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Editorial

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In this edition we record the principal Regimental activity of the last six months—the visit to Canada of the 1st Battalion for Exercise "Pond Jump". Apart from the training aspect, the Battalion was successful in establishing most friendly relations with the Canadian forces. The 1st Battalion's account of the visit is augmented by the Colonel of the Regiment's article in which he deals particularly with the association with our allied Canadian Regiments.

In our last issue we referred to Brigadier Block's researches into the origin of the Paschal Lamb as the Regimental badge. This subject has been a matter of controversy over many years. Brigadier Block has studied a number of original documents and has travelled widely in his investigations. We now publish the first of two articles which will be of great interest to many of our readers.

It is with gratification that we record that Gen. Sir Richard Foster, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has left his medals to the Regiment. Gen. Foster, who was previously Adjutant General of the Royal Marines, was Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment throughout the 1939-45 War, and is remembered with affection by all who came in contact with him. A note on the medals is given under "Regimental Museum".

This issue contains a number of articles on memorials to soldiers of the Regiment killed in action. There may be some who consider these should have no place in a Regimental Journal. We feel, however, that many old soldiers will read with interest that the last resting places of their comrades are well cared for, and that those who lie in some corner of a foreign field are not forgotten by their Regiment.

At Regimental Headquarters we are sorry to say goodbye to Col. Graham Duncombe who has been elevated from Mistley Cottage to Windsor Castle. Those who have served with him in either the Queen's or the Surreys will not need to be reminded of his friendliness, his robust directness and his enormous capacity for enjoyment. Major John Reed,

who has served at Regimental Headquarters since its inception, has taken over as Regimental Secretary pending the appointment of a replacement for Col. Duncombe.

The Regimental Secretary

On 31st August, 1965, Col. Graham Duncombe ceased to be our Regimental Secretary, not because he retired but because he had been nominated by Her Majesty to be one of the Military Knights of Windsor. This is not the place to describe the duties or history of this select body, consisting of a Governor and 12 Knights, since their latest recruit has promised to do it for us in a later issue of the Journal. But it would be wrong to allow our Secretary to vacate his appointment without a brief record of his services to the Regiment.

Graham Duncombe was commissioned in 1926 as a 2/Lieutenant in The Queen's Royal Regiment, and he served with them continuously until 1946. He was then transferred, on promotion to substantive Lt.-Colonel to The East Surrey Regiment. Between 1943 and 1948 he commanded not only the 2nd Battalion of the Surreys, but also the 1st, 2nd 1/5th and 1/6th Battalions of the Queen's. This, surely, must be some sort of a record. When, therefore, Amalgamation occurred in 1959, he was a natural and obvious selection for the post of Regimental Secretary of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. There must be few people who have a wider circle of friends in the Regiment, and it was in large part due to the double-regimental background of the first Colonel and the first Regimental Secretary of the Queen's Surreys that our Amalgamation was the happy affair that it was.

Now he leaves us for the rejuvenating experience of becoming once again the junior member of a distinguished military organisation. He goes with the congratulations, best wishes and, particularly, the thanks of us all. By the time that this appears in print he will presumably have completed his recruit training, and passed off the square, and he will be ready to welcome visitors to Windsor Castle: he will undoubtedly receive many.

Honours and Awards

On behalf of all past and present members of the Regiment we offer sincere congratulations to the undermentioned on the Honour conferred upon him in the Birthday Honours List, 1965.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Brigadier M. V. Fletcher, C.B.E.

Notices

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD, 1965

The card has on the outside a photograph, in colour, of the Regimental Chapel in Guildford Cathedral. On the inside cover there is a brief historical note, and, on the opposite side the Regimental Badge embossed in gold and silver, and a Greeting.

The price of the card is 13s. 3d. per dozen. This includes cost of packing and postage.

Orders, accompanied by remittance, should be sent to Regimental Headquarters, T.A. Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to "Colonel of the Regiment's Fund."

REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT

Volumes II and III which cover the period of the 1914-18 War were published without an Index. An alphabetical index comprising some 1,300 names has now been compiled and is obtainable from Regimental H.Q.

There are still copies of Volumes II and III available from Regimental Headquarters, price 10s. post free.

HISTORY OF THE ARMY IN CANTERBURY

The following appeal has been received from Lt.-Col. C. N. Clayden, Commanding Officer of the Home Counties Brigade Depot:

"We are embarking upon the production of a booklet which will outline the History

of the Army in Canterbury from its first existence. This, it is felt, is particularly important as, in the not too distant future, both the Old Infantry and Wemyss Barracks will disappear. If any reader has any maps, articles or personal knowledge of any sort on the Barracks from the 18th century to 1939, I would be most grateful if they could let the Adjutant of the Home Counties Brigade Depot have it. The research and study has already been started by Lt. Richard Murphy of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment."

REGIMENTAL MARCHES

Readers who have been trying to obtain records of our Regimental Marches will be interested to hear of a new LP. On one side are the traditional marches of the Royal Marines, and on the other the marches of Regiments which have served as Marines. This track contains "Braganza" and "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky."

The details of the record are:

His Master's Voice CLP 1781 (Mono)

"300 Glorious Years"

Band of the Royal Marines

Royal Marines School of Music, Deal.

This record is of additional interest in view of our association with the Royal Marines. For this information we are indebted to Mr. M. W. P. Morris, 4 Barbary Avenue, Chatham, who served in the 1st Queen's.

THE OFFICERS' PENSIONS SOCIETY

The objects of the above Society are to procure improvements and increases in the retired pay and pensions of officers and widows of the three Armed Services, and to promote their interests in every way.

The Society has influenced the award of many improvements and increases in retired pay and pensions, and still has a long way to go.

There are now over 26,000 members, which number is increasing every day. The annual subscription is only £1 for retired officers and serving officers' wives, and 5s. for widows. So many useful concessions are available to members that they can save far more than the cost of subscriptions. Full details can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society at 137 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

In Search of The Lamb

BY BRIGADIER A. P. BLOCK, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Portugal, 4-19th March, 1965

Object of Visit

My quest was to discover, if possible, on good evidence, how we were awarded the "Lamb" or the "Paschal Lamb" as our badge. I divided this into four detailed investigations.

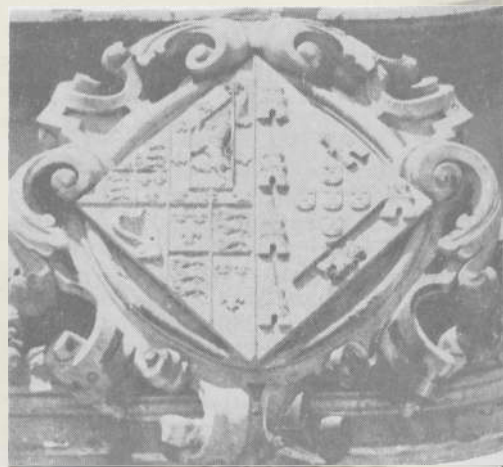
- (1) Was it taken from the Coat of Arms of the Royal House of Portugal circa 1661?
- (2) Or from that of the House of Braganza?
- (3) Was there any association between the House of Braganza and the Patron Saint St. John The Baptist, because, if so, this might be an indication that Catherine wished us to have the "Lamb" or the "Paschal Lamb" as our Badge?
- (4) Any other Regimental interests.

Help of Military Attaché

In all my research in Lisbon and Vila Viçosa I was greatly helped by Lt.-Col. Desmond Lang, Royal Artillery, British Military Attaché in Portugal. He did all the necessary spade work and prepared the ground for my visit. It is true to say that without his aid I could not have undertaken my mission. As an example I would have visited Braganza which, as will be seen, would have been a waste of time. I am deeply in his debt. He accompanied me on my visits with his excellent interpreter Miss Pilar Reynolds.

Visit to the Military Museum—Lisbon

I was received by Col. Julio Martins Mourão, Director of the Museum, and by Col. Francisco de Lacerda Machado, Chief of the Historical Section of the Portuguese Army. To them I explained that I represented my Regiment, told them of the Regimental connection with Braganza and stated my quest. I said that in one book in our possession it was stated that the "Lamb" was taken from the Coat of Arms of the Royal House of Portugal and asked to be shown the Arms of 1661. Expressing incredulity, Col. Mourão showed me the Arms which had no such emblem. By 1661, as will be explained, the House of Braganza had become the reigning House of Portugal. The Arms



Catherine's coat of arms as Queen of England—extant over the entrance to the Military Academy in Lisbon

consist of a centre of five shields, the original Arms of Braganza. The unconfirmed story is that, during that period, soldiers' shields were covered with nails, which, in battle became worn down into the shape of The Cross. These shields are enclosed in a surround in which are depicted seven castles, the original Arms of Castile, as the Kings of Portugal had frequently married Spanish Princesses. It is of interest that John I, the first King of Portugal, married in 1387 Philippa of Lancaster, daughter of John of Gaunt. They had five sons, one of whom was Henry "The Navigator."

This part of my research having proved negative I was taken round the Museum which is in a fine building magnificently laid out and arranged.

Visit to Vila Viçosa, the Foundation of the Braganza Family

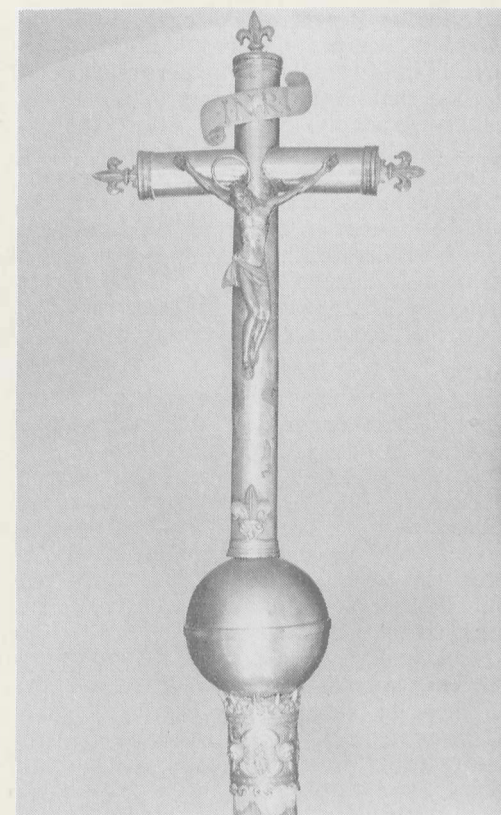
This visit was arranged for me by Col. Lang through the kind and helpful auspices of Dr. Antonio Luis Gomez, President of the Administrative Council of the Braganza Foundation. I was received by Senhor Gualdino Borroes, Curator of the Braganza Museum, the acknowledged authority on the

Braganza family. The Foundation consists of a Castle, a Palace and a Church. The Palace is now the Museum. The castle was captured from the Moors in 1217. The Palace was built by Don Alfonso, the first Duke of Braganza, on the creation of the Dukedom in 1400. Here on 25th November, 1638, Catherine was born. Vila Viçosa is a hundred miles East of Lisbon near the Spanish Frontier. There is no heraldic or residential connection between the Dukedom and the town of Braganza which is in the North East corner of Portugal.

I then explained my quest to Senhor Borroes who expressed surprise as Col. Mourão had done. I was shown the original Coat of Arms of the Braganza Family from 1400 until 1640. There was no device representing the "Paschal Lamb" nor any other heraldic animal. In 1640, John, Duke of Braganza, father of Catherine, became King John IV of Portugal on the Restoration of the Portuguese Ruling House from the Spaniards. In Cintra there is a ceiling in the Royal Palace painted with the Coats of Arms of all the main Houses of Portugal. I was shown a reproduction of this ceiling. In no Arms does there appear a "Lamb." I had therefore drawn a second blank and can state that there is no connection between the "Paschal Lamb" and the Coats of Arms of either the Royal House of Portugal or the House of Braganza.

I then propounded to Senhor Borroes a theory that had been suggested to me by Mr. W. C. Costin, ex-President of St. John's College, Oxford. This College was named after St. John The Baptist and has as its crest the "Paschal Lamb," the same as the crest of the Regiment. The theory is that St. John The Baptist was the Patron Saint of the Braganza family, and that Catherine, in conformity with history and tradition, wished her Regiment to have the "Lamb" as its badge. This may especially have been so as we were raised to garrison her dowry, Tangier, and therefore to fight the infidel. The Curator expressed ignorance of this matter but promised to make research and let me know the result. He said that from his knowledge such a theory was a possibility.

I was then taken round the Museum which is laid out with the same magnificence as the Military Museum in Lisbon. I found three items of interest, but no sign or evidence of the "Paschal Lamb."



Catherine's Religious Processional Cross. The cypher \mathfrak{A} can be discerned between the feet of Christ and the point of the Fleur-de-Lis

(a) A fine portrait of Catherine as a young woman. This shows her as an attractive girl, unlike her portraits in possession of the Regiment which may not have done her justice.

(b) The Religious Processional Cross which was used to precede Catherine while in England when she entered a Church or Cathedral to worship. This standard has the cypher \mathfrak{A} on it exactly like that on the Regimental Colour. The standard also supports an orb which is traditionally reputed by the Braganza family to contain a relic of St. Thomas a' Beckett.

(c) In the chapel is a statue about 3 ft. high of St. John The Baptist with a Lamb at his feet. I did not immediately follow up this clue (see above), but have done so by letter, with, as yet, no result from the Curator of the Braganza Museum.

Catherine as Regent of Portugal

Left a widow, Catherine returned to Portugal in 1692 and took up her residence at Paço da Bemposta, now part of the Army Military Academy, Lisbon. Above the entrance is a fine reproduction in carved stone of her Coat of Arms as Queen of England: the left half those of the House of Stewart, the right half, those of Portugal, i.e. Braganza.

In 1705 her brother, King Pedro II, of Portugal became very ill and appointed Catherine Regent until his death in 1706. Catherine died the same year aged 68.

Oporto

Regimental luck followed me to Oporto where, in between visits to Port Lodges and a lunch at the Factory House, I called on Her Majesty's Consul General, Mr. Brian McDermot, M.V.O. To him I explained my quest. He immediately set out to help, and right royally he did it. He arranged the three following visits and generously put himself out to accompany me on each. I am much in his debt.

(1) I called on Dr. Joas Albino Pinto Ferreira a specialist in Heraldic matters at the Gabinete de Historia. He expressed ignorance about the Regimental connection with Catherine but promised to make research and let me know through Mr. McDermot.

(2) I was then taken to call on Condé (Count) de Campo Belo. He is Comptroller or Chamberlain to H.R.H. the Duke of Braganza, the Pretender to the Throne of Portugal. The Condé and his wife speak good English and I was able to explain my quest which he understood and in which he expressed considerable interest. I told him of my researches to date and explained the theory about St. John The Baptist. He stated that St. John The Baptist was the Patron Saint of King John IV, father of Catherine. The Condé talked with authority about the Braganza family so I began to think that my quest was nearing its climax.

(3) I then expressed a wish, if it were possible, to obtain an audience with H.R.H. The Duke of Braganza. Luck now took a more serious control of events. Mr. McDermot and I were travelling to Lisbon by road the next day. The Condé told me that the Duke was at his Country Residence west of Coimbra, a few miles off the main road. A telephone conversation between the Condé and H.R.H. arranged matters for an audience at 3 p.m. Mr. McDermot very kindly took me in his car.

This meeting was, of course, of very great Regimental interest. I wrote my name in H.R.H.'s book and added "The Queen's Regiment." The visit was the culmination of a most interesting fortnight's research. The Duke expressed great interest in my quest. He does not speak good English, so we did not sometimes understand each other. From the research point of view the visit was a little disappointing. H.R.H. has lived most of his life outside Portugal in Switzerland. German is his best language. He knew nothing about the "Paschal Lamb." When I asked him about St. John The Baptist he did not appear certain of his facts but said that he might have been the Patron Saint of King John IV. Hence I must still get confirmation of this point. He then showed us round his Palace and we continued our journey to Lisbon.

Subsequent Research

My subsequent research has been incomplete. But I hope to have the full story by the next issue of the Journal. I expect to have confirmation that St. John The Baptist was the Patron Saint of Catherine's father. That will be the pen-ultimate. The ultimate will be historically acceptable evidence that the "Lamb" or "Paschal Lamb" was the personal crest of Catherine.

I am in correspondence with the Heads of the appropriate departments of the following: Windsor Castle Library, Deputy Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, The British Museum, College of Arms, Public Record Office, Somerset House and institutions in Portugal. I would welcome advice on further research, and am grateful for help which I have already received.

A Note on St. John The Baptist

In my extensive research into the emblematic use of the "Paschal Lamb" world wide, I have found that wherever an institution has as its Patron Saint St. John The Baptist there is to be found the "Paschal Lamb" in various Heraldic attitudes, either as a badge or within a coat of arms. As examples:

Towns: Ayr, Perth, Preston, Halifax, Penzance, Yeovil, Hendon, Axbridge, Lübeck (Germany), Gotland (Sweden) and probably Velsen (Holland), Orléans (France) and others in Europe.

Institutions: Knights Templar, Middle

Temple, Venerable Order of St. John, St. John's College Oxford, Merchant Taylors Company, Merchant Taylors School, Halifax Building Society, General Accident Assurance Company and doubtless many more.

It is unlikely that Catherine had St. John The Baptist as her Patron Saint because female Roman Catholics have female Patron Saints. However, she could have had a devotion for him, and therefore taken the "Lamb" or the "Paschal Lamb" as her personal crest.

South African War Memorials 1899-1900

In our issue for May 1964, we published an article, sent to us by Major Noel Roberts, on the memorials and graves of British Soldiers on the battlefield of Colenso and Ladysmith.

We have received a letter from Major Noel Roberts, together with a photograph, giving an account of a Rededication Service held on Green Hill, outside Ladysmith, early this year. We reproduce his letter dated 28th April, 1965 and the photograph.

Folly Hill,
Hilton,
Natal.

28th April, 1965.

Dr. Stevenson telephoned me to say that another rededication service was being held for those who were killed or died of wounds in the Battle of Green Hill, outside Ladysmith, on the 23rd February, 1900.

As it was arranged at short notice I took it upon myself to represent the Regiment. You will see from the enclosed photograph that two Officers, two Sergeants, four Corporals, one Drummer and 72 Private Soldiers of The East Surrey Regiment lost their lives in this engagement.

In addition to the Surreys, the Regiments represented included the R.A., Royal Irish Fusiliers, 60th and South Lancashire. The Natal Provincial Council and various organisations including the B.E.S.L. were also represented. The Lancashires are at present stationed in Swaziland. Included in their party was Maj.-Gen. Lambert, the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. Farr, the C.O.,



Major Noel Roberts at The East Surrey Regiment's Memorial Cairn on Green Hill, near Ladysmith

five Officers and seven other ranks.

Even today one can see the positions held by the Boers which gave them a wide field of fire over open country. The British had no cover and the stony ground made movement at any speed impossible. The East Surrey grave is situated on a plateau about half a mile from a farm road. One gets there by means of a goat track which is very hard going even today. The temperature was verging on 100 degrees in the shade hence my "Shirt sleeve order." Other Regiments had similar graves in the vicinity and there are still a number of isolated graves of unknown soldiers. At the foot of the plateau a Memorial has been erected recently incorporating many whose bodies were scattered about the veld. This memorial includes an East Surrey.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) H. NOEL ROBERTS.

Great War 1914-1918 Cemeteries

The following is an extract from a letter received from Lt.-Col. D. C. Snowdon, T.D.:—

3rd June, 1965.

"On 1st June, 1965, I visited several World War I cemeteries in the Arras area, and in particular a large one in Arras itself. As always they are beautifully cared for and at this time of year looked very green and fresh.

This is a very large cemetery with many headstones, but also a memorial wall inscribed with 35,942 names of soldiers with no known grave. Among the headstones I noted the following Queensmen:—

1176 Pte. J. T. Barrett	5 Apr. 1917 Aged 29
8095 Pte. J. H. Thirst	4 Apr. 1917 Aged 20
8053 Pte. J. Bland	4 Apr. 1917
9889 Pte. W. J. Wing	4 Apr. 1917 Aged 24
22548 Sgt. R. A. Thompson	4 Apr. 1917 Aged 30
411 Cpl. W. J. Hodgson	4 Apr. 1917
5137 Cpl. T. Martin	4 Apr. 1917
22557 Pte. J. Botting	4 Apr. 1917 Aged 30
22161 Pte. P. W. Harrison	3 Aug. 1917 Aged 22
22166 Pte. E. A. Joy	3 Feb. 1917 Aged 38
G/13529 Pte. A. J. Treadgold	12 May 1917 Aged 31
22158 Pte. H. R. Green	27 May 1917 Aged 27

After this visit I went to the La Bassée Canal and the small village of La Marais where "A" Company 1/7th Queen's held the line of the Canal in 1940. At the time a small footbridge was blown by a sapper party. This bridge has not been replaced and the remains of the old one are still visible. I met several locals who remember our short stay at La Marais very well indeed."

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Regular Forces Employment Association,
4 Buckingham Palace Mansions, Buckingham
Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

In Memoriam

The main War Cemetery in Burma lies some 15 miles north of Rangoon, on the Pegu road, at a place called Taukkyan. As may well be imagined this cemetery is an extremely large one, and being easily accessible from the capital has a fairly constant stream of visitors.

Much less accessible, and very infrequently visited, is the smaller cemetery illustrated in the photographs accompanying this brief article. It is situated near a village called Thanbyuzayat, about 50 miles south of Moulmein, and is devoted to those Allied prisoners-of-war who died during the construction of the notorious Death Railway.

I visited the cemetery early in 1964, flying to Moulmein in the Air Attache's aircraft, and from there being escorted to Thanbyuzayat by the Burma Army. An escort is necessary owing to Karen insurgency. The narrow road runs through country very like that found in Malaya—jungle alternating with rubber plantations—for this southern part of Burma is totally different to the forest-covered plains and mountains of the north. On the right of the road is the railway from Moulmein to Amherst, and beyond that again the Gulf of Martaban. On the left, some 6,000 ft. up in the mountains, is the border between Burma and Thailand.

It was through a pass in these same mountains that the Japanese decided to drive a railway that would link Bangkok with Rangoon. The route had in fact been partially surveyed by British engineers before the war, and even then its advantages were obvious: apart from one or two highly indifferent roads there was no direct land route between Burma and Indo-China, the only satisfactory connection being by sea round the Malay Peninsula, a journey of several thousand miles. To the Japanese, faced with the problem of getting supplies and reinforcements to their armies on the Indian frontier, the advantages were more obvious still.

The distance between Amherst, the southern-most point of the Burmese railway network, and Kanburi, the starting-point in Thailand, is only about 200 miles as the crow flies, but the terrain is exceptionally

In Memoriam

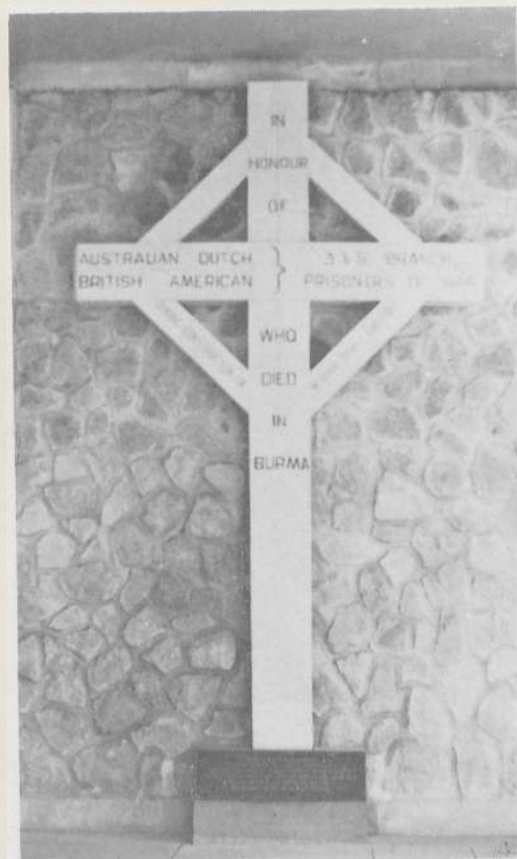


THE CEMETERY AT THANBYUZAYAT



SOLDIER OR AIRMAN?

In life or death, or devotion, they were not divided



The wooden cross made by the prisoners of war in honour of their comrades who died in Burma during the construction of the Burma-Thai Railway

difficult. A spine of high mountains divides the two countries, the land is deeply covered with jungle, and two major rivers have to be crossed—one of them being the now famous River Kwai. As is well known, the Japanese used prisoners-of-war and coolies for the task, working them in appalling conditions until they literally dropped dead from disease or starvation. The prisoners lived in primitive jungle camps, and it is on the site of one of these camps that the cemetery at Than-byuzayat now stands.

This imaginative idea of turning the old camp into the present cemetery gives Than-byuzayat a special atmosphere of its own. Standing amongst the graves one can see the same view that the prisoners saw every morning of their captivity, one can see the well that they were forced to dig, one can

see the wooden cross that they built in remembrance of their comrades; and flying low over the foothills to the south one can see even now the path of the railway running like a scar through the jungle.

The railway itself has long since been removed, but the memory of those who built it is still preserved on the very spot where so many of them gave their lives.

Michael Pereira

July 1965

Book Review

HISTORY OF THE LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK VOLUNTEERS

This History, which covers a century of voluntary service in the Volunteers and the Territorial Army from 1860 to 1960, has been compiled by Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., and was published by the Trustees of the Regimental Historical Fund, 4 Flodden Road, London, S.E.5 this year.

The History, which was advertised in the Regimental Journal of November, 1962, is an extremely well documented and indexed work, profusely and accurately illustrated with drawings, photographs and maps. It traces the history of the 19th Corps, Surrey Rifle Volunteers of 1860 through its various stages of change of role and title. To name a few: the 4th Volunteer Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 24th London Regiment (The Queen's), 7th (Southwark) Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) until on 1st April, 1961, it became "R" (Surrey) Battery of 265 L.A.A. Regiment R.A. (T.A.). The Regiment today is known as 265 Light Air Defence Regiment R.A. (T.A.). "R" (Surrey) Battery still maintains its close links with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Major Tamplin has made a lasting contribution to the history of the Territorial Army. The publication has been limited to 600 copies, and the cost is £5 5s. 0d., obtainable from the address given above.

F.J.R.

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Return to Dunkirk

3rd-6th JUNE, 1965

BY COL. D. G. DICKSON, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.

It was a cold, grey January afternoon when I read the *Sunday Times* yachting correspondent's suggestion that 25 years after the event there should be a rally of the little ships that took part at Dunkirk. I knew my friend George's "Lady Nire" had been there, so when we met next Sunday morning, we fixed it up, and I wrote off to the *Sunday Times*. A reply quickly came back asking for details of my part, the history of the ship, and did I know of any others. The correspondence and the idea went on growing until the letters looked like 6-page operation orders. But in April George flew off to the Bahamas, leaving poor "Nire" without her engines and laid up on the quayside; and in May he wrote to say he would not be back. For a week, I gave up the idea of going, then I wrote to Lee, the *Sunday Times* yachting correspondent, told him of my troubles, and asked him if he knew of anyone who could take me as a crew. A telephone message came back immediately, would I ring Douglas Scott of Lloyds, who had a crew vacancy on "Wanda". We met at 6 o'clock the following evening in a City pub, and I was "signed on" to join at the Temple Yacht Club, Ramsgate, 7 o'clock Thursday evening, 3rd June.

I found Douglas at once, and was introduced to the crew, Commander (E) ex-submariner and now nuclear research, our engineer; Mike ex-R.A.F. navigator and cook (a very good navigator); the Doc. ex-R.A.M.C. who had run a dressing station on the beaches; deaf Jack, and John the midshipman from "Pellew" sailing with us for the ride. The Club high above the little walled harbour was full, and getting fuller every minute as the crews and skippers of the craft came ashore for a briefing conference. Four hours and one sandwich later, when the beer had run out, we started down the hill to the quay. "Wanda" was lying 17 feet below in the dark, alongside a brightly painted Colchester oyster boat. She is a solidly built teak, ketch rigged, cabin cruiser of about 40 ft. length, two big six cylinder petrol engines giving about nine knots,

large wheelhouse amidships, owner's cabin aft, saloon, galley and a fo'castle forrard. The midshipman had the tiny cot in the fo'castle, Mike and Doc the saloon, skipper and Engineer the cabin. I had a sleeping bag on the wheelhouse deck, my head in between the twin forward and reverse levers and my feet cocked round the tool chest. Sounds uncomfortable, but I didn't spend much time sleeping.

Reveille at five, to let the oyster boat away who was afraid of being late at the assembly point. At 6.30 we put out of Ramsgate harbour, a fresh North easterly breeze and the sun glinting on a choppy sea. Half an hour making things fast, decks washed down, gear stowed, and time to look around. We were running down the coast towards the South Goodwin Lightship. The sea was as full of little ships, escort vessels, coasters ploughing through us, and the big stuff further out, as Piccadilly in the rush hour. There were to be two convoys—ours of 46 which had taken part in the real show, escorted by "Pellew" and a minesweeper, a naval motor fishing vessel manned by Sea Cadets, and two R.A.F. Air Sea Rescue craft—and another of nearly 100 assorted sloops and motor cruisers making the trip to see the show. The starting line was one mile east of the lightship, 9.15.

By time honoured self-adjusting methods our convoy, minus a few, got sorted out and crossed the line in four columns of nine or ten ships each, a few minutes ahead. Five and a half knots was the convoy speed, nearly flat out for some, near oiling up point for others. "Glen Morag" of Reg Shrimpton was the leader of our column and kept his distance on "Pellew" well, but behind him we bunched or straggled like a girls' school on a Sunday walk. Halfway across we were joined by two who had missed the assembly, one of them a Hillyard sloop, under tow with a dud engine, who then tried to keep station under sail!

Off Gravelines the tug "Tanga," a bit rusty but gaily "dressed overall" with every

flag in the code, overtook us, and we passed the Thames barge "Cambria" under full sail, two fine veterans present in their own right.

It had been choppy off the Goodwins, too much for a proper breakfast, and along the Dyck bank off the French coast, we started to roll again. It was sandwiches and tinned beer for lunch.

By 3 o'clock Dunkirk was in sight. Had the skyline changed, yes a little, but where the burning oil tanks had stood, the sky was still dark with smoke flames. Not a special show for us, just a refinery at work. The Mole has changed shape and size, and maybe position too, is unrecognisable. But the beaches of La Panne and Oost Dunquerque are basically the same with of course much more building behind them: how close together they look! The Memorial, almost on the beach just before the north eastern end of the port, stands out clearly, but it isn't the view of the beach from the sea that one remembers—only those oil tanks seem in the same place and the same scale.

We entered the port, line ahead, and moored five and six deep to the pontoons outside the Yacht Club de la Mer du Nord. Making fast, my pocket Sestrel compass fell out of the kangaroo pouch of my blue anorak and plunged to the bottom of the harbour, where it is now happily registering all the old military ironware we left there 25 years ago.

We out with all our bunting and every Club burgee we possessed between us and dressed ship when the cry came "Skippers and one from each ship ashore to take champagne with the Club Commodore." Crew relaxed, washed and changed, and thought about food, when a message came "All crews ashore to the Mayor's reception." We were whisked off in cars provided by the Yacht Club to the Town Hall, a welcoming speech by the Mayor in French, another by a Councillor in good English, a reply by a British General, the presentation of crested brass plaques to each skipper, and of course champagne. The pipes and band of the Royal Scots marched around the square and we trooped off into the town, a clean bright unrecognisably new town. Back to the ship, in my sleeping bag, awakened by a smell of old rope burning—false alarm, only Jack smoking "Caporal."

Conference aboard "Wanda" at 7.30 of all skippers to decide how we are to form a circle near a main shipping lane in a 2½-knot

tidal stream, into which the Coastal Command Shackleton will drop its wreath. Decided that "Glen Morag" will lead the craft at about 4 knots and we will keep circling around the R.A.F. Rescue craft on which the Shackleton can home. It's a mild sunny day, calm sea, slightly misty, reminiscent of those days 25 years ago. We circle slowly while Colley of the B.B.C. and his French colleagues cut in and out with abandon in a large French launch. Commander "E" on the fo'castle facing aft, Doc Turner with the Dunkirk Veterans Association wreath by the foremast, self by the wheelhouse. At last moment Doc decided his trousers not good enough for TV shouts for another pair and changes on deck. Promptly on time the old Shackleton thunders in at mast height, drops his wreath, Commander Lane gives the order "off caps," gives a bosun's pipe, Doc Turner throws his wreath, the cameras whirr, and we on caps and full mast our ensign. The Navy would have done it better and with more reverence, but for "pongos" we did our best, and we meant it.

We were to enter the locked in harbour on our return. "Glen Morag" led in again, the next two made fast alongside her. We went quietly up to the lock wall towering 20 ft. above us, and midshipman John shot our line up in a lovely parabola. But some of the craft behind us appeared to be manned by Fred Karno's fire brigade when it came to line heaving. In the inner harbour, the veteran craft were moored at a quayside near the Town Hall, "Wanda" having five inside her as she wanted to leave early on Sunday. Skipper Douglas gives the order all hands to clean ship except the pongo Colonel who is to take a bag, do the shopping and organise duty free cigarettes, scent and drinks, to take aboard. Off I go, find the Chandler Dekyts-potter in the Rue des Fusiliers Marins. But it takes an hour to find the boss, whilst I stand around improving my knowledge of bad language in French. Business is brisk. I gather, but relations between executive staff and office are strained. Then into the town for milk, vegetables, meat and all necessities for a real mammoth hors d'oeuvres. And eggs, three dozen of them, in three flimsy paper bags. It's three trips down the quay wall, across five other ships, before the lot are safely on board.

By this time, there is a clutter of wires and cameras and vans, and the usual large

crowd gawping, on the quayside. Eat that plate of food on the saloon table, I'm told, clear it away, get spruced up, Dimbleby will be aboard to talk to us in three-quarters of an hour. I comply, and emerge on deck 30 minutes later to see Dekyts-potter's van on the quayside. Over the five ships again, up the wall, along to the van. Tremendous sorting through of papers and piled up cardboard crates; ten minutes later I gather that by "un arrangement emmerde," our order was not on the van, but they'd make another trip, be back at 6 with it. Return to "Wanda," learn the great man and all his apparatus can't leave the quayside, we must drape ourselves over the ship nearest the wall. This we do and have a ringside of a TV programme in the making. Three cameras on castors, rather like barrelless Bofors; two large mysterious vans; a gorgeous man with purple trousers and long silvery hair, combed every time the breeze ruffles it; a sardonic Frenchman with a walkie-talkie on his chest—said Dimbleby, "I suppose we ought to have a monitor," replied the Frenchman "I think we have one, it probably doesn't work, but you can have it if it does good to your morale!" As the circus comes along the wall to us, I can see Dekyts-potter's van arrive but there's not time to catch him now as Dimbleby is on us. He is not as big as the cameras make him, below average in height, balding, and naturally easy to talk to. He doesn't want the history of the "Wanda," takes stories from the Doc and me, and passes on to the two old lifeboats.

Meanwhile Dekyts-potter's van has gone. "Come on," says Douglas, "We will catch Dimbleby and tell him it's his fault we haven't got our duty-free liquor." We find him in his Rolls, editing his material with a small mike and a playback recorder. He deposes Colley to take us to Dekyts-potter by car. Arrived there we find a staff farewell party in progress. More champagne, and then Dekyts-potter junior takes us to the cellar, we load our own order and he drives us in his car back to the quay. We invite him on board.

Two hours later, fatigue parties to fill petrol and water cans, then off with Douglas to find the Capitaine de Port, to arrange to leave at 3 in the morning. We track him down, he explains there are three low bridges, one of which won't be open till 5.30. If we can catch the bridge operator and adjust the

matter with him, all may be well. We get his address, but his wife says he's still at the bridge. But at the bridge he is not, so we try five nearby Bars and none of them have seen him. So it's down with the masts and squeeze "Wanda" under. We make it and moor beyond, alongside the Sea Cadet M.F.V. and old "Cambria." The Sea Cadets are cheerful, helpful and sober, the "Cambria" crew just cheerful. It's now 1 o'clock and time to think of food. Return to the town, to a Bar with soft lights and piped music, and an infantivorous barmaid who expected us to buy her whiskey at 6.50 francs a time. We 'phoned for a taxi—yes, he knew of a good place to eat at 1.30 in the morning. There it was in the station square, a little seedy perhaps, but an excellent meal and a reasonable bottle of wine. So like the Brasserie Lilloise, I expected to hear Ricketts rendering "J'attendrai le jour et la nuit" and see Brooke Fox, Jackson and Taylor eating at the next table; and to ride back on the early morning tram to Roubaix looking hard out of the window to avoid seeing any of my own Company doing the same.

We left at 3 but had to wait a long time for the next bridge to open. It was 4.30, first light, when we passed the lock and headed out of the harbour, to run down the French coast to the Dyck lightship off Calais. A grey misty morning, light drizzle, calm sea, and the skyline of the shore soon lost, our last landmark the huge oil drilling platform at sea off Calais, not marked on our charts. It was "course 246" and "246 it is" as Douglas called us in turn to our trick at the wheel. Commander E checked the revs, both engines and the charging motor, and retired to his bunk. A pale sun came out, but visibility was hardly more than two miles and we kept a sharp look out for the numerous vessels that loomed up enormous through the mist on this main shipping route. We never sighted the Varne lightship in mid Channel and held on for the Royal Sovereign, E.T.A. 3.30. Some small fishing boats at anchor at 2 o'clock made Mike revise this to 2.30, but his first estimate was truer; we sighted it dead ahead at 3.10 and passed it at 3.20, turning inshore till we picked up Beachy Head and running a mile offshore down the lovely white cliffs of East Sussex to enter Newhaven at 5 o'clock, correctly flying our yellow "Quarantine" flag, 100 miles on the log.

We refilled the petrol tanks, and water, and opened and sampled all our spirits for

the benefit of the Customs, who showed us how to fill in all the necessary forms and charged us nothing. Then ashore to ring up my home and ask my daughter and naval son-in-law to come over and pick me up—it was then I learned our little ceremony and interview had been on the TV and were to be repeated at 10.15 that night. Back on “Wanda”; “Clean up the wardroom,” says Commander E, “ladies aboard for dinner.” Mike opens all available tins except sardines, tips them into a large saucepan, Goulash, he called it. What impressed the guests most was the drill for opening wine without a corkscrew. No. 1 holds the bottle, No. 2 grips large brass woodscrew with a pair of pliers, No. 3 applies pressure from top while No. 1 rotates bottle anti-clock-wise. No. 2 extracts cork by pulling screw with pliers. Not recommended for vintage clarets or burgundies. We went ashore and saw ourselves on a pub TV.

"Weren't you nervous," said a customer. Not really, there was so much to keep one busy that there wasn't time to worry. Like 1940. D.G.D.

Military Essays Competition

1. **Bertrand Stewart Essay Competition, 1966.**
Prize: £80. Closing date: 22nd June, 1966.
Subject:

“ We have often, in the past, been accused of training to fight the last war. The tactics taught and practised for Limited War in the mid-sixties, 20 years after the last war, seem to show that we are in danger of following historical precedent.

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2. George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize
Essay, 1966.

Prizes: 1st prize £35, 2nd prize £15. Closing date: 31st March, 1966. Subject:

"The problem of the married soldier is not a serious one in a mainly short service army, such as those of most Continental countries and our own in the days of National Service. With a long-service professional Army it creates very real problems of accommodation, movement, finance and morale.

Discuss the Military problems created by early marriage amongst officers and other ranks of the present day British Army."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1965 competition and can be found in D.C.I. (Army) No. 94 of 24th June, 1964, except that the address of the Army Quarterly and Defence Journal show in paragraph seven is now:—
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1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. E. G. Woodman, M.C.
2IC	..	..	..	..	..	Major G. Mason
Adjutant	..	..	..	..	..	Capt. T. L. Trotman
Quartermaster	..	..	..	..	..	Major J. W. Kemp
R.S.M.	..	..	..	..	..	W.O.I R. L. Wildgoose

In Germany we were talking glibly about going to Soltau in June, having had a comparatively quiet time in May. However, as so often happens in the Army, we ended up in Canada, an account of which is given later in these notes. While all the planning for Canada went on we were left fully occupied with Haltern training, Exercise "Left Foot," a week of adventure training, Easter, the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, a fortnight at Sennelager, the 2nd Division massed bands and the visit of Her Majesty the Queen. After the Canada trip was confirmed, we celebrated the anniversary of the Glorious First of June and somehow dispatched the advance party immediately afterwards. That, in a nutshell was March to June in the 1st Battalion.

Halter Training

The new training season started with company training at Haltern which is about 30 miles away. The weather was quite good and each company achieved some useful training with some amusing incidents which are related in the Company notes.

Exercise "Left Foot"

The exercise was international and designed to practise co-operation between N.A.T.O. countries at battalion level. "C" Company were enemy and we provided all the umpires.

Adventure Training

"B" Company undertook to organise the adventure training which took place about 200 miles away in the Harz mountains near the border with East Germany. The training took the form of an exercise for each platoon on the way up, some extensive patrolling in the mountains from Platoon bases and culminated in an endurance exercise of just over 24 hours. The training was a great

success, largely as a result of the imagination and hard work put into it by Major Jones and Lt. Jarratt.

Sennelager

We spent a fortnight at Sennelager at the end of April. The weather was bad but we got through a lot of ammunition and remained full of good humour. The Divisional Commander, Major-General Wheeler, visited us, and commented that we "seemed very cheerful despite the weather."

A novel competition was devised for getting through the Battle Efficiency tests, which was won by No. 10 Platoon "C" Company. Each company was given a different route for the nine-mile "bash" and marks were deducted for men not finishing and minutes overdue. "A" Company made a slight miscalculation and although they all finished it was at the expense of time. No routes have ever been so carefully measured in an endeavour to justify this apparent shortcoming.

On the only fine Saturday morning, Major Mason assisted by Lt. Oram, laid out a tricky obstacle course beginning with lighting a No. 1 Burner, putting on water for tea and progressing through weapon skills, mortar and Mobat drills, Signals problems, map reading rallies and ending by shooting at balloons. The result was in doubt all the time as each company in turn took the lead; the marks awarded for the best cup of tea almost turned the tables in "C" Company's favour. "B" Company, however, just scraped home to a well-deserved win. The afternoon was devoted to a soccer competition which "A" Company won. Capt. Petzing got the rules mixed up with rugger and was carried off. However, true to form, he recovered by the evening.

2nd Division Massed Bands

The Band and Corps of Drums took part in what promised to be a brilliant spectacle on 7th May. Torrential rain during the rehearsal week threatened to cancel the function and it took the Divisional Commander's personal decision to put it on at all. The stadium became so waterlogged that rehearsals were held on the Royal Hampshire Square. During the actual performance the rain lashed down and there was a very disappointing turnout of German spectators—a pity, as the show was magnificent and put on largely for their benefit.

Visit of Her Majesty The Queen

Although Her Majesty was on a State visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, she paid a special visit to British and Canadian troops in B.A.O.R. at Sennelager and Soest respectively. The visit to British troops took the form of a mounted and dismounted parade. The battalion provided the Band and Drums and three detachments, each of three officers and 74 men. The organisation involved moving over 6,000 troops up to Sennelager, feeding them and housing some thousand of them for a week. Our detachment moved up for each rehearsal.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh inspected the parade from a Landrover in brilliant weather. The troops were drawn up in a hollow square and the three cheers from the 6,000 on parade echoed from the hills around.

The Glorious First of June

The main event of the celebrations was a fete held on Saturday, 29th May. We had stalls ranging from dart throwing to a bicycle obstacle course. Companies and departments put a lot of thought and hard work into the preparation of stalls, and after a very successful fete we were able to donate over £20 to Regimental funds from the profits. On Sunday, 30th May, the new silver altar set consisting of a cross, two candlesticks and two vases, was consecrated at a Drum Head Service held in the gymnasium. The altar set was bought with a grant from Regimental Funds and makes an impressive show in St. Mary's Church, Oxford Barracks. The Sergeants' Mess held a most successful Ball on 22nd May and the Officers' Mess held a Guest Night on 31st May. The officers' guests were the Brigade Commander, Brigadier

dier Dunbar, Lt.-Col. Peet, Majors Fitzpatrick and Doyle, and Capt. Acworth. The advance party for Canada was scheduled to leave at 4 a.m. on 1st June. They all vowed to go to bed early, but, in the event, the advance party officers only just made the coach. The 2IC changed his shirt at 4 a.m. to bid farewell to the party!

Visits

The following senior officers have visited the Battalion during the period:—

6th April:

Gen. Sir Reginald Hewetson, Adjutant General.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, Corps Commander.

Maj.-Gen. Wheeler, Divisional Commander.

Brigadier Dunbar, Brigade Commander.

11th April:

Maj.-Gen. Piggott, Colonel of the Regiment.

15th July:

Maj.-Gen. Piggott, Colonel of the Regiment.

Brigadier Crane, British Defence Liaison Staff, Ottawa.

Farewell


On 6th November Lt.-Col. Woodman will hand over command of the Battalion to Lt.-Col. J. W. Sewell. He is going as G.S.O.1 to the British Army Staff in Washington with the rank of Colonel.

During a particularly hectic period of command, Lt.-Col. Woodman has moved the Battalion from Hong Kong to Germany, converted it to an A.P.C. Battalion, commanded it through two training seasons in B.A.O.R. with six weeks training in Canada thrown in. The fact that we have come through all this with "flying colours" is indeed a great credit to him. To him and Mrs. Woodman, who has nobly looked after the interest of the wives throughout the two and a half years and particularly during our stay in Canada, we extend our warm thanks and good wishes for a happy tour in America.

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operational move to the Far East, we were told that we were probably going to Canada for six weeks training in the summer. The aim of the training was to practise the Battalion in an operational move by air, and to participate in the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group Summer Concentration at Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick. Because of certain political complications in taking the Battalion from B.A.O.R., this information could not be released to the public until just before the Advance Party flew, and these same difficulties placed the whole exercise in doubt right up to the last moment. Planning went ahead, however, and a reconnaissance party consisting of the Commanding Officer, Quartermaster and Major Ray left Münster on the 26th April and flew to Fredericton, New Brunswick, smoothly by Boeing 707, via a series of conferences at Whitehall, Ottawa and Halifax.

After selecting the Battalion camp site, solving the initial "Q" problems and seeing the training area by helicopter and road, Colonel Woodman and Major Kemp flew back to Germany on the 3rd May leaving a rather long leg on the ground—Major Ray as Liaison Officer to 3 C.I.B.G.

Camp Gagetown is divided into three main areas—the Permanent Camp, the Married Quarters and the Training Area. The Permanent Camp lies to the north of the Training Area and has about 100 military buildings, spaciouly laid out. Its amenities include sports fields, a vast recreational centre complete with a swimming pool, canteens, and a cinema. There are about 4,000 soldiers stationed in the camp throughout the year, but the military population is increased by several thousands during the summer concentration period when troops from other Provinces of Canada arrive for field training.

The Married Quarters are in the town of Oromocto, an Indian word meaning "Deep Water." This has a population of about 1,200 and has an excellent shopping centre.

The Training Area is the largest in the British Commonwealth—427 square miles. It is about 26 by 22 miles at its extremities and includes densely wooded areas, and some cleared land, many lakes and numerous small rivers. In the southern sector there is a miniature mountain range with peaks reaching 1,000 ft. and higher. The area lies to the west of the St. John River and begins about

12 miles south of the provincial Capital of Fredericton, and stretches to within 25 miles of St. John—New Brunswick's largest city.

Because of the limited accommodation in Camp Gagetown, and the fact that troops visiting for the Summer Concentration bivouac in the training area, it was decided that the Battalion would have a tented base camp at a place called Lavina in the Northern part of the training area and about five miles from the permanent camp.

On the 1st June, the Britannia carrying 70 All Ranks of the Advance Party arrived at Fredericton Airport. The party included Major Kemp, the Quartermaster, Capts. Rogerson, Barrow, Petzing, 2/Lt. Tucker, C.S.M. Warren and representatives of rifle companies and "H.Q." Company Departments. For the first two nights the Advance Party were accommodated in the permanent camp site, but then moved to Lavina and the bush? Jungle? We decided on Jungle! The first few days were chaos! Though we liked to believe organised chaos. The Quartermaster, W.O.1 Barker, C/Sgts. Palmer and Lea and various henchmen disappeared into the vast cantonment of 40 Command Ordnance Depot from whence a steady stream of "kit" emerged and wound its way over the roads and tracks to Lavina. Vehicles, cookers, chairs, charging engines, mortars, frying pans, tents, etc., accumulated in a large mound in Lavina. The "receiving party" shuddered, but a start had to be made somewhere and it was work, hard work for

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some days. Gradually however, tents were pitched, kit stacked neatly, vehicles parked and latrines dug and after two weeks, when the dust cleared, Lavina Camp was built, and very attractive it looked too. The area included an apple orchard with trees in full blossom and was surrounded by fir trees which gave a pleasing background to the tents. Battalion Headquarters, and "H.Q." Company were situated in the centre of the camp, with rifle companies a few hundred yards away. With a generator for each company all the marquees, and a number of sleeping tents had electric light and each company, as well as the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes had a television set provided free by a local shop owner, Mr. Ben Medjuck of Fredericton.

The main drawbacks to life in the Canadian Jungle were the black-flies and the mosquitos—all abundant and very vicious. However, the answer to these lay in mobile DDT spraying equipment and the Advance Party learnt how to make use of these very quickly.

It was certainly not all work and no play for the Advance Party—there were a number of recreational trips to Fredericton and St. John and one coach tour round southern New Brunswick including a flying visit to Calais, Maine, in the United States, so, that all could say "When I was in the States."

On the 18th, 19th and 20th of June, the main body of the Battalion arrived at Fredericton in a total of seven Britannias. The route had been from Wildenrath Airport, B.A.O.R., to Lynham and then to Fredericton, touching down at Gander in Newfoundland only if a head wind made re-fuelling necessary. As each aircraft arrived the passengers were taken by coach straight to Lavina and a hot meal. The company canteens took a hard knock and a lot of profit during the first few evenings. Large stocks of Moosehead and Schooner Beer disappeared like magic. The first aircraft in which the Commanding Officer flew, also contained no less than ten reporters from various Surrey newspapers who remained with the Battalion for two days.

Mention should be made of one of the aircraft which developed engine trouble and had to make a forced landing at Gander in Newfoundland. The reception party learnt with horror that this was the aircraft which had C.S.M. Chaffer aboard—an uneasy passenger at the best of times—but imagination boggled at the thought of what his

language might be like as a result of a five-hour delay. We were soon to learn. When the C.S.M. finally appeared at the top of the ramp at Fredericton and was asked why he was late, the air became blue and Canadians reeled back with shocked expressions from the blistering force of the Sergeant Major's tongue.

It didn't take the Queen's Surreys long to settle down and make themselves comfortable. To be able to chop down trees was a great advantage and amazing rustic furniture and fences began to appear. The Assault Pioneers Platoon built some stocks which proved very useful for hair-cutting operations later on.

Something must be said about New Brunswick itself. It is one of the four original Provinces which united to form the Dominion of Canada in 1867. Its population is about 600,000 of whom nearly 60 per cent are of British origin, 37 per cent are of French descent and the remainder are other races including North American Indians. New Brunswick borders on the State of Maine and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Quebec. The total area of the Province is about 28,000 square miles, of which over 79 per cent is heavily forested. Lumbering, mining, farming, and fishing are the principal occupations.

On Monday, 21st June, with the Battalion complete at Lavina, two members of the Forestry Department of Canada gave a talk on the dangers of forest fires—and how to deal with them—and the animal life of New Brunswick. We learnt that there were, taking the largest first, Moose, Black Bear, Deer, Raccoon, Beavers, Skunk and Snakes—non-poisonous luckily—Porcupines, Otter and Chipmunk, and many others. In the rivers and streams were salmon, trout, chub, smelt, and a variety of other fish. We saw most of these animals during our stay, and a shadowy visitor to the Officers' Mess one night, although saluted by L/Cpl. Stenning, was NOT the M.T.O. but was, in fact, a raiding Black Bear. A number of soldiers became fishermen, amongst them L/Cpl. Burnside and Cpl. Raynsford. The former took a party of soldiers to the world famous river, the Mirimichi, for a Sunday's trout fishing later during our stay.

Before dealing with the training it will be of interest to know which Canadian Units were taking part in the Concentration. Camp

Gagetown based units of 3 C.I.B.G. were:—The Royal Canadian Dragoons (one squadron); 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery; 2nd Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers; 3rd Signal Squadron Royal Canadian Signals; 1st Battalion The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada and 3rd Brigade Service Battalion. The units which joined 3 C.I.B.G. for the concentration were:—Headquarters 2 C.I.B.G. and 2nd Signal Squadron from Camp Petawawa, Ontario; 1st Canadian Signal Regiment from Kingston, Ontario; 1st Battalion R22eR (Van Doos), "C" Company 3rd Battalion R22eR and 2nd Field Ambulance from Valcartier, Quebec. In addition a helicopter transport platoon (which we were to get to know well) and various R.C.A.F. units arrived for the summer.

The year 1965 was a "Commanding Officers' Year" for 3 C.I.B.G., which meant that C.O.s would be left alone to train their units for the majority of the concentration. In fact, the only major exercise which the Queen's Surreys took part in was Exercise "Keep Safe" from the 16th to 25th July, which was the last item of training and tested "H.Q." 2 C.I.B.G. in Counter Insurgency Operations of U.N.O. type. Up to this exercise we were largely on our own and this enabled the Battalion to make full use of the rugged jungle type country to exercise junior leaders and individuals.

On 22nd/23rd June Companies had use of classification ranges to complete annual classification and on 25th and 26th June Rifle Companies carried out exercises with the squadron of Royal Canadian Dragoons. The remaining days of the first ten were spent on platoon and company exercises getting accustomed to the country and jungle type tactics. 2/Lt. Brown reported, in a strangled voice, after a day in the backwoods, that it had taken his platoon several hours to cover one mile of the heaviest country ever and with hatchets whirling like propellers.

On 6th July two umpire teams, headed by Major Jones, flew to Newfoundland to umpire the 1st Battalion The Black Watch of Canada on Exercise "Ace High." This exercise involved the air movement of 1 R.H.C., in its role as Canadian component of Allied Command Europe, Air Mobile Force, to Harmon, Newfoundland, and operations against a controlled enemy in rough mountainous country. And ROUGH it certainly was reported Major Jones,

although his party had time to gather strength before the battle in the luxurious American Air Base at Harmon Field. The teams returned on the 12th July after a strenuous but enjoyable time.

On 15th July, 3 C.I.B.G. gave a demonstration of new equipment. "C" Company were responsible for displaying the Carl Gustav Anti-Tank Weapon which the Canadians had never seen. Lt. Mellotte organised and ran the stand which proved to be a big attraction.

Exercise "Jungle Glade" was the name given to a five day exercise from the 10th to 14th July aimed at practising Companies to operate independently on foot over very difficult terrain with re-supply by air. Battalion Headquarters co-ordinated air-requests and the exercise involved the whole battalion, less a small rear party at Lavina, and was held in the mountain range in the south of the training area. Re-supply was done by the Vertol CH113 Voyager helicopters of the R.C.A.S.C. These were also used for troop lifts, and most men in the battalion travelled in one at some time during the exercise. The pilots of No. 1 Helicopter Transport Platoon became well known and popular figures to the Queen's Surreys.

After "Jungle Glade," Rifle Companies had an opportunity to practise river crossing operations using Canadian Assault Boats and Recce Boats. After the stealthy and serious training had been done there was still time for a noisy boat race or two—"B" and "C" Companies had a particularly hard and damp match.

The climax to the summer training was Exercise "Keep Safe"—the counter insurgency exercise from the 16th to 25th July. This was a one-sided exercise with a controlled enemy and exercise players. Major-General Turcot, G.O.C. Eastern Command directed the exercise, and 1 R.C.H.A. and the "Van Doos" provided the "players" and enemy respectively. For this exercise a number of tented villages had been put up over the training area, and our rifle companies were deployed with the task of protecting groups of villages. Battalion H.Q. had a mobile reserve consisting of a battery of R.C.H.A. in an infantry role, and two troops of Royal Canadian Dragoons. We had the northern part of the training area to look after, and 1 R.H.C. the southern part. Companies were kept pretty busy during the first few days, quelling riots and pacifying

nervous civilians. "B" Company riot squad was called into action in Camp Gagetown itself, when during a public execution of some captured "bandits" the crowd turned nasty. So nasty in fact that the government, rather weakly, reduced the sentence to life imprisonment.

Battalion Headquarters was attacked twice. The first attack was beaten off by the R.C.H.A. battery. The second never really got under way—a soldier of the Recce Platoon spotted the enemy and Sgt. Silverside took the platoon in a circling movement and captured the entire force of ten bandits (Van Doos, heavily disguised). The Canadians went to great trouble to make the exercise realistic, even producing a local newspaper sponsored by the "Government" which was dropped by helicopter each day.

We were kept pretty busy during our six weeks in Canada on training, but there was also time for other things.

On 1st July, Dominion Day, 3 C.I.B.G. held a sports meeting—the accent being on minimum training and maximum participation, or, as the Canadians put it, "Not for Jock Strappers." There were seven major competitions and the Battalion came first

out of the eight teams competing. The first competition was the jeep rally, in which each team entered five vehicles. Major Reynolds and Pte. Brown of "C" Company came second in the final placings and the Battalion team won the event. The Battalion did very well in the swimming competition and were easy victors. Cpl. Dawkins, Cpl. Meaden, L/Cpl. Morris and Lt. C. Howard and his brother 2/Lt. M. Howard were amongst the team members, all of whom swam magnificently.

We also won the cross-country race. There were 70 runners and seven members of the Battalion finished in the first ten, Major Strong being the overall winner.

Our teams did well in two games new to us—soft-ball and pushball. The former is a modified type of baseball and there was a worrying time for the Canadians when we were winning 6—5 at the end of the first innings. However, they won in the end. Pushball consisted of trying to push a huge inflated ball, 6 ft. in diameter, to opposite ends of a soccer pitch. Each team consisted of 12 with 18 reserves! After bloody battles, the doctor being carried off with a wrenched



The C.O. holds an "O" group during Exercise "Keep Safe." From left to right: Capt. Trotman, two Officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lt.-Col. Woodman, Major Jones

knee, our team was finally defeated by the R.C.D. in the final.

We were runners-up in the tug-of-war too, after a tremendously exciting pull against the Van Doos. The result depended on the last pull, and "Tuggers" and spectators alike were feeling the strain. The Van Doos managed to pull our team, but it was a close-fought contest.

The Battalion's Corps of Drums participated in Beating Retreat at the end of the Sports Day. The Bands of the R.C.D., R.C.H.A. and the Van Doos also played. Our Drums were kept fairly busy and one of their engagements was the day after Dominion Day. They went to Hartland, about 35 miles north of Fredericton and Beat Retreat in the Main Square. It was Hartland's annual festival, and thousands had gathered from the surrounding countryside to watch the performance which went down extremely well. The Drums were asked to the Ball in the evening in which they participated with equal enthusiasm.

On 5th July, we were delighted to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment to Canada. General Piggott had an opportunity to see Lavina Camp and talk to soldiers there before joining the party visiting the South Alberta Light Horse. On the return flight, General Piggott stopped at Toronto and had dinner with our Allied Regiment, The Queen's York Rangers, before returning to England. Before we left Canada we were delighted that the Commanding Officer and Majors Burke and Montgomery of the Queen's York Rangers were able to visit us and spend two days with the Battalion at Lavina.

In order that everyone would see something of Canada, three-day recreational coach trips to Quebec City and Montreal were organised. These were highly successful. It would have been far too costly to consider had not the Canadians given us great help in providing free accommodation in both cities. In Quebec our soldiers stayed in the historic Citadel—Depot of the Van Doos; in Montreal at the Personnel Depot just outside the city. On balance it appeared that Quebec was the more popular of the two places. As one soldier explained—there are a number of reasons why he liked Quebec City, and some of them could speak a word or two of English as well!

Attached to us for our Canadian visit was Sgt. Dobinson and nine men of the 15th/19th Hussars, our affiliated Tank Regiment in

B.A.O.R. We hoped they enjoyed themselves as much as we liked having them with us—they made first class infantrymen. Also attached was Capt. Randy Wood from the Royal Canadian Chaplain Department. He was a tremendous asset and we were very sorry to lose him at the end of our stay.

One of the things that made Canada enjoyable was the excellent weather—we had a minimum amount of rain and maximum sunshine. Before leaving we were able to enjoy this magnificent weather to the full as most of the battalion were able to have the last three days off.

On 31st July and 1st August the battalion flew back to Germany. With us travelled Mrs. Miles, wife of Pte. Miles of "H.Q." Company who got married in Canada. The flights home were smooth and R.A.F. Transport Command did a good job. So also did Capt. Warner-Johnson, the Unit Emplaning Officer, who had worked very hard to make arrangements for the flights to and from Canada as slick as they were.

Looking back on Canada, it was a great experience, and we owe a lot to the Canadians for their hospitality. To sum up in their words, there were "No Problems!"

"A" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major G. G. Strong

During the period under review the Company has seen many comings and goings and will see plenty more in the immediate future, for the aim now is to re-establish the Company as a fully constituted rifle company and drafts are due to join it before the end of September.

Major Donaldson left the Company in early May to take up the duties of P.R.I. Captain Petzing then kept the Company Commander's chair warm until the arrival of Major Strong on 12th May. In the weeks before the move to Canada, 16 new soldiers joined the Company from the Depot, who moved direct to Canada without undergoing continuation training. However, they acquitted themselves excellently and will form the backbone of the new No. 3 Platoon which will be brought up to strength by the arrival of another draft of 16 on the 24th August. Lt. Tucker joined the Company whilst in Canada and commanded No. 3 Platoon which for the period of training there consisted of men of the new draft plus some

seven men of the 15th/19th Hussars who were attached to the Company. Cpl. Parker also joined the Company from "C" Company whilst we were in Canada, for duties as a section commander in No. 3 Platoon.

So much for the credit side of personnel, now for the debits. Capt. Petzing has left us for the K.A.P.E. tour, after which he takes up his new appointment as Adjutant of the Cambridge University O.T.C. What bad luck some people have with their postings! Still it seems that despite the Army's posting system, square, or rather round, pegs do sometimes find the round hole.

C.S.M. Piper leaves us on 16th August to join 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) where we wish him the best of luck. I often wonder how that "bear" is getting on with the Sergeant Major's pipe, for I'm sure no one else on Exercise "Keep Safe" purloined it. Still, thanks to the ministrations of a kindly umpire, Capt. Bob Stewart of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, a substitute was produced and the Sergeant Major's peace of mind restored. Until C.S.M. Todd arrives at the end of August Drum Major Morris is filling the Sergeant Major's chair, or rather carrying his duties.

Sgt. Butler and his merry men, whose hat chopping antics in Canada caused quite a laugh, if not from Sgt. Butler himself, leave us in early August to join "H.Q." Company; logical, but sad to see them go. The Company lines on training will not seem quite the same without a set of stocks.

What of our activities! We won the Inter-Company Athletics on 11th May, the day before Major Strong arrived. His only contribution was to help consume the post match beer provided two days later for the team. Outstanding amongst our performers were Drum Major Morris, Sgts. Maloney and Pearson, Cpl. Spooner, Ptes. Mason, Scott, Halloran, Plumridge, Crawford, Lisk, Smith and Sullivan.

We trained at Sennelager in late April and early May. All those operations with only one casualty, the company typewriter! We stamped our feet and stood to attention on all the rehearsals and again on the actual parade on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to B.A.O.R. on 26th May. Unlike other guards we also did not faint.

The high spot of the period was our training in Canada. Who will forget the search in the forest of training area 30 for two soldiers of No. 1 Platoon, who will remain any-

mous. "We thought we were in the right place, sir, but reckoned the platoon was lost." Who will forget the flights by Vertol helicopters to remote parts of the training area, the assault river crossing when all we really assaulted was one another during the mornings pre-race regatta, or Mr. Siggers, who by some chance was still dry at lunch time.

What also do we remember. "C" Company arriving at Hibernia village by helicopter to conduct a cordon and search only to find us having breakfast there, having just finished a night cordon and dawn search on the same village. (Question—who confused the timings?) The Company volleyball team winning the final of the volleyball competition by one point from an excellent M.T. team and Pte. Scott's invitations to parties in Fredericton. They have lots of parties over there!

So much to remember, so little time and space to write it all down. Mr. Tucker dangling on a rope from a Vertol Helicopter. "Follow me men, there's nothing to it really." Dominion Day, the sun, the cheers and the efforts by all the battalion teams. The dust of the training area roads, the trees, the porcupines, the trees, the cool of the nights, the trees.

The Corps of Drums sounding Retreat on Dominion Day. Pte. Sandy arriving at the "NO Light Line" switching off his lights and proceeding in a smart soldier-like manner into a ditch.

So now we are back in Germany refreshed and ready for the mad whirl of B.A.O.R. soldiering, into which we must somehow fit the time for re-creating from ourselves a true rifle company.

"B" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major J. B. Ray

If variety is the spice of life, "B" Company must be spicy!! Haltern February/March, the Harz mountains and Ski-ing March/April, Sennelager field firing in April and Her Majesty the Queen's parade in May. Canada June/July and river crossing at Hamlin in August—Phew!! We look forward to the peace and quiet of Soltau training with the 15th/19th Hussars in September.

Haltern saw the Company based at the Gastette Wilms, this being a good place to celebrate Rosenmontag. C/Sgt. Proud between shouts of "You'll Pay," was ticking off

his number of days left to do in B.A.O.R. Some spirited (literally) boating took place, with one naval engagement which resulted in Cpl. Meaden being left in midlake with one paddle going round and round and almost disappearing like a distinguished bird. An attempt to play skittles using 70 sleeping soldiers as targets failed.

March and April and the scene changed to snow and slush and much bad language as an advance party from the Company struggled to put up an administrative base in the Harz from which to run adventure training for the rest of the Battalion. An early visit by the Company Commander nearly resulted in death, as Sgt. Allan had neatly stacked several thousands cans of beer on melting ice, which cascaded over him in the middle of the night and he was dug out with an entrenching tool. In due course the first team left Münster on an escape exercise which accounted for two broken doors, three windows, C/Sgt. Lay's finger and a good deal of nervous tension. At the camp Lt. Jarratt and Sgts. Allan and Speakman battled with many problems and much accounting, to say nothing of a successful search for an old woman. The camp was struck in mid April which so exhausted Cpl. Richardson and L/Cpl. McMullen that they fell asleep in the wrong truck for Münster and were handed in with the rest of the Stores at the Ordnance Depot at Hannover.

Sennelager field firing followed. C.S.M. Jennings became an honorary member of the Brockworst stall outside the main gate, whilst Pte. Noonan spent a fascinating evening under somebody's bed. Pte. Doherty tried to drive a "PIG" down a railway line and showed a Diesel train to blame in the subsequent F.M.T. 3. Pte. Hunt fresh from financial wizardry proved without doubt that "PIGS" can't swim.

The latter half of May saw a parade for Her Majesty and rehearsals caused much motoring from Münster to Sennelager and return. Despite several appeals for less speed a coach containing many officers and very senior Warrant Officers was seen engaged in a very interesting talk with the civil police, whilst a hat was being passed round for reasons best known to the occupants. The coaches would have been useful in June when the Company marched some 45 miles back from Haltern to Münster.

And so to Canada and many memories. No. 7 Platoon took to strange jungle wanderings whilst Sgt. Singleton was swiftly renamed

Sgt. Jungleton due to his prowess. Magic Beans issued by Capt. Barrow proved to be good iron rations in an emergency and L/Cpl. Gooden locked himself in a Landrover as a result of an unexpected encounter with a porcupine. Ptes. Joyce and Pumfrey discovered the largest "Gals" in New Brunswick and L/Cpl. Bunker met a bear at a most awkward moment. Finally, mention must be made of the hospitality given to some 50 members of the Company who spent three days being royally entertained by the people of St. Andrews.

And lastly but definitely not least, we must say farewell to Major Alan Jones after two and a half years with the Company, something of a record. We wish him luck in his new posting to Oslo and welcome Major Bryan Ray to take his place. We also welcome Lt. Colin Howard who replaces Lt. Tony Ling and who has been quickly renamed the Li-Lo Lieutenant. We would like to congratulate Sgts. Boyne and Willmott on their promotion and also L/Cpls. Wright, Blake, Sheridan, Slade, King, Bunker, Norris, Gooden and Gay (the first stripe of many we hope). Our best wishes go with Mistery Sharman, Heard and West on their transfer to civvy street.

"C" COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major M. F. Reynolds

March to August 1965! What are the memories? The warmth of Gasthof Wilms and the "bullion run" at Haltern. Nash's driving on the final night of the run, or being woken up at 0200 hours and told to recce those bridges. Or the 40 mile march with the three miles in respirators in a snow storm which finished Haltern and very nearly finished Cameron! Perhaps Exercise "Left Foot" with Major Reynolds, Capt. Roger-son, Lt. Goode, C.S.M. Chaffer, C/Sgt. Swift and Sgt. Prior dressed up in fur hats and No. 1 Dress—and to think someone actually ordered them to be difficult and truculent on that occasion!

What about those B.E. tests which No. 10 Platoon won at Sennelager and the inter-company competition on the last day when the C/Sgt's. tea was judged the best in the Battalion—that's certainly memorable!

To most of us though, Canada will be the main memory. The four hours at Gander whilst we changed aircraft after the engine failure in mid-Atlantic and all those American

college girls—the mosquitoes—bear stories—No. 10 Platoon having their boats pinched—Moosehead beer—Kemp and the rest being lowered 75 feet into the jungle from a Vertol helicopter—No. 11 Platoon looking for Nolan—Schooner beer—Lawfield, Hersey and Hayden villages—pizza—Cpl. Bodkin's section winning the assault boat regatta—Alpine beer—Topper Brown winning the jeep rally—Newlands—the Vandoos—night ambushes—Hodges trying to guard Jeffrey during the cordon and search of Hibernia—No. 9 Platoon shooting half their villagers—waiting for the Military Attachés in the rain—Tiller's equipment actually floating in George Lake—the hut at Morgan's Lake—Norman's cross—Henden's stockade—Kiamil's Canteen—the Ritz! Everyone will have his own memory.

Certainly it's worth remembering that Capt. Rogerson and Cpl. Davis got "A"s on their courses and Sgt. Campion, Cpl. Donnelly and Cpl. Rundle got "B"s on their's—even if Cpl. Rundle did have to fall 50 feet down a cliff to get his! And that Benetar, Robb and Gerrard got married. Congratulations also to L/Cpls. Hall and Hoey and to Rice and their wives on the

births of their children. And to Sgts. Campion, Prior, Donnelly, Edwards, Cpls. Davis and Ebbens, and L/Cpls. Rosser, Sibley, Hall, Newman, Peters, Maye, Hoey, Tickner, Cameron, Brown, Dingwall, Smith and Evans on their promotions.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Sgts. Hope, Robinson and Dent, Lts. Horan and Le Maitre, Cpl. Caulkett, L/Cpl. Ashwell and Ptes. Wood, Johnson, King, O'Rourke and O'Reilly who have left for various other jobs, plus of course many more like Snowdon who have moved to other companies in the Battalion.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Officer Commanding Capt. K. G. Wakely

Command of "H.Q." Company has been passed rapidly like a rugger ball from Officer to Officer since the last notes were written. Major Ray went to Canada as Liaison Officer on 26th April and passed the ball to Capt. Warner-Johnson, who in turn got rid of it quickly to Major Donaldson who commanded the Company, and the Rear Party, during the Battalion's trip to Canada. On the return of the Battalion, Major Ray was appointed Company Commander again, but, hardly pausing in his stride, handed over to Captain Wakely who is now in the chair.

O.C.s may come and go but C.S.M. Quickenden and W.O.2 Harding remain and have preserved their sanity. We congratulate the latter on his well-earned promotion. Whilst in Canada W.O.2 Warren acted as "H.Q." Company C.S.M., as C.S.M. Quickenden was Rear Party Sergeant-Major.

The Company enjoyed Canada very much. The Phantom sign-writer of the M.T. had been at work during the Advance Party period however, and the M.T.O., armed with a paint brush, was busy crossing out signs such as "Peachy's Gas Station" over the POL point, etc., and writing "censored" over them. The M.T. Section did extremely well. Some of the vehicles issued would have caused no comment in the London to Brighton vintage race—jeeps, 3-tonners and "Deuce and a halfs" (2½-tonners) were pretty old. Mr. Barker and the fitters and the hard work of the drivers themselves kept them rolling however. When we handed our vehicles back they were, said the Cana-



Members of No. 10 Platoon on the march in Canada

dians, in the best condition of any they had seen and by far the cleanest.

It should be recorded here that Cpl. Pratt and Pte. Tathbone have no Sioux or Mic-Mac relations, and they achieved their tremendous tan the hard way—sun bathing for at least eight hours a day.

We congratulate Pte. Miles on his marriage. As the present O.C. said, "They don't hang about in "H.Q." Company." We didn't expect to return from Canada one stronger than when we went out!

Signals Platoon

"NTR," that abbreviation so often used by all signallers, well summarizes our activities since March. It is a real case of "Where the Battalion goes there go we."

The trip to Canada was generally enjoyed, but especially by Pte. Innes who is still bemoaning the fact that German Fräuleins do not speak English (albeit with an accent) like the girls of Fredericton (or one in particular).

Our standing commitments in the Base Camp were too heavy to allow much field

training but all signallers became highly practised in the art of Exchange Operating. By now the whole platoon appreciates the tremendous patience and politeness of the G.P.O. operators—why is it that so many subscribers become so mad and impatient?

Sgt. Lees and a small party of signallers sampled a bit of real backwoodsman life when they were dropped by helicopter on the tip of Mount Douglas to set up and man a re-broadcast station. They were picked up five days later safe and sound having become experts on Canadian wild life. Bears ate their food and Pte. Thompson afforded great amusement when seen being chased by a skunk; no doubt he had heard about Pte. Martin, M.T. Platoon, who woke up one morning to find a similar animal which was fast asleep at the foot of his sleeping bag.

We now await the arrival of the armoured FV 432 when we feel that we Signallers really will become the "life line of the Battalion."

We all wish Ptes. Branson, Hosking, Mustoe and Linder, who have been demobilised, the best of luck.



Supplies being lowered to the Recce Platoon from a Vertol CH 113 Voyager Helicopter

Recce Platoon

The so-called jungles of Canada provided an ideal training-ground for the Platoon, for hiding oneself presented no problem. Pte. Rawlings led a patrol into the "impenetrable forest" and could not understand why his sense of direction had let him down, as he emerged four hours later on the other side of the training area. On another occasion Cpl. Woodhall led a patrol ten miles across country, surviving an ambush laid by Sgt. Silverside. Unfortunately night caught him and his men still in the forest and they were all being slowly eaten alive by mosquitoes. Meanwhile L/Cpl. Collins and Pte. Caton made a dash to an RV with a spotter aircraft which was to drop them a vital message. They then pushed on to the house where "Professor" Jarratt was held prisoner by the dreaded Silverside and his gang of thugs. At 4 a.m. they closed in on the house and had got within five yards when "Scarface" Patterson and "Dino" Roots caught them in a deadly crossfire, but the Professor was successfully rescued. Then came an eight-mile march across country to RV with the Otter aircraft that was to lift them back to safety. As day dawned Cpl. Woodhall led his battered remnants out of the forest and made hot-foot for the RV, stopping only to ambush the Silverside gang on the way. Soon the aircraft could be seen circling the airfield and rescue seemed certain, but as they landed "Evileyes" Stent opened up from his jeep. There was a mad scramble to get on the aircraft but luckily everyone made it. This is just one example of the type of exercise we were able to do in Canada with no fatigue or training area worries, and the platoon undoubtedly benefitted from their visit.

The Band

Since April the activities of the Band have been divided into four main events; the Second Division Massed Bands Display, which took place in Münster, the inspection of the Band by the Commandant Kneller Hall, the inspection of the dismounted parade at Sennelager by Her Majesty the Queen and finally the rear party duties which had to be undertaken when the Battalion went to Canada.

The 6th Infantry Brigade were the hosts to this year's 2nd Division Massed Bands Display, in which 13 Bands took part. The display was given in the Prussian Stadium in

Münster, a full size football stadium which proved only just large enough for the massed finale. From the Infantry Bands' point of view the main problem was a spin wheel 20 abreast, no easy task without instruments let alone with them and playing them as well. The entire programme went very well and concluded with Capt. "Bud" Quinn, R.A., conducting over 600 musicians playing *Cavalleria Rusticana*, which he did in a Toscanini-like manner with a tremendous response.

K.H. Inspection—this phrase chills the blood of bandmen and freezes the Bandmaster's. On Friday, 14th May the Commandant and Director of Music arrived at the Officers' Mess and attended a dinner night with the Band in attendance. This gave the Band a chance to play for the inspecting officers before the actual inspection. The following day the inspection went very well and in the evening we had a Social in the Band Club Room with the Inspecting Officers as our guests. The outcome of the whole day was a grading of "Very Good" from the Inspector of Army Bands. The young bandmen deserve a pat on the back, particularly when one considers that the average age of the Band is slightly less than 22 (this includes all the old Sergeants and the young Bandmaster!). They were particularly impressed by our "Beat Group," led by Sgt. Imeson which at least shows that we move with the times.

Our next major engagement was at Sennelager for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen in which a more massive Band than the 2nd Division Display took part under the direction of Lt. Richards, R.T.R.

With the battalion off to Canada at full strength, the bulk of the rear party duties fell to the Band, but, between guards and fatigues we managed to undertake some worthwhile engagements. One such engagement was an R.A.S.C.—R.C.T. Re-badging Ceremony at Grobbendonck in Belgium: quite a long run for a 30 minute parade. However, some of the hardy annuals in the Band managed to get into Brussels for the evening—enough said. C/Sgt. Matlock, in a mad dash for the Sergeants' Mess in Grobbendonck during a fantastic thunderstorm, managed to miss being struck by lightning by only a few feet—which goes to prove he is not as good a conductor as Kneller Hall thought he was!

Visit to Canada, July 1965

BY MAJOR-GENERAL F. J. C. PIGGOTT, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

When I learnt that the 1st Battalion were going to train in Canada for six weeks in June and July, I thought it was worth asking the Ministry of Defence whether I might have authority to visit Canada, to see the 1st Battalion and also our two Allied Canadian Regiments, The Queen's York Rangers and The South Alberta Light Horse. I pointed out that I could find no record of the Regiment ever having previously served in Canada, or of a Colonel, while in office, visiting our allied Canadian Regiments. Nevertheless I was surprised as well as delighted when I received the authority I sought, accompanied by an extremely expensive air ticket.

I set off early on Monday morning, 5th July, flew to Montreal and then back Eastwards to Fredericton, New Brunswick. The C.O. of the 1st Battalion met me there with L/Cpl. Stenning, and I was driven to the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. We arrived just after 10 p.m. local time; just after 2 a.m. my time, but it was a good deal later before I went to bed.

The next day and a half was spent with the 1st Battalion in their Camp in the New Brunswick forests, meeting old friends and new in great numbers; Pte. Lawless, who never seems to grow older, Cpl. Waring acting as Officers' Mess Sergeant, Capt. Barrow and C.S.M. Jennings disporting themselves on the banks of a lake buried deep in the jungle. And R.S.M. Wildgoose presiding over a Sergeants' Mess different in appearance to the one at Münster, but no less hospitable and popular with neighbouring units. I was much impressed by the spirit of everyone I spoke to, and I look forward to reading a full account of the whole period from the Battalion themselves. Their sporting achievements on Dominion Day, when they beat all comers, had obviously done them no harm. I visited the Commander of 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, and thanked him for the remarkable kindness and help shown to the Battalion at every level.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th July, I set off to meet the South Alberta Light Horse, accompanied by the C.O., Adjutant, Quartermaster and Major Ray. We reached

Calgary that evening (as far away as England, incidentally), where we were met by the Area Commander and accommodated by the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in their beautiful permanent Home Station Mess. The S.A.L.H. were in Camp at Wainwright, but had most kindly provided us with tickets for the Calgary Stampede. We were lucky that our visit coincided with Stampede week, as it is certainly a sight to have seen. We were there in good time for the opening, since the first item was the milking of the wild cows—a spectacular scene in which 16 teams, each of three cowboys and a horse, vied with each other simultaneously to catch one of 16 wild and hitherto unmilked cows, and extract from them a couple of inches of milk into a small bottle. I repeat, a spectacular scene.

Our visit to Calgary and Wainwright was made additionally pleasant by the presence of Al Brown as our guide and mentor. I had heard about Al. A few years ago he visited England for a week or two, and, very properly, got in touch with the Surreys Depot at Kingston-on-Thames. He appeared to enjoy it, for he stayed 18 months, dividing his time between the Depot and the T.A., including Camp: and on return to Canada claimed, and got, his Militia pay for having done his military training for the year, albeit with our T.A. It was splendid to meet him, but sadly the South Alberta Light Horse detachment in Calgary has been closed down, and he has had to transfer to the King's Own Calgary Regiment. Sadder still, it was not possible for our visit to include Medicine Hat, the home and, now, sole station of the S.A.L.H.

The next morning we flew in a R.C.A.F. Otter to Camp Wainwright, where we were met by, among others, Lt.-Col. Ainscough of the S.A.L.H. There were only about 100 of the Regiment in Camp, but they made us welcome in a big way. They were being administered by Lord Strathcona's Horse, of the Canadian Regular Army, and that evening there was a splendid barbecue in the tented Officers' Mess. The enormous quarter of beef was roasted all day over a fire, the spit being turned by an ingenious adaptation of

the winch of a recovery vehicle. I handed over to them on behalf of the Regiment a silver Victorian ink stand, not, as I was careful to point out, as a gift, but on long, or even permanent, loan. It was late, very late, before we went to bed, the evening being enlivened with some lusty singing by, among others, General Rockingham, the G.O.C. of Western Command.

Next morning, at 4.30 a.m., our small detachment crept silently away, flying by Otter again, to Edmonton. There we embarked on a D.C.8 and flew to Toronto, where I parted from the 1st Battalion officers, who had to get back for a four-day exercise in Gagetown. I was met by Lt.-Col. J. I. Johnston, C.O. of the Queen's York Rangers, and driven to the Royal York Hotel, the largest hotel in the Commonwealth, and certainly one of the most comfortable. A number of surprises awaited me there; a luxurious suite, well equipped with refreshments, all provided by the Queen's York Rangers; and also the presence of Major Geary, V.C., wearing the (correct) Regimental tie. I knew his name before, of course, and had asked to meet him if at all possible. The Rangers had done it splendidly; collected him in a car from his home in Niagara, accommodated him also in the same hotel, invited him to attend a dinner that night and lunch the next day, and then were driving him back to his home. Despite his V.C., up till Amalgamation in 1959, Geary was no more than a distinguished retired Surrey and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Provincial Parliament to the Queen's York Rangers; since then, he has been a member of their allied Queen's Surreys, and his treatment on 10th and 11th July, 1965, is a lesson in how these things should be handled. I might add, at this point, that Geary's two sons, one a Lieutenant-Commander in the R.C.N. and one a Major in R.C.E.M.E., are both stationed in England now; they both, and their families, will, I hope, be spending a day at Kingston-upon-Thames shortly, to see their Father's photo, and trophies, in the Regimental Museum. I had one surprise for Col. Johnston, for I took out of my suitcase the engraved beer mug that the Rangers had given me on my visit to them in 1956, and proceeded to put it to its proper use.

That evening, Saturday, the Honorary Colonel of the Rangers, Col. J. S. Vanderploeg, gave a dinner party for six guests in the beautiful York Club: it was a getting-to-

know-each-other party, and delightful. I fear I let the side down slightly by breaking it up at 10 p.m. local time, but by then Canadian hospitality and the perpetual change of times were beginning to catch up on me, and I was desperately in need of sleep. However, 10 hours later I woke up as good as new.

The event of the next day was a luncheon in the Officers' Mess of the Regiment at Fort York Armoury, attended by numerous officers and their wives. It was a Sunday, and a gorgeous day, and all these good people had forsaken their recreation in order to make me welcome; it was a delightful gesture, which I much appreciated. It would be uncivil, too, if I did not add a note of appreciation of the ladies' finery and some memorable hats; the Mess Sergeant in his Mess Kit did not have it all his own way, smart and colourful though he was. I was asked to make a short speech, and in it I said how keen we, on our part, were to keep the alliance fresh, and how we hoped that any of them visiting England would get in touch with us.

It was now time for me to catch my plane to Ottawa, and I did so wearing the Regimental tie of the Rangers: their Honorary Colonel and I exchanged the actual ones we were wearing (mine, of course, being our Regimental tie). The C.O. saw me off, and thus ended a memorable trio of liaison visits. My trip ended with 24 hours in Ottawa, where I had the opportunity of thanking Brigadier Crane and his British Defence Liaison Staff for the admirable way in which they had made the arrangements not only for my own visit, but for all that they had done, and were still doing, for the 1st Battalion. F.J.C.P.

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Home Counties Brigade Depot

The Depot seems to have had more than its normal share of publicity during the summer months. In April, we had the unusual experience of being visited by a party of Russian students of both sexes and this gave Public Relations and the Press a field day. Not having any official secret weapons, there were no complications but one female teacher from the Ukraine was well photographed receiving instruction in a drum.

Later that month, 20 or so members of the Thanet Young Farmers' Club made an evening visit and were entertained by the Permanent Staff Club.

The real publicity excitement occurred when the first T.A.E.R. personnel were called up for service with the 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. On the first day Mr. Fred Mulley, M.P., Minister of Defence for the Army, and Lt.-General Sir George Cole, K.C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, came down to Canterbury. Already on the ground were hordes of press and cameramen covering national and local newspapers, B.B.C., I.T.V. and film news reels. The Ever Readies from the 3rd and 4th Battalions Queen's Surreys (T.A.) under Lt. R. M. Arnold missed this limelight as they arrived in later drafts.

Next we were invaded by a large commercial television set-up of advertising publicity and film directors, cameramen and one continuity girl. After a preliminary visit

when hundreds of still photographs were taken, they stayed for a week and filmed various aspects of a recruit's life. By the time these notes appear readers may have already seen the film on T.V.

Just for good measure, the B.B.C. sent down Producer, Francis Dillon, and Script-writer, Barry Campbell, to do some recordings here for incorporation in a programme entitled "Portrait of Canterbury." This was broadcast in the Home Service on 22nd August and listeners heard the Junior Soldiers Corps of Drums and the voices of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. N. Clayden, and the O.C. Junior Soldiers' Company, Major A. D. Peckham, M.B.E.

This summer saw the formation of the Home Counties Brigade Sailing Association and its first voyage was from Dover to Boulogne and back one weekend in June. For this the Royal Engineers Sailing Association yacht "Bolem" was chartered, one member of the crew being Junior Sgt. H. Barker.

A gardens competition was won for the second year running by W.O.1 P. Floyd. A special award and equal 4th went to R.Q.M.S. R. Morris.

Among the 62 recruits drafted to the 1st Battalion during the summer months, the following distinguished themselves whilst training and received the awards noted below:

Date	Name	Award	Presented by
12th March	Pte. G. Castleton	Best Recruit	R. D. Lemon, Esq., C.B.E., Chief Constable of Kent
15th April	Pte. L. Blythe	Best Recruit	Major V. F. P. Miller, R.A. (Retd.), A.R.O., Canterbury
6th May	Pte. M. Hitcham	Best Shot	
	Pte. P. Charman	Best Recruit	
		Best Shot	Lt.-Col. P. N. Elgood, C.O. 4/5 R.W.K. (T.A.)
		Best at P.T.	
14th May	Pte. N. Woolgrove	Best Recruit	
4th June	Pte. J. Gough	Best at P.T.	Major H. A. White, M.B.E., ARO NE London
	Pte. C. Love	Best Shot	
			Major P. R. H. Kealy

Junior Soldiers

At the end of the 1964-65 season the Junior Soldiers' XI reached the Army Junior Hockey final and met the R.A.P.C. Apprentices' School at Aldershot. The Depot side lost 2-1. Three Junior Soldiers

from the Depot, among them Junior L/Cpl. R. Arnold, attended an Army Ski-Association Junior Cross Country Ski Course at Oslo and all did extremely well.

In June, Capt. Anderson and Cpl. Beeson took eight Junior Soldiers to Belgium. One



The Chief Constable of Kent, Mr. R. D. Lemon, C.B.E., presenting the award for the best recruit to Pte. Geoffrey Castleton at Home Counties Brigade Depot on 12th March, 1965

18th June	Pte. G. Smith	Leader of Best Section (No. 2)	Lt.-Col. D. A. Willows, C.O. 4 Buffs (T.A.)
The Sterling Cup (Best Clarinet Player)	..	..	J/Bdsm. M. Gay
The Military Proficiency Cup (Drums J/N.C.O.)	..	..	J/Sgt. H. Barker
Junior Privates Cup (Best All Rounder in the Rifle Platoon)	..	..	J/Pte. M. Murphy
Senior Education—English	..	..	J/Bdsm. M. Gay
Arithmetic	..	..	J/Sgt. H. Barker
Intermediate Education—applied Map Reading	..	..	J/Dmr. J. Chapman
Junior Education—Arithmetic	..	..	J/Dmr. C. Robinson

of these was J/Bdsm. Gay. They hired bicycles on arrival at Ostend and visited Ypres, Hill 62, Hill 60, Oudenarde, Waterloo, Brussels, Ghent and Bruges before handing their machines back at Ostend. Among other places visited was the Tyne Cot Military Cemetery. The Junior Soldiers also took part in the nightly ceremony at the Menin Gate.

The Junior Soldiers' Summer Term ended on 14th August with an "At Home" and Prize Day. Mrs. C. N. Clayden, wife of the Commanding Officer, presented prizes to the above Queen's Surreys personnel:

Visitors

Visitors to the Depot were Mr. Fred Mulley, M.P., Minister of Defence; Lt.-General Sir George Cole, K.C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command; Major-General D. B. Lang, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Director of Army Training; Major-General E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. 44th (Home Counties) Division/District, his successor, Major-General F. B. Wyldbore-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., and R. D. Lemon, Esq., C.B.E., Chief Constable of Kent.



Lt.-Col. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E., presenting the award for the best recruit at PT to Pte. Noel Nugent at Home Counties Brigade Depot on 20th August, 1965

Regimental visitors included Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, C.B.E., D.S.O., Lt.-Cols. R. S. N. Mans, M.B.E. and M. J. A. Clarke, M.B.E., Majors R. P. Mangles, M.B.E., M.C., K. Osborne, N. G. Pepperall, J. W. Kemp, J. Schofield, T.D. and T. E. Parsonage, T.D., Capt. G. B. Redfern, T. L. Trotman, C. E. J. Allanson and S. J. Petzing, Lts. D. H. Hutt, C. G. Reeves, H. G. D. Smith and J. A. Winterfeld. Ex-Pte. Harry Robinson of New Cross, and a wartime member of the 17th Queen's Anti-Tank gun crew under Sgt. Andrews, D.C.M., at Medenine, also visited the Depot and Brigade Museum. The gun, which was formerly at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford is now on a concrete base just inside the main gate at Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

Another visitor was golfer George Will who had been on the Depot staff in 1960. He was the Army Golf Champion in 1959 and 1960 and is in this year's Ryder Cup Team. He came to Canterbury to play in an exhibition match for charity with Harry Weetman and Neil Coles, both of whom accompanied him on his visit to the Depot.

Postings out from Permanent Staff have included Capt. P. A. Gray to H.Q. Cyprus District, Lt. N. D. J. Harris to No. 39 Army Youth Team, C.S.M. Hopkins to the Malaysia Rangers, Cpl. G. Palmer and Pte. Soffe to the 1st Battalion, J/Bdsm. K. Kinghorn to Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. C/Sgt. Washington has left the Depot on discharge.

Postings in were Major P. R. H. Kealy from Cyprus to be Brigade Recruiting Coordinator, 2/Lts. D. J. Heath and J. E. Horan, C/Sgt. A. Palmer, L/Cpl. J. Brummell, Ptes. H. King and K. Wood from 1st Battalion, C/Sgt. P. Gibbs from 1 Royal Sussex, and Sgt. M. Pearson from 1 Queen's Own Buffs.

Promotions

C/Sgt. A. Palmer to A/W.O.2.
Sgt. M. Pearson to Colour-Sergeant.
J/Cpl. H. Barker to Junior Sergeant.

Golf

Throughout the summer a keen interest has been shown in the Golf Course by Capt. Burton, Capt. Anderson and Lt. Murphy, all of whom are hoping to have their handicaps reduced by the autumn.

On the 2nd August, the Depot had a match against the Royal Marines Depot, played at Deal when we were beaten 4 and 1. The

Regiment was represented by Capt. Burton, Capt. Anderson and C.S.M. Hopkins. After some very entertaining golf we were royally entertained in the Royal Marines' Mess. We hope to have a return match in September.

The 18th August was the day set for a needle match between 44 (Home Counties) Division/District and Eastern Command. This match was played in perfect weather on Royal Ashdown. Capt. Burton was our only Regimental representative. The morning resulted in all square and after a good lunch it was really a case of the winners being the survival of the fittest. However, a first-class game ended with the Match being halved. The Depot representatives were unbeaten.

During the summer we have been running a monthly medal competition. This has been a highly successful venture and for an entrance fee of 5s. it has provided the winner and runner-up with a healthy bonus.

We hope to have at least four golfers from the Depot playing at the Regimental Meeting in October.

Special Recruiters

The team of Special Recruiters are deployed as follows:

C/Sgt. D. Smith—Brigade Recruiting Team operating from Canterbury.

C/Sgt. W. Hannigan—Norbury, where he has had a long but most successful production spell as a Recruiter. He is returning to the 1st Battalion shortly.

Sgt. B. Lane—Guildford.

Sgt. W. Gill—Camberwell.

Sgt. K. West—Surbiton.

Sgt. A. Thompson—Blackheath.

The fact that at the time of going to press there has been a steady increase in the strength of all the Regiments in the Brigade indicates that the team has been doing a productive and worthwhile job.

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Almost five years ago, the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was created from our three parent units. At the time of this re-organisation and indeed ever since, we have been urged from all levels to "recruit at least up to 65 per cent. of establishment," in order that we could fill an important and indispensable role in the nation's defence.

To this end we have all done our best to build an efficient and happy battalion, and we believe that we have had some measure of success. It has not been easy to do this in the face of a critical and often most inaccurate press. The label of "Paper Soldiers" and "Bar Proppers" comes not a little hard to those who have given so much of their time and energy to the Territorial Army, and have never been found wanting when a cash contribution has been necessary in order that the traditional dignity of the Army on public occasions might be demonstrated.

The recent announcement of a further re-organisation of the Territorial Army has brought to many of us an acute sense of disquiet; and the feeling that our efforts, in our spare time, at weekends, and at the expense often of annual holidays may have been taken for granted.

If, however, these efforts have in any way contributed towards the creation of a better equipped and understanding section of society, then maybe all has been worthwhile after all!

Despite the gathering clouds, the last six months have been exceedingly busy ones for

all members of the Battalion. Most people greet each other on New Year's Day with the words "Happy New Year"; T.A. Permanent Staff instead say "Happy Admin Inspection." For us this was so, the Brigade Commander reporting that we were a keen and efficient T.A. Battalion.

January and February were spent, as usual, in classification weekends on various ranges, volunteers returning invigorated by the cool and fresh winter zephyrs. February and March also saw much work spent in preparation for the annual Courage Trophy Tough Training Competition. We were this year unfortunate, our best team, that of the Reconnaissance Platoon from Woking came sixth; we had hoped for better results but the aircraft returning our "Ever-Readies" from Germany was delayed due to the weather and several of our teams had to cancel. Our warm congratulations go to the 4th Battalion, who gained first and third places.

Our Battalion Cross Country Running Team gained a unique record when they won the 44th (Home Counties) Division Championship for the tenth consecutive year. This year, for the first time in their history, the team also won the Eastern Command Championship which was run concurrently. They beat the H.A.C., and the double victory provided the Battalion with a memorable St. Valentine's Day.

The Battalion's team consisted of Sgt. Nugent of "B" Company; Cpl. Hassell of

"H.Q." Company; L/Cpl. Temlett of "C" Company; L/Cpl. Allaway of "D" Company; L/Cpl. Gardiner of "A" Company; Pte. Shults of "B" Company; Pte. Whittington of "C" Company; Pte. Lamb of "D" Company and Pte. Sparks of "A" Company.

The first six home of each unit's team counted for the championship. In the combined Command and Division Championships Cpl. Hassell came second, L/Cpl. Gardiner fifth, Sgt. Nugent eighth, L/Cpl. Allaway ninth, L/Cpl. Temlett thirteenth, and Pte. Sparks fifteenth. Cpl. Hassell was the first home of the teams from the 44th Division and so retains the Divisional title which he won last year.

The prizes were presented by Brigadier M. C. Harris, M.B.E., Commander 33rd Artillery Brigade, T.A.; each member of the team receiving a medallion as well as the Division and Command trophies.

Over Easter, a large party from the Battalion went, once again, on our annual Battlefield Tour in Belgium. As in previous years our good friends Majors Jean Charles and Jos Klein from the Ecole Royale Militaire came with us as guides and Major Albert Dournez and his staff at the Belgian Army

barracks in Ypres acted as our hosts. We express our thanks to these Belgian Officers who so willingly give up their Easter weekend for us; each year we find it more difficult to express adequately our very real gratitude for all the work they do for us. The tour included parts of the Ypres salient, the route of the Guards Armoured Division in the operations leading to the liberation of Brussels and the route of the 11th Armoured Division in the operation leading to the liberation of Antwerp.

After Easter, training mainly centred on Company and Platoon activities, in particular the training of teams for the Brigade Weapons Meeting. Four Officers' training days were also held at different Drill Halls.

Camp, at Stanford P.T.A., Norfolk, this year was one of the most enjoyable within memory. Despite astringent comments in the national press, this Battalion went to camp with three rifle companies each of two or three platoons, and a headquarters company that included Recce, Signals, M.T., Intelligence and Corps of Drums; and of course the Battalion Band. It was designed to be a very energetic camp; in this object it certainly succeeded. The first week included two night



"WELL IN THE CART"

Five old soldiers of 3 Queen's Surreys—Major Saunders, C.S.M.s Homersham, Fuller and Edwards and Sgt. Woods—fade away after combined service totalling 150 years

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exercises, two route marches, an obstacle course competition and field firing exercises. The Headquarters Company team, led by Lt. Herd, won the Obstacle Course Competition, with "D" Company second.

The second week involved a full four days in the field, including defence, withdrawal, advance to contact, patrolling and a Battalion attack. During these four days exercises, all departments of the Battalion, including such rare and elusive departments as pay, mail and some of the Q.M.'s staff, took to the field and operated tactically.

Camp each year produces its personality and its saying. This year it was without doubt R.S.M. Wilson's Camp, and many who answered "Yes" to his question "Are you enjoying camp?" were a little surprised by his reply—"Right we'll soon fix that!" From early in the morning, beginning his day with rousing words of encouragement at Officers' Drill parades, to late at night in his own Mess, the R.S.M.'s energy was heard by all. Happily, for one brief moment we were able to reduce him to total silence—when the Officers presented him with his sword. At the end of camp the R.S.M. organised a sad but splendid farewell to five of our longest serving members, Major Saunders, C.S.M.'s Edwards, Homersham, and Fuller and Sgt. Woods. A farm cart was borrowed from a local laird, the retiring volunteers placed in it, and the cart, suitably decorated, was towed out of camp preceded by the Band and Drums with members of the Battalion cheering and lining the route. It will be a strange Battalion without these five trusted, familiar faces, but they have left before the sad task of folding the Battalion's tents has begun. We thank them for all their work for the Regiment in war and in peace, give them every good wish and expect to see them, without fail, at O.C.A. reunions.

We congratulate the following on their awards:—

Efficiency Decoration (Territorial):

Major W. B. Greenhow
Capt. A. H. Le Q. Clayton

Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

Cpl. H. E. Davies
Sgt. D. L. Button
Cpl. G. H. M. Green
Cpl. C. Pollitt (2nd Clasp)

Meritorious Service Certificates

C/Sgt. J. A. Bromage

Sgt. A. R. Coulson
Sgt. K. N. Chennells
Cpl. I. G. Hounslow
Cpl. W. T. Critcher
L/Cpl. A. Heard
L/Cpl. B. Uttley.

We also congratulate Lt. Herd on his promotion to Captain, 2/Lts. Wright and McFadyen on promotion to Lieutenant, C/Sgt. Shuff on promotion to C.S.M., Sgt. Nason on promotion to C/Sgt., and Cpls. Lyen and Ogilvie on promotion to Sergeant.

Territorial Army Emergency Reserve

The Battalion supplied 11 Territorial Army Emergency Reserve members ("Ever Readies") to the 1st Royal Sussex in Aden when the Home Counties Brigade Ever Readies were called up.

In view of some unsatisfactory publicity surrounding this call-up, we think it fair and correct for the sake of our own volunteers, to state that no member of this Battalion was among those who complained to the press. In connection with this call-up it is worth noting that the Ever Readies were sent to serve in a Regular Battalion engaged in active operations in a territory with a notorious climate at the worst time of the year. It would be difficult to devise a more exacting test.

Our Ever Readies have settled down as competent reliable soldiers. Ptes. Herbert and Byrne were selected for the Assault Pioneer Platoon and were congratulated on a mine clearing operation they carried out without a N.C.O. in charge. Pte. Cross is a "H.Q." Company Driver. The remainder, L/Cpl. Rumens, Pte. Brookes, Pte. Message, L/Cpl. Jacobs, L/Cpl. Fairfax, L/Cpl. Temlett and Sgt. Lyen all serve with "C" Company as riflemen, mortarmen, wireless operators, or in the case of Sgt. Lyen, Company Orderly Sergeant, Driver Operator and O.C.'s escort. Sgt. Coulson has unfortunately had to return to Britain due to a recurrence of malaria. We look forward to the return of the others in October or November and congratulate them on their hard work.

"A" COMPANY

Our amalgamation with "B" Company for camp was an unqualified success and the fortnight at Thetford was enjoyed by one and all. We were certainly kept extremely busy and a lot of military knowledge was

absorbed by all ranks, especially when we were in the field for a few days during the second week. It did not take long to learn how to keep ourselves comfortable and, most important, we were very well fed, thanks to C/Sgt. Rapley and his efficient team of helpers. A considerable debt is due to Major Robinson for his enthusiastic and inspiring leadership during the two weeks—we might even give him three "A" Company-type cheers sometime. The Company won all the events at the Battalion sports except "pushing the three-tonner," for which event the time-keeper was, unfortunately, a member of our Company and was obviously bending over backwards to show what a sporty lot we are. A very good evening was spent at "The Ram" in Brandon, when we held the Company party, which, incidentally, appeared to continue throughout the exercise, judging by the quantity of liquor consumed during the few days!

On the domestic front, the temporary loss of Major Parsonage was deeply felt, but we were very glad to see him back again at the Company Dance on 31st July and hope that he is now fully recovered from his illness. During the period since Christmas, we have regrettably had to bid farewell to Capt. Savage, posted to "C" Company, and our P.S.I., C/Sgt. Gardiner, who has rejoined the 1st Battalion after two and a half years with us at Reigate. Capt. Dorey and C/Sgt. Proud have joined the Company to take their places. The latter has already created one or two impressions in the short time he has been with us—notably the consternation caused by his rather unusual method of erecting a bivouac, demonstrated at camp, together with his most un-military means of carrying his personal belongings in the field!

Our Courage Trophy team trained hard earlier in the year, marching over 130 miles in practice, only to have their efforts brought to nought when Lt. Wright was unfortunately held up in Germany on his return with a party of T.A.E.R. personnel, and spent a frustrating 24 hours waiting for an aircraft to be mended when he should have been leading the team over here.

As to the future, we mean to carry on with "business as usual," in spite of the shadows cast by statements on the prospects of the

T.A., and we look forward to a very full programme for the Autumn.

At Reigate a well-balanced blend of training and social functions has been the continued recipe. As usual shooting has been an important item of training, classification weekends being held at Aldershot and, more unusually, at Langney Point Range, near Eastbourne, before we went to camp. More recently, since our acquisition of the BAT, we have practised firing with the Bren attachment in preparation for the live firing scheduled for September. Two more enjoyable dances have been run, the first in February and the second just after camp, both were well attended and their success has created a demand for more.

Our congratulations go to Pte. Balls, awarded the best soldier cup for "A" Company in 1965, and to Cpl. Heard, who won the .22 shooting tankard with a high standard of consistent shooting during the year.

At Dorking full use was made during the Summer of the limited training days available to prepare our new recruits for camp. Several memorable evenings have been held, including an energetic assault river crossing over a slender rope suspended alarmingly high over the River Mole. At camp we all worked hard and though some became temporary casualties—like the Detachment Commander, who found the assault course ideal for falling off, spending the next fortnight in a mummy-like cocoon—no one dropped out or complained. At the Company party the Detachment were presented by the Commanding Officer with the cup for the best Detachment and another cup for the Company Drill Competition; prizes for shooting went to Cpl. Kane and Pte. Friday. The latter, with 10 recruits to his credit, was unfortunate not to win the Battalion recruiting prize. We have missed Lt. Baird, who has transferred to 10 Para Regiment, and also L/Cpl. Cross, now serving with the T.A.E.R. in Aden, and welcome O/Cdt. Graham Acres, an old friend at Dorking in his previous role as a cadet instructor. An ambitious training programme is planned for the months ahead; we intend to redecorate our club room and remodel the bar; and after the summer break we resume with an "At Home" and recruiting day in Dorking, to be concluded by a march through the town and Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums. Until ordered to lie down, we intend to flourish!—*Pristinae virtutis memor.*

"B" COMPANY

A very full six months indeed. We classified early in January, thus giving us time to concentrate on other training. We suffered misfortune over the Courage Trophy Competition as two of our team were delayed in returning from "Ever Ready" training in Germany and enormous training efforts made by Lt. Stoddart and Sgt. Nugent came to nought. In May we said farewell to our three Ever Readies serving in Aden.

In June, with "D" Company, we spent one weekend at Pangbourne crossing the Thames in Assault Boats; some of us found it quicker and easier to swim. We also went round the R.M.A. obstacle course under the expert guidance of their instructors and were given an excellent tea.

Thanks to the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment we had a fascinating evening with the latest infantry weapons—G.P.M.G., Wombat, Carl Gustav, 81 mm. mortar, etc., which none of us had seen before.

At Camp, our O.C., Major Robinson, had made a successful take-over bid for "A" Company, and a combined "AB" Company took the field, distinguishing itself both on training and at the Sports.

On the 1st August the Company held its Annual Rifle Meeting on Caesar's Camp Range; wives, girl friends and families attended. Sgt. Burnham dispensed his usual beer and cheer.

Sgt. Nugent and C.S.M. Shuff seemed to divide the shooting prizes between them, but, alas, the Company team suffered defeat at the hands of Recce Platoon team in the Falling Plate Competition. Our former Company Commander, Major Prescott, came to present prizes; he asked us all to soldier on to the end, whatever that may be. This we intend to do.

Our June Ball was, as usual, a very happy evening—many thanks again being due to Sgt. Burnham, Cpl. Dillon and their team of workers. We were glad to have among our guests R.Q.M.S. MacGregor of the Regiment, now serving at the R.M.A. We also had a social evening in April. The "Camberley Scottish," Sgt. Ogilvie, Lt. Stoddart and Pte. Mackenzie continue to give a north of the border atmosphere to the Drill Hall. More dangerous, however, are Sgt. Burnham and his special beer, both from the Tyneside. After enjoying a bottle of this brew the Company 2IC tried to bicycle away;

it was quite some little while before he realised his bicycle had no chain.

"C" COMPANY

During recent months we have recruited many new members to the Company. We are all very pleased at the good standard of young men who are asking to join. As our numbers have grown we have become more selective and this has paid handsome dividends.

Our training during the year was all directed towards a field camp full of soldier-like activities. With this training behind us we sallied forth to do battle at Thetford. The first week of camp was spent in training through rather unpleasant weather and the second week gave us a chance to put this training into practice in the Brigade exercise. In spite of the fact that the Company Commander, C.S.M. Fuller and Sgt. Robinson did not take part in this contest, it is understood that the Company acquitted itself well.

We have all been rather worried recently while awaiting the Army Department's instructions with regard to the future of the Territorial Army. The results ought to be interesting—C.S.M. Fuller, who leaves us in September, has often been heard to say, "When I retire the T.A. will fold up." I wonder how prophetic he is.

Whatever is decided, one thing is certain: within the next few weeks the Company is losing C.S.M. Fuller and Sgt. W. Woods. These two gentlemen have served the T.A. for a combined total of 60 years. They have turned the hair of many Company Commanders pure white, but they have given service second to none. It is on such men as these that the Territorial Army has been built.

"D" COMPANY

"D" Company training has continued with the usual Bermondsey and Sutton enthusiasm. We took the opportunity of Exercise "Second Venture," the Brigade Weapons Meeting, to let some of our new recruits "have a go"—for some it was their first opportunity of firing their weapons "live." Our last training weekend before camp was held at Pangbourne on the River Thames where the Company practised embarking and disembarking in collapsible assault boats. In glorious sunshine we rose on Sunday morning to find the river banks lined with fishermen, but this did not deter us

from continuing and making dummy landings and attacks. In the end the drill was very quick. When one of the boats got a puncture, L/Cpls. Hazel and Wallace got out and pushed it to the bank, where Major Robinson, R.A.M.C. using his surgical knowledge, patched it up with elastoplast and needle and cotton.

On the Sunday afternoon we went to the R.M.A. Sandhurst and were taken round the "confidence area"—no longer called an assault course, but one is just as tired at the end of it. We finished up with a race, a Bermondsey team beating both Stonecot and Camberley in spite of Pte. Irwin losing his boots in the mud! Tea in the Hall rounded off an excellent afternoon laid on by the R.M.A.

During the course of this year we have liaised with the cadet detachment at Bermondsey, and they accompanied us to Pangbourne where we attended a lecture about the work of the Military Police. This proved very interesting and included an enjoyable colour film.

We have been having our usual number of recruits wishing to join, but for once C.S.M. Edwards did not win the recruiting prize.

We congratulate Lt. McFadyen on getting his second pip, and C/Sgt. Nason, L/Cpls. Hazel, Read and Hill on their promotion.

Camp was generally considered to be one of the most successful for many years. Without doubt it was the hardest, and perhaps for this reason one of our most enjoyable. There was certainly very little spare time but we managed to fit in a Company party during the first week.

We welcome our new P.S.I., C.S.M. Warner, who has come from the 1st Battalion. We formed the impression he found us quite a change from his previous unit! He too enjoyed camp and has seen that the T.A. can operate efficiently and effectively in the field.

The Sutton Support Platoon Detachment have been working hard and recruiting hard. Six members of the Platoon, Cpl. Collyer, L/Cpl. Bannister and Ptes. Burnip, Palmer Tate and McCormack passed their 3 in. Mortar tests and now wear the appropriate badge. Unfortunately at camp Lt. Cunningham was unable to attend, and Sgt. Gooden injured his ankle; command fell therefore to Sgt. Doyle. The Detachment provided their usual Fort Mare Guard, inspection in the pouring rain being made by 2/Lt. Cook

whom we welcome to the Company. He is already earmarked for next year's Courage Trophy team.

The Company Commander is at present on a Course at the School of Infantry. We hear he was permitted to command a troop of tanks at night. He was only mildly bruised; the tank went dis.

Capt. Miller, our 2IC, left us in February to be R.S.O.; we welcome Capt. Cutcher to Bermondsey after a brief exile at Croydon.

Bermondsey commemorated "Black Thursday," the day of the announcement on the future of the T.A., by signing on yet another recruit, a sure indication that we plan to train hard and if possible recruit hard to the end.

"H.Q." COMPANY

In February the Administrative inspection passed off well, but with some hair raising incidents within minutes before the start, when keys to certain doors mysteriously disappeared.

It was the Recce Platoon who entered the "H.Q." Company team in the Courage Trophy. Led by Lt. Herd and Sgt. Shaw, the team of Cpl. Browning, L/Cpl. Johnson, L/Cpl. Dunipace, Cpl. Stubbs, Pte. Guest and Pte. Clements did extremely well, finishing all forced marches without losing a point. Their final position of 6th was well earned but very few points separated them from 3rd place.

The M.T. Platoon made three journeys to Croydon for an M.T. Course, and when it came to Annual Camp this paid off as the M.T. Platoon were high in morale, all driving was of a high standard and all vehicles arriving back at our Drill Halls were travel stained but undented. On 30th May the Regimental Church Service was held at Guildford Cathedral and afterwards a social and lunch were held at Sandfield Terrace. The cooks prepared meals for some 40 diners and all ranks had decorated the Drill Hall in preparation for the Sergeants' Mess Ball.

On 12th/13th June a signals weekend was arranged to include the Recce Platoon and the Int. Section under Lt. Peters and Cpl. Rettie. Control was set up on the Hogs Back and the new Signals Officer Capt. Miller supervised a treasure hunt type exercise, arranged with the Int. Section plotting the progress of each team. This was all good experience, as the exercise at Annual

Camp in the second week was going to need good signals and plotting by the Int. Section. During the next weekend a Brigade H.Q. Signals Exercise saw an unfortunate accident occur, when a cooker being used by C/Sgt. Bromage blew up, badly burning him on hands and face. We hear he is doing well and is now out of hospital. We look forward to seeing him back with "H.Q." Company shortly.

C/Sgt. Shuff, who being T.A.E.R. spent his camp with the 1st Battalion in Germany, left "H.Q." Company shortly before camp to become C.S.M. "B" Company and we congratulate him on this appointment. Sgt. Quinnell jumped into the breach at Camp and was acting C/Sgt. and permanent Company Orderly Sergeant. Needless to say he now has a clean pair of heels. Sgt. Evans has become Provost Sergeant.

Camp went very well, and more "H.Q." Company than ever before took part in all forms of training including a nine and a half mile march on the first Monday.

The Assault Course Competition was won by "H.Q." Company, and a team of 21 led by Lt. F. Herd, containing eight Signals, eight Recce Platoon, three Int. Section and two Drivers, was not only fastest over the course, but won the turnout part of the Competition. The big exercise during the second week saw "H.Q." Company settling down for the first time in three years to normal work in the field.

Pte. Jackson, from the Haslemere Platoon, has been seconded to the Recce Platoon, not only on account of his prowess at arms, but also because of his fund of stories and songs, which proved useful on the Company party on the final night. When the R.S.M. came to our party in the N.A.A.F.I. he was cheered, something that has surely never happened in the history of the Army. However, lest any 1st Battalion readers manage to get this far in the Journal, we say: "Watch out—he's coming."

On the final morning of camp, five very old soldiers—including Major Saunders and C.S.M. Homersham, who for many years have been in "H.Q." Company at Guildford—were wheeled out of camp on an old cart. To Major Saunders we say every happiness in the future, but we will reserve our judgment on Homersham until he has actually gone, which is February next year.

"H.Q." Company from the end of August will have a new O.C. in Capt. A. H. LeQ.

Clayton. We wish him every success.

The success and high morale of the Company are in no small way due to the hard work, advice and enthusiasm of our two P.S.I.s, C/Sgt. Baker and Sgt. Jones. We are very lucky to have them both, and hope they are enjoying their tour with the T.A. as much as we enjoy having them with us.

We say farewell to L/Cpl. Turner, who enjoyed camp so much that he has joined the Royal Corps of Transport. We congratulate the Recce Platoon on beating "B" Company in the annual Falling Plate Competition for the second time running.

"H.Q." Company is now very strong indeed, and the Battalion's administrative tail wags effectively. We boast the following and are sure some Regular Battalions would look with envy on our ranks. A section of Regimental Police; a Recce Platoon; Signals Platoon; sufficient Cooks for a full-strength Battalion, a Butcher (Pte. Cranfield); a M.T. Platoon; Int. Section; a R.A.P.C. Section of Captain, Sergeant and Corporal; complete Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess Staffs, and an Orderly Room Staff of two.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess seems to have had a very vigorous six months. In February the Bermondsey Mess held its annual Past and Present Officers' Cocktail Party and, later in the month, a very successful Ladies' Night. In March we entertained the Mayor, Members and Officers of the Guildford Borough Council at a Guest Night at Guildford.

In May a particularly happy function was held in the Bermondsey Mess—the Wedding Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cole. Mrs. Cole being better known as Carol Strutt, daughter of Capt. Ron Strutt.

Members of the Bermondsey Mess were to be seen returning from the Easter Battlefield Tour carrying immense packages. These contained Belgian Trappist beer, a delicacy greatly esteemed by Mess members, a small store of which has been built up and is consumed on special occasions.

In June the Mess entertained the Colonel of the Regiment and other distinguished former officers after the Annual Regimental Church Service at Guildford.

The Mess at Camp was a very happy one, thanks to the untiring efforts of Capt. David Miller, P.M.C., and Sgt. Rolfe and his staff. At the Guest Night we welcomed

Maj.-Gen. Ling, a former Commanding Officer of the 5th Queen's, Brigadier R. B. Kenny, our new Brigade Commander, and Colonels Nick Nice and Brian Gill. We were, as in previous years, delighted to have as our guest for several days our Honorary Colonel, Col. John Kealy. Other visitors included the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the Earl of Munster, and Mr. G. Reynolds, M.P., Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence (Army).

The Officers' Mess Summer Ball was held in June at the Burford Bridge Hotel, another very happy and successful occasion.

Any chronicle of Mess life, Officers or Sergeants, must make reference to parties. In view of press references to these, we would make two comments—firstly, our parties take place when most people are asleep; they do not prevent our being awake, and, if at Camp, training at a time when most sensible people are still asleep; secondly, our parties come from no expense account; we enjoy and pay for them ourselves and at the same time create a live, happy unit.

We congratulate Major and Mrs. Brian Robinson on the arrival of a son, and Lt. John Pullinger on his marriage. We wish him and his wife every happiness for the future. We also congratulate Lt. Duncan Sidwell and his wife on becoming parents for the first time.

We bid farewell to Major Dick Saunders, the Battalion 2IC, and hope to see much of him in the future; we also bid farewell to Lt. Michael Baird who has moved from the Battalion area. We welcome 2/Lt. Gordon Cook, who seems already happy and settled among the Bermondsey Trappist Community.

SERGEANTS' MESS

A full period of Mess activities has just culminated in a first-class camp, with further activity planned for the next few months.

A highly successful Mess weekend was held at the Croydon T.A. Centre on 26th/27th June, which consisted of lectures and some brief but strenuous drill periods. A dinner, of excellent proportions, prepared by the Battalion cooks, was held on the Saturday evening. Then, after a training and topical film show, members eagerly invaded the bar for an evening and night session.

Despite the fact that the Battalion was out in the field on the Stanford P.T.A. during most of the second week of camp, the Mess

bar achieved record takings. There was a large crowd in the Mess for the first week, but by far the best night was on Thursday, 15th July, when, for the first time for many years, a formal Mess Dinner was held. Tables were decorated with festoons of flowers, Battalion silver and strips of crepe paper in the Regimental Colours. At the end of the eight-course dinner a Mess gift was presented to ex-R.Q.M.S. Charlie Whitney, who had recently retired after 40 years' Regular and T.A. service.

This was followed by a display by the Battalion's Corps of Drums in their full dress. Throughout the dinner music was played by the Battalion Band.

After a swift reorganisation of the Mess, members settled down to a long and riotous evening of drinking and singing, interspersed with individual acts and a cabaret which revealed much unexpected talent. The event drew to a reluctant close somewhere near dawn on the following day.

One tragic event which occurred recently was the death of ex-C.S.M. Harry Guest of Woking. The Battalion was strongly represented at his funeral.

C.S.M. Terry Shuff and C/Sgt. Nason are to be congratulated on their promotions, and a welcome is extended to the newest Mess members—Sgts. Lyen and Ogilvie of Camberley.

Conclusion

We have in the past always concluded our notes with an appeal for help in recruiting; this need still remains. We can still give a recruit at least one very good year with the battalion. We can also give him something very valuable but which may soon be unobtainable; he can say, "I was in the old T.A.", and this we have no doubt will help him as he continues to serve, as we trust he may be able to, in the new Reserve Forces.

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4th Battalion

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

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Second-in-Command	Major W. E. McConnell, 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.s	Major D. V. Foster, T.D., R.A.M.C.
Paymaster	Capt. D. C. Ower, R.A.M.C.
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	W.O.2 G. A. Hurley

Changes in the Reserve Army in accordance with the Government's new defence policy are not due to be implemented until 1967-68, so at present it is business as usual in the 4th Battalion despite recent newspaper headlines which suggested the imminent demise of the Territorial Army. Nevertheless the drastic cuts announced at the end of July were a great shock, and it is to be hoped that the talks now in progress between the Ministry of Defence and the Duke of Norfolk's Working Party will produce happier results. Meanwhile we recognise our duty to maintain the Battalion at maximum strength and to do our best to make the changes work when the time comes. There is a general determination to enjoy life in the T.A. while we may, and to see the Battalion through to the end.

As these notes are written we are approaching the end of a strenuous and successful training year. Few of the new members of the Battalion have previous military experience and nearly all therefore have much to learn. There has rarely been a weekend when there was not training taking place and the hard work and keenness of all ranks have brought their rewards, notably the winning by company teams of first and third places in the T.A. Marathon Competition for the "Courage Trophy" and of the first five places in 47 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition. Annual camp in July was hard, wet and enjoyable, the Battalion Rifle Meeting in September was well-attended and

blessed with good weather, and now we look forward to the Divisional Rifle Meeting, an amphibious exercise with the R.M.F.V.R., and the return of our Ever-Readies from Aden to bring the training year to a close.

Military Skills Competition

47 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition has recently become an annual event in which teams from each company of the three battalions of the Brigade compete at a series of tests of rifle platoon training. This year the competition, known as Exercise "Second Venture", took place during a blustery weekend in May on Stoneycastle Ranges and the adjoining training areas. Company teams had trained hard for several weeks beforehand and keenness was such that Ever-Readies turned out for the competition although it was their last weekend before reporting for Regular Army duty.

The enthusiasm and hard work of all concerned resulted in a good all-round standard in all companies. "C" Company were the overall winners of the Champion Company Cup, followed by "H.Q.", "A", "B" and "D" Companies in that order, and the Battalion, by virtue of taking the first five places in the Brigade, easily won the Inter-Battalion Cup. In the various competitions "A" Company won the Night March Cup, with "C" Company second and "D" Company third; "C" Company won the Grenade Competition with "D" Company second and "H.Q." Company

third; "A" and "H.Q." Companies were equal first in Field-Firing, with "B", "C" and "D" Companies in the next three places in that order, while "H.Q." Company again showed their superior technique in easily retaining the Assault Course Cup which they won last year, this time being followed by "B" and "C" Companies in second and third places. The City of London Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, won the Endera Cup but "B", "D" and "H.Q." Companies shared the next three places. It was almost a relief not to do so well in the only other competition, for the Fieldcraft Cup, which was well and truly won by the 3rd Queen's Surreys. The only incident to mar a notable weekend was to discover afterwards that our photographer had accidentally destroyed all his negatives before any prints were made.



THE QUEEN'S SURREYS "EVER READIES" IN ADEN

Ptes. F. Swaden and P. Potheary

"Ever-Ready" Call-up

In the week following Exercise "Second Venture," 19 of the Battalion's "Ever-Readies" reported to the Home Counties Brigade Depot for six months duty with the 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment in Aden. They were some of 123 members of the T.A.E.R. from all T.A. battalions of the Home Counties Brigade who were called up to enable the Royal Sussex to form a third rifle company while in Aden. After two days kitting-out and briefing at Canterbury they travelled by air to Aden, arriving during the first week of June, average maximum temperature 98°F, average minimum 84°F. Then followed three days acclimatisation and five days training, after which the Ever-Readies were fully integrated into the Regular battalion. To illustrate the extent of the integration, of the 4th Battalion personnel Lt. R. Arnold was placed in command of a rifle platoon consisting of two Regular sections and one of Ever-Readies, Sgt. R. Wren became platoon sergeant of a similar platoon, Cpl. A. Andrews and L/Cpl. A. Bedford became section commanders, Cpl. R. Hammond was made "B" Company M.T., N.C.O., L/Cpls. J. and W. Pearson and D. Jagger became the driver-operators of all three rifle company commanders, and the remainder were posted to "A" and "B" Companies as riflemen and assault pioneers.

Formation of a third rifle company enabled the Commanding Officer to rotate companies between static guard duties in

Aden and on Perim Island, mobile internal security patrols in the Aden area, and operations against dissident tribesmen in the Radfan and on the Yemen border near Mukeiras. Life has been strenuous and rugged. It has been a stern test for the T.A.E.R., for many of whom the experience will doubtless seem more pleasant in retrospect. Nevertheless, letters home, though frequently libellous, have been cheerful, and morale has remained high. Most have already seen action of one sort or another and there is no doubt that when the Ever-Readies return home at the end of October their experience will be a great asset to this Battalion.

Annual Camp

This year the Battalion trained in the Stanford P.T.A. from 10th to 24th July and lived for part of the time in East Wretham Camp. It was the first time for three years that we were able to concentrate on tactical training, last year having been a rescue and survival training camp at Devizes and the 1963 camp having been largely devoted to the Colour presentation parade. There was therefore much to practise and little time to waste, particularly as the G.O.C. required battalions to carry out a three day Brigade advance and attack exercise during the second week.

Training began at midday on the first Sunday with Exercise "Vigilant". Rifle companies set out in torrential rain to

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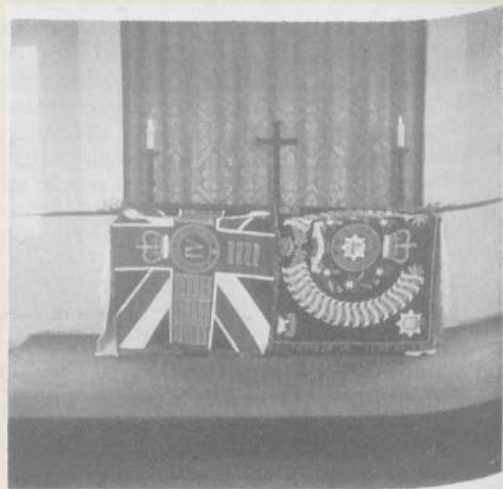
"D" Company relax between exercises

establish their bivouac camps in different parts of the training area. Then over the next three days while normal work went on during the day the nights were spent in patrolling against each other to locate each other's camps and raid them to capture weapons and prisoners. By day companies practised section and platoon battle drills, fired platoon weapons and threw live 36 grenades. On Thursday, having cleaned up in East Wretham Camp and had a good night's sleep, the Battalion watched a live-firing demonstration by the 3 in. mortar sections of the 3rd and 4th Battalions which was laid on by Major P. Labbett. There was added interest in that for reasons best known to the Ministry of Defence the 4th Battalion had been issued with 81 mm. ammunition. This greatly complicated ranging and base plate position drills, although this was not noticeable to the spectators, and much credit for the success of the demonstration was due to Major Labbett's expert commentary, and Lt. J. R. B. Griggs' skilful direction of fire. The week ended with a battalion advance to contact exercise to test communications and battle procedures, appropriately named Exercise "Tally-ho". Companies were reorganised to provide the command and signals structure of a full-strength battalion down to section level, as a consequence of which many young soldiers found themselves doing unexpected jobs, and right well they performed. All got back to camp in time to watch the Band and Drums beat Retreat.



Battalion Command Post at Annual Camp. Officer with large map board used to be in 42nd Royal Tank Regiment

There was so much to do that we dispensed with the traditional weekend break. After taking Saturday off, we worked on Sunday, starting with a Battalion Church Parade during which the Colours were brought on and marched to church. For many of the Battalion this was their first sight of the Colours on parade. In the afternoon assault-boat and river-crossing drills were followed



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4th Battalion Colours on the altar for the service after the Church Parade

by the finals of the inter-company football and tug-of-war competitions. On Monday rifle companies carried out platoon field-firing and then went into a Battalion bivouac camp from which a highly successful river crossing and attack exercise was carried out that night. The next three days were occupied with the Brigade Exercise "Silver Rocket" in which we battled to and fro across the training area in murky weather, but fortunately getting back to camp on the Thursday evening minutes ahead of a tropical down-pour which lasted most of the night. Then it was time to pack up ready to return home early on Saturday morning, and camp was over for another year.

Champion Company Competition

The last events of the 1964-65 Champion Company Competition were decided during annual camp. "C" Company came first in the competition with 169½ points with "H.Q." Company second (130 points) and "A" Company third (115 points). Winners of the various competitions in which points were scored towards the Company Championship were:—

Champion-at-Arms Cup (Battalion Rifle Meeting, 1964) ..	"B" and "C" Companies equal first
22 Rifle League ..	"A" Company
T.A. Marathon—The Courage Trophy ..	"B" Company
47 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition ..	"C" Company
Recruiting Competition ..	"C" Company
Swimming ..	"H.Q." Company
Football ..	"D" Company
Tug-of-War ..	"A" Company

The Commanding Officer's Cup for the company which had shown the greatest improvement throughout the year was awarded to "H.Q." Company, which came third in the Courage Trophy, second in the Brigade Military Skills Competition, and second in the Battalion Recruiting Competition.

Givenchy Anniversary

The Mayor of Wandsworth and present and past members of the Regiment with their families attended a memorial service in Battersea Parish Church on Sunday, 30th May, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Givenchy. On 25th/26th May, 1915, the 1/23rd Battalion The London Regiment attacked and captured the German

trenches at Givenchy with great gallantry and despite heavy casualties. In this battle the Battalion sustained 237 killed and 262 wounded, most of them Battersea men.

Shooting Events

This year the Battalion Rifle Meeting was spread over two days and the matches were, with minor modifications, the same as those for the Divisional Rifle Meeting which was due to take place a month later. We were fortunate in the weather and serious shooting was set against a background of family picnics, of sideshows run by the Veterans Company, and of the Band competing industriously with the Adjutant's Tannoy. There were over 120 competitors in the Rifle Match which was the main event and open to visitors, who included the Veterans Company, officers and cadets from our two affiliated A.C.F. units, and the Mobil Oil Rifle Club. It was therefore quite an achievement for winner and runner-up to be two young soldiers with less than two years service. Pte. J. Vincent came first and Pte. P. Gosden was second. Other individual winners were Sten, Sgt. B. Elliott, and L.M.G. pairs, Major W. E. McConnell, T.D. and 2/Lt. C. R. M. Kewish. In the team events "C" Company swept the board, winning the Rifle, L.M.G. and S.M.C. Matches, the China Cup and the Falling Plate.

In the County stage of the annual Territorial Army Small-bore Rifle Match "A" Company obtained the best score in Surrey and "C" Company was third. In the Wandsworth Borough Shooting Competition the Wandsworth Trophy remained in the Battalion, "C" Company winning it this year instead of "B" Company, which won it last year on the first occasion that the Battalion had entered for this competition. There has been a general improvement in the standard of shooting in the Battalion, and the Battalion team is training hard for the 44 (Home Counties) Division Rifle Meeting in October.

London District Motor Cycle Trials

Two teams from "C" Company represented the Battalion at the London District Motor Cycle Trials at Pirbright on 25th July, which was won by 2nd Battalion The Grenadier Guards. "C" Company's "B" Team came second. This team consisted of three private soldiers, Ptes. M. Bailey, R.

Davies and I. Davies, none of whom had ridden in a motor cycle trial before.

The Nijmegen Marches

For the fifth year running Sgt. W. Taylor took part in the annual Nijmegen Marches. He completed the course despite unusually severe weather conditions and qualified for a silver medal. He was accompanied by Pte. J. Griffin, who was competing for the first time. The four day Marching Festival began in 1909 when members of the Netherlands Armed Forces set out to march over a series of different routes within a set time. The marches steadily increased in popularity and in 1928, when the Olympic Games took place at Amsterdam, the Royal Netherlands League for Physical Culture, who are the organisers, decided to internationalise them. In that year some 1,000 people took part; last year there were 12,000 competitors from all over the world. The marches are in various sections, depending on age, sex and whether military or civilian. Taylor and Griffin took part in the military section, which necessitated marching 25 miles in 11 hours on each of four successive days, carrying 22 lbs. of equipment.

Band and Drums

As usual there have been many calls on the Band and Drums. On 2nd May, we, in conjunction with the 3rd Battalion, provided the band for the annual Burma Star Association reunion parade, which formed up on the Horseguards Parade, marched to the Cenotaph, and then returned to the Horseguards, where Field-Marshal Viscount Slim took the salute. In previous years the Brigade of Guards have provided the band for this parade. We have been asked to do it again next year.

Three previous Mayors of Kingston-upon-Thames attended the band concert at the Portsmouth Road T.A. Centre in May, and we have given public concerts in Surbiton, Twickenham and Chertsey. The dance band section is flourishing, and provided the music for the Officers' Ball at Hurlingham.

Congratulatory

Our congratulations go to Sgt. A. V. Broom and Cpl. F. W. Jenkins on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal, and to C/Sgt. A. Kelly on the award of the County

of London Certificate of Meritorious Service which he received from Field-Marshal The Earl Alexander of Tunis on 27th May.

We also congratulate Band Sgt. W. J. Jenkins, B.E.M., on what may be a unique achievement. This month his grandson, Boy T. W. Jenkins, was enlisted into "B" Company, in which his son, C/Sgt. W. Jenkins, is C.Q.M.S. Now therefore there are three generations of the Jenkins family in direct descent serving in the Clapham Junction T.A. Detachment at the same time. Band Sgt. Jenkins joined the T.A. in 1936, became a C.S.M. in the 23rd London Regiment, and re-enlisted in the Band when he reached the age limit for an Infantry battalion.

Valedictory

On 1st September, Major J. S. D. Wright, T.D., retired on reaching the age limit, and was succeeded as Battalion 21C by Major W. E. McConnell, T.D. He first joined the 6th Surreys in 1949 after war-time service with the North Staffordshire Regiment and later commanded "B", "C" and "H.Q." Companies before becoming 21C last year. We will miss his rubicund appearance and quiet but prickly comments which were always very much to the point, and we wish him and Mrs. Wright every happiness in the future.

Our best wishes also go to W.O.1 and Mrs. G. E. Mileham who left us for the 1st Battalion in September. We congratulate Mr. Mileham on the award of a combatant commission in the rank of Lieutenant and we thank him for all he had done for us as R.S.M. of this Battalion. On and off parade he has always ensured that any training, parade or social function was of the highest possible standard. We welcome in his place W.O.1 A. Colyer from the Queen's Own Buffs, and Mrs. Colyer.

BATTERSEA (CLAPHAM JUNCTION) DETACHMENT

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

Although we still show "A" and "B" Companies as separate entities at the Clapham Junction T.A. Centre, recent measures aimed at streamlining administration and placing training on a more efficient basis have resulted in the formation of one training

company and the closing down of the platoon of "A" Company at Richmond. The experiment is proving a success.

"A" Company once again dominated the Battalion .22 League, providing the first and third teams, the individual winner, C/Sgt. W. Wilkin, and the runner-up, Sgt. D. Lee. Unfortunately C/Sgt. Wilkin has recently had to leave us on reaching the age limit, and Sgt. Lee has joined "D" Company on the closing down of the Richmond Detachment. We are grateful to both of them for their support in the Company over many years, with particular regard to shooting, and we wish them well in the future.

In the Brigade Skills Competition "B" Company had high hopes of repeating their Courage Trophy success but a marathon approach to the Night March and a recalcitrant Sten gun in the Field Firing Competition put them out of the running. However, "A" Company, led by Lt. A. W. Fairhead, although feeling their age over the Assault Course, rallied well to win the Night March and come equal first in the Field Firing.

At camp we remember, in addition to rain and bivouac tents, Sgt. M. Bullock's expert control of the 3 in. mortar base plate positions which convinced the Army Commander that he was a P.S.I. from the School of Infantry; Okpu's grin after he had thrown his grenades and they had gone off; Gowen and Algar's win in the 2 in. mortar competition, and "A" Company's victory in the tug-of-war.

We congratulate Harvey, James and Bam-bury on all obtaining maximum points in the Inter-Company Recruit Competition when they qualified on the June Recruit Cadre. They all qualified as marksmen on the S.L.R. classification and James also qualified as a L.M.G. marksman.

Unfortunately holiday commitments prevented us from fielding our strongest teams for the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Nevertheless "B" Company came second in the Rifle, L.M.G. and S.M.C. Matches as well as getting to the final of the Falling Plate, Gosden was runner-up in the Rifle Match individual championship and Anstec and Clark won the Class "B" L.M.G. pairs. We had similar team trouble the next weekend for the Wandsworth Shooting Competition and reluctantly surrendered the trophy to "C" Company, but at least it stayed in the Battalion.

Finally, we are shortly to lose our senior

P.S.I., W.O.2 R. Riley, who is about to return to the 1st Battalion. We would like to thank him for all his patient and hard work for "A" Company over the last two years, and to wish him the best of luck in the future.

KINGSTON (PORTSMOUTH ROAD) DETACHMENT

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

There have been a number of changes among the officers of the Detachment since the last edition of the Regimental Journal. We welcome Capt. C. D. Young from "B" Company as M.T.O., Lt. J. C. D. McMahon to "D" Company on transfer from R.A.R.O., and 2/Lt. M. G. Butlin to "D" Company on being commissioned from the ranks. We congratulate Capt. P. R. H. Thompson on his appointment as O.C. "C" Company. Meanwhile Lt. T. H. Meanley is in charge of the Recce and Signals Platoons pending the return of Lt. R. M. Arnold from his sun-larking in Aden.

Sgt. D. Gardner, "D" Company P.S.I., has left us for the 1st Battalion. We much appreciated his expert assistance both to "D" Company and the Signals Platoon, and wish him a successful tour in Germany. We welcome his successor, Sgt. R. Robinson.

Another sad loss is C.S.M. Partridge, who has returned to his native land, taking with him his wife and small daughter from this country. C.S.M. Partridge joined the Battalion in 1960 on his first visit to England. He had previously served in the North Shore Regiment which was affiliated to the East Surrey Regiment, and this caused him to settle in the Kingston area. He rapidly gained promotion in "D" Company and has been a tower of strength as its C.S.M. We shall miss his intense keenness and great efficiency; nothing was too much trouble for him. We shall also miss Mrs. Partridge who for many years was a staunch member of the W.R.A.C. (T.A.), at Kingston and Richmond. We wish them all happiness and prosperity in Sydney, Australia, and hope that they will come to see us when they return to this country.

It has been a busy six months, starting with the Brigade Skills Competition and ending with the Battalion Rifle Meeting and annual R.E.M.E. Inspections, in which the M.T. obtained an excellent report thanks to a great

deal of hard and sometimes hot work (shades of L/Cpl. Hall and Pte. Hodsdon) by many members of the Detachment, particularly Sgt. Taylor and the other civilian staff drivers. "H.Q." Company very nearly won the Brigade Skills Competition, coming second, 11 points behind "C" Company, and would have done so had it not been for somewhat flexible compass reading in the Night March. We are indebted to Ever-Readies Lt. R. M. Arnold and L/Cpl. D. Jagger, who turned out for the Company that weekend although due to go to Aden a few days later.

We did not shine at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, but congratulations are due to Pte. V. Lambert for being the best rifle shot in "H.Q." Company and Pte. C. Baker the best in "D" Company. This is highly creditable considering that both have less than nine months service. It has in fact been a period when young soldiers have done exceptionally well. In the June Battalion Recruit Cadre when nine out of the 15 recruits qualified as marksmen on the S.L.R. (no fiddle!) "D" Company's Taylor and Windsor were among the marksmen. Windsor also qualified as a marksman on the L.M.G., which was not bad for less than six weeks part-time military service, and also says something for the standard of P.S.I. instruction.

In the realm of sport "H.Q." Company won the Battalion Swimming Meeting with "D" Company coming second, and "D" Company won the Inter-Company Six-a-side Football, much to some people's surprise—but then they didn't know about Conway and Windsor.

"C" COMPANY

Company Commander and O.C. Cobham	
Detachment . . .	Capt. P. R. H. Thompson
O.C. Chertsey	
Detachment . . .	Capt. J. B. Harmon
O.C. Leatherhead	
Detachment . . .	Lt. G. A. J. Cameron

The last six months have been so hectic and the next six months promise so little breathing space that these notes are not so much penned as panted.

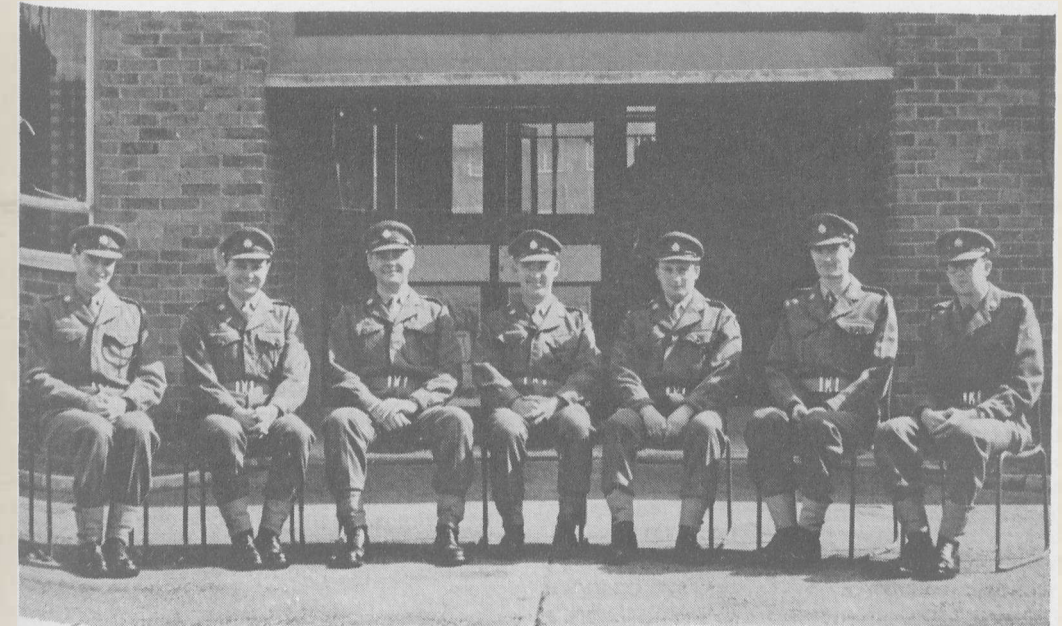
After the Courage Trophy we settled down to improving our skill at arms and selecting a team likely to improve upon our last year's placing as runners-up in 47 Infantry Brigade Platoon Skills Competition. After three

weekends in which half the Company nearly hung itself from the Pirbright Assault Course scrambling nets or practised grenade throwing to a point of accuracy that would have made the South African Test cricketers envious we selected a team comprising Lt. Cameron, Sgt. Elliott, Cpl. Moore, L/Cpl. McCarthy, Ptes. Harris, Demarre, Frampton, Davies, L. Granados, Rothwell, Griffin and Whiting. During the competition the team won the Grenade Cup and although operating below their capabilities attained a sufficiently high average in all other tests to win the Champion Company Cup and 12 handsome pint tankards. In congratulating the team on their well-earned success we must keep in mind that this was a truly Charlie Company effort because a very large number of other members of the Company backed the project by joining in training, helping in administrative duties and turning out as reserves, and without them the very satisfactory result could not have been achieved.

In the meantime our recruits were maintaining a traditionally high Charlie Company standard and we congratulate them upon their cadre results which contributed valuable points to our haul in the Battalion Champion Company Competition.

We were sorry to lose the company of L/Cpl. T. Roberts and Pte. Regnard, who left us in June for a T.A.E.R. stint in Aden. We hear from them occasionally and look forward to welcoming them both back to the Company shortly. They no doubt have much to teach us.

In July we departed for Thetford and quickly settled into Camp. Within 24 hours of arrival we established a semi-tactical, semi-practical Company bivouac area a mile north-east of the famous Frog Hill. In torrential rain we off-loaded the Company three tonner and within hours erected bivouacs, dug drainage channels, grease pits, ablutions, latrines and weapon pits, laid alarms and booby traps, hoisted the star spangled pennant, posted sentries and eagerly awaited the C.Q.M.S. and supper. This came up at the exact time ordered as did every other meal he served in the field for the next three days and nights. Then W.O.2 P. Todd and Sgt. Elliott constructed a "field drying room", lit the coke brazier and the Company sallied forth by day and night for training in dry or relatively dry clothing. Day time training accentuated section and platoon battledrills in which we



"C" Company Officers

(Left to right): 2/Lt. G. Trevor, Lt. G. A. J. Cameron, Capt. M. G. Pearson, Major W. E. McConnell, T.D., Capt. J. B. Harmon, Lt. J. R. Griggs, Lt. A. Birtles



"C" Company W.O.s and Sergeants

(Left to right): Sgt. B. Elliott, C/Sgt. M. Dodge, C.S.M. T. Collins, Sgt. D. Bowen, Sgt. C. Stevens

reached a crescendo at our own Battle of Waterloo (Farm).

Night time training comprised sentry drills, recce and infiltration patrols, and ended with a dawn battle patrol into the "D" Company bivouac area about 6,000 yards to our north. Despite the continued rain we all enjoyed this departure from custom and hope to be allowed to train from Company bivouac areas in future Camps. Reports of the Battalion and Brigade Exercises appear elsewhere.

In the tug-of-war we were expectedly eliminated by "H.Q." Company but not without a fight. We had high hopes of winning the six-a-side soccer however, having retained last year's successful combination but in the event we were narrowly beaten in an exciting final by "D" Company. (Any offers for Ptes. Bailey and Camburn who are on the transfer list?) Nevertheless, the points earned in these and all the other competitions over the year enabled us to win the Battalion Champion Company Competition by a good margin.

At short notice and with a minimum of practice (held during their "day off" in Camp) two teams were entered for the

London District Motor Cycle Competition. Our "B" Team comprising Ptes. Bailey (now off the transfer list), Davies, I. and Davies, R., came second to the Grenadier Guards team, but mechanical trouble to C.S.M. Collins' cycle eliminated our "A" Team. Our Company Commander, who confined his motor cycling to Mess Guest Nights, was less fortunate still.

W.O.2 P. Todd has now left us to join the 1st Battalion. Any successes we have enjoyed have been very largely due to his energy and enthusiasm and we would like to extend to him and Mrs. Todd our thanks, our good wishes and an assurance of a very warm welcome whenever they visit us in the future. We extend a hearty welcome to our new P.S.I., W.O.2 Piper, and wish him and his family a happy stay with us. As these notes are being written we have news of Major McConnell's departure. We congratulate him upon his appointment as Battalion 2IC and hope as P.R.I. he will always remember our poverty and that charity begins at home. In his place we welcome Capt. P. R. H. Thompson who is no stranger having soldiered here "in the sticks" for several years prior to and after amalgamation.

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"R" (Surrey) Battery

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

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

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

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

Undoubtedly the two main events of 1965, so far, have been the Regiment's Annual Camp, with all the training and hard work that went into its preparation and execution, and the publication of a definitive history of "The Lambeth and Southwark Volunteers" from 1860 to 1964 by the Battery Commander Major Tamplin.

The Camp was held at the School of Artillery, Manorbier, from 26th June to 10th July; 74 All Ranks (74%) of the Battery attended and a tough two weeks in ideal heat-wave weather was enjoyed. Both Gun Troops, largely filled with new recruits, acquitted themselves extremely well, and shot down a sleeve. By their cheerfulness, hard work and high military standard they contributed materially to the Regiment's excellent Camp report.

The C.R.A.'s parade and inspection took place as is customary during the middle weekend. Efficiency Medals were awarded to Sgt. T. G. Grantham and Bombardier A. T. Brown, and the 3rd Clasp to S/Sgt. J. T. Collyer. Bdr. Brown's father was incidentally a P.S.I. with the 6th Queen's at Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, before the last War.

A detachment from the Regiment under 2/Lt. B. E. Halliday of "R" Battery camped with our "affiliated" regular 34 L.A.D. Regiment, R.A., in Germany. Battery members who went were S/Sgt. R. Ward, Sgt. F. Parks and Gnr. G. Waltham.

Major Tamplin has at last finished his magnum opus, a definitive and extremely

well documented account of the history of "R" (Surrey) Battery, and its predecessors, notably the 7th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's). This Battery is probably more aware than most units of the debt it owes to the magnificent fighting spirit of its Queen's forebears and tries to live up to the standards they set and maintained in keeping with the motto respected all over the world—Pristinae Virtutis Memor. The History, a copy of which Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to accept, is a fitting account in great detail of the activities in war and peace of the Lambeth and Southwark Volunteers.

Recruiting

Despite the prevailing uncertainty about the future of the T.A., recruiting paradoxically enough has improved lately; and given the chance, it is confidently anticipated that we shall take 100 to Camp next year. We do of course sometimes lose men, many however to the Regular Army, and we sometimes wonder if "they" appreciate the T.A.'s contribution as a recruiter in this sphere. Amongst those who have "gone for a soldier" is Gnr. P. Clemence who joined up as a Private in the Queen's Surreys.

Social Events

Since the last issue, the Battery Officers' Mess has held a St. George's Day dinner at its Mess in Camberwell when the opportunity was taken to entertain the Prime Warden and Clerk of the Fishmongers and the Master and Clerk of the Paviers' Companies. The Sergeants' Mess held a Centenary Dinner and Dance at which 200 serving and former members were present; and an All Ranks' party was held at Camp when the Battery prizes were awarded.

J.N.B.

ALLIED REGIMENTS

We are glad to include in this issue contributions from our Allied Regiments in Australia, Canada and Zambia.

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4th BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Lt.-Col. K. Stringfellow, E.D., the Commanding Officer, writes:—

"Since I last wrote you, we in Australia have been subject to another Army reorganisation, and many changes have taken place. We have now changed back from a Pentropic organisation to an "old style" battalion of about 800. The 3rd Battalion of which I was Deputy Commander when I last wrote, has been split in two—the 3rd Battalion, which has become a country Battalion and the 4th Battalion, which I now have the honour to command.

Our training consists of a weekly night parade of two hours duration at the various company depots, a weekend activity once a month and an annual camp of 16 days duration. The night parades are essentially theory parades but we intersperse the lectures with periods on drill and weapon training. As the Battalion is spread over 100 miles with seven depots, one can only visit each depot approximately once a month, and this makes the intimate command of the Battalion rather difficult.

Weekend activities take various forms such as Battalion bivouacs, Range Practices, T.E.W.T.S., coaching courses or examinations. On the bivouac weekends we endeavour to practise the individual skills taught on the night parades, and to weld the individuals into section, platoon and company teams.

Annual camp over 16 days is when we really begin to operate as a battalion. Last Camp was spent in rugged country about 30 miles South West of Sydney, when we went into camp approximately 950 strong. We lived under field conditions and for the first week trained on platoon and minor company tactics. During the second week we embarked 600 advanced soldiers in L.S.M.s in Sydney, and after an overnight

sea trip of 150 miles down the coast carried out a first-light landing on an enemy occupied beach, the enemy being provided by elements of the Regular Army.

Many valuable lessons were learned, and the exercise provided the necessary adventure training to maintain the troops' interest in the C.M.F., which of course is entirely voluntary. Our next camp will be spent in rugged country about 150 miles South West of Sydney, and preparations for this are in full swing.

Besides providing a nucleus of trained soldiers, our main aim is to train a corps of trained officers and N.C.O.s with which we can expand our Army if the need arises. All have volunteered for overseas service, and some have been called up for service in Vietnam".

SOUTH ALBERTA LIGHT HORSE, MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA, CANADA

It is a pleasure after an absence of two years to contribute the news and activities of the South Alberta Light Horse to the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The year of 1964 brought many changes for the Militia in Canada. It was a year that saw several Regiments, many with fine records of service during the two World Wars, reduced to nil strength and transferred to the Supplementary Order of Battle. It was with great relief that Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray learned on November 1st that the South Alberta Light Horse was one of the units which was to escape the "axe". Not only was the Regiment to remain in existence, but it was to remain as an armoured Regiment.

The Suttie inquiry and subsequent report on the Militia in Canada, which brought about the changes, did make one recommendation that was carried out and which affected the establishment of the S.A.L.H. This was that Militia units should be concentrated in the larger centres. As a result our troop at Bow Island was disbanded, and while some of the personnel make the 40 mile trip into Medicine Hat each parade night,

the vast majority of the men decided to turn in their kit. The total loss was 30 all ranks.

Our Regiment was affected in yet another way, although at the time no one realised just how serious the recommended age structure for the Militia would be. As Army Headquarters set about implementing the new age limits for all ranks, the S.A.L.H. was to realise that in all, 12 officers, the R.S.M. and ten other N.C.O.s would be lost to the Regiment over the next six months.

Lt.-Col. N. R. Ray, who had commanded the S.A.L.H. when it was only of squadron strength, and who was instrumental in rebuilding the unit up to regimental status, relinquished command on 17th December. For Lt.-Col. Ray it marked the end of a career in the Canadian Army that spanned a period of 41 years. He was succeeded by Lt.-Col. R. W. Ainscough.

One ray of sunshine in the life of the Regiment late in 1964, was the announcement that the S.A.L.H. had been placed first in the competition for the Worthington Trophy. This trophy is awarded annually to the Canadian Army Militia Armoured Regiment which had the best record of achievement during the training year. This was the third year in succession that the S.A.L.H. had captured the trophy.

The Regiment was honoured by a visit from Major-General F. F. Worthington, C.B., M.C., M.M., Colonel of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, early in December at which time he inspected the Regiment and presented the trophy.

In the realm of training the Regiment was forced to "drag its feet" from September to December of 1964 pending the outcome of policy decisions in Ottawa which were to affect the Militia across Canada.

The decision when it came was a welcome one. National survival training which for the past six or seven years has been the "big" item on the training programme was downgraded. Corps training was back in.

Early in 1965 a T.E.W.T. was organised by the Alberta Area "I" Staff for Regimental Officers and N.C.O.s, and while this was based on the Infantry Battalion, it got us all back to thinking "army" rather than "air raid warden". We followed this in April and May with two weekend exercises based on basic tank troop tactics. For most of our junior officers this was their first try at tank tactics, but now that they have had a go at it, they are all looking forward to future



OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH ALBERTA LIGHT HORSE

(Left to right): Capt. D. W. Merchant, Capt. R. Fairbairn, Lt. H. E. Wahl, Lt. L. Fooks, Lt. J. Hawkins

exercises with considerable interest. We were assisted in these exercises by the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) of Calgary.

During the year the Regiment also ran courses for its regular recruit and trained militiaman and for the graduates training in tank driving, wireless and gunnery.

The 1965 Summer camp saw the Regiment combined with the King's Own Calgary Tanks for training at Camp Wainwright. Here again the training was entirely on tanks—using World War II Shermans and the Regular Army's Centurions. The Lord Strathconas handled the camp administration and also assisted in the training. This marked the last time our Regiment will be assisted by the Strathconas as early this fall they move to Germany for a tour of duty. Their place will be taken by the Fort Garry Horse.

The highlight of this year's Summer Camp was the visit of Major-General Piggott, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and Lt.-Col. Woodman, C.O. of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment along with three of his officers, Major Ray, Major Kemp and Capt. Trotman. It was unfortunate that we could not have entertained them in our home station, Medicine Hat, as this was an occasion we have looked forward to for several years.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that Lt.-Col. Ainscough received the lovely Victorian silver ink stand from Major-General Piggott, presented (loaned) on behalf of

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment to the South Alberta Light Horse.

In a letter to the Colonel of the Regiment dated 24th September, 1965, Col. Ainscough writes: "I should like to thank you and your Association very much for the honour granted for members of my Regiment to wear your Regimental tie. I have advised our secretary that similar authority is granted to members of your Regiment to wear our tie, and a supply will be forwarded to you. Once again, I should like to say how pleased we were to have met you and some of your officers this summer, and I hope that favourable circumstances will permit us to meet again soon."

THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS (1st American Regiment)

The Regiment attended Summer Camp at Petawawa in July with a strength of 100, which was the full complement allowed. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. I. Johnston, reports that the camp was the best experienced for several years.

Later in July at Toronto the Regiment was honoured by a visit from Major-General Francis J. Piggott, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Col. J. S. Vanderploeg, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, entertained General Piggott and officers of the Regiment at the York Club, and a Sunday luncheon in the Officers' Mess, attended by officers and their ladies, was also held in his honour.

Lt.-Col. Johnston recalled, as one of the highlights of the Summer, the two days he, with Major Montgomery and Major Burke, spent with The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, at camp in Gagetown, New Brunswick. He was most impressed by the high standard of efficiency displayed by the officers and men of this Regiment, whose physical fitness was demonstrated by their domination of virtually every event on the Sports Day held during his visit.

THE ZAMBIA REGIMENT

On 24th October, 1964, Northern Rhodesia became the Independent Sovereign Republic of Zambia, within the Commonwealth. On the same day the title of the Northern Rhodesia Regiment was changed to the Zambia Regiment, and greetings were exchanged between us.

We are now pleased to announce that Her Majesty The Queen has approved of the Alliance between The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and The Zambia Regiment.

Since October, 1964, The Zambia Regiment has expanded from one to three battalions. The Honorary Colonel of the Zambia Regiment is The Honourable Mr. Justice M. W. Dennison, M.C., with his Headquarters at Lusaka. The three battalions of the regiment are as follows:

1st Battalion The Zambia Regiment—stationed at Ndola.

2nd Battalion The Zambia Regiment—stationed at Lusaka.

3rd Battalion The Zambia Regiment—stationed at Broken Hill, 90 miles north of Lusaka.

The Honorary Colonel and the three battalion commanders form the Regimental Council, which deals with regimental affairs. We hope that we shall receive from the Honorary Colonel notes on the activities of the three battalions for inclusion in the next issue of the Regimental Journal.

On 22nd November, 1965, Zambia Officer Cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and Mons Officer Cadet School will visit Regimental Headquarters, where they will be entertained to luncheon and conducted round the Regimental Museum.

It is interesting to note that Major Ian Craig-Adams has already been posted to Zambia, and that Capt. J. W. Francis is due to assume a staff appointment there in January 1966.

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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.

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Adjutant ... Capt. J. J. Kavanagh

Appointments and Promotions

We welcome Mr. Coleman (late C.S.M., A.E.R.), Mr. Moss, Cadet Under Officer Breeze and Cadet C.S.M. Angel to the adult staff of the Battalion.

Mr. Coleman is appointed R.S.M. to the Battalion.

Mr. Moss is appointed Sergeant Instructor with Chertsey Platoon.

Cadet U/O Breeze is appointed Under-Officer and commands Kingston Platoon.

Cadet C.S.M. Angel is appointed Sergeant Instructor with Sutton Platoon.

We wish them all a long and happy stay with us.

We also congratulate the following on their Promotion:

Lt. J. J. Kavanagh to Acting Captain.

2/Lt. A. Church to Lieutenant.

S.M.I. Balding to R.Q.M.S.

Departures

Cadet C. Poulton (Walton Platoon) has joined the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, Oswestry. We all wish him every success in his career.

Courses

Lt. Church and 2/Lt. Cameron successfully attended a King George VI Memorial Leadership Course at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park, Surrey.

Visits

A party of two S.M.I.s and 28 Cadets under the command of Lt. Banfield, spent a very interesting and enjoyable weekend as guests of "A" Company, The Junior Leaders' Battalion, R.A.O.C., at Blackdown and a friendship has sprung up between us. We hope we may have another such visit in the near future.

Another party of one S.M.I. and 22 Cadets under the command of R.Q.M.S. Balding were guests of the Home Counties Brigade Depot, Canterbury, on 30th July. This was organised by Sgt. Swann of the Recruiting Office, Surbiton, and although short, was enjoyable all the same. We made contact with Pte. Murphy, late of New Malden Platoon. He looked well and his old chums were very glad to see him.

Sutton Platoon spent an enjoyable weekend with the Tewkesbury Detachment of the Gloucestershire A.C.F. 9-11th July. This joint venture was arranged so that Cadets from one County could see how training operates elsewhere. The scheme was based on the Gloucestershire's C.T.C. at Aston Down, near Stroud, in very different countryside from Surrey's "home" area of Aldershot.

Training started early on Saturday morning and after drill the sections moved tactically to the training area. There a demonstration of personal camouflage and concealment was given after which each section was split into two sub-sections to test its skill against the rest. After this quiet morning, and a good lunch, the afternoon saw action. Fire and movement was the title and cadets were to be seen galvanised into action by rifle fire (only blank, though). An evening scheme rounded off the day and with one section resolutely guarding the bridge by sitting on it the attackers had a hard time.

On Sunday morning we had a visit from the County Commandant of Gloucestershire, Col. F. J. Harrison, O.B.E., T.D. The weather had deteriorated and a steady light rain set in. This did not stop the morning's scheme however, which was to throw a rope bridge across the canal. This operation has been done by Tewkesbury before and has now reached a point of sophistication with a pulley system for speedy transport. So easy too—except for one Cadet from Sutton who forgot to keep hold of the rope.

Sport

We entered teams for both the County

Cross-Country and Athletics. We obtained three placings in the Athletics, but if more of the Platoons entered these events we would do very much better. However, we are proud of those who kept the "flag flying."

Shooting

We had a very successful meeting at the Surrey A.C.F. Annual Rifle Meeting at Bisley 1st and 2nd May, as the following results will reveal:

Deliberate: 300 yds. "A," "B" and "C" Teams all "Runners Up."

Snap: 300 yds. "A" and "B" Teams "Runners Up."

Aggregate: Both Practices "Runners Up."

Falling Plate: "A" Team and Officers' Team "Winners"; "B" Team and W.O.s/Sergeants Team "Runners Up."

Best Shot: Cpl. Adams ("A" Team) "Runner Up."

Our teams are very new this year and have got away to a good start for the season. We must not forget to record our thanks to the splendid coaching of Capt. Rapley and S.M.I. Hawkett.

Awards

The Commanding Officer's Inter-Challenge Cup (For efficiency) was won by "B" Company. Well done!

The Mackay Cup (Inter-Sec. Battle Shoot) was won by No. 5 Section. Good shooting!

The Brunt Cup (Battalion Patrol Competition) was won by "C" Company. Well done!

"C" Company won the Inter-Company Patrol Competition, "B" Company being runner-up. A composite team from both these Companies went on to win the County Competition. Credit must be given to Lt. Lenihan, U/O Breeze and S.I. Angel for their efforts in training the teams.

Annual Camp

The majority of this report was in fact written while the Battalion was at Plaster-down Camp, Dartmoor. The Exercise was code named "Break Out" and took the form of a force comprising units from Surrey A.C.F. Brigade, sent to stop an expected break-out from Dartmoor Prison by Indonesian political and military prisoners, aided by an airborne guerilla force from the war in Malaysia.

We had the assistance of C.S.M. Riley, 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) (not forgetting Suki

his dog) and we owe C.S.M. Riley a debt of gratitude for his help and advice throughout the period of Camp. It is a good tonic for the Battalion to have a Regular member of the Regiment such as C.S.M. Riley with us at this time and hope we may have the pleasure of his company again.

C.S.M. Riley presented "D" Company with a shield for presentation to the winning Platoon in the Battle Shoot, and a medal for the Best Shot and Runner Up. In his honour we have named the award "The Riley Shield" and it will be competed for annually at Camp. He also presented the Battalion with a hand painted pennant of the Regimental Colours and Crest which was awarded daily to the best Platoon of the day.

We also had our old friend Cpl. Adams of the 4th Queen's Surreys with us for the fourth year running looking after our transport problems, not forgetting the 4-ton vehicle and the Land Rover kindly lent to us by the 4th Battalion. It was indeed an asset to us and enabled us to complete a heavy programme of training.

Cpl. Evans, R.E.M.E., an ex-cadet member of the Battalion and now serving with N.A.T.O., also gave up some of his leave to assist us in driving our trucks. He has helped before and we are very grateful to him and the other gentlemen for their willing and cheerful assistance. We also enjoyed the company of the "Trotter Twins" from the Junior Leaders' Battalion R.A.S.C., Taunton.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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engaged with arrangements for the popular annual Ladies Festival, to be held on 20th November, 1965. Advance bookings point to another very successful evening.

This year marks the Centenary of the Headquarters in Braganza Street (formerly New Street), and arrangements are in hand for a fitting celebration of this unique event on Saturday, 9th October, 1965.

An excellent History of The Lambeth and Southwark Volunteers a century of Voluntary Service in the Volunteers and Territorials, 1860-1960 has been compiled by Major J. M. A. Tamplin, T.D., and is now available, price 5 guineas from Honorary Secretary.

The National Army Museum Building Appeal

The object of the Appeal is to raise funds to provide and equip a new National Army Museum.

The Army's achievements are a national heritage. The treasures and records, which derive from the Army's long service to the Crown and the people, deserve to be displayed for the nation in surroundings worthy of their historical, educational and cultural importance.

It is hoped to establish the new Museum in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, the Commissioners of which are prepared to grant a lease, for 999 years, of a uniquely appropriate site. Plans for a building are being submitted to the Royal Fine Art Commission, and planning permission is being sought.

The Government has agreed to meet the cost of maintaining and staffing the new Museum, but for the acquisition of the site and the cost of the building and equipment the sponsors of the Appeal must rely on private generosity. They have already received promises exceeding £352,000. Their target is to raise a further £750,000.

The Appeal Committee is making a special appeal to serving and retired members of the Army, as well as to the public. All money will be used to establish a National Army Museum worthy of the nation.

Please help as much as you can.

The National Army Museum is a registered charity.

The following is an extract from a letter from Gen. Sir Reginald Hewetson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Adjutant General, to the Colonel of the Regiment.

"We wish to raise about £1,000,000 so that this national collection can be worthily housed—we hope for ever and a day. Towards this sum, we have already been promised £352,000 by a relatively few public spirited institutions, commercial enterprises

and individuals even before publicly launching the Appeal.

This is an excellent start, but if we are to obtain the wholehearted response and support of the public at large—and this is of course our aim—it goes without saying that we should be able to demonstrate to them the Army's full-blooded and practical support of this project, in the interests not just of itself but of the Nation.

I am sure that you will agree that this project, when completed, will not only be a valuable national possession in its own right, but will serve to benefit the Army and to illustrate the latter's proper place in the history and life of the Nation.

Anything you can do to support and further this project will thus be most welcome. In particular, I hope that you will encourage those under your command, and those with whom you work, to likewise give the appeal their support; that you will help to publicise the Appeal among all your personal friends, who may be interested, whether they be in the Army or in any other walk of life; and that you will encourage all who feel so minded to give individual subscriptions, by gift or covenant, or corps, regimental or unit subscriptions, should they have funds available.

I know that there are many calls on officers and men for charitable subscriptions. But I recommend this—a one time exercise—as a very worthy cause and one well suited to 1965, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo."

At a Meeting of the Regimental Committee on 31st July, 1965, it was agreed that the Regiment should subscribe to the establishment of the National Army Museum. All members, past and present, of the Regiment are invited to contribute towards the Regiment's consolidated donation. A proforma for this purpose is enclosed in this Journal. Cheques should be made payable to the Colonel of the Regiment's Fund.

Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

Our annual Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral was held on Sunday, 30th May. The Regimental representatives with their families numbered between 500 and 600. Among them were members of the family and close friends of the late Gen. Sir George Giffard; they included Gen. Sir Alan and Lady Cunningham.

R.S.M. L. M. B. Wilson with a party of P.S.I.s and N.C.O.s from 3rd and 4th Battalions (T.A.), arrived early on Stag Hill to make the preparations outside the Cathedral. The Regimental flag was hoisted on one of the giant flagstaffs and the saluting dais was placed in position with a flagstaff from which was flown a small Regimental flag. R.S.M. Wilson and his party also carried out the duties of ushers in the Cathedral and assisted in the taking of the collection.

In the absence of the Dean of Guildford the Sub Dean, The Rev. Canon C. T. Chapman, Ph.D., F.K.C., officiated at the Service. The Address was given by the Rev. Peter Mallett, C.F., who had served with 1st Battalion The Queen's as their Chaplain in Malaya in 1954 to 1957. The Lesson was read by Maj.-Gen. F. J. C. Piggott, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.

The Service included a short and impressive ceremony in which the late Gen. Sir George Giffard's Banner and Crest of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath were handed over to the Dean and Chapter for safe keeping within the Cathedral.

Prior to the commencement of the Service the Banner and Crest were placed on a table at the foot of the Chancel Steps.

At the appointed moment Mrs. Diana

Blamire, daughter of Gen. Sir George Giffard, and the Colonel of the Regiment took up position at the table. The Sub Dean, representing the Dean and Chapter, took position facing the Congregation.

Mrs. Blamire laid her hand on the Banner and said "In fulfilment of my Father's wishes I give this Banner to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment."

The Colonel of the Regiment said, "I accept this Banner on behalf of the Regiment, and in further fulfilment of the wishes of Gen. Sir George Giffard, I hand it over to you, Reverend Sir, for safe keeping within the walls of this Cathedral."

The Sub Dean then said "I receive this Banner for safe custody within this Cathedral."

Then was said a Prayer of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

After the Service about 300 members of the Regimental Association took part in the March Past, headed by the Band of 3rd Battalion Queen's Surreys (T.A.). The parade was marshalled by R.S.M. Wilson and commanded by Maj.-Gen. F. A. H. Ling, C.B.E., D.S.O. The Salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, with the Sub Dean and the Rev. Peter Mallett standing by the dais.

The following is an extract from a letter received by the Colonel of the Regiment from the Rev. Peter Mallett:—

"It was for me both a great pleasure and privilege to come to you at Guildford and I am most grateful to you for giving me this opportunity of renewing once again my association with the Regiment. It was good to meet again so many old friends and to be made to feel that one was still part of the family."

Publications

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The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
Portsmouth Road
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REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

During the period 1st January—1st September, 1965, 248 visitors were conducted around the Museum.

On 20th August, a visitor from the United States, Col. Jack Votion, O.B.E., a retired officer of the United States Army, together with his brother, paid a visit to the Museum. Col. Votion served in 1915 as a private soldier in the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, having joined at the undisclosed age of 15½! He was awarded the O.B.E. during the 1939-45 War when he served as a U.S. Army Liaison Officer with the British Army. During his visit he became a fully paid-up life member of the Regimental Association and was issued with a membership card and Association Badge. He was also presented with suitably inscribed copies of Volumes II and III of The History of The East Surrey Regiment to prove to his compatriots that he had once been a British soldier!

A visitor from the Commonwealth was Major D. V. Geary, R.C.E.M.E., who is on an exchange posting from the Canadian Army. He, his wife, son and four daughters visited Regimental Headquarters and the Museum on 1st September as a direct result

of a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment to Major Geary's father, Capt. B. H. Geary, V.C., late The East Surrey Regiment, whilst the Colonel of the Regiment was in Canada during the recent training tour of the 1st Battalion in New Brunswick. Capt. Geary's other son, Lt.-Commander N. J. Geary, R.C.N., who is also in England, was unable to be present, but will be visiting Regimental Headquarters later this year.

Capt. B. H. Geary, when serving with the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry at Hill 60 on 20th/21st April, 1915. In the same action Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell and Pte. E. Dwyer were also awarded this highest decoration for valour.

Gen. Sir Richard Foster, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment from 1939—1946, and formerly Adjutant General of The Royal Marines, who died on 3rd April, 1965, has bequeathed his decorations and medals to The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and these will be displayed in the Regimental Museum. This outstanding gesture is deeply appreciated by the Regiment, and particularly by those members who had the privilege of knowing Gen. Foster.

Regimental Golf Society

The Spring Meeting took place on 21st and 22nd April, 1965, at Sudbrook Park. The attendance was rather below normal, possibly owing to the fact that the Easter Holiday was barely over. But competition for dates for meetings at Sudbrook is now so keen that one has to take what one can get—and this with the aid of the most helpful of Club Secretaries. Anyhow it worked out very well, for we had the two finest days in a long period of Spring weather at its most unattractive; the girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead is a close parallel.

We were very glad to have with us at luncheon on the first day Brigadier Roupell (who is not playing at the moment), Major Spencer Ford, and our three devoted fans from R.H.Q., Col. Duncombe, Major Hill and Major Reed. It is pleasant to record

that the winning scores in most of the competitions represented brilliant golf. But all, whether brilliant or mediocre, seemed to be enjoying the occasion hugely.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the first evening, when Lt.-Col. J. A. Lasbrey was elected Captain for the ensuing two years in succession to Lt.-Col. G. S. Abbott, whose term of office ended at this Spring Meeting.

Results

Stableford Bogey: Heales Memorial Trophy and Memento (Seniors): A. Mason, 38½ pts. Memento (Juniors): W. J. T. Ross, 34 pts. Veterans Halo: A. Mason, 40½ pts.

Stableford Greensomes: Major C. H. Dickens and Major R. C. Taylor, 36½ pts.

Medal Round:

Challenge Cup (Scratch): H. P. Mason, 75.
Dodgson Cup (Handicap): Brigadier G. A. White, 77—9=68.
Best last nine holes (Seniors): Capt. H. C. Mason.
Best last nine holes (Juniors): Capt. B. D. S. Burton.
Hidden holes (Seniors): Major R. L. Hazell.
Hidden holes (Juniors): Major J. C. Drane.
Bogey Foursomes:
Col. P. G. Wreford-Brown and Capt. B. D. S. Burton. 6 up.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society v. The Royal Marines Golf Society

This match was played at Sudbrook Park on 25th May and resulted in a win for the Royal Marines.

It was a pleasant occasion, and the members of both teams enjoyed their day very

much. The weather was good, from a golfing point of view, but hardly suitable for basking in the sun, which was perhaps just as well.

The match was a good fight—better than would appear from the score-sheet. We stood up well in the morning singles, which might easily have ended with us up instead of down, but in the afternoon foursomes, Anno Domini began to tell, and the amphibian youngsters lasted better than their elderly opponents. In the match in which the writer was engaged, there was not a lot in it through the green, but the Marines' holing out was masterly. And, incidentally, it should be recorded that the greens were in particularly good shape.

We must now practise hard for the match next year.

<i>The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society</i>					<i>The Royal Marines Golf Society</i>				
					v.				
					Singles				
H. P. Mason	..	..	(1 up)	1	v.	Major A. S. Harris	..	..	0
Lt.-Col. G. S. Abbott	..	..	(6/5)	1	v.	General Sir M. Cartwright Taylor	..	..	0
Major R. Hazell	..	..	..	½	v.	Major H. R. Frazer	..	..	½
Capt. J. A. Clark	..	..	..	0	v.	Major R. R. G. Hoare	..	.. (1 up)	1
Capt. B. D. S. Burton	..	..	..	0	v.	Capt. R. E. Mylne	..	.. (1 up)	1
Lt.-Col. J. A. Lasbrey	..	..	..	0	v.	Capt. R. D. Patterson-Knight	..	.. (5/3)	1
					Foursomes				
Abbott and Burton	..	..	..	0	v.	Hoare and Patterson-Knight	..	.. (3/1)	1
Clark and Hazell	..	..	..	0	v.	Harris and Mylne	..	.. (4/2)	1
H. C. Mason and Drane	..	..	..	0	v.	Cartwright-Taylor and Frazer	..	.. (4/3)	1
2½					6½				

Royal Marines won by 6½ matches to 2½.

Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

The Regimental Service will be held in Guildford Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 12th June, 1966.

All past and present members of the Regiment, their families and friends are invited.

No tickets will be issued.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, 30th May, 1965, a good number of our members, with their families, attended the Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral. The occasion has been recorded elsewhere in this Journal. It was good to see many of our old stalwarts taking part in the march past, at which the salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment. There was no Reunion afterwards, but 3 Queen's Surreys (T.A.) kindly laid on a buffet lunch and refreshments for those who had come long distances.

As has been emphasized both in the Journal and in the Annual Report, we are concentrating on having one Reunion a year. The Committee decided this function should be held in London, so as to be of easy access to the majority of members, and that it should be a family affair. There has been a real demand for wives to attend, not only to keep their husbands company but also to meet old friends with whom they have "soldiered" in family stations overseas. The Reunion was held at the Seymour Hall, on Friday, 8th October, 1965, and an account will be published in the May 1966 issue of the Journal.

After the 1939-45 War The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment both inaugurated War Memorial Schemes with the object of helping financially those who found it difficult to take holidays. The Regimental Association has been able to help 33 families already this year. In addition to holiday grants, the War Memorial Funds can be used for convalescence and day outings for those unable to go away on holiday. We hope that our readers will tell other members or ex-members of the Regiment about this aspect of the Association's work.

Members Overseas

Ex-Sgt. V. H. V. Shepperd, writing from Canada tells us he joined the 2nd Queen's in November, 1914, and later served with the 8th and 6th Battalions. He still corresponds regularly with some of his old friends in this country.

Mr. Shepperd's address is: 3409 Veteran Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

We have heard from Capt. P. N. Jackson,

whom many will remember as R.S.M. of 6 East Surreys (T.A.).

After leaving the Regiment, Jackson emigrated to Australia, where his parents are living, and joined the Australian Army. Older members of the Regiment will remember his father who served in the Queen's from 1919 to 1951. The addresses of the Jacksons are as under:

Lt.-Col. R. W. Jackson, M.B.E., 344 Long Street East, Graceville, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Capt. P. N. Jackson, 5th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, MILPO, Holsworthy, New South Wales, Australia.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

Apologies must be tendered to all members and readers of this column for the absence of Association notes in the May issue. This was due to an oversight and every effort will be made to ensure that our contribution appears in future issues.

The main topic and highlight of each year, is of course, the Annual General Meeting and Dinner. At the A.G.M. members heard of the activities controlled by the Committee, supported by the balance sheet, which confirmed the well-being of the Association.

At the Dinner which followed we were delighted to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General F. J. C. Piggott, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., as our new President. Eighty members and guests sat down to porterhouse steaks with all the trimmings, liberally washed down with wine. The rest of the evening was spent round the bar recounting those evergreen stories of stations east of Suez, which, although elaborated a little more each year, are still as welcome as ever. An innovation this year was a raffle ably organised by Tom Burgess which proved extremely popular. The various prizes were donated by members of the Committee, and the money realised from tickets together with the slight increase in the cost of dinner tickets

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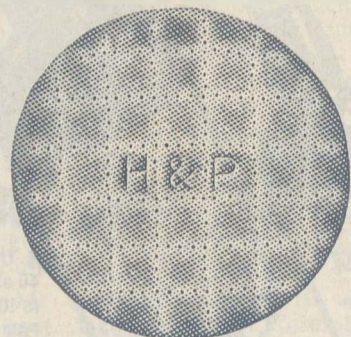
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resulted in the Dinner Account being "all square" for the very first time. Last year the sum of £36 had to be taken from the General Fund to settle the bill. The evening was unanimously voted a tremendous success. Our monthly social evenings on the last Saturday of each month are proving extremely popular, and at the August meeting we were privileged to entertain 24 Pensioners from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Local talent combined with guests vocal contributions resulted in one of the most enjoyable evenings for a long time. Our thanks are due to Jimmy Ives and Tom Cahill for making this possible.

Membership still remains steady and it is to be hoped that more younger members will join our ranks, especially serving members from the 1st Battalion and T.A. Battalions. They are reminded that one of our aims is to foster the spirit of comradeship between retired and serving members, and in their turn, between themselves and future Sergeants' Mess members to ensure the continuity of our Association. Full details can be obtained from your R.S.M. or the Association Secretary at Regimental H.Q.

We take this opportunity to congratulate R.S.M. George Mileham on his promotion to Lieutenant and wish him every success. He is now serving with the 1st Battalion. The Association is indebted to him for the very valuable assistance given to us during his tenure with 4 Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of George Skilton and Peggy Neale. The Association was represented at their "Last Parade."

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4th Battalion Queen's Surreys

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T.D., D.L.

VISIT TO GIVENCHY ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE

The 23rd London Regiment, one of the Battalion's lineal ancestors, fought at Givenchy on 24-26th May, 1915, in the Battle of Festubert. Over 500 casualties were suffered and for the action the 23rd



VISIT TO GIVENCHY
The Veterans' Party (minus Laurie)

London were awarded the Battle Honour "Festubert."

On the 50th anniversary, 11 members of the Veterans' Company and ladies visited Givenchy. Four survivors of the action were in the party, Major Douglas Coleman, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Jimmy Cobbett and Mr. Laurie Lawrence.

After a convivial crossing we had haversack rations and vino on the train, arrived at Bethune at tea time and moved into the Hotel du Vieux Beffroi. We then dined and wine well—including red wine out of some remarkable-smelling wooden jugs. Shortly afterwards, singing broke out, and this surprisingly was much appreciated by the patron of the hotel, madame and the customers generally. No doubt the singing did nothing to reduce our thirst. The 1915 vintage members of the party astonished everyone by the range and power of their songs, many of which we had not heard before. Major Coleman's contribution was particularly noteworthy, including as it did "The Boys in Scarlet and Gold" and tales of Marie Louise (Givenchy, 1915).

The next morning we went to Le Touret Memorial, where 206 members of 23rd London Regiment, who died at Givenchy and have no known graves, are commemorated. After a short but impressive service wreaths were laid on behalf of the Veterans' Company, 23rd London Regiment Association, and 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.) by Major J. D. Coleman, Mr. C. W. Smith and Col. T. A. Buchanan, respectively.

The party then moved on to Givenchy village where we traced the course of the



VISIT TO GIVENCHY

The four survivors: Mr. Charles Smith, Major Douglas Coleman, Mr. Timmy Cobbett and Mr. Laurie Lawrence

battle. The battlefield is now a cornfield and the village is no larger than it was 50 years ago. There is only one small estaminet and we moved there in force. There was some very stylish dancing by Mrs. Peggy White, to the local inhabitants' astonishment, and fraternisation with the locals took place, in remarkable French. In a machine football match, 6th Battalion East Surrey Regiment beat 23rd London Regiment by 5 goals to 2, in spite of some help from a local expert, whose name was Smith—much to Charles's embarrassment. Other villages in the area were visited which were remembered by members of the party who were there in 1915, NAAFI sites, etc., were identified and also Marie Louise's back garden!

In the afternoon we visited Vimy Ridge, the Vimy Memorial, and the English and German trenches that are maintained there, together with the French Army Memorial at Notre Dame de Lorette. We returned to the Vieux Beffroi in time for dinner and afterwards a somewhat weary party boarded the train for Dunkerque, arriving at Dover in time for breakfast next morning.

The visit was a great success; the Le Touret Memorial and the Givenchy Battlefield being impressive and interesting; the company was good and convivial and the only difficulty we had was in keeping the drivers awake on the way home from Dover.

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

It is with great satisfaction I report the continued activities of this Association. Since the publication of the May copy of the Regimental Journal, our social events have been many, varied and successful.

On Saturday, 5th June, we organised a Tramps' Ball in the Drill Hall, Mitcham Road, and an uninvited observer, peering through a window, would have thought all the tramps in Surrey were holding a Vagabonds Convention! This was a first-ever try-out venture and we were more than pleased with its instant success, especially by the numbers present and the amazing originality shown in the tramps' outfits! It was a display of dreadfully dressed derelicts, for the usually attractive ladies wore rags and tatters, torn stockings, odd shoes and wigs of unkempt hair. And the men! Unshaven, patched trousers, anything that passed muster for a jacket, shirts almost non-existent and frowsty wigs that would have made a Beatle look tidy with a crew-cut! A Grand Parade of all the Tramps—and Trampesses—was held toward the end of the evening and the judges declared that our normally impeccably dressed Treasurer, Joe Dennis, be voted Tramp No. 1 for "get-up" and general behaviour! Teddy Shonfeld cine-filmed the high-lights of the evening—a film that has already been shown amid roars of laughter. It was a grand and hilarious evening, and our thanks go to the two organisers, Bob Saunders and Bill Field.

These two energetic members were also responsible for the Garden Party and Fete, held at Mitcham Road Barracks on Sunday, 8th August, another first-time event we have been bold enough to try out. The show was officially opened by our President, Lt.-Col. J. H. F. Johnson, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., and a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Johnson by the grand-daughter of our popular secretary, Ernie Organ. Some 350 people came along and they certainly kept the stallholders of the 25 booths very busy. Among the main attractions were the two concerts given by the Band and Drums of the 3rd Battalion. The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. D. B. Pullen, T.D., Officer Commanding the 3rd Battalion. The show was brought to a grand conclusion

by the Drums who Beat Retreat. Once again this function was cine-filmed by Teddy Shonfeld, but as yet the film has not been shown.

So great a success has the Garden Party and Fete proved to be, that our social committee are going ahead with plans to make it an annual event, infusing into it a mid-summer reunion of all members and their families.

On Saturday, 12th June, a small party of O.C.A. members attended a Garden Party at Churchill Court, Sevenoaks, where Lady Victoria Scott, daughter of Earl Haig, performed the opening ceremony. The main purpose of our presence was to attend a small but moving function honouring the memory of our old comrade, Basil Bicknell. He was founder and treasurer of the Addiscombe and Shirley British Legion Pipe Band, which he raised to such a high standard of efficiency. The present secretary spoke of Basil Bicknell's excellent military record and then requested Lady Victoria to present members of the Pipe Band with a new drum, suitably inscribed, and given by Basil's brothers, as a lasting tribute to the honoured memory of a much-loved comrade.

It is sad to reflect that so often we have to record the passing of an old and valued comrade. Many will remember Jim Beven, a popular and loyal member of the Regiment, and latterly, of this O.C.A.—until illness confined him to bed and eventually to a long spell in hospital. He passed away on 23rd July; he will be missed by us all.

The summer holiday period has closed our monthly social get-together in the club room, but this popular Saturday evening attraction will be resumed in the early autumn, and we shall be looking forward to meeting up with many old friends and enjoying a merry evening of beer, darts and song!

From this account, you will see that we are certainly prospering in the social sphere, and we have high hopes for a planned autumn and winter programme. We are also highly pleased by the return to the fold of long-lost members, and the influx of many new and younger members. It is the fusion of two generations, who have so much in common, that makes an organisation like ours the solid and happy band of comrades that it is today.

Lastly, as this report goes to the Editor, we ourselves are getting ready to issue No. 2 of our own O.C.A. Journal. The first issue proved to be so popular and the demands for further issues so insistent, that the Editors,

the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the O.C.A., are kept quite busy with material sent in by many old friends.

FRANK PAUL SHONFELD.

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

The highlight of the year was the reunion dinner held at Grants Restaurant, Croydon, on 24th April, 1965. It marked three notable anniversaries; the landing by the Battalion 50 years ago on Gallipoli, the formation of the Old Comrades' Association 40 years ago, and the golden wedding day of Sgt. Harry Mann, the founder-Secretary, whose efforts since have done so much to keep the Association going. Cpl. T. L. Davison, M.M., Vice-Chairman of the O.C.A., welcomed the 110 members and guests, and Sgt. Harry Mann, as befitted the occasion, occupied the chair for the dinner. He was supported by Capt. E. Herbert, M.C., Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., Lt. R. Jennings, Registrar of Marlborough College, Canon Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon, members of the 4th Queen's O.C.A. and other guests. The Mayor of Croydon, Councillor P. A. Saunders was the principal guest and everyone present enjoyed this grand festival of reunion.

The Mayor paid tribute to the founder Secretary, Harry Mann, and presented him with an illuminated Address prepared by the late Chairman of the O.C.A., Len Merrow-Smith. The Address recorded members' appreciation of Harry Mann's services as the only Honorary Secretary since the Association was founded in 1925, 40 years ago. A cheque for £25 was also presented to him in recognition of his unswerving devotion to the cause of old comrades. "You are truly old comrades" the Mayor told the gathering. "In the last half century Croydon has endured two major wars, and is rightly proud of its citizens who answered the call and served their Country. High in the Borough's esteem stands The Queen's Royal Regiment, with which we are proud to be so long associated." He paid tribute to the work of Harry Mann who had done so much to keep the spirit of comradeship alive for so many

years. Harry Mann, in thanking the Mayor and the members of the Association said that about 200 members had passed away since the O.C.A. was formed in 1925, but we still mustered over 100 at our reunion dinners, which he thought showed how united we were, and made it second to none as a Battalion Old Comrades' Association. Harry Mann recalled events and history in the long trail of "do you remember" from 1914 until the battalion disbanded in 1919.

Col. H. G. Duncombe, D.S.O., replied to the Toast of the 2/4th Queen's O.C.A. and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment in a rousing speech that gave us all food for thought.

"Gallipoli was not a tragic blunder or a waste of life as some critics claimed, but a vital and invaluable contribution to the eventual and final victory. It was quite something," he said "that from one battalion, 50 years on, there are still over 100 old comrades sitting down to this commemorative dinner tonight."

It was a grand evening and everyone gave vent to their enthusiasm in no uncertain manner. Another milestone had been reached, and we were all determined to meet again and again and keep right on to the end of the road.

The Association has suffered a severe and irreplaceable loss in the death of its President, Col. Sir Frank Watney on the 16th July, 1965, aged 95½ years. Col. Watney lived a busy and useful life and will be best remembered by us as our leader, our Colonel in the 1914-18 War and as our President since the Association was formed in 1925, until his death. In September, 1914, the War Office asked him to form a new battalion which eventually became the 2/4th Queen's, made up of 4th and 5th Queen's men. He commanded the battalion when he took it to Gallipoli, and it also served on other fronts. Col. Watney loved the battalion, his original "baby" and his men served him well and remember him with affection and high regard. In 1925 the Colonel came to the first reunion dinner organised by the Association and since then on every possible occasion he has joined with us in our festival of reunion. In fact he was aged 92 when he appeared at our reunion dinner on April 28th, 1962, and received a tremendous ovation which brought tears to his eyes. In one of his final letters he wrote "Will you tell my dear comrades that I often think of them with affection and all they did for their country and the help they have given

since in keeping our Association going."

In this day and age it seems almost incredible that the battalion, welded together with its Colonel since 1914 is still a living force. We mourn sincerely the passing of our beloved Colonel and leader and realise that a tremendous link has been broken in the chain. The Association has suffered yet another heavy blow by the death of Col. R. J. Few, D.S.O., T.D., who passed away on 24th August, 1965. He was buried at Shalford on 31st August, the day he would have reached his 89th birthday. Col. Few (then Major) was the 2IC under Col. Watney when we left England for Gallipoli in 1915. We remember him with great affection and pride and recall that on more than one occasion he took command of the battalion and led it into action. He was a man that we would follow anywhere and did. The members of the Association deeply mourn his passing. Let us therefore close our ranks and keep together the ties that bind us, in memory of these distinguished officers whose job it was to form us into a fighting unit over 50 years ago.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

It is with very deep regret that we record the passing of our former Honorary Secretary, Mr. Fredk. F. Rowley, M.C. He died on 9th July, 1965, aged 83. He is deeply mourned by his many friends. Mr. Rowley was first elected Honorary Secretary of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) O.C.A. on 3rd May, 1919. After a short break due to business reasons, he resumed office in 1925 and carried on until the outbreak of the 1939-45 War in which he was engaged on military duties. In 1946, Mr. Rowley was again elected Honorary Secretary and proceeded with the task of infusing new life into the O.C.A. which had been kept alive during the war by a small committee. His initiative and drive together with his wise counsel and long experience assisted in a very great measure in setting up the O.C.A. once again on a sound basis. We were fortunate indeed in having the services of one so capable.

It was a heavy blow to the Association, when in February, 1959, Mr. Rowley was compelled through ill health, to resign from office. As a mark of deep appreciation and a compliment for his most devoted services for more than 30 years in the interests of the O.C.A. he was unanimously elected first Vice-President in perpetuity of the Association. He continued his great interest in the affairs of the Association up to a few weeks of his death and was always ready to give advice when necessary. So passes a great and staunch figure of the Association.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, 6th March, 1965, at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, a date which coincided with that memorable 6th March, 1943, when 1/7th Queen's conspicuously and gallantly acquitted themselves at the famous Battle of Medenine and so gives us cause to celebrate. Lt.-Col. W. D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C., presided over a very happy gathering of 150 members and guests. The Toast of "Absent Comrades" was proposed by Major K. A. Jessup, who with great feeling, reminded those present of their comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, and to whom he paid tribute. Lt.-Col. Paul Adams, T.D., in proposing the Toast of "The Regiment," spoke of the Regimental spirit and how much it had helped us to do our bit 50 years ago and in the last war. He mentioned that there were many members present to keep that spirit alive and, in particular, he hoped the 265 L.A.D. Regiment, R.A., would maintain that spirit, and he looked to them to assist in keeping the Association alive and active.

Mr. V. G. Edwards then entertained the assembly with some very amusing and colourful anecdotes of his military career. It was "Nutty" at his best.

The Chairman in proposing the Toast of "Our Guests" said how pleased he was to see such a large attendance of 7th Queen's and "R" (Surrey) Battery members. It was his pleasure to warmly welcome the Guest of Honour, Brigadier R. H. Senior, D.S.O., T.D., who so ably commanded 1/7th Queen's at Medenine. He was without doubt the architect of the position which greatly assisted towards the decisive result. Other guests of the evening also warmly welcomed were, Major P. G. E. Hill, Secretary, Regimental Association, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; Lt. J. Smalley, R.A.M.C., 17th (London) General Hospital, T.A., and

Mr. H. T. Neale, 2/7th Queen's Old Comrades' Association.

Brigadier Senior replying for the guests, said how very proud he was of the honour accorded him this evening and recalled some interesting episodes of Medenine, in particular, the siting of the Battalion's Anti-Tank guns by Major Sandys and the courageous and steadfast action of the gun crews who inflicted such heavy toll on the enemy tanks, for which Sgt. R. I. Andrews and Sgt. J. F. Crangles were both awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

General Montgomery ordered that the 6-pdr. anti-tank gun donated by Canadian Munition Employees for the best days shooting in North Africa should be awarded to the Anti-Tank Platoon of the 1/7th Queen's. This gun is now exhibited inside the main gate, Home Counties Brigade Depot, Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

Our Social Committee have also been in action and organised a successful dance, resulting in a contribution of £27 to 7th Queen's Memorial Fund, which is still open. Contributions have now reached £203.

The Social Committee are now busily
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ROBB—BAKER.—On 3rd April, 1965, at St. Matthew's Church, London, S.E., Pte. T. Robb, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Lyn Carole Baker.

MART—HARRIS.—On 3rd April, 1965, at St. Thomas Church, Canterbury, Pte. L. Mart, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Thelma Kathleen Harris.

PULLINGER—CHAMPION.—On 3rd April, 1965, at the Parish Church, St. Mary le More, Berks, Lt. J. F. Pullinger, 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.), to Elizabeth Mary Champion.

STENNING—JASPER.—On 1st May, 1965, at Shottermill, Surrey, L/Cpl. E. Stenning, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Sheila Dorothy Jasper.

GERRARD—HOLYLAND.—On 4th May, 1965, at the Register Office, Leicester, Pte. A. Gerrard, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Susan Joy Holyland.

WAKELY—UBSDELL.—On 8th May, 1965, at the Catholic Church, Banbury, Capt. K. G. Wakely, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Margaret Ubsdell.

BENETAR—CHADWICK.—On 15th May, 1965, at St. Edward Parish Church, New Addington, Pte. D. Benetar, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Marigold Anne Chadwick.

GOUGH—ELLIOTT.—On 15th May, 1965, at the Register Office, Wandsworth, Pte. D. Gough, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Shirley Christine Elliott.

SMITH—HALE.—On 7th July, 1965, at the Register Office, Lambeth, Pte. G. Smith, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Pauline Ann Hale.

MILES—EMSLIE.—On 26th July, 1965, at St. Luke's Chapel, Galetown, Canada, Pte. E. Miles, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Sheona Margaret Emslie.

LIVINGSTONE—BUGGS.—On 7th August, 1965, at the Register Office, Harrow, Middlesex, Pte. F. Livingstone, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Patricia Buggs.

PETERS—BAKER.—On 14th August, 1965, at St. Saviour's Church, Folkestone, L/Cpl. R. Peters, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Nancy Jean Baker.

STENT—WILKINSON.—On 14th August, 1965, at the Parish Church, Mickleham, Surrey, L/Cpl. J. Stent, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Janice Wilkinson.

MACEY—BILLMORE.—On 14th August, 1965, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chessington, Surrey, Cpl. B. Macey, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Christina Rose Billmore.

JAMES—MAHON.—On 21st August, 1965, at St. Thomas Church, Canterbury, Cpl. M. James, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment to Moya Therese Mahon.

PUGH—JONES.—On 21st August, 1965, at the Register Office, Woking, Pte. D. Pugh, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Glenys Jones.

OWEN—DRINKALL.—On 24th August, 1965, at the Register Office, Louth, Lincs, Cpl. R. Owen, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Patricia Jacqueline Drinkall.

WOOD—NEWHAM.—On 28th August, 1965, at St. Hilda's Church, Ashford, Surrey, Pte. K. Wood, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Jill Lesley Newham.

FITZGERALD—KELLY.—On 8th September, 1965, at the Register Office, Ealing, Pte. V. Fitzgerald, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Catherine Kelly.

ELY—HARRIS.—On 10th September, 1965, at the Register Office, Bridge, Kent, L/Cpl. E. Ely, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Yvonne Jean Harris.

ROGERSON—STEWART.—On 11th September, 1965, at the Parish Church of Augharac, Westport, Eire, Cpl. J. Rogerson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, to Olive Stewart.

BIRTHS

SANDY.—On 1st January, 1965, at Tidworth Military Hospital, to Beryl, wife of Pte. R. Sandy, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Shane.

BRAIDEN.—On 1st February, 1965, at Canterbury, to Elizabeth Jean, wife of Cpl. G. Braiden, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Nigel.

BURGESS.—On 7th February, 1965, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, to Betty, wife of Pte. D. Burgess, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Carl.

LLOYD.—On 26th March, 1965, at Canada House, Gillingham, to Deidre, wife of

Bdsm. J. Lloyd, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Nicholas Charles.

PAGANI.—On 2nd April, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Patricia, wife of L/Cpl. T. Pagani, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Stephen Terry.

STIFF.—On 11th April, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Jean Margaret, wife of Capt. R. G. Stiff, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Elizabeth.

JESSUP.—On 14th April, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Joan, wife of W.O.2 L. Jessup, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Amanda Lesley.

VAUX.—On 29th April, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Dora, wife of Pte. V. Vaux, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Steven.

ELCOMBE.—On 1st May, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Jean Marie, wife of Sgt. J. Elcombe, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Roger.

CRAWFORD.—On 9th May, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Brigitte, wife of Pte. G. Crawford, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Gladstone Michael Anthonis.

MASON.—On 16th May, 1965, at Shorncliffe Military Hospital, to Daphne Joan, wife of Major G. Mason, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Sally Frances Rose.

TITHERIDGE.—On 17th May, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Wendy Kathleen, wife of Cpl. G. Titheridge, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Ian Russell.

TUTOR.—On 18th May, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Sandra Aileen, wife of Pte. D. Tutor, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Donna Lea.

HOEY.—On 3rd July, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Brenda Catherine, wife of L/Cpl. P. Hoey, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Tracey Elizabeth.

CLEARY.—On 6th July, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Lorina, wife of Pte. G. Cleary, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Keith Andrew.

DALE.—On 17th July, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Olive, wife of Cpl. J. Dale, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Margaret Irenc.

THOMPSON.—On 18th July, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to the wife of Pte. A. Thompson, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Anita.

POWELL.—On 3rd August, 1965, at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, to Daphne Margaret, wife of Cpl. C. Powell, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, Simon Andrew Bowman.

ETHERINGTON.—On 7th August, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Brenda Ann, wife of Pte. M. Etherington, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Carol Anne.

GOODEN.—On 13th August, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Barbara, wife of L/Cpl. J. Gooden, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Julie Louise, and son, John Magna (twins).

BARROW.—On 17th August, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Janne, wife of Capt. P. de S. Barrow, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a son, David.

HILL.—On 10th September, 1965, at B.M.H. Münster, to Joan, wife of Cpl. A. Hill, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, a daughter, Sally.

Obituaries

COL. SIR FRANK WATNEY, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D.

In the passing of Sir Frank Dormay Watney the Regiment has lost its oldest Officer and one of its best friends.

Sir Frank, who was 95, died at his home in London on 16th July, 1965.

Born on 25th January, 1870, he was the third son of the late Sir John Watney and was educated at Winchester.

He was first commissioned in 1889 and served as an Officer in the Volunteers and in the Territorial Army. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1908.

He commanded 4th Battalion The Queen's (T.A.) from 1903 to 1909.

When war broke out in 1914 he immediately offered his services and was appointed to command 2/4th Queen's, which Battalion he trained and afterwards led with gallantry and distinction at Gallipoli. After Gallipoli he served in Egypt, France, Salonika and Palestine.

He was promoted Colonel in 1918.

For his gallant and distinguished services in the Great War, 1914-1918, he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire; was three times Mentioned in Despatches; and received the Order of the Nile.

By virtue of his high qualities as a soldier he was very greatly esteemed, and in fact loved, by all those who had served with him, and especially by those who had served under him. He was deeply devoted to the old soldiers who had served with him and was for 40 years President of 2/4th Queen's O.C.A. Until his health failed two years ago he always attended their annual Reunion in Croydon. At this function one has often heard him referred to as "our beloved President, Col. Sir Frank."

A representative contingent of 2/4th Queen's O.C.A. attended his Memorial Service in London, on 28th July, 1965.

In addition to his distinguished military career Sir Frank was also a Civic Dignitary of great distinction. He became a Solicitor in the City of London in 1898, and was a Director of the Royal Exchange Assurance for 45 years. Appointments and Offices which he had held included Clerk to the Mercers Company; Clerk to the Governors of St. Paul's School; and vice-president of the Officers' Association.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey in 1911, and became one of H.M. Lieutenants for the City of London in 1926.

He was an Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and in 1936 was appointed a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Sir Frank was twice married. His first wife, formerly Margaret Graham, died in 1951. He is survived by his second wife, formerly Mrs. Jane Pollard, widow of Major-General J. H. W. Pollard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and by his son Mr. Sanders Watney.

Col. Sir Frank Watney will always have an honoured place in the history of the Regiment and in the hearts and memories of all of us who knew him.

To his widow and to his son we extend the deepest sympathy and condolences on behalf of all members, past and present, of the Regiment.

COL. R. J. FEW, D.S.O., T.D.

Robert Jebb Few died at his home, Burcher

Court, Kington, Herefordshire, on 24th August, 1965, within a few days of his 89th birthday. Educated at Marlborough, he was commissioned in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and served in the South African War. In the 1914-18 War he served in Gallipoli as 2IC of the 2/4th Queen's, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Mentioned in Despatches.

Col. Few commanded the 2/5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1919 to 1924, and held the appointment of a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Surrey from 1925 to 1946. Col. Few will be particularly remembered in connection with his great interest in rifle shooting. He himself was an International shot, and was Secretary of the Territorial Army Rifle Association for 33 years, from 1920 to 1952.

To his widow and daughter we extend our deepest sympathy. Col. Few was held in the highest regard by his old comrades of the 2/4th Queen's, and a further tribute will be found in the notes of their Old Comrades' Association in this Journal.

BRIGADIER RICHARD HOBSON MAXWELL, C.B.

We regret to announce the death of Brigadier R. H. Maxwell which occurred on 28th August, 1965, at the age of 66.

The following appreciation has been contributed by an officer who served with 23rd London Regiment.

In 1956, 42nd Royal Tank Regiment (T.A.) became 23rd London Regiment (T.A.). All ranks were delighted that Brigadier Dick Maxwell or "Brig Max" (as we referred to him) was to continue in his appointment as Honorary Colonel of that Regiment. He had started his Army career as an Infantryman but had, in wartime, commanded both a Regiment and a Brigade of the Royal Armoured Corps. His background therefore was completely appropriate for a Regiment that was ordered to change from Armour to Infantry, to alter its role and its name, and to become part of The East Surrey Regiment.

Max had many other duties. In particular, he became Colonel of his own "parent" Regiment and he ran the Royal Tournament. Nevertheless, he was an exemplary Honorary Colonel. Always available, approachable and helpful, his view was "I am at the service of you all." He had a shrewd judgment of

men and events, and enjoyed that special and rare ability which inspires complete confidence. One felt that however difficult was a problem, one had only to go to Max and ask his advice: he would listen, give his charming smile and then quietly explain exactly how to cope. He will be remembered with admiration and affection.

CPL. E. L. BUTLER

We regret to announce the death of Cpl. Ernest Leonard Butler on 23rd September, 1965, at the age of 56. Joining the Royal Artillery in 1939, he transferred to the Queen's in 1943 and served with the Regiment ever since. For the last 15 years, Cpl. Butler was in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion where he became something in the nature of an institution. Ernie Butler had many friends among all ranks of the Regiment. He will be remembered as the best type of loyal old soldier.

CHARLES FRANCIS WOODS

Charlie Woods, who died at his home in South Norwood on 27th August, was to me and to many of us who had the privilege of serving with him in the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, a legend in his own lifetime. I have the honour of holding in my Association records, his details of discharge from the 1st Volunteer Battalion The Queen's in 1908 (in which he had served since 1900) in order to enlist in the 4th Battalion, the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment on the formation of the Territorial Force. He was of course mobilised in 1914 and proceeded to India with the 1/4th Battalion in October, 1914, and served with that Battalion throughout the War. When the Battalion returned to England in 1919 he served on with the Malakand Field Force and eventually returned to England at the end of 1920.

I have known him for well over half a century, and have always borne for him a very deep respect, admiration and affection. At the age of 80 he was still travelling up to London six days a week to do a job which I think would have daunted many men half his age. With the passing of Charlie Woods, there goes a very great spirit and the epitome of something which is, alas, very rapidly passing from the scene—the dedicated, utterly loyal Volunteer Soldier.

E. H. ORGAN.

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

BRADBERRY.—On 22nd December, 1964, Sgt. Henry Charles Bradberry (2201520), aged 61. Served in the Surreys from 1926 to 1942.

DIBLEY.—On 26th December, 1964, Pte. James Daniel Dibley (2973), aged 70. Served in 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1915 to 1916.

CROW.—On 6th February, 1965, in Washington, U.S.A., Capt. Sir Alwyn Crow, K.B.E. Joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1914 and served in 11th and 12th Battalions. He was wounded on the Somme in 1916 and was Mentioned in Despatches. Between the wars, Capt. Crow was the Director of Ballistic Research and a pioneer in the design of rocket weapons. He was knighted for his services in 1944.

DUNWOODIE.—On 28th February, 1965, Sgt. Robert Scott Dunwoodie (6078085), aged 64. Served in the Queen's from 1919 to 1933.

TICKNER.—On 9th March, 1965, Sgt. John Henry Tickner (6102546), aged 55. Served in the Queen's from 1940 to 1945.

HARMAN.—On 12th April, 1965, Cpl. George John Harman (6084419), aged 54. Served in the Queen's from 1929 to 1942.

NEALE.—On 16th April, 1965, C.S.M. Alfred Neale (6135891), aged 60. Served in the Surreys from 1922 to 1944.

MUIR.—On 21st April, 1965, Cpl. R. B. Muir (9400). Served in the Queen's from 1910 to 1922.

SKILTON.—On 7th May, 1965, R.S.M. George Skilton (6133326). Served in the Surreys for over 25 years. Was R.S.M. of 5th Surreys (T.A.).

COUSINS.—On 3rd June, 1965, W.O.2 Leonard Charles Cousins (6082769), aged 53. Served in the Queen's from 1926 to 1958.

GUEST.—On 9th June, 1965, C.S.M. H. J. Guest (22259423). Had served a total of 34 years Army Service, of which 20 years were spent in the Queen's (T.A.).

PRIESTLEY.—On 21st June, 1965, Capt. J. E. Priestley, T.D., aged 54. Served in 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) and 1/7th and 2/7th Queen's from 1934 to 1945.

BALDOCK.—On 9th July, 1965, S/Sgt. Walter Henry Herbert Baldock (8670). Served in

the Queen's from 1905 to 1915. He then transferred to the Royal Engineers with whom he served for a further four years.

COLLINS.—On 8th July, 1965, Pte. Frank Ewart Collins, M.M. (680138). Served in 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1912 to 1918.

ROWLEY.—On 9th July, 1965, R.S.M. Frederick Francis Rowley, M.C. (3045), aged 82. Served in 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1903 to 1913 and again from 1914 to 1919. He was awarded the M.C. in June 1916, when he held the rank of C.S.M.

WATNEY.—On 16th July, 1965, Col. Sir Frank Watney, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D., aged 95. (See Obituary).

REED.—On 26th July, 1965, Capt. Frederick Charles Reed, aged 74. Served in 3/6th, 9th and 12th Battalions of the Surreys from 1915 to 1920. Previously served in the Queen Victoria Rifles with the B.E.F. in 1914.

DYER.—On 31st July, 1965, Sgt. William Thomas Dyer (6078062), aged 77. Served in the Queen's from 1905 to 1927.

MOTT.—On 18th August, 1965, Pte. Cecil James Mott (6076310), aged 72. Served in the Queen's from 1911 to 1919. Went to France with the 1st Battalion in August

1914 with the B.E.F. He was a Prisoner of War in Germany for over four years.

PURVIS.—On 18th August, 1965, L/Cpl. George Purvis (6136936), aged 62. Served in the Surreys from 1924 to 1931 and again from 1939 to 1941.

FEW.—On 24th August, 1965, Col. R. J. Few, D.S.O., T.D., aged 89. (See Obituary)

WOODS.—On 27th August, 1965, Sgt. Charles Francis Woods, aged 81. (See Obituary)

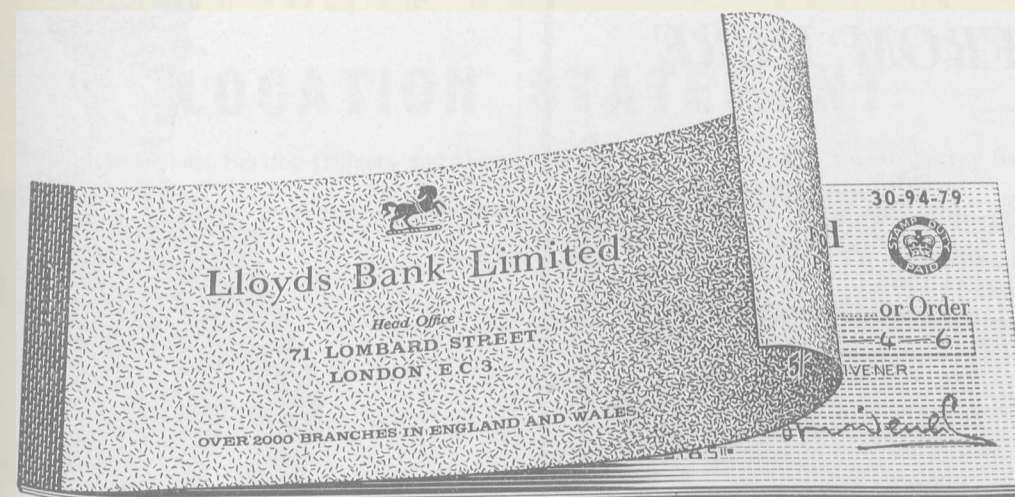
MAXWELL.—On 28th August, 1965, Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., aged 66. (See Obituary).

WRIGHT.—On 15th September, 1965, Pte. William Arthur Wright (8023), aged 79. Served in the Queen's from 1904 to 1916.

BUTLER.—On 27th September, 1965, Cpl. Ernest Leonard Butler (1474512), aged 56. (See Obituary).

KNIGHT.—On 1st October, 1965, C.S.M. James William Knight, D.C.M. (208051), aged 82. Joining the Territorial Army in 1908, he served in the 7th Battalions of the Queen's and Surreys during the 1914-18 War. He won the Distinguished Conduct Medal as a C.S.M. in 1918.

MASTERS.—On 20th October, Lt-Colonel Charles Frederick Masters, T.D., who served in the 5th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.) from 1927 to 1939, and Regiment R.A., (T.A.).



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Brigadier G. A. White, M.B.E.	Imperial Defence College.
Colonel D. L. Lloyd Owen, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.	Imperial Defence College.
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Major L. Brown	Headquarters, Zambia Army.
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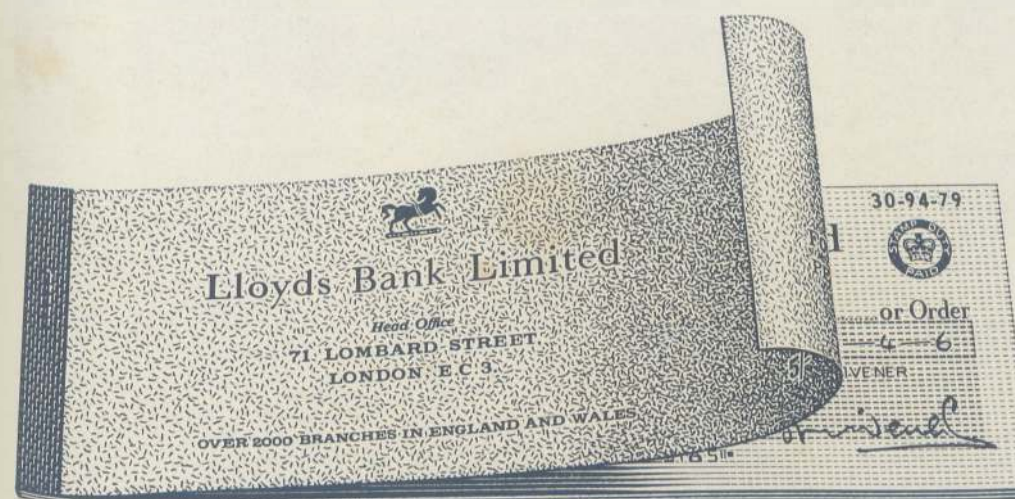
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