers at Guildford in 1902, and served India and Mesopotamia during the first world war. He was awarded the M.S.M. in the Field. His service ended in 1919. Mr. Christopher was described in the Press as "Guildford's Most Remarkable Man" having dedicated 67 years of his life to voluntary service in a number of organisations, which included the Police and Fire Service.

FOSTER.—On 3rd April, 1965, General Sir Richard F. C. Foster, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., aged 86. Royal Marines, late Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment. (See Obituary).

WOOLLEY.—On 17th April, 1965, Major Charles John Gordon Woolley. Served in 1/6th and 1/7th Queen's 1939-1950.

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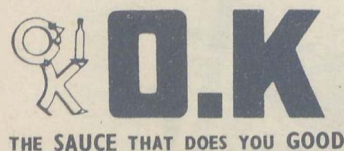
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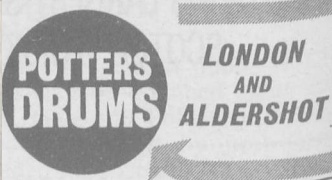
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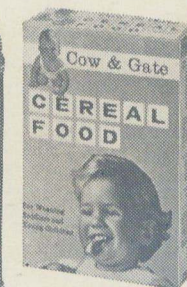
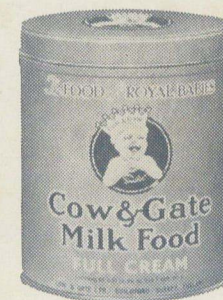
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