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Foreword

By the Colonel of the Regiment

It was in May 1960 that the first issue of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment made its appearance, carrying on the example set for it by the two distinguished Regiments whose amalgamation it marked. In its short life it has maintained the old high standards, despite mounting difficulties and costs.

It now falls to me to write the Foreword to this, its last issue.

On 31st December 1966, the Home Counties Brigade ceases to exist and is reborn as The Queen's Regiment. The reasons for this are set out in an article which appears on another page, and which will appear in comparable publications of our sister Regiments.

It is a major milestone in Regimental, and Army, history ; but it is worth pointing out that it is but one more milestone in the long and continuous unfolding of our Regimental life. The only thing which is constant in the Army is change. And if we do not change with the times, we die.

There were some who, perhaps, viewed amalgamation in 1959 with foreboding. But the results proved them wrong, and I can state without fear of contradiction that the various units of the Queen's Surreys, whether they be Regular or Territorial, are second to none in efficiency and morale. Drawing on this experience it is now for us to enter into our new life with high spirits and high confidence. For serving soldiers, it means ensuring that the unit of the Regiment in which they serve is the best that they can make it. For those of us, who have retired, let us give the new Queen's Regiment all the support that we can. We in the Queen's Surreys have valuable experience of amalgamation to draw on, and we should make it readily available when opportunity occurs.

In conclusion, I know that I speak for all when I say that we are indeed fortunate in joining with such distinguished old Regiments to form the new Queen's. At one time or another most of us, serving or retired, will have served with or alongside the Buffs, the Queen's Own, the Royal Sussex or the Middlesex, and will have good friends among

them. As this new chapter of our history begins, it is appropriate to remind ourselves that while our motto is "Pristinae Virtutis Memor", equally appropriate is the motto of one of those Regiments with whom we join—"Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt".



Major-General,
Colonel, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Editorial

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Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames

This is the last issue of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment which has been published twice a year during the seven years of the Regiment's existence. To our contributors and friends who have supported, encouraged and criticized us, we say thank you. We should also like to thank Mr D. Levy of F. J. Parsons, Ltd, our publishers, for all the help and advice he has given us in the production of our Journal.

Of particular interest in this our final issue, are the Colonel of the Regiment's Foreword, an article tracing the development of The Queen's Regiment and a summary of the history of the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment from 1959 to 1966.

The Journal of The Queen's Regiment will be published monthly by Regimental Headquarters, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent, to whom inquiries should be addressed. The cost is expected to be £1 per year, postage free. The new Journal will cater for past and present members of the Regiment and monthly publication will ensure the contributions are topical and have news value. In addition to news from the Regular Battalions, the T and AVR II Battalion and the T and AVR III units, the new Journal will contain news from existing Regimental Associations. Secretaries of Old Comrades Associations are therefore invited to send their reports and news items to us at Kingston for onward transmission to the new Editor

at Canterbury.

A good deal of the interest in a Regimental Journal lies in its news of individuals, anecdotes, letters to the Editor and items of Regimental interest. This we shall endeavour to provide by the publication of a Queen's Surreys News Letter, under the auspices of the Queen's Surreys Regimental Association. We intend to produce this in May and November, and invite all our existing contributors and correspondents to send us matter for publication by 1st March and 1st September annually. The existing Journal subscription of 6s/0d a year will be applied to the News letter for the time being. Contributions should be sent to :—

Regimental Headquarters
The Queen's Regiment
(Queen's Surreys Office)
Portsmouth Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

In conclusion, we wish all success to the Editor of the Journal of The Queen's Regiment when the new publication goes to press.

The formation of The Queen's Regiment

INTRODUCTION

On the 31st December 1966 the Home Counties Brigade will become The Queen's Regiment. It is important that all members, both serving and retired, of the new Regiment fully understand the reasons which led the Council of Colonels to recommend to the Army Board that Her Majesty approve the proposal to form a Large Regiment.

The basic and current military factors behind this decision were enumerated in the broadsheet announcing the formation of the new regiment, and will be further amplified in this article. The article will also trace briefly the evolution of the infantry of the line from their conception as regiments with territorial links up to their present status. By so doing one can view the change to a Large Regiment in its true historical perspective and not only in the light of contemporary military affairs.

Historical Background

During their early history regiments had no formal territorial links and obtained their recruits from any county they chose. It was not until 1782 that regiments were linked with counties. These alliances were initially shallow in nature but grew stronger and were given their true meaning by the Cardwell Reforms. Under these reforms several important new concepts evolved. Regiments formed depots, some amalgamated, numerical titles were made subsidiary and county or regimental titles were adopted. Although this reorganisation, resulting in the surrender of numerical titles and changed insignia, caused indignation and disagreement at the time, the advantages soon became apparent. In particular the new organisation allowed regiments to maintain a battalion abroad and one at home, thereby producing greater choice and flexibility in postings. Territorial bonds were cemented by further reforms when county militia battalions became part of their county regiments ; and at the start of this century affiliated Volunteer battalions were also integrated and organised as the Territorial Force. The Cardwell system of linked home and overseas battalions naturally went into abeyance during the First World War but afterwards it functioned satisfactorily until the 1939-1945 War, when the raising of new battalions and the crossposting of reinforcements again made it unworkable.

After the 1939-1945 War the reduction of regiments to one battalion, recruiting difficulties and the necessity of reinforcing battalions according to theatre requirements led to the introduction of the Group system. Under this system the seven regiments, including the Royal Fusiliers, in The Home Counties were administratively grouped together. Interposting between regiments was introduced, and certain recruit training centralised. This system, never entirely satisfactory, had by 1951 evolved into the basic reorganisation of The Home Counties Brigade with its own headquarters at Canterbury.

Brigade System

In 1957 National Service was abolished and the then Army Council, in order to reduce the number of infantry battalions, to one which could be adequately manned, ordered certain regiments to amalgamate. By the end of 1962 the present regimental

structure of The Home Counties Brigade had been founded. Four regiments had been amalgamated and the Royal Fusiliers transferred to the Fusilier Brigade. In conjunction with these historic regimental events fundamental changes occurred in the functions and organisation of the Brigade.

Financial considerations forced the closing of individual regimental depots as training establishments and manpower shortages, coupled with defence commitments, required greater flexibility in regulating battalion strengths than could be effectively achieved under the Group system. In order to meet these requirements the Brigade system evolved as it is today, embodying many of the functions of a Large Regiment. Each Regiment was allowed to retain a Regimental Headquarters which continued to provide the county link and to execute their traditional regimental functions. Recruits are now enlisted into The Home Counties Brigade, trained centrally at the Brigade Depot and posted to regiments according to operational and manpower demand. Senior officers and NCOs are on a common seniority roll and their promotions, postings and appointments are considered on a Brigade basis. Recruiting into the four regiments is directed and organised by the Brigade Headquarters. Dress is on a common basis and the cap badge is standard.

The Large Regiment Concept

In 1962 the Army Council examined the existing organisation of the Brigades of Infantry with a view to creating further flexibility to meet the changing needs of future strategy. They decided that the Infantry of the Line should be encouraged to move voluntarily toward the Large Regiment by a process of evolution. It was made clear that the adoption of the Large Regiment concept would in no way make the regiments concerned more liable to be selected if subsequent reductions in the number of infantry Battalions had to be effected. When considering this suggestion the Council of Colonels had to bear in mind the courses that now face the infantry as a whole. There appear to be three; that the Brigade system should remain as currently constituted; that Large Regiments be formed; or the formation, in the future, of a "Corps of Infantry". This last course had something to recommend it, providing

existing Regiments could retain their Colonels-in-Chief and Colonels, their alliances with other Regiments and their insignia. However, it was doubtful, if all these traditional links could be retained, and moreover the County connections, which have come to mean much, would be lost. The reorganisation of the Territorial Army was an added complication, the problem of the viability of a one Regular Battalion Regiment remained, and perhaps more important still, the Depot system would require complete reorganisation. Therefore in the absence of any authoritative views and any apparent official move towards a Corps of Infantry, the Council of Colonels considered that this course eliminated itself.

The first course, to remain as we are, had both advantages and disadvantages. Each Regiment could retain its existing connections, insignia, alliances etc. Although much has been done to make the Brigade system work, as outlined above, the fact remained that the Brigade consisted of four different Regiments. The Depot was not a true "Regimental Home", despite the efforts of Depot Commanders, and the organisation of Regimental functions in England was difficult when the Regular Battalions were overseas. In view of these considerations, the Council of Colonels felt that the creation of a Large Regiment best fitted the needs of today and also provided, particularly if the risk of Global war is remote, the best insurance policy against the future. The decision was made easier by the fact that all four existing Regiments recruit much the same type of man from within the "Home Counties".

In conclusion, therefore the following are the main reasons for their decisions. First, the fact that although the present Brigade system carries out many of the direct functions of a Large Regiment in such matters as recruit training, common promotion rolls and cross postings, regiments are only loosely bound by Brigade ties. Secondly, that by voluntarily acting upon the wishes of the Army Board the reorganisation could be accomplished in our own time and to a certain extent on our own terms. Thirdly, that the reduction and reorganisation of the Territorial Army, with the single Army Volunteer Reserve Battalion for the Home Counties, with one company based in each of the four counties, logically fitted the

Large Regiment concept. Fourthly, that in view of the current uncertainties in defence policy, it was considered that a Large Regiment would be a more flexible organisation and therefore better positioned to meet any reductions or expansions that might become necessary. Fifthly, it would supply a Regimental Home in the form of a truly Regimental Depot at Canterbury—a long felt want. In this way the old Regiments would continue to exist and carry forward their best traditions, whilst combining to form a modern and viable organisation.

Finally, the Council of Colonels was assured by the Chief of the General Staff that it remained the policy of the Army Board to encourage all Regiments to adopt the Large Regiment organisation.

The Journal of The Queen's Regiment

To coincide with the formation of The Queen's Regiment on 31 December 1966 a new Journal, to replace all existing journals in the Brigade, will be published, starting with its first edition in January 1967.

It will be known as "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment" and it will be published monthly at an initial cost of 2/- per copy, or £1 per annum, including postage.

One of the Retired Officers on the staff of the new Regimental Headquarters at Canterbury—Major Guy Weymouth, has been appointed editor and he has written as follows:—

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To :—All future members of The Queen's Regiment and all past and present members of the Regiments from which it will be formed.

From :—The Editor-designate of "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment."

Dear Reader,

As you know, the Council of Colonels of the Regiments now in The Home Counties Brigade has ruled that, among other changes which are to come into effect upon the formation of The Queen's Regiment on 31 December 1966, a new Journal is to be

produced to replace "The Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment", "Invicta", "The Roussillon Gazette" and "The Die-Hards".

It has also been decided that the Journal will be called "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment" and that yours truly is to be the Editor.

Many of you have been subscribing to your own Regimental Journal for a very long time and have grown to love it; indeed you would be less than human if you did not feel some sadness at the passing of what many of us have looked upon as the embodiment of a tangible link with our own particular comrades.

I am very conscious of this and although I naturally look forward to the creative aspect of the job as editor of a new venture such as this, I shall always strive to present a fully representative magazine which will include matters of interest, not only to new members of the Regiment, but also to all of you who have faithfully supported your own Journal in the past.

The scope and style of our new Journal will evolve in the light of experience, and, I hope, from collective bargaining between us, but because I feel it is important that the Journal should contain items of news value, I hope we shall see in its pages up-to-date accounts of the exploits of all four Regular battalions, the Regimental Depot and all our Territorial battalions and ACF Units.

News of local interest and of the Old Comrades Associations will appear in the Journal from contributions sent to me by the Secretaries of the present Regimental Headquarters in Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex, all of which will remain as County Offices of The Queen's Regiment, to ensure that traditional County links are maintained.

So you see, although the new Journal will necessarily have more pages than its predecessors, I hope you will find in it a lot to interest you. Let us hope that you will say (as fathers are alleged to say when their boy gets married), "Ah well dear, we haven't lost a son but gained a daughter".

We have gone into the question of costs as far as we can and I am hoping we shall be able to keep to a sales price, including postage of 2/- per copy, or £1 per annum (12 copies) for as long as possible. This price is, however, liable to increase if costs

should rise.

Some of you will have been accustomed to a lower subscription rate for your Regimental Journal, particularly where Journals have been produced only twice a year. Remember however, the new Journal will be a *monthly* publication and it will thus keep you more closely in touch with events concerning both serving and retired members of the Regiment alike. The small extra cost therefore should, I think you will agree, be well worth it.

Our first issue, in January 1967, will be a bumper number and of considerable historical interest. If you are serving with one of the Regular battalions, you can obtain your copy from the Orderly Room or Company Office, but for all others who would like to receive "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment" regularly, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) GUY WEYMOUTH.

Editor's Note

A meeting of editors of all the four existing Journals was held in London during October to discuss with Major Guy Weymouth ways and means by which we can support the new Journal.

Subscribers to the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment need have no fear about losing touch with news of local interest. As Major Weymouth says, bulletins from our Regimental Association and former Old Comrades Associations and the Army Cadet Force units will continue to be published in the new Journal.

Contributors should continue to send articles to me and I will see that Major Weymouth receives them for publication. Contributions should reach me by the 1st of each month, starting in January 1967.

I would therefore ask you all to support "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment" whole-heartedly right from the start.

Please let Major Weymouth know as soon as possible if you wish to have "The Journal of The Queen's Regiment" sent to you with effect from the first issue in January 1967.

His address is : The Editor, The Journal of The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

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Record of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

October 1959 to December 1966

1959

The Battalion was formed by the amalgamation of 1 Queen's and 1 Surreys on 14th October 1959 at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk : 1 Queen's having arrived from Iserlohn in Germany two weeks before the official date of amalgamation. The new battalion, approximately two thirds of which were National Servicemen, was commanded by Lt Col G. A. White, MBE who up to amalgamation had been commanding 1 Surreys.

1960

On 14th April 1960, Colours were presented to the new battalion by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The presentation was shortly followed by parades in Kingston upon Thames and Guildford where the Regiment received the Freedom of both Boroughs. The affiliations of the Queen's and the Surreys to HMS Excellent and the Royal Marines respectively were continued by the new battalion.

The Battalion moved to Colchester on 15th May 1960 and were the first occupants of the new Hyderabad Barracks. Shortly after arrival the barracks were officially opened by the Secretary of State for War, the Right Honourable Christopher Soames, and a plaque to this effect with the Regiment's name inscribed on it is to be found on the wall at the main entrance. Whilst in Colchester the Battalion was in 19 Infantry Brigade and part of the United Kingdom Strategic Reserve.

In November 1960, Lt Col M. A. Lowry, MC assumed command and a week later a company group sailed in HMT "Dunera" to relieve a company of The Royal Highland Fusiliers at Mukeiras on the Yemen border.

1961

The remainder of the Battalion followed in January 1961, also in HMT "Dunera" and relieved The Royal Highland Fusiliers at Waterloo Lines, Khor-mak-sar. Apart from the company group stationed up country, the Battalion's role in Aden was mainly one of internal security. Except for the Kuwait troubles in July 1961,

in which the Battalion assisted from Aden with the resupply of our forces in Kuwait, the period passed peacefully. Whilst in Aden the Battalion celebrated the Regiment's Tercentenary, and in December 1961, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent inspected the Battalion to mark the occasion. It was during this period that the call up for National Servicemen was discontinued and the proportion of Regular soldiers started to increase.

1962

In February 1962, the Battalion moved to Hong Kong and occupied the barracks at Stanley Fort, with one company at Lyemun overlooking the entrance to Hong Kong harbour. This move by sea was one of the last by troopship ; the Battalion sailed in HMT "Oxfordshire" in her one from last voyage. On arrival in Hong Kong the Battalion took part in the Annual Queen's Birthday parade in which it was the "Feu de Joie" Battalion, as it was again in April 1963. In July 1962 it provided a guard of honour for President Sukarno of Indonesia.

The Battalion was affiliated to 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong and again its main role was internal security. But it was also deployed on border patrols and in May 1962 was fully engaged in refugee control on the frontier, when the Chinese opened the border in an attempt to embarrass the Colony. During its stay the Battalion carried out many exercises in the rugged hills of the New Territories. In September 1962 the Colony was hit by typhoon "Wanda" and the Battalion was committed in coping with relief. Amongst the Battalion's sporting achievements in the Colony was the winning of the Army and Inter-Services Hockey and Boxing Championships in both 1962 and 1963.

1963

In May 1963 Lt Col E. G. Woodman, MC assumed command of what was by then an all Regular battalion. A farewell Beating Retreat to the Colony, attended by His Excellency The Governor, was given in September 1963

and the Battalion left Hong Kong by air at the end of November. After taking home leave over the Christmas of 1963 it reformed again at Oxford Barracks, Munster, Germany, where it relieved the 1st Bn The King's Shropshire Light Infantry in 6 Infantry Brigade of 2nd Infantry Division.

1964 and 1965

On arrival in the British Army of the Rhine the Battalion took on the role of an armoured personnel carrier battalion equipped with armoured one-ton vehicles. During 1964 and 1965 the Battalion was re-equipped with the most modern infantry equipment, including the Vigilant Guided Anti-Tank weapon, and it was great credit to the modern Regular infantry soldier that he mastered his new role with confidence and professionalism. In June 1965 the Battalion moved to Canada by air for six weeks training at Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick, under 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade. The Battalion had a remarkably successful period of training in Canada showing itself to be of a very high standard both operationally and administratively. It also excelled in sport and convincingly won the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Dominion Day inter-unit Sporting Competition. During this period in Canada the Battalion was also able to establish contact with our Allied Canadian Regiments, The Queen's York Rangers and The South Alberta Light Horse.

1966

In November 1965 Lt Col J. W. Sewell took over command and converted the Battalion from wheeled armoured personnel carriers to the tracked armoured personnel carriers—the AFV 432—which arrived during the first half of 1966. The latter half of 1966 saw the Battalion exercising in the British Army of the Rhine fully equipped as a modern Armoured Personnel Carrier Battalion, fulfilling its role as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Forces in Europe.

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Listed below are those who filled some of the key appointments in the 1st Battalion from 1959 to 1966:—

Second-in-Command

1959-1962 Major J. B. C. Palmer, MC
1962-1963 Major J. W. Sewell
1964-1965 Major D. R. Bishop
1965-1966 Major G. Mason

Adjutant

1959-1962 Capt M. N. O'D Pereira
1962-1964 Capt H. M. Hare
1964-1966 Capt T. L. Trotman
1966 Major J. G. W. Davidson

Quartermasters

1959 Major G. C. Forman and
Major J. W. Kemp
1960-1964 Major J. W. Kemp and Lt
D. H. P. Fraser
1964-1966 Major J. W. Kemp and Capt
F. B. Oram
1966 Major J. W. Kemp, MBE,
Capt F. B. Oram, Capt
D. H. P. Fraser

Regimental Sergeant Major

1959-1961 WO1 F. B. Oram
1961-1962 WO1 P. J. Collman, MBE
1962 WO1 P. Floyd
1962-1963 WO1 K. Yonwin (Acting)
1963-1966 WO1 R. L. Wildgoose
1966 WO1 L. B. Wilson

Historical Records

In this, the last issue of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, we make a special appeal for regimental historical records for our Regimental Headquarters and Museum. The following will be especially welcomed:—

- a. Official Regimental Histories,
The Queen's Royal Regiment—
Volumes I to VII only.
The East Surrey Regiment—Volumes
I and IV only.
- b. Histories of the London Regiments,
Service Battalions and Territorial units.
- c. Army Lists, prior to 1920.
- d. Books by Regimental authors on operations in which the Regiment took part.
- e. Original documents and letters with a
Regimental interest.

The Regiment will be prepared to defray cost of postage.

Honours and Awards

On behalf of all past and present members of the Regiment we offer sincere congratulations to the recipients of the following appointments announced in the Birthday Honours List, 1966:—

Officer of the Order of the British Empire :
Colonel R. S. N. Mans, OBE.

Member of the Order of the British Empire :
Major (QM) J. W. Kemp, MBE.

Our congratulations also go to Major W. I. H. Faulder on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

Items of Interest

Visitors to Regimental Headquarters

Major Handly Geary, VC, and his son, Commander Neville Geary, Royal Canadian Navy, paid a surprise visit to RHQ on 21st July 1966. Whilst visiting the Regimental Museum, Major Geary was able to show his son the bayonet which he removed from a sleeping German during one of his "one-man" trench raids in 1915, and also the cartoon that appeared in the "News of the World" relating to the incident.

A few weeks after Major Geary's visit, his old platoon sergeant on Hill 60, Charles Piper, called at Regimental Headquarters. Mr. Piper, an extremely active 79, arrived on a motor cycle and paid a visit to the Regimental Museum. His service as a Regular soldier dates back to February 1909. Any old 1st Surreys who would like to get in touch with Mr. Piper should write to 30 Chester Avenue, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex.

The Old Contemptibles

The last national parade of the Old Contemptibles was held in St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, 22nd May, 1966. The annual national parade is being discontinued because the effort has become increasingly difficult for veterans in their seventies. In the ranks of the final parade were Brigadier Roupell, VC and Mr W. H. Parsons, MBE. We hope we shall see our old veterans at Regimental functions for many years to come.

Donations

The Regiment acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of £100 from Major General J. Y. Whitfield, CB, DSO, OBE.

This generous gift from the last Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment will be used for specific Regimental purposes at the discretion of the Colonel of the Regiment.

Glorious First of June—Cyprus

Capt Keith Burnett and Capt Paul Gray gave a Drinks Party in Limassol on the evening of 1st June 1966. Major and Mrs. Ray and Captain and Mrs. Ridger travelled over sixty miles from Dhekelia SBA to complete the Queen's Surreys Party. The Royal Navy was represented by Commander Paul House (RNLO Cyprus) and other officers of the Senior Service from Cyprus and Malta. Major General R. L. T. Burgess, CBE, DSO (GOC Cyprus District) and sixty Army and Royal Air Force officers and their ladies helped the Royal Navy and officers of the Regiment to celebrate the Glorious First of June in fine style. The evening was concluded by a Regimental Supper Party.

General Sir Charles Monro

Older members of the Queen's will be interested to know that General Sir Charles Monro's medals are exhibited in the Indian Army Room at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. His full-dress uniform, dress sword and his saddlecloth are exhibited in the Regimental Museum at Regimental Headquarters.

History of The Royal Tank Regiment

Members of the 23rd London Regiment who served in the 42nd Bn Royal Tank Regiment, may be interested to hear that a short history of The Royal Tank Regiment has recently been written, entitled "To the Green Fields Beyond".

The book may be obtained from RHQ The Royal Tank Regiment, 1 Elverton Street, London, S.W.1. The cost is 5/- a copy and all profits go to Regimental Charities.

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The wheel has gone full circle for Colonel H. G. Duncombe, DSO whose service in the Army began over 50 years ago. Preparations for the Sunday parade of the Military Knights in St George's Chapel, Windsor, include the polishing of no less than 48 buttons.

Regimental History

Major R. C. Taylor, who was on the strength of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment throughout the whole of the 1939-45 War, has written an account of the activities of the Battalion. The narrative is entitled "Seven Sunrays"—a reference to the seven Commanding Officers of the 1st Surreys between 1939 and 1945.

Duplicated copies of "Seven Sunrays" will be obtainable from Regimental Headquarters, probably during 1967. A charge of a few shillings may have to be made to cover production expenses and postage.

Anyone wishing to have a copy of Major Taylor's account should apply to Regimental Headquarters by 31 Jan 67.

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Older members of the Queen's will be interested to hear that Mr and Mrs W. W. M. Cribbes emigrated on 1st November to join their family in Australia. "Mac" Cribbes will be remembered as ORQMS both of the Depot and the 2nd Battalion. We wish them all health and happiness and a peaceful retirement "Down Under". Their address will be 20 Grand Road, Frankston, Victoria, Australia.

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Mr J. E. A. Thomas of Combined Service Publications Ltd who handles the advertising side of the Regimental Journal, has disclosed he is an old member of the Regiment. As 6138076 Bdsm J. Thomas, he served in the Band of the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment (TA) from 1924 to 1926. After service as a Regular in the Royal Engineers, Mr Thomas served as an Intelligence Officer in the Royal Air Force during the 1939-45 War.

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The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Institution of the Military Medal was commemorated by a Parade and a Special service in Westminster Abbey on 24th July. Among those who attended were T. E. Lawson and G. Leader, Queen's and W. H. Ives and A. W. McGowan, Surreys.

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Mr E. H. Mandeville (ex 6133967, Sgt, The East Surrey Regiment) has been admitted to the Star and Garter Home, Richmond. Mr Mandeville, who served in the Regiment from 1907 to 1928, brings the total number of Regimental representatives at the Star and Garter to eight.

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In this our final issue of the Queen's Surreys Journal it seems appropriate to send greetings to two of our oldest and most distinguished personalities who have been a part of our Regimental life for as long as anyone can remember.

General Sir Ivo Vesey, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, who was Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment during the years of the 1939-45 War, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. A tribute to the General appears elsewhere in this Journal.

Lady Longley, whose husband Major General Sir John Longley, KCMG, CB, was Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment from 1920 to 1939, will be remembered by many old Surreys for her splendid work for Regimental Prisoners of War between 1914 and 1918. Lady Longley, also in her nineties, still takes an active interest in the affairs of the Regiment, and has been for many years a benefactor to the East Surreys Regimental Chapel at Kingston-upon-Thames.

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Mr W. F. Quartermain, who is the President of the Lewisham Branch of the Old Contemptibles Association, was laid low by a sudden illness in May. We hear he has made good progress and we hope it will not be long before he is able to resume his normal activities.

THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT MEMORIAL CHAPEL

For a number of years Mrs Madge Blunden, the widow of Major A. C. Blunden of The East Surrey Regiment, has been embroidering kneelers for the Regimental Chapel in All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames. The kneelers are worked in the old Regimental colours of maroon, buff and black and embroidered with selected Battle Honours of the Regiment. Mrs Blunden has produced no less than fifteen covers, the most recent, "Italy 1943-45", being completed in September 1966.

Mrs Blunden's devoted work forms a valuable addition to this beautiful 15th Century Chapel which is in daily use.

Continued Search of the Lamb

BY BRIGADIER A. P. BLOCK, CB, CBE, DSO

Since my article which appeared in Vol. 2, No. 4, of the Journal of November 1965, I have continued my researches in two directions :

- (a) *The Braganza Connection.* To establish, as I hoped, that the Lamb or the Paschal Lamb was the Crest of Queen Catherine or the Badge of the House of Braganza.
- (b) *The Rowe Connection.* To connect Lieutenant Colonel Henry Rowe, who commanded the Queen's in 1689, with a Rowe Family who had the Paschal Lamb as their crest. For some Regiments in the early days did take their badge from the armorial bearings of one of their early Colonels.

It is my endeavour now to set forth my findings in both these directions, not only to aid future enthusiasts for Regimental research, but also to contribute an article which will be of Regimental interest to the final edition of the Queen's Surreys Journal.

The Braganza Connection

In reply to much correspondence I have had the following authoritative and significant replies.

- (a) From the Royal Academy Exhibition of the King's Pictures 1946/47, extract from description in the catalogue of Jacob Huysman's Portrait of Queen Catherine : "The Paschal Lamb was the Queen's emblem and is still worn by the 2nd (Queen's) Regiment."
- (b) From the Public Record Office dated 4th August, 1965 : "The Paschal Lamb was certainly the badge of the House of Braganza."
- (c) From the ex-President of St John's College, Oxford, 23rd November, 1964 : "I believe that Catherine of Braganza was also a devotee of St John the Baptist and that is, I think, why the Queen's Regiment has the same badge as ourselves."
- (d) From the Catholic Truth Society, dated 5th January, 1965 : "I have made enquiries (from the College of Arms) and find that the emblem of the Lamb was the House Badge of the House of Braganza".

(e) From Symbols and Signs by Arnold Whittick, published 1960, page 32 : "For example, the Paschal Lamb of the Queen's West Surrey Regiment was the Crest of Catherine of Braganza, wife of Charles II, after whom the Regiment was named at its foundation in 1661". Page 203 :

"It (the Paschal Lamb) was well known as the Badge of the 2nd Queen's Surrey Regiment".

(f) From Walton's History of the British Standing Army, 1660-1700, published 1894, page 12 :

"It is now the Second or Queen's Regiment of Foot and it still retains the Crest of the Paschal Lamb. This Crest was a national emblem of Portugal and appears to have been selected as a compliment of the Queen's nationality, and as a suitable insignia for the Regiment bearing her name".

(g) From The Encyclopaedia Britannica (Eleventh Edition) under Kirke, Percy : "On the evacuation of Tangier 'Kirke's Lambs' (so called from their badge) returned to England".

In the cases of (a), (b) and (d) I have challenged the evidence, saying that this is just what the Regiment would like to discover. In every case the answer has been to the effect that no direct evidence can be produced without further research, but that the established tradition has been accepted. This points to the fact that there may have been an established tradition. Perhaps some future research, aided by a good deal of luck, will be able to produce the answer. In the case of (e) the author has promised further research.

But I have discovered three pieces of circumstantial evidence which are important,

(a) There is a portrait, already referred to, in Windsor Castle of Queen Catherine by Jacob Huysman with four lambs, two in the foreground, two in the background. (This is reproduced in this article).

Apparently Catherine set the fashion for Ladies of the Court to be painted with lambs within their portraits.



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(b) I have discovered without reasonable doubt that St. John the Baptist was the Patron Saint of King John IV of Portugal, the first of the Royal Braganza Line, and father of Queen Catherine. He was the fourth John of Braganza in the direct line of descent. Whichever St John the Baptist is the Patron Saint there is to be found, as a Crest or symbol, the Lamb. (A photograph of the statue of St John the Baptist extant in the Chapel of the Braganza Foundation at Vila Viçosa in Portugal, is reproduced in this article.)

(c) In July 1966, Lieutenant Colonel Desmond Lang, Royal Artillery, British Military Attaché in Portugal, visited the Palace of Guimaraes, fifty kilometres North-east of Oporto. This was the property of the Braganza Family. Therein he found a Pastrana Tapestry symbolising the capture of Tangier by troops under the command of Don João de Braganza in 1471. The mounted troops were carrying lances the pennants of which were the Cross of St George, similar to that carried by

the Regimental Paschal Lamb. In another room was a portrait of Catherine of Braganza incorporating what, in Portuguese, was described as a Paschal Lamb. This lamb was in a different posture from that of the traditional Paschal Lamb. I am again indebted to Colonel Lang for taking the trouble to follow up my quest. I have asked him for photographs of these two discoveries with, in addition, an enlargement of any one figure in the tapestry which may be of particular interest. These photographs will not be available for this issue of the Journal.

This circumstantial evidence seems to lead to the influence of Queen Catherine, not only in giving us the name of "The Queen's" and, for a time after King Charles II's death, "The Queen Dowager's Regiment", but also of being responsible directly or indirectly for our badge.

I am still in touch with the Vatican. Through the Bishop of Gibraltar I am enquiring into the influence of St John the Baptist in the old Cathedral in Tangier, long since destroyed. An armorer of international repute in Portugal, Marquis de São

Payo, suggests that St John the Baptist was the Patron Saint of that Cathedral. There would, therefore, have been the crest or symbol of the Lamb or Paschal Lamb in Tangier between 1662 and 1684.

The Rowe Connection

I am in touch with two Rowe families, one of whom changed its name to Fisher-Rowe at the end of the nineteenth century. (The two armorial bearings are reproduced in this article). It will be seen that there are plenty of Paschal Lambs here which could have been taken as our Badge.

The Rowe family cannot trace their line back beyond 1713 which is only a generation away from our Henry Rowe. The Fisher-Rowe's family tree goes back to 1540. I have examined this. Unfortunately there is no Henry in this tree until 1758, nor any Army connection at the end of the seventeenth century. So this line of research, though most interesting, has led to no definite conclusion.



The Armorial Bearings of the Fisher Rowe Family



The Armorial Bearings of the Rowe Family

Both families come from the West Country. The Rowes are mentioned in Parish Registers in the area of Probus in Cornwall, and Lamerton in Devon. The Fisher-Rowes moved from Shobrooke, near Crediton in Devon, to Thorcombe, near Guildford in Surrey, about the middle of the eighteenth century.

Conclusion as in 1966

It will be seen therefore that I am still doing research in both these directions and may at some future date contribute a further article to the Journal of The Queen's Regiment.

I am, of course, leaving to the Regiment all my correspondence both in Regimental research and in my investigation of the use of the Paschal Lamb as an emblem worldwide. I hope that some Regimental Historian of the future will continue and complete where I have performed to end.

The Battle of the Somme

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, one of the most bitter and costly battles ever fought by the British Army. The battle lasted four and a half months, and the casualties on both sides amounted to some 1,200,000 men. The German Army suffered a severe moral and physical reverse from which it never fully recovered.

The opening day, 1st July 1916, will be remembered by every survivor. After a heavy and continuous bombardment lasting seven days, the attack was launched by 13 divisions on a 15-mile frontage astride the Albert-Bapaume road.

The following battalions of the Regiment took part in the Battle of the Somme—Queen's, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th Battalions; Surreys, 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th and 12th Battalions.

The 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme was observed by ceremonies and services of remembrance at Thiepval and in the surrounding district. The Regiment was represented by a detachment from the 1st Battalion under Major J. H. S. Burgess, MBE and by Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, CBE, DSO representing the Colonel of the Regiment. We are indebted to Brigadier Goode for the following account of the ceremonies:—

50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

The ceremonies to commemorate the Battle of the Somme took place between the 30th June and 3rd July 1966 near Albert in France. There were four separate ceremonies:—

30th June	The Canadian Ceremony at Newfoundland Park, Beaumont Hamel followed by a Retreat and the illumination of the Memorial at dusk.
1st July am	The Northern Ireland Ceremony at the Ulster Tower at Thiepval.
1st July pm	The British Ceremony at the British Memorial at Thiepval.
2nd July	A French Ceremony at Albert.
3rd July	Further French ceremonies at Peronne and Rancourt.

Although the British Army was represented at all the ceremonies their major participation was, of course, at the ceremonies at Thiepval on the 1st July and at the Canadian ceremonies of the previous evening.

Canadian Ceremony

The Canadian Memorial is a life sized bronze statue of a Caribou standing on a rocky mound and backed by a sky line of

Canadian pine trees. The surrounding park has been laid out amidst shell holes and trenches, which, although now covered by a carpet of green grass, still clearly reveal the position of the defences and the tasks of the attacker. Here there were guards of honour provided by the British (1 Inniskillings), Canadian and French Armies and, after a short service of remembrance, wreaths were laid by the British Minister (Army), the Canadian Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, the French Ministre des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre and by Field Marshal Earl Alexander.

The second half of the ceremony, which took place as darkness fell, was most impressive. After a description had been given of the gallant part played by the Newfoundland Regiment on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916, when their one battalion lost 26 officers and nearly 700 men, the Memorial was flood-lit and there standing in front were some thirty of the survivors of the attack on that very position. They had come back to their old battle ground mainly from Canada and Newfoundland, but some had been gathered together from as far afield as Australia and Rhodesia. It is intended that this Memorial to Canadian and Newfoundland soldiers will now be illuminated every night in perpetuity.

Northern Ireland Ceremony

The Ulster Memorial is an imposing stone built tower similar to another in County Down. It commemorates particularly the sacrifices of the 36th (Ulster) Division who achieved success on that very spot on the 1st July 1916, when the two leading brigades crossed the enemy trenches on a half mile frontage capturing a strongly defended German position and penetrated a mile inside the enemy's line. Appropriately the Inniskilling Fusiliers who, with the Irish Rifles, led this attack and who subsequently had to withdraw from the exposed position they created for themselves, on this occasion provided a Guard of Honour for the ceremony. Here again wreaths were laid by representatives of the various countries, headed by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and by members of the Northern Irish regiments and Old Comrades Associations. There was a strong contingent of veterans from Northern Ireland who had come over for the ceremony.

wreaths were laid by the representatives of the Corps, Regiments and other organisations. Brigadier Goode, representing the Colonel of the Regiment, laid a wreath on behalf of all members past and present of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

A large crowd witnessed the ceremony and included a party of holders of the Victoria Cross and a small contingent of Chelsea pensioners. Various British Legion detachments made up an impressive parade of ex-Servicemen; their Standards appropriately stationed alongside those of the French Veterans.

French Ceremonies

These took the form of a Review of Troops and a March Past after wreath laying in Albert and of ceremonies at Peronne and Rancourt. Although the British Army was represented on these occasions they were essentially French functions.

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The impression gained from attending these ceremonies was a lasting one. The list of names on the Memorials and the forests of headstones to be seen in the numerous cemeteries scattered around the countryside brought home forcibly the enormous sacrifices which were made in a very small part of France. The Thiepval Memorial commemorates those without known graves whilst in the cemetery behind it are many headstones bearing regimental badges (those of the Queen's or of the Surreys in many cases) and names, but frequently just the simple inscription "A soldier of the Great War." Nearby cemeteries, particularly that next to the little village of Ovillers, which can be seen from the Albert-Cambray road, are crowded with the graves of former members of the Regiment. Farther afield at Longueval, Flers and Montauban, there must be many more, but there was no opportunity to visit them.

Looking over the ground even to-day one can visualise the problems and dangers of advancing up open slopes towards ridges which are always enfiladed by others; there is small wonder that the enemy machine guns reaped such a devastating harvest of casualties. The later infantry methods of fire and movement and the use of cover would be difficult enough to employ in this rolling country; but the mass attacks then employed are quite incomprehensible to those who did not fight in the 1914-18 War.

A visit to the Somme battlefield can but bring home vividly the scale of human sacrifice which was made in a vain effort to break the deadlock of trench warfare and to drive the enemy into retreat.

The ceremonies this July in 1966 brought together many of the survivors of the battle with the serving soldiers of to-day and enabled all to recall and appreciate the valour of their fallen comrades or forbears and to repeat together

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

The VC and GC Association

The Victoria Cross and George Cross Association was formed in 1956 under the Chairmanship of Brigadier the Rt Hon Sir John Smyth, who still holds that appointment.

Reunions are held in London every two years and on these biannual occasions holders of these two decorations assemble from all parts of the world. The majority are naturally from the United Kingdom, but members also come from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and other places.

His old friends will be interested to hear that Handly Geary came over with the Canadian contingent, partly to attend the Reunion and partly to see his two sons; one in the Royal Canadian Navy and the other in the Canadian Army, both of whom were in England at that time on exchange from Canada.

On the first day of the Reunion, the proceedings took the form of a Service of Remembrance and Re-Dedication at St Martin-in-the-Fields followed by tea at the Royal Commonwealth Society and then a visit to the Royal Tournament.

One of the most entertaining sights at the Tournament was to watch the inscrutable little face of a small boy, five years old, who had flown over from Nepal a few days before. His father, L Cpl Rambahadur Limbu, VC of the 10th Gurkha Rifles, had received his decoration from HM The Queen the day before and this was the first occasion on which his son had left his native village.

On the second day of the Reunion the General Meeting was held, followed by the Biannual Dinner at the Cafe Royal. Brigadier Roupell and Major Geary were present on these occasions.

General Sir Ivo Vesey

On 11th August 1966, General Sir Ivo Vesey, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1939-45, celebrated his 90th Birthday. So far as our records shew, he is the oldest surviving member of the Regiment, and is certainly the oldest ex-Colonel. He was sent a telegram and a case of champagne on his birthday, from all ranks, past and present, of his Regiment. He sent the Colonel of the Regiment the following letter:—

"Gosfield Hall,
Halstead, Essex.
13th August 1966.

My dear Piggott,

I have been much moved by the recognition I have received from you and other members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on the occasion of the anniversary of my birthday.

I shall be grateful if you will convey to all those concerned, my very sincere thanks for their telegram of greeting, and for the very handsome present of wine, which they have sent me.

I am collecting a party of about thirty of my friends to drink to the future prosperity of the Regiment and to the health and happiness of all its members.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd) Ivo L. B. Vesey."

General Piggott visited General Vesey at the time, and found him in great form. He was particularly interested to learn about the formation of the Large Regiment, The Queen's Regiment. At a second visit in October, General Vesey gave us his General Officer's sword and his Regimental sword; the latter he pointed out, had actually been sharpened on mobilization for the South African War. He said that perhaps the new Regimental HQ and Depot at Canterbury might like them; and General Piggott promised that they would be offered to Canterbury, as General Vesey suggested.

He has also recorded on tape four talks that he has given recently on "Memories of 43 years in the Army". His voice is remarkably clear, and what he says is remarkably interesting. The tape will be a unique addition to the Regimental records.

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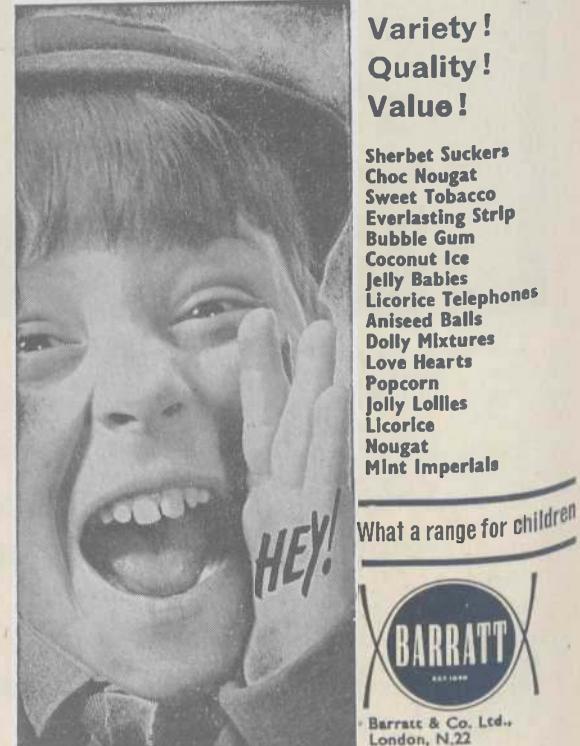


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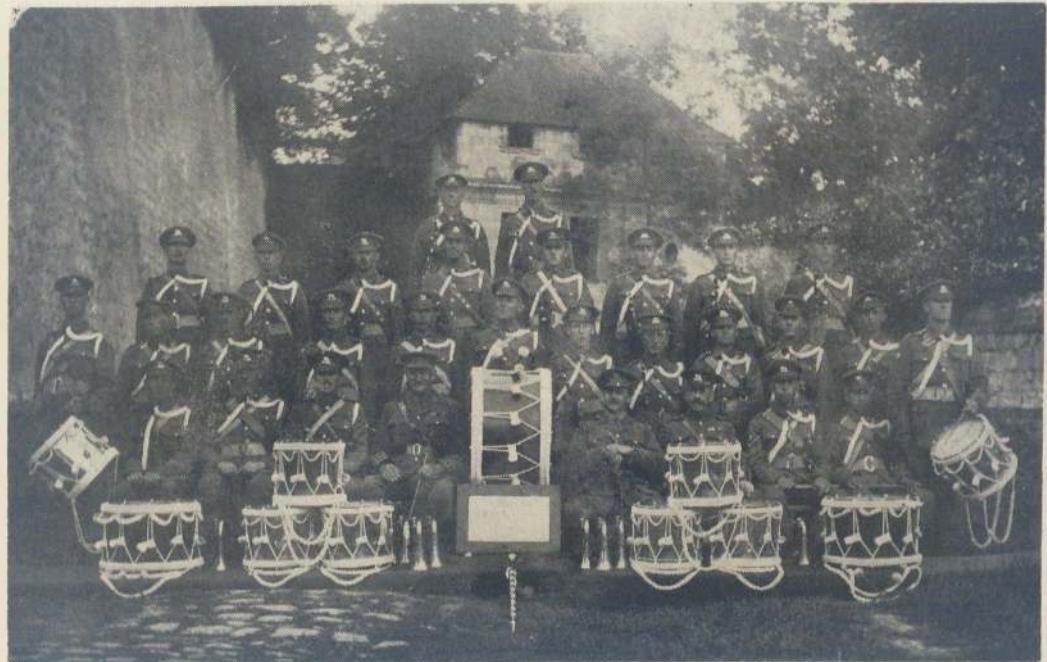
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Drums of the 1st Queen's, 1917



The Drums of the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, taken at Picquigny, Somme, 1917

Top : F. Hill, Jackson

Back Row : Forrest, Cochrane + W. H. Parsons, G. Fane, Hall, Allen, Shergold, Portbury
Middle Row : Griffin, Evans, Dyer, A.N.O., Willis, Crust, Williams, Donovan, A.N.O., A.N.O., Pelham, Cruckshank

Bottom Row : Duveiger, C. Hill, D Maj J. Winter, @ Lt Col Crofts, Lt Nevins, @ RSM Reid, Wilson, @ Andrews

Notes : + Believed to have been the last man killed in the 1st Battalion. Killed in Action 11 Nov 18.

@ Embarked for France with 1st Queen's in August 1914 and served with the Battalion throughout

They say old men live in the past, and it is probable that the above photograph will stir memories of older soldiers of the Regiment.

A tribute to Drum-Major Winter, written by Mr W. H. Parsons, MBE, appeared in the last issue of the Journal. The latter says the Drums were the happiest family in the Regiment. He also refers in the warmest terms to RSM W. E. Reid, MC who appears in the photograph.

The turn-out and bearing of the Drums in this picture is remarkable considering the conditions prevailing at the time. We are grateful to Mr E. E. Turner, MM who presented the picture.

HILL 60

An interesting link with the past, and a reminder of the part played by the Surreys at Hill 60 in 1915, was found among the private papers of the late Sgt Cooper, DCM, who for 13 years was Pioneer Sergeant of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment. This was a copy of a letter written by Brig-General F. S. Maude, commanding 14th Infantry Brigade, to Lt Darwell, who was the senior officer left when the Battalion came out of action. This letter was published as an Order of the Day, and Sgt Cooper kept a copy of it.

The defence of Hill 60 by the 1st Surreys is among the most memorable events in Regimental history. Although the action lasted only two days, the fighting was extremely severe and the casualties heavy.

The awards for gallantry to the 1st Surreys included three Victoria Crosses (Lt G. R. P. Roupell, 2 Lt B. H. Geary and Pte E. Dwyer), two Military Crosses and seven Distinguished Conduct Medals.

The Brigade Commander had been severely wounded a week before this action while inspecting the trenches of the Battalion. He had been evacuated to England, and his letter, which is reproduced below, was written from London.

London, S.W.

26.4.15.

"My dear Darwell.

I had a letter last night from Sir Chas Fergusson giving me an outline of the operations around Hill 60, in the course of which he says that the Surreys and the Bedfords were 'the heroes of the occasion', and again, 'you may well be proud of your East Surreys whose conduct was magnificent'. I have also this morning seen an officer of the Norfolks who was wounded in the vicinity of Hill 60, and he tells me that he has never been so proud of belonging to the British Army as he is now after witnessing all that happened in the fighting last week,

and the grim determination and tenacity of all our troops especially the East Surreys.

Sir Charles did not give me any details but he mentioned Paterson had been killed, and that you were commanding the Battalion. I see in the papers too that Wynyard is among the killed. I am afraid the casualties have been very heavy. The loss of Paterson and Wynyard will, I know, be greatly felt in the Regiment. Meagre though the above details are, they are sufficient to show me that your splendid Regiment has once more added to its imperishable renown, and no doubt when the story of the fight comes to be more fully written we shall realize more and more how much the Army and the Country are indebted to your glorious men for their indomitable courage and grit. For myself I cannot tell you how proud I am of you all.

Since I have had the honour of commanding this splendid Brigade, the East Surreys have earned for me nothing but the highest commendation for their work, whether in the field or in quarters, and knowing you as I do it is just what I expected of you all. May your great deeds stand forth, as I know they will, as a brilliant example to those who will hereafter have the privilege of joining the ranks of your fine old Regiment. My sincerest sympathy with all the wounded in their sufferings.

Yours sincerely
F. S. Maude."

Notes :

1. Lt T. H. Darwell, who had been commanding the Machine Gun Section, had been ordered to take over the duties of Adjutant when Capt Wynyard was killed. He was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry in this action.
2. Lt-General Sir Charles Fergusson, General Officer Commanding 2nd Army Corps.
3. Lt Col W. H. Paterson, Officer Commanding 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment.
4. Capt D. Wynyard, Adjutant 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment.

LONGSTOP

Major R. C. Taylor, who has been a member of a Regimental Committee dealing with battle honours, writes concerning our Battle Honour "Longstop Hill 1943".

"From time to time the name 'Longstop Hill' is mentioned by young officers and it may be somewhat of a surprise to older members of the Regiment to realise that other Regiments join us in claiming it as a Battle Honour (viz, the Coldstream Guards, The Queen's Own Buffs, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the North Irish Horse). But now that this famous landmark and its associated battles are becoming less known to a younger generation of soldiers it might be of interest to put down in print the details as to how an obscure hill in Tunisia obtained such fame, and also its peculiarly English name.

I don't think any one unit had a particularly long stop on the hill as its name implies. It is in fact named after the well-known position on the cricket field, and the soldiers who took up this position in anticipation of some very fast and hostile 'bowling' were in fact the Surreys !

Some years ago when we were working out the Regimental Battle Honours I was asked the origin of the name and as far as I can recall I explained it as follows :—

Late in November 1942, 11 Brigade comprising 1 Surreys, 2 Lancashire Fusiliers and 6 Northamptons had captured Medjez-El-Bab on the road to Tunis, and it was decided that a force should be despatched through the withdrawing Germans to occupy Tebourba, some ten miles to the North. The Corps Commander, General Allfrey and General Eveleigh, the Divisional Commander, met one evening on a crossroads near Medjez (and for some reason I was present) to plan the operation. General Eveleigh decided that if a force attempted to go through to Tebourba then there might be difficulty in keeping the road open, and it was suggested that some form of 'longstop' would be needed in case things went wrong. The most important feature outside Medjez on the Tebourba road was Djebel Ahmara a dominant feature not only covering the road, but also vital to the subsequent holding of Medjez itself. The Surreys were the Battalion ordered to push on to Tebourba

and also detailed to provide the 'longstop'. The task subsequently fell to a platoon of C Company plus some anti-tank guns from the Divisional A/Tk Regiment.

The wicket certainly was extremely 'sticky' and we only managed to hold out in Tebourba against overwhelming odds for about a week before withdrawing. The details are fully recorded not only in our Regimental History, but no doubt in that of the Northamptons and the Hampshires, who were also involved in the Battle.

We withdrew into Medjez, having suffered considerable casualties and minus nearly all our transport, passing back through the 'longstop' position, but leaving them to hold out against the German advance.

During the next few weeks the hill changed hands many times, the Guards Brigade and the Americans in turn holding and losing it. Eventually it was abandoned to the enemy and throughout the Tunisian winter it remained a German strongpoint dominating and overlooking the British, French and at times American positions.

In April, with the imminent arrival of the 8th Army, 78 Division were ordered to attack northwards from the Medjez-Oued Zarga road, and gradually the foothills before the longstop fell. The final attack on the feature itself was made by the Surreys, the 8th Argylls, and tanks of the North Irish Horse. The hill was taken by the Surreys, whose Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Wilberforce (he was killed a few days later) was one of the first on the summit. So the battalion, part of which formed the original 'longstop' many months before, had the honour of playing a major part in its recapture.

This, briefly is the Longstop Story which I am afraid may not be too accurate in all details, but the gist of it was in fact confirmed after the War when I corresponded with General Eveleigh on the matter.

From his house near Exeter he wrote . . .

'The story of Longstop as I remember it, is 11 Bde began its withdrawal from Tebourba at night and the following morning numbers of German tanks appeared . . . *Caffyn sent a platoon to strengthen the line. If my memory is correct and I am pretty sure it is, A/Tk

defence was the primary object . . . Of course it is really a cricket analogy. I suspect that the name of the Longstop feature was probably unpronounceable or badly printed on the map . . . I hope this account will help to solve your problem.'

I feel that this little story should be recorded for the future, and I also hope that it might be of particular interest to the present members of C Company, 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment."

* Major Bill Caffyn OC C Coy, 1 Surreys. He was later taken prisoner during the preliminary battles prior to the recapture of the hill.

The Royal Society of St. George

As The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment is the senior English Regiment of the Line, it is perhaps fitting to draw the attention of our readers to a patriotic Society dedicated to England and the interests of our country.

The Royal Society of St George, the Patron of which is Her Majesty The Queen, has the following objects :—

To foster the love of England and to strengthen England and the Commonwealth by spreading the knowledge of English history, traditions and ideals.

To keep fresh the memory of those in all walks of life who have served England or the Commonwealth in the past in order to inspire leadership in future.

To combat all activities likely to undermine the strength of England or the Commonwealth.

To further English interests everywhere, to ensure that St George's Day is properly

celebrated and to provide focal points all the world over where English men and women may gather together.

The Society seeks to achieve these objects by means of their journal 'ENGLAND', by maintaining the Warriors' Chapel of St George in Westminster Abbey and by supporting organisations which strive to preserve the treasures and beauties of England. Honorary membership of the Society is conferred upon all holders of the Victoria Cross, the George Cross and the George Medal. In addition, the Patron Saint of England is honoured on St George's Day, which is our own Regimental Day, by holding services and parades throughout the Commonwealth and by the flying of St George's flag, the ancient and traditional flag of England.

The President of the Society is Colonel His Grace the Duke of Westminster, DSO and its Chairman is Sir Irving Gane, KCVO who served in the 2/22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1915 to 1918. Sir Irving tells us that the attention of the Society is turning more and more to helping the youth of England. They entertain the Questors of the Commonwealth Youth Movement on their annual visit to this country. These young people come from all over the Commonwealth and many of them are the potential leaders of their own countries.

The Society is able to assist youth expeditions of an adventurous nature with grants, preference being given to schoolboy expeditions where the accent is on leadership and initiative. The Society puts up three awards annually for the Duke of Edinburgh's Overseas Awards.

Nearer home the Royal Society is supporting "1964 Task Force", an organization now working in eight of the London Boroughs and expanding rapidly. Their object is to organize the help of the old and lonely by young people. It is gratifying to learn that this organization is overwhelmed with volunteers, which tends to show that the bad hats and layabouts among our young people represent only a tiny minority.

The subscription for membership of the Society ranges from one guinea a year. Particulars may be obtained from the General Secretary, St George's House, 4 Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1.

How Freedom came to a Prisoner of War

The writer of this reminiscence is S. J. Wheatley (6140353) who served in the 2nd Bn The East Surrey Regiment, and was taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore in 1942.

"I shall always remember vividly how the day of Freedom came to me. I was in a prison camp some couple or three hundred yards from a bridge, at a place called Tamarakan in Thailand. I had been detailed along with 3 or 4 other chaps to walk along the railway to a jungle clearing where trees were being felled and cut into sleepers.

We had proceeded along the railway for about a mile, with a Nip sentry trundling along in the rear, when suddenly from out of the blue appeared a squadron of American Liberators. They were flying quite high and passed overhead. They circled round for some 5 miles, and then one by one began to peel off and come in low. In a couple of seconds the leading plane came zooming along over our heads. I looked up and saw two air gunners with some cannon in the plane's belly blister. The number of the plane showed quite clearly, U.S.41. They flew down towards the bridge, and we heard bursts of cannon fire, rockets and a loud speaker. All they said was "We give you 20 mins. to clear out of here". They then circled around repeating the move, this time letting loose everything they had.

In the meantime I ran like hell along the railway wondering whether the Nip sentry would finish me off, but perhaps he was too busy trying to keep alive himself. I just managed to duck under the railway embankment where a small stream flowed, when I heard the most terrific din I have ever heard. This went on at intervals for a couple of hours. When the planes had dived off into the distance, I slowly wended my way back to the camp, minus the sentry and my comrades.

When I arrived, all I could see was the remains of a nine-span steel bridge all twisted up like a piece of stick-jaw toffee.

The few survivors spent the next day or two digging up unexploded D.A. bombs (1063 lbs) out of the soft edges of the river banks. Having found no traces of any Nip soldiers we took to a jungle track, and eventually met up with some Aussies from a nearby camp who had experienced something similar. We got organised and cleared a strip of jungle and an old banana plantation, some half a mile long. Planes had been flying over fairly regularly, and somebody laid out some strips of cloth to resemble the Brigade sign when doing air to ground Co-op.

Luck was with us. One bright morning down fluttered some green parachutes with supplies, and a message. Some 24 Dakotas from Rangoon were coming to pick us up and they did. After a couple of hours, flying at 350 mph at 5 miles up, we spotted a hole in the clouds. The pilot said, "There is the sea", and we dived through the gap to see Rangoon all laid out below us. As we approached the airport, we noticed the extensive damage to the oil storage containers, there being quite a large number of oil wells on the outskirts. Eventually we taxied along the runway, to see one of the most welcome and impressive sights I have seen—planes of every kind lined up on both sides of a 5 mile runway.

I spent some 2 weeks on the 'drome, laying out metal strips, similar to tank tracks only wider, in order to lengthen the runway for the larger planes to use.

I was then called into a tent to see the local Officer Commanding. He asked me how much service I had to do, and whether I would like to go back home or stay in Burma for a while. As I needed an operation and had a relapse of malaria, I decided to take the first ship home.

It happened to be the P & O ship Corfu. We came under air attack in the Mediterranean, but luckily this time we had a plentiful supply of Bofors A.A. Guns on the top deck, and I believe the gunners managed to give a very good account of themselves."

Regimental Service

The Regimental Service was held in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 12th June, and was attended by a good gathering of past and present members of the Regiment and their families. The Service was conducted by Canon A. C. G. Oldham, Canon-in-Residence. The Colonel of the Regiment read the Lesson and the sermon was

preached by the Reverend Derek Landreth, Chaplain to 4 Queen's Surreys (TA).

After the Service, the members of the Regimental Association paraded under Brigadier Goode, and headed by the combined Bands and Drums of 3 and 4 Queen's Surreys (TA), marched past the Colonel of the Regiment.



Regimental Service at
Guildford Cathedral
The Colonel of the
Regiment at the Saluting
Base during the March Past



Regimental Service at
Guildford Cathedral
The March Past, headed
by Brig G. H. W.
Goode, CBE, DSO

1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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It is unfortunate that we are unable to give an up-to-date account of our activities in this the last Journal of our present Regiment. Understandably, editing and printing prevents this and we are only able to report our activities up to Salerno Day, leaving the remaining four months of our existence as 1 Queens Surreys to our new Regimental Journal.

The long awaited news concerning our future is without doubt the highlight of this period and will certainly be commented on elsewhere in the Journal. It is felt fitting, however, to include with our notes a short account of the life of the present First Battalion since its formation in October 1959 as a record for our readers.

The period of these notes also covers most of this year's 'exercise season' in BAOR and the familiar names of training areas feature prominently in our Company notes. However, in order that readers who are unfamiliar with BAOR and its training cycle are not utterly confused with all our comings and goings, a chronological account of our major activities is given here.

Having devoted the winter months to individual training and particularly the training of drivers and signallers in readiness for our APCs, the exercise season started off in March when the Battalion spent a week at Haltern brushing out the winter cobwebs with Company training and a two day battalion exercise, marked mainly by a night withdrawal in pitch darkness, during which, miraculously, no one got lost. This was followed in late March and early April by our annual field firing at Sennelager during which the support platoons gave an impressive firepower demonstration. It was also the first time the whole battalion had witnessed the firing of our Vigilant guided anti tank missiles, and the Vigilant platoon, having carried out two weeks firing in Denmark with the Danish Army earlier in the

month, gave a good demonstration of its capability.

During the latter part of April there was a slight pause in our out of door activities while the Battalion took delivery of our new armoured personnel carriers (APCs)—the AFV 432 Mark II. Much has been said about the arrival of these fighting vehicles in our Company notes, but for those who are unfamiliar with these vehicles and the organisation of our APC Battalion, a short article on this subject has been included.

It was not long before we were able to show off our new 'toy' and in early May C Company gave a demonstration of a modern equipped combat team to visitors from the Imperial Defence College, amongst whom was our late Brigade Commander, Brigadier Dunbar. Apart from this the month of May was spent settling down with our new vehicles and preparing for our 'Glorious First' celebrations, on which an article follows.

After the 'Glorious First', C Company took part in a major NATO exercise 'Game Chip' and later in the month the whole battalion spent a rather wet but worthwhile week at Vogelsang. All the 'second-in-commands' took over command and the period was devoted to strenuous foot training in order to counter an APC symptom of producing hard bottoms and soft feet.

Throughout the training season each rifle platoon held its own one week camp at Haltern and the support platoons spent many weeks preparing for the Corps support platoons concentration, which was held at Putlos in July. Having missed last year's concentration by being in Canada it was pleasing to see Sgt Campion's Mortar Section come first in the Part II Shoots.

One of the penalties of being a modern equipped battalion is that it opens one to numerous visits and demonstrations, and August saw yet another such visit, this time

by members of the Royal Naval Staff College, and another demonstration which was ably performed by B Company. It was, however, a demonstration with a difference and great satisfaction was gained by making our distinguished visitors work as infantry soldiers to the extent of patrolling throughout the night and sleeping direct on the hard ground, which they all accepted with great humour.

Training outside BAOR this year has mainly been confined to the Vigilant platoon and two rifle companies (A and B) visiting Denmark to train with the Danish Army. A Company spent a week with Dronningens Livregiment in July and B Company with Funen Life Regiment in August and from all accounts they thoroughly enjoyed their escape from BAOR.

Also outside BAOR, Lt Tucker commanded our KAPE team which visited the UK in June and 2 Lt Heath (C Company) and his platoon took part in the Depot "At Home" in July. Both ventures went extremely well and we hope that their good work will eventually be reflected in our recruiting figures.

Lt Le Maitre led the Battalion team at Bisley this year, a report on which is given in our notes. The Regimental Band too, so often left behind to guard our barracks when the Battalion is on exercise, have travelled far on numerous engagements, the highlight being a special performance for Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip on their state visit to Belgium.

In addition to our training, the Battalion has also undertaken the training of several parties of TA and Cadets visiting BAOR. A party of 20 Cadets from Surrey trained with us for a week during April and some TA 'Ever Readies', from our own Regiment and the Bde, trained with us at Vogelsang in June and at Soltau in September. We also had a party from Scottish Command for ten days in July, much to our Paymaster's delight, and we were also pleased to entertain a party of our own Junior Soldiers from the Depot who were brought over by Captain Anderson. Amongst other visitors to the Battalion have been Lt Gen Sir John Mogg, CB, CBE, DSO our new Corps Commander; Major General J. A. T. Sharp, MC our new Divisional Commander; Major General Young, the Director of Infantry; Colonel Colbeck, the Officer in Charge of Records; Mr. Emmett, the Command Secretary, and Lt Col Buckeridge the Depot Commander.

The Battalion were also very fortunate this year in having the Colonel of the Regiment visit them for three days, including Salerno Day. The General was met at the gate by a Guard of Honour found by the Reconnaissance Platoon and the Signals Platoon under Sgt Silverside. Soon afterwards he was out on Dorbaum Training Area being driven round in an APC. During the next two days the General saw and spoke to a large proportion of the Battalion as they were engaged in activities ranging from volleyball to drill parades. The climax of the visit was the Beating of Retreat at which the General himself took the salute. It was a perfect evening and the Band and Drums acquitted themselves splendidly. The evening ended with a Buffet Supper in the Officers' Mess at which a large part of Munster garrison were present. Also present were some officers of the Regiment from other stations in Germany.

In the realms of sport, the Battalion has had a very successful period and at long last has got out of the rut of not doing anything very much. We are now the Brigade Champions in Cross Country, Athletics, Cricket and Swimming and have reached the Divisional finals in all these sports. In seven-a-side Rugger we won the Divisional Plate Competition. Although we have not broken the 'Divisional Barrier' this year, the foundations are now laid for a more successful attempt next year. A team consisting of the CO, 2IC, Adj't and Capt Ward also entered for the BAOR Golf Competition and although not successful had a most enjoyable day's golf and by no means disgraced itself.

The comings and goings of officers and Warrant Officers have been too numerous to record in detail here. Mention must be made, however, of our Adjutant, Capt Trotman, who has now left us to become GSO III SD at HQ 3rd Division and also Major Jimmy Kemp who leaves us after continuous service as QM of the Battalion since Amalgamation. We were all delighted that he was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours before leaving us and we would like to thank him for his devoted service to the Battalion and wish him and his wife the very best for the future. The honour of being the officer with the longest continuous service with the Battalion now passes to our Paymaster, Major Ralph Ewart. We were also delighted to hear of



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The entrance of Oxford Barracks, Munster, decorated for the Glorious First of June celebrations. On duty L Cpl Murphy of the Regimental Police

Major John Burgess's award for gallantry and that he is to attend an investiture at Buckingham Palace in November.

This then covers our news in outline up to Salerno Day. When we next publish our notes it will be as the 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Queens Surreys), a prospect which we all look forward to.

THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE

The barracks gate took on a new appearance on 31st May 1966. With a metal archway constructed by our Assault Pioneers and LAD, the battalion pioneers under Cpl Pratt made the entrance to our barracks look like the entrance to Disney's Fairyland. The Royal Navy from HMS Excellent were suitably impressed by the magnificent naval crown and regimental badges which were the outstanding features of the decorations, not to mention the miles of bunting that stretched from the main gate to the cricket field.

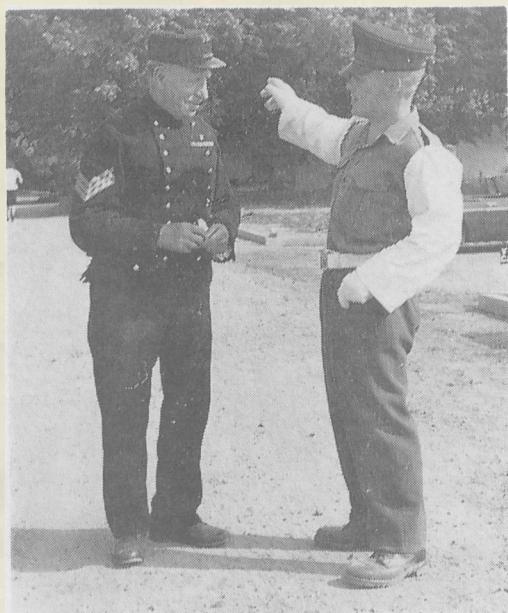
The night before the Navy arrived, the All Ranks Dance had taken place, so already there were a few wan faces in the Battalion. The dance had been held in the Gymnasium where the interior decorations of SI Kaisai were seen at their best. Two notable performers on the floor were L Cpl Patterson and Major Johnson, the latter showing that the dances of yesteryear are not yet dead.

The main event of the celebrations was the traditional two-day cricket match, this year held on a pitch that was the pride and joy of Capt Smith and Pte Osborne, who, when they retire should have jobs waiting for them

at Lord's. The first day's play followed the same pattern for both sides; early dismissals followed by solid defence and a certain amount of tail-wagging. At all events, when stumps were drawn the Regiment led by six runs on the first innings, due mainly to good bowling by Sgt Waters and to gay knocks by L Cpl Crawford and Pte Scott.

Unfortunately for both sides the two days were separated by the Sergeants' Mess Ball which seemed to carry its effects over for most of the next day. The Mess was looking resplendent, as was CSM Riley whose appearance improves when floodlit. There was a marquee attached to the Mess and here SQMS Walker and his band of cooks had prepared a buffet that was the eighth wonder of the world to look at and the ninth to eat. The many repetitions of the dance 'Let's Kick' ensured that everyone had an appetite as well as weakening crickets' knees for the following day's play.

The sun shone on the pale Saturday faces of the Naval opening pair as they came out to bat, whilst L Cpl Peters, fresh after nine hours uninterrupted sleep, prepared to bowl tornadoes. Within a very short time, half the Naval side were out for a mere 30 runs, L Cpl Peters claiming all five wickets. In the end, the Regiment had to chase a total of 90 runs which seemed well within their grasp, but again the night before took its toll with wickets falling regularly and cheaply. Only Lt Reeves made any showing, but even his cheerful hitting could not save the Regiment from a defeat by 13 runs.



Old and Young

Sgt Templer who was a guest of the Battalion during the Glorious First of June celebrations talking with L Cpl Rice of the Regimental Police

Those who could not stand the excitement of the cricket had been entertaining themselves at the side-show stalls that had been erected alongside the cricket ground. First prize for ingenuity went to the LAD, who provided a very realistic and popular railway train out of a Landrover and trailers. Mention must also be made of the Sgts' Mess who erected a wild beasts cage and peopled it with their own men dressed up as gorillas. No comments required, thank you.

On a glorious sunny evening the band and drums Beat Retreat, making a magnificent spectacle for us and for all the local German children who had climbed every available tree to have a look.

That evening the Officers' Mess Ball took place and since there was no cricket the following day everyone could have a clear conscience about drinking champagne. The band, at any rate, still seemed to have plenty of energy left and ensured that an enjoyable evening was had by all. Capt Petzing set off on the long road to Cambridge with a cheerful heart, followed by a convoy, in line ahead, of Her Majesty's Royal Navy.

THE FV 432

What is a 432? This is a question often asked by wives, girl friends and by old soldiers who had to do everything on their feet. The simple answer is that it is an armour-plated box about ten feet wide by seventeen feet long and it moves along on tracks. It carries ten men in the back in reasonable comfort on roads. Across country, however, it produces all the symptoms of sea-sickness, but it is certainly better than marching. The driver drives by means of two handles instead of a steering wheel, and is directed over the intercom by a very important man called the vehicle commander. Members of the Royal Naval Staff College, who visited us recently, when trying out the role of vehicle commander felt almost as if they were back on the bridge of their favourite destroyer.

What can a 432 do? It can go almost anywhere and moves at about the same speed as a tank, so for the first time since the days of the Black Prince the infantry can keep up with the cavalry. Swimming is another of its capabilities though it must be said that it takes twenty minutes to prepare it for a dip and that when in the water it has a free board of only approximately one inch. It can see at night without switching the headlights on and, if it does not want to be seen itself, it can surround itself with smoke within seconds. There is also a special ambulance version of the 432 which can carry up to six stretcher cases. Unlike a tank it has no gun, but a machine gun can be mounted on it to give local protection. An 81 mm mortar can be fired from it and soon we hope that anti-tank guns will be able to be fired from it. It has an air filter which gets rid of all cigarette smoke and makes life inside more bearable. One of its main advantages is that it has a multi-fuel engine that can run on almost anything except army tea. Also it can require a tremendous amount of loving care and regular maintenance.

Who has 432s? The answer is practically everybody because, after all, if you have not got a 432 how are you going to keep up with the battle? Rifle platoons have four each, all fitted with radios so that the section commander, who used to complain that no-one ever told him anything, can now listen in to the course of the battle on the radio net. Some 432s are specially fitted as command posts for company and battalion



The new Armoured Personnel Carriers in action. A platoon of 1 Queen's Surreys in the attack

headquarters. These contain all the luxuries of life such as tables, chairs and even, believe it or not, penthouses. This is the name given to tents that fit on to the rear of the 432 so that quite a spacious mansion is formed. Of the fighting sub-units only the reconnaissance platoon has no 432s. Although they are on its establishment not enough have been issued yet, but anyway they prefer the reliable Land Rover, because it makes much less noise and is easier to camouflage.

When does the soldier of the 60s use his feet? Well, he still has to do his Battle Efficiency tests but fitness is undoubtedly a problem. Although the 432 is called a Fighting Vehicle it is still the intention that infantrymen should debus on or near the objective and capture it on their feet. The aim of an APC battalion is to train its soldiers to move and deploy like cavalrymen and to attack the enemy like infantrymen. Today's soldier is learning new skills every day but, at the same time, none of the old skills should be lost.

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major G. G. Strong

In the last Journal notes A Coy were left awaiting the arrival of the AFV 432s. These have since arrived and we have been busy

learning all there is to know about them. At the time of writing we have not had the chance to take all our 432s out together but have had to content ourselves with training at platoon level. Since the last issue of the Journal we have been on exercises to Haltern, Sennelager, Vogelsang and Denmark. Haltern and Sennelager were mainly concerned with Platoon tactics, but ended with battalion exercises and we had the opportunity to fire all our weapons. At Vogelsang we lost our Company Commander to the running track. The sight of the stadium with its own swimming pool was enough to start him training the Battalion Athletics Team. The rest of the Company carried on with its field training which included assault river crossings, night attacks, patrolling, helicopter lifts to cordon and search positions and battle inoculation. The latter was run by the Belgian Army and consisted of a course where one had to crawl under and around obstacles whilst three machine guns fired overhead and explosive charges were being detonated in pits along the course. Heads (and bottoms) stayed remarkably close to the ground.

Whilst at Vogelsang, A Company won the Inter Coy Swimming Competition. The athletes in the Coy must be congratulated because as well as winning the swimming competition we have won the Inter-Coy

Athletics, Football and Cycle Relay. Track suit brigade indeed !

In July we spent a week training with the Danish Army. Our hosts were No. 3 Coy of the Dronningens Livregiment whose hospitality was overwhelming. We stayed in the North of Denmark near the town of Aalberg and although we had plenty to do whilst in Denmark, we managed to visit the town for shopping and sightseeing expeditions. We and the Danish Coy gave a demonstration of our equipment and weapons and fired each others weapons on the range. Then for two days the Companies went out to the field firing area at Traanum on the west coast. On the last evening at Traanum we had a joint Company Party around a large bonfire, where the two Company Commanders exchanged Regimental plaques. The following day, transport was arranged to take members of the Company to places of interest and industry where they were shown round by guides supplied by No. 3 Coy of the Dronningens Livregiment. This brought to an end a very enjoyable and worthwhile trip to Denmark.

We have now lost our tame copper—Lt D. Holt RMP, who has returned to the Royal Military Police Depot at Chichester. His old platoon, No. 2 Platoon saw him off in style over a jug of ale and presented him with a Regimental plaque and an antique rifle. A hasty check of the arms store was later carried out to ensure that it was not in fact his own. CSM Quickenden took over from CSM Todd who left us to join 4th/5th Buffs (TA). Another new arrival we welcome is Sgt Perryman who came to us from the Depot and is now with No 1 Platoon. Members of this platoon should note that Judo is listed amongst Sgt Perryman's hobbies.

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major R. B. Johnson

The skittle alley at Gasthaus Kuhlman was again in full use between the 14th and 19th March—for sleeping in. The Coy had arrived to carry out APC training at Haltern, still with the familiar and infamous "Pigs". We did our best to have them BLR'd, but they survived all attempts on their lives and returned to camp with an even more wicked smile. A few more months and a great deal of hard work were to pass before we finally got rid of them.

Sennelager was visited again, this time

under canvas. This tempted providence too far for it rained and snowed until we were forced into the camp to dry out. Some sleeping bags and Parkas got a little too dry and were burnt out. However, these setbacks did not deter the Coy from winning the Battalion Relay Competition, mainly, we believe, by C Sgt Lay's excellent cup of tea and Cpl Dugdale's expertise at repairing tracks on the 432s. Oh yes—we had received two of these magnificent steeds by then which were used for driver training. Capt Barrow returned with the fine weather from umpiring with the Berlin Brigade. He immediately persuaded Pte Thompson to part with his 432, so that he could cabby Major Ray on a farewell drive. This ended in disaster, for the 432 became very firmly bogged, much to Pte Thompson's disgust, Cpl Dugdale's delight and Capt Barrow's pocket.

The evil smell of mixed tobacco in the Command Post has nearly gone. For Major Ray with his cigars and family, with our best wishes, have departed for the sunny climate of Cyprus. CSM Jennings and his family left us for higher things—indenting for socks—as RQMS of 1 Royal Sussex and we all miss him. In their places we welcome two members of HQ Coy. Major Johnson and CSM Morris, both smokers of normal tobacco.

Several weeks of frantic activity in athletic garb under the care of 2 Lt Harris placed us equal first (on points) in the Inter-Coy Athletic Match. However, we were finally placed second on the number of wins. We suspect the PRI did not have enough medals for two teams. None-the-less, there was much rejoicing afterwards, and the effort was well worthwhile.

May found us on "Quicktrain" yet again. Trying to juggle pigs, 437s, wireless sets and platoons on leave. How we managed on the day no-one was quite sure. The German in our harbour area, however, was very aware that we had made it, for we arrived on top of his ether plant again with cigarettes glowing and exhausts belching flame and smoke. By the aid of Cpl Holland's exquisite German we managed to placate him, and peace reigns despite a bill for some DM : 5,000 to resurface his yard. We have now been allotted another harbour area, but watch this column next year as no doubt B Coy will have done it again.

The Glorious First of June found L Cpls

Wright and Bradshaw, aided and abetted by members of Support Platoon, selling hot dogs at the Funfair. We are assured that all helpings went down well. The Coy also ran several other stalls, notably the dartboard on which no-one succeeded. We believe this was because of the invasion of mini skirts at the funfair. Pte Jones was not at all pleased at having to transport, in his immaculate 3 tonner, our wild beast from Borneo, on loan to the Sgts' Mess.

Handorf Site Guard followed our celebrations with rapidity, and Lt Reeves, newly joined and welcomed, paid his first visit to the site. This was followed by Exercise 'Full Moon,' which entailed chasing members of the 15/19 Hussars on an infiltration exercise in our 432s. We noticed a distinct hostility amongst the local publicans about using their car parks. We wondered if this was due to the fact that they looked like ploughed fields after our departure. We will never know.

The end of June found us at Vogelsang near the Ardennes without our beloved 432s. At the sight of all those hills, our feet sighed, not without good cause, for during our stay, we marched all over them and even completed our BE tests. This was interspersed with boating and the Battle Inoculation Course—was it really live ammunition they fired over our heads? We also made good use of the underheated swimming bath and the Coy came second in the Inter Coy Swimming Competition—mainly due to the efforts of 2 Lt Harris and Cpl Smith—(4/5 Royal Sussex TA)—and L Cpl Clark, (4 Buffs TA) who were attached to us. This was probably why we survived the two Battalion exercises in pouring rain.

Following Vogelsang we returned again to Munster and our 432s. The Support Platoon departed for their concentration at Putlos and 2 Lt Kealy and his merry men took part in the Divisional Athletics. At the time of going to press, the Coy is preparing for its trip to Denmark for training with the Danish Army.

We conclude by welcoming Ptes Berriman, Longhurst—the only man to wear a gas mask upside down, McGuire and Ruel and hope that they will have a happy time with "Shiny B". We are also sorry to say au revoir to Cpls Hill and Powell, Sgt Boyne and L Cpl Hedges who have all gone to the Depot as instructors. We extend a warm welcome to Sgt Addy and his family. Our



Pte Lewis (Driver) and Cpl Buckmaster, C Coy, seen in a new Armoured Personnel Carrier (AFV 432)

congratulations to 2 Lt McFadyen on his marriage and Pte Jenkins on the birth of his daughter.

C COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major J. H. S. Burgess, MBE

First and foremost all ranks of the Company would like to congratulate Major Burgess on his award of the MBE, awarded for gallantry in Aden, and to welcome him to the Company.

With the Winter behind us, during which a few lucky ones managed to escape to the snowy slopes of Oberjoch, the Company plunged back to the now all too familiar fields of battle. The exercise season opened with a cold and wet 24 hour exercise at Dorbaum, so wet in fact that the Anti Tank Section are still wondering how they managed to get their gun across the swollen river!

However, not all the spring was taken up with exercises and the time soon arrived when we could at last safely say that "These DMS boots are no longer made for Marching". The insoles were now worn on the outside to prevent a scratch on the paint-work of our newly arrived and long awaited AFV432s. There were many sore heads amongst the drivers, since Sgt Stredwick's favourite method of correcting mistakes was to give the driver a sharp crack with the

handset. Faults were soon put right by this method, and to this date we have not lost a track, nor suffered anything more serious than the odd dented track guard.

April was spent on Admin and driver training and continued until Easter when we went on standby for the AAF Guard. Easter soon passed and the Coy began to prepare a demonstration for members of the Imperial Defence College, which gave us a chance to be the first Company to show off its APCs—a venture that came off very well. (What's this about Sgt Edwards wearing pips these days?)

The Coy soon came into the RSM's headlines, when during a Coy Signal exercise on the main square, the heat of the sun welded trackpads to the asphalt. On the order to 'Puffo', not only did the vehicles leave the square, but half the square left as well! Major Burgess thought he was having a nightmare, the RSM a fit and the C Sgt thought he would be working out barrack damages for weeks to come. However, after much hard work it was all 'smoothed over' to everyone's satisfaction.

In the meanwhile, the Vigilant Section had been preparing for their visit to Denmark and they departed in May for a very enjoyable ten days stay and training with a Danish Regiment. As far as they were concerned it ended all too soon, except for L Cpl Dingwall who has since returned there for his leave!

May was the month that many of the older members of the Coy will remember with much regret, for we lost a great friend, and very popular officer, in Capt T. C. Rogerson. No longer will the battle cry of 'Rogersons Rangers' roll over the fields of Soltau. We wish him and his family the very best of luck for their new life in New Zealand.

June the 1st, the Glorious First and all the associated celebrations went off very well. We won the Inter-Coy Football, with L Cpl Maye playing an outstanding game as goalkeeper. Our Cycling team was ably captained by Lt M. F. Howard who led them to victory. The celebrations for the Coy were well 'rounded off' with a visit from our old CSM, Jack Chaffer, MM.

The drinking and dancing forgotten, but only just, we were once again prepared to move out into the field. This time for exercise 'Game Chip'. Our main task on the exercise was to guard convoys of RCT weapon transporters, which entailed a lot of work during the night. This exercise

involved all our APCs covering long distances over roads and tracks by day and night and we are proud to record that we finished all present and correct and accident free.

Next on the agenda in a very crowded year was Vogelsang, where we had attached to us a unit from the TA who were to train with us. It turned out, once again, to be very cold and wet with early morning moves and cold night returns to camp. The first four days were taken up with Coy training, involving the use of assault boats and the Coy crossing the Belgian Army battle inoculation course. Notably bringing up the rear in his gaudy blue helmet was CSM Bob Riley, using such expletives as fitted the occasion.

The last three days were spent on two battalion exercises involving the chasing of Bandits across the training area—hard foot slogging in the rain, but there were a few heartwarming times, such as when the Bandit Leader 'Antonious Ward' was captured—an old friend of C Company—and when an ambush laid by Support Platoon succeeded in wiping out the whole of the Battalion Recce Platoon—our enemy.

During July the Support Platoon, less the Vigilant Section, attended the Annual Support Weapons Concentration at Putlos. The Mortar Section, led by Sgt Campion discovered a way of producing rain without the aid of a Witchdoctor; they soon found that the moment the mortars were brought into action—the rain came down. Despite the bad weather, the Section trained well, and came first in the Competition Shoot—a Part II Shoot with fourteen participating sections from many different Regiments.

The Anti-Tank Section found the weather a problem, but they did well and Cpl. Walker's detachment are to be congratulated on obtaining an 'above average' grading in all their tests. In all, a pleasant and useful week was spent at Putlos. The female tourists were in themselves an attraction and the World Cup lost a few of its supporters.

Departures from the Company since the last issue are Capt Ward—to Recce, Cpl Sibley to the Depot and L Cpl Evans as the GOC's driver.

We welcome C Sgt Lea back to the Company after his tour with the MT. He has now taken over from C Sgt Swift who returned to UK as a Regular Army Recruiter.

Congratulations to the following on their promotions, Sgt Atkins, Cpls Walker, Collins, Blythe, Tickner, Stent, L Cpls Wisden, Britchford, Soffe and Jeffery.

Congratulations on their course reports go to Capt Williams who obtained a B on his AFV 432 Course; Sgt Prior—a B on his Drill Course—and Sgt Edwards—an A on his NBC Course.

HQ COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major P. H. Clayton, MBE

Major Johnson left us to command B Company and Captain English, 2 QORC, took over until the arrival of Major Clayton in June. It now looks as though this merry-go-round has halted for a while. Captain Wakely has returned to the warmth of a covered wagon as IO, leaving the "Kiddy Kar Kommando" to Captain Ward.

We welcome back WO II Dunkeld from 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), C Sgt Smith from HCBD and Sgt Carr from the Malay Rangers. Sadly we bid farewell to Major Kemp, Captain Trotman and Lt Mileham. To all of them go our best wishes for their future.

At Vogelsang in June we were stirred by the sight of the Assault Pioneer Platoon's Class 2 raft bearing the OC's Landrover and sailing the narrow seas in graceful arcs conned by their Admiral in peaked combat cap (Canadian pattern). Rumour has it that at the RE Bridge Camp at Hameln the platoon were promoted to being Heavy Ferry operators which together with the issue of their first $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Landrover seems to indicate that they are both web-footed and petrol-footed. Let us hope that demolition training with live explosive does not teach them to fly as well.

In the quiet period in Munster in July we were hosts to TA soldiers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Black Watch, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers and a Green Howard. Their stay culminated in Exercise "Failing Feet" in which they were aided by the Intelligence Section against the Recce platoon, the Drums and foul weather.

In preparation for the August Bank Holiday the Assault Pioneers have had yet another chance to demonstrate their versatility and the "Oxford Barracks Lido" has replaced the EWS tank beside the Company block, complete with benches, table, foot-baths, soft drink stall and concrete paths. There is a rumour that in winter it will be converted to an ice rink complete with hot dog stand to be called "Nowaczek's Nosh".

RECCE PLATOON

"M" appointed a new head of the Branch in February. Capt Ward is the new "007" whilst Capt Wakely has been promoted to "M" Special Intelligence Adviser.

The period under review has been a varying and changing one for the Branch. Seven new agents have been recruited from other Branches, all having passed their initiation test and being awarded a single "O" number. Agents Caton and Rawlings have been promoted to Corporal "OO" Agents. Agent "OO" Collins has returned after his undercover mission at the Depot. Agent Stent has been posted on an undercover mission to C Branch—but we hear a stork has flown overhead.

The first operation took place at Haltern in March. The Branch have had its first battle against "The Battalion".

Our next operation was when we joined the Special Branch of 15/19th Hussars in the Teutonburger. Here, with the aid of B Branch, we succeeded in eliminating a dangerous band of Junior NCOs of 15/19th Hussars, one group of which did not take too kindly to Cpl Woodhall's interrogation (himself having just returned from a three week Combat Survival Course).

June saw the Branch at Vogelsang, again operating against the Battalion. Here the Branch stood up to some harsh, sadistic treatment by the weather—the RSM dragging



The Watson Brothers pictured in a Ferret Scout Car whilst on manoeuvres in BAOR. In the driving seat Pte Peter Watson. In the driving seat Pte Steven Watson (both of 1st Bn)

"007" behind a Landrover and beating him with an ox-whip at the same time—CSM Riley blowing Agent Snowden out of his hole with a large charge of TNT (that Snowden slept through the explosion is normal, a cool agent!)—Capt Trotman nearly breaking Agent Brown's will to resist and "007" and Agent Millett trying to capture the RSM. Yes, they were captured themselves, only to be saved seconds prior to their execution, by Agents Roots, Brown and Isaacs in a suicidal but successful rescue bid for their leader!

Since June we have concentrated on our Beretta handling. More OP holes have been dug in which we have either been buried, suffocated, drowned, asphyxiated or captured.

During the Summer Agents Silverside, Rawlings and Davies were temporarily transferred to KAPE Branch.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Our notes in this Journal will read like the Arrivals-Departure Board at Victoria Station. The hierarchy of the "Pronto's world" has been greatly changed.

In March, C Sgt Rippin was promoted to WO II and given the appointment of Technical Quartermaster Sergeant—a new one within this Battalion and a sure indication that now we really are an APC-borne unit. The "TQ" was our Colour Sergeant for four years, his major task being the establishing of a workable stores system for our vast BAOR radio establishment. Few members of the Battalion have done more for the unit's signalling efficiency, and the high standard of radio equipment within the unit is very largely due to his hard work and enthusiasm for the job. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. The Stores are now in the capable hands of C Sgt Bromige.

Two Sgts have left the Platoon since our last notes, Sgt Lees and Sgt Hunt. Sgt Lees left in April to become PSI at Guildford and after five years of unflagging cheerfulness and hard work for the Platoon deserves a rest (?) with the TA. We were also very sorry to say Goodbye to our Royal Signals Sgt, Sgt Hunt. He had been with the Battalion since we arrived in Munster and had become, if anything, even more regimentally minded than us. We hope that he enjoys his tour at HQ 2nd Division and that

he will come and visit us.

The names of Sgts Jones and Gardner appear on the Arrivals Board. Both have just completed tours with the TA and are now well and truly back into the Regular Army harness.

LAD REME

Our organisation was heralded in the last Journal and we are again further esteemed by contributing our own notes.

To the less informed we are a team of approximately 36 who are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the technical equipments with which the Battalion is now well equipped. The arrival of the FV 432s was greatly appreciated by all—the departure of the Humber "pigs" with a sigh of relief.

The period March to July has been a steady period, mainly in preparation for the Autumn training. The A Section went to Putlos and then Denmark, and B and C Sections each did a period at Haltern with their Cos.

The majority of the LAD went to Sennelager in March. It was the first time under canvas for some members as well as the first camp for the present LAD. Some good reports were heard of the LAD personnel who fired various weapons on the range. The EME's Map Reading Exercise took some queer twists—how did one team arrive at Bad Lippspringe? It wasn't anywhere near the area!

The comings and goings of REME personnel have been numerous. Farewells since March have been said to Cfn Hardy, Cfn Pitt, Cfn Pollington and not forgetting Sgt "Taff" Roberts, (an old hand) on posting to Singapore, and Cpl Kelly on Casevac to UK.

A welcome has been extended to Cfn Walker, Cfn Kearley, Cfn Southworth and Cfn Earp.

In the sporting line we congratulate S Sgt Loftus on being awarded Battalion colours for Rugby and Cfn Illingworth for Athletics. The LAD Rugby team did well in the Seven-a-Side in being runners up. Congratulations also go to S Sgt and Mrs. Loftus on their recent addition.

MT PLATOON

Like many other departments, the period has seen many comings and goings in both men and equipment.

March saw the coming of the FV 432s

coupled with the preparation for and back-loading of our 1-ton Armoured Humbers, affectionately known to the older elements of the Battalion as the Armoured "Pig". This change over of vehicles within the Battalion fell heavily on the MT technical side and involved quite a lot of administrative work and sweat. However, at the time of going to press, we have only one FV 432 left to come and the 1-ton Armoured Humbers should be on their way back to 17 Rear Vehicle Depot by the end of the month.

With the coming of the FV 432 came the new establishment and the MT Platoon lost C Sgt Lea to C Coy. C Sgt Lea has been a member of the MT side of the Battalion for over four years, covering Aden and Hong-Kong as well as Germany, and we wish him and Mrs. Lea all the best in the future.

Besides the normal new arrivals, ie WO II Rippon as Technical Quartermaster Sergeant, Ptes Norman, Mallon, Bowyer, Cook and Gough, our friend the Stork seems to have settled on the MT Chimney and we congratulate Pte and Mrs. Sewell on the birth of a son on 14th May, Pte and Mrs Venton on the birth of a son on 23rd June and Pte and Mrs Mallon on the birth of a son on 13th July. Rumour has it that a sandbagged ack-ack post is in the process of being built on the MT Square with one of our many marksmen being posted on a round-the-clock basis armed with a shot gun.

We congratulate L Cpl Shambrook and Pte Neville on passing their upgrading courses at the School of Infantry, Warminster, and being able to join the ranks of B II Clerks. L Cpl Sambrook (The General) is now being schooled for taking over duties of the Battalion POL NCO. Pte Neville is entering into the mystics of the Tech Quartermaster branch and is becoming an expert on 982 Es, 1043s, 1045s (all things sent to confuse and try us).

Cpl Ambridge attended the MT Sergeants' Course at Bordon and we congratulate him on his good result.

Sgt Hawes has added yet another string to his Technical bow, having attended and passed a Helicopter Handling Course at RAF Guttersloh.

Promotion is not fast and furious in the MT, but we congratulate Pte (Topper) Brown on yet again getting his foot on the lower rung of the ladder and obtaining the exalted rank of L Cpl.

Three of the oldest serving members of the

Platoon have left us during this period, namely, Cpl Booker and L Cpl Lane, who have returned to Civvy Street, and Pte Burden who has been posted to the Army Youth Team at Stoughton Barracks in Guildford.

We will close our notes by saying that during this period drivers of the MT have been employed on details in Denmark, Belgium and Bavaria, so if you wish to see Europe join the MT Platoon.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS

Height has given way to girth! Drum Major Morris, after eight years as Drum Major has been elevated to the peerage, and, resplendent in the glory of an A grading on the Guards Drill Course, is looking after the interests of B Company as Company Sergeant Major. In his stead, Drum Major Lockwood has proved a worthy successor. His first duty was to collect the new drums, which thanks to the personal exhortations of RSM Wilson were duly delivered by the 3rd Battalion to Ostend. The new drums—six side, two tenor and one bass—are the new rod tension type which have been paid for by devious means best known to the Adjutant. The old ones were the bequest of the amalgamation and had become very expensive to maintain. The new drums first public appearance was on the 2nd Division Massed Band and Drums Display at Osnabruck in April. Unfortunately the weather was poor but the Germans, for whose benefit the show was put on, enjoyed it thoroughly, particularly the singing of a German soldiers song "Es ist schon soldat zu sein". It appeared to the spectators that every one knew the words. Inside information shows that other words were sung, what they were, no one will say.

After a brief respite, we went to Belgium for the State visit of HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Before the parade for the Queen there was one engagement in Brussels. The arrival of Her Majesty in Antwerp was very impressive and we had three minutes to ourselves on television in England.

The Ypres Ceremony took place in connection with the commemoration of the Battle of Ypres at the Menin Gate, from the top of which all the buglers blew the Last Post and Reveille.

Our next engagement was at Rheindahlen for the Queen's Birthday parade. A week later, having hung up Scarlets, we became



Photo by courtesy of Le Soir, Brussels

The Massed Bands of 6 Infantry Brigade performing in the Market Place at Ypres on 13th May for HM The Queen. Leading the Parade are the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion

soldiers again for a week's battalion training at Vogelsang. On the battalion exercise, although ostensibly the battalion HQ Defence Platoon, a better name would have been "Pull and Push Men", as under the direction of the RSM the entire battalion transport was pulled or pushed through greasy mud whilst those who were lucky enough to be unencumbered by transport trudged happily on ahead.

In open opposition to the Band, one of the cellars in the block has miraculously become a "club". No one questions where the fittings came from but the club is a thriving affair and we have an amazing number of amateur chefs, some of whom contrive to burn even baked beans. In fairness, there are a few who can concoct Chow Fan and Prawn Curry.

Sgt Maloney has left to recruit some more drummers and we wish him all the best and would like to thank him for all he has done for us. L Cpl Plumridge has left us to face the hazards of marriage and civvy street. We congratulate Easton on his marriage in May and welcome back Jones from England.

BAND

The most important, colourful and exciting engagement of this period, and perhaps of

our lives, was when the band went to Belgium for the State visit of Her Majesty The Queen.

We began rehearsals for this in April, along with the Devon and Dorsets and Sherwood Foresters. Being the senior regiment on parade we managed to keep things square by having the senior bandmaster, who was told not to worry too much about the parade, he would either get knighted or knotted, depending on which way the parade went.

The Bands moved to Belgium at the beginning of May and played for a week in Brussels with great success, this being a curtain raiser for the State visit. On the 10th of May Her Majesty The Queen visited the War Memorial in Antwerp and we formed part of the Guard of Honour which was provided jointly by Belgian and British troops. This was a short but colourful ceremony, dominated by the calls of the Belgian children of "Elizabet, Elizabet".

Our main function was to give a display for Her Majesty on Friday 13th May in the famous Great War town of Ypres. On the main square, with the magnificent Cloth Hall as a background, the massed bands awaited the arrival of the Royal party. It was a fine evening, the whole area was a blaze of colour, flags hung still in the evening light and the reflection of the sun shone from

the instruments and silver drums in the massed bands.

The massed bands marched in slow and quick time, counter marched and wheeled with immaculate bearing. The bandsmen and drummers are to be congratulated on a parade that was equal to the finest traditions of the British Army.

Important to us was the presence of the Old Comrades, veterans of the Great War who were visiting Ypres to see the parade.

Many VIPs wrote to congratulate us on the performance, but perhaps the most moving letter was one from some old comrades to Colonel Sewell which we reproduce.

"Sir,

"We, the undersigned, veterans of the 1914-18 War, who served on the Ypres Salient, wish to express our deep appreciation of the service the Bands rendered on the visit of HM The Queen and Prince Philip to the immortal Salient on Friday 13th May 1966, also of the exemplary behaviour manifested by the young bandsmen many whom we personally came in contact with, including Sgt Arnold, during their brief stay in Ypres.

In conclusion we wish them the best of good fortune and may they never know war.

Yours Sincerely,

ERNEST M. DOUGHTY.

JOHN W. MILLER.

ARTHUR W. HUNT."

Having completed our engagements in Belgium we returned to the Battalion in Munster on the 14th May.

The 2nd Division held its annual Massed Bands display on May 27th and we were invited to take part along with twelve other bands. Now that full dress is worn by more and more bands, the finale of a parade is a magnificent sight and with over 600 musicians playing there is also a tremendous volume of sound.

Bands involved in this kind of work tend to become, or at least to feel, a little anonymous, so we were happy to return to the Battalion for the Glorious 1st of June celebrations. We played in the Dining Room for the special dinner, at lunch and tea on two days of the cricket match, an all ranks dance, the Sgts Ball and the Officers Ball; we Beat Retreat and played at the Drum Head service and finished the programme with a concert in the Sgts Mess. After all this it seemed to us in the Band that while

the Battalion celebrates the Glorious First we fight it !

The Battalion has many happy memories of Iserlohn and we in the Band have tried to maintain the friendship. On July 2nd and 3rd we played at the annual Schutzenfest in Iserlohn and we were so well received that the Bandmaster was made a Lt of No 4 Company and S Sgt Matlock and Sgt Rothwell were made Feldwebels in the same company. A very good week-end !

Hannover holds the largest Schutzenfest in Germany, and we played at this year's meeting there starting at 0300 hrs and playing and marching continuously for 9 hours, one of the hardest engagements we have ever done from the musicians point of view.

The most satisfying engagement this year was a concert given in Munster with a German Choir. German audiences are very discriminating and naturally fond of classical music. We gave them works from Haydn, Schubert, Grieg and Holst. The band was in great form, we had rehearsed very hard and thoroughly for this concert. For our effort we gained a splendid write-up in the German newspapers. This was so successful that we have been invited to play again on September the 4th.

For the future we have a trip to Nery with 2 Field Regt, Royal Artillery early in Sept, Beating Retreat for the Colonel of the Regiment on September 9th and the massed bands of 6 Infantry Brigade are Beating Retreat on September 16th for Munster Garrison at home to the local population.

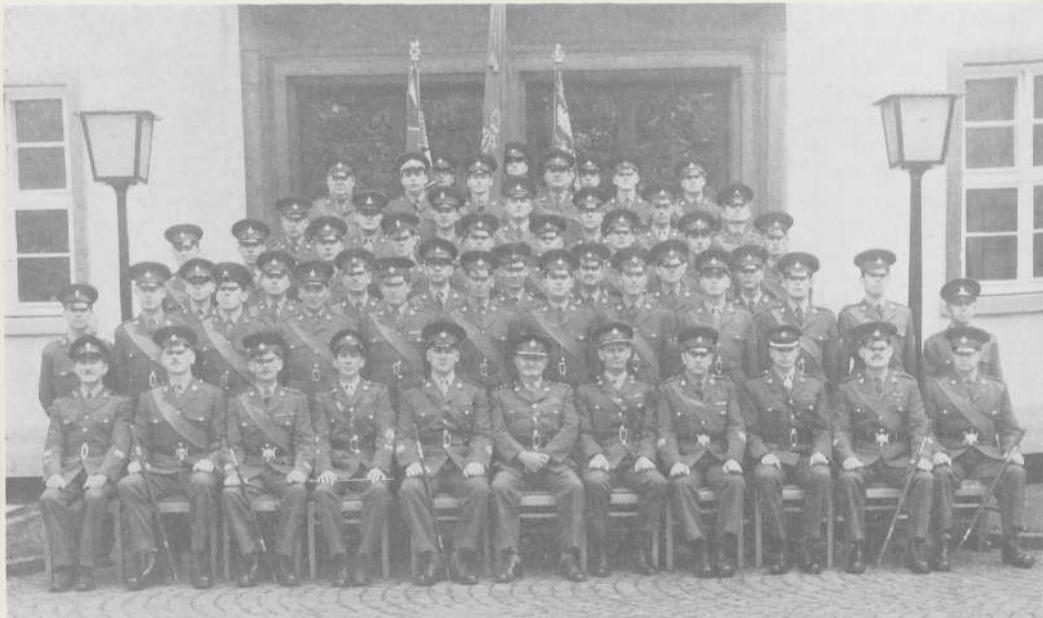
Our musical readers will know that Mozart was an active Mason. We have joined this illustrious line by all becoming Geoff Freemasons.

WO's & SGTS MESS

Since last going to Press life in the Mess has been very busy.

In June we went to Vogelsang for ten days. Unfortunately, the weather was appalling. RSM Wilson, however, aided by Drum Major Lockwood did manage to keep themselves occupied by heaving vehicles from the mud. It has been rumoured that they may be attached to "Recovery".

The highlight of this period was undoubtedly the Glorious First of June. All committees worked extremely hard and by the time our guests from HMS Excellent arrived all systems were at go. CSM Warren excelled himself at the art of erecting



WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS OF I QUEEN'S SURREYS—SALERNO DAY 1966

Rear row (Left to Right): C Sgt W. Steeles, C Sgt W. Hannigan, C Sgt S. Lea.
 Sixth row (Left to Right): Sgt A. Leach, Sgt A. Hickson (ACC), Sgt D. Arnold, C Sgt J. Fleming, Sgt M. Donnelly, Sgt B. Waters.
 Fifth row (Left to Right): Sgt M. Raynesford, Sgt J. Kettles (RAPC), S Sgt C. Alcock (REME), D Maj E. Luckwood, Sgt P. Hawes, Sgt G. Stredwick, Sgt Arthurs (APTC).
 Fourth row (Left to Right): Sgt G. Rothwell, Sgt C. Jeeves, C Sgt D. Lay, S Sgt J. Loftus (REME), Sgt D. Atkins, Sgt D. Prior, Sgt J. Pearson, Sgt J. Coote, Sgt E. Willmott.
 Third row (Left to Right): Sgt M. Ellis (REME), C Sgt A. Bromige, C Sgt R. Speakman, C Sgt D. Wheeker, Sgt G. Carr, Sgt A. Butler, Sgt A. Bodkin, Sgt J. Ferrari.
 Second row (Left to Right): WO II R. Barnes (REME), Sgt T. Silverside, Sgt M. Kaisai (APTC), Sgt J. Maume, C Sgt A. Gibbs, Sgt F. Creane, Sgt D. Gardner, C Sgt B. Matlock, Sgt J. Anderson, Sgt P. Emery, Sgt J. Champion, WO II T. Miller (RAPC).
 Front row (Left to Right): WO II H. Newham (REME), WO II B. Morris, WO II W. Warren, WO I (BM) E. Short, RSM L. Wilson, Maj Gen F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, Lt Col J. W. Sewell, RQMS L. Jessup, Maj J. G. W. Davidson, WO II A. Quickenden, WO II R. Riley.

tents on concrete. Hard "intense" work indeed!

Our celebrations started early with a "Stag" night. Our Naval associates, namely CPOs Jim Coates, Pete Cantello, May, Lee, Dobson and "Bilgy" Barratt were in great form. Their repertoire of jokes and songs were worthy of the connoisseur. However, there was a slight panic. A loud ticking was heard and the subsequent search found an enormous pocket watch on the person of a minute Matelot.

The Dinner and Dance was an unqualified success. It is sufficient to sum up the evening by saying that everyone had a very enjoyable time. However, in passing, a word of congratulations to SQMS Walker and his staff on the superb Buffet.

The Mess played a large part in the Fun Fair with a hilarious Side Show "The Wild Men of Munster". The Wild Men being CSM Riley and C Sgt Speakman, They

went into strict training for a week for this and they were indeed looking very ferocious and authentic. To prove this point a large hound put its snout into the cage and shot off at great speed with tail between legs! After two weeks sick leave they were back amongst us.

During this period we had two old members of the Regiment from Chelsea with us. They were In-Pensioner Hilditch and R Sgt Templer. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made their presence felt. It is of interest to note that In-Pensioner Hilditch was in the same Company as Brigadier Roupell and was in the same engagement in which the Brigadier gained his VC. We enjoyed their company and hope to hear from them again. In conclusion, we thank all our guests for a very enjoyable period.

The Corporals Mess challenged us to a cricket match and games evening both of which we unfortunately lost, but we managed



The WOs and Sgts Farewell Dinner to Major J. W. Kemp, MBE. From left to right: AQMS Barnes, TQMS Rippon, AQMS Newham, Bandmaster Short, ASM Barker, CSM Dunkeld, Major Kemp, SQMS Walker, CSM Riley, RSM Wilson, CSM Quickenden, SQMS Miller, RQMS Jessup, WO II Warren

to force a draw on the return match. In the evening games the RSM played Cpl Morant both times at darts and the result was very diplomatic. The RSM lost one, but won the other.

Over the last few months we have said farewell to the following members: RSM Wildgoose, WO II Harding, C Sgt Swift, Sgts Lees, Stagg (ACC), Roberts (REME), Hunt (R Sigs) and Storr (RAPC). We wish them good luck and success in their new postings. We welcome RSM Wilson, C Sgt Smith, Sgts Archer, Addy, Jones and Carr and hope they enjoy their stay. We congratulate the following on their promotions, RQMS Jennings whom we have loaned to I R Sussex (we hope they can feed him, we never could!), CSM Morris, TQMS Rippon, C Sgts Speakman, Bromige, Sgts Atkins, Raynesford and Ellis (REME).

On the 30th July we dined Major and Mrs. Kemp out. This was rather a sad occasion for us. Major Kemp and his wife have been a tower of strength and will be sadly missed. In his speech, Major Kemp wished us Good Health and Good Luck,

few words, but from a man of few words with sincerity. The evening was a success. It is to be noted that Major and Mrs Kemp were back again in their places the following evening. We thank them for their support and we will sorely miss them.

In conclusion, we are enjoying life and our entertainment has been increased with such items as Band concerts and lunch parties on selected Sunday afternoons and cinema shows on Sunday evenings. We extend a warm welcome to all and hope to see as many old or serving members as possible. They are assured of a very warm welcome.

VIGILANT PLATOON IN DENMARK

The Vigilants were the first group from the Battalion to go to Denmark and left in March. The journey took two days with the night spent in Hohne. Except for one of the Landrovers catching fire this was an uneventful journey.

We were met at the Border by the Second-in-Command of the Anti-Tank Company of the Schleswig Fodregiment who were to be our hosts. We then moved to Haderslev



Lt M. R. A. Goode and the Vigilant platoon leaving the Cathedral at Haderslev, Denmark, during their ten days training with the Danish Army

to find the most excellent administrative arrangements for our stay.

For the first week we took part in shooting competitions, assault course races and many other competitions. Pte Kennedy will be remembered for his part in the Grenade throwing competition. Cpl Reilly from our REME attached, Cpl Beckingham, Pte Sharpe and Pte Taylor excelled in the 1500 metre race and won. L Cpl May and Dingwall struggled around the assault course, feeling somewhat the worse for wear after a good night out on the tiles.

The second week was spent in Boris, firing our Vigilants. Despite abysmal weather, which turned from rain to snow, to hail and back to rain, this was fairly successful. We then took part in a memorable exercise incorporating their Home-Guard. This ended in very high spirits with a chase through every back garden in a very understanding village.

The two memorable things about our stay were the hospitality and the "Drill". The Danish Army was very impressed with British Drill and requested numerous demonstrations and performances. The climax of these being a march through the city of Haderslev with, at their express wish, bayonets fixed and the Danish Band playing. We followed behind the host company and proceeded to the Cathedral, where Lt M. R. A. Goode and the Danish representative turned a page

in the Book of Remembrance. The march then continued back to the barracks, where everybody handed in their rifles and walked out to be greeted by some of the thousands who watched the parade.

This leads on to the last aspect ; that of the excellent way in which we were looked after. Everybody made great friends, visited many private houses, had great fun and spent far too much money.

A most enjoyable fortnight, and one not to be forgotten for its unqualified success.



Ptes T. Webb and W. Cooper, 1st Bn, operating a Carl Gustav, the latest anti-tank weapon

BATTALION RIFLE TEAM BISLEY 1966

It was not possible for a team from the 1st Battalion to attend the ARA Central meeting at Bisley last year, because of our training in Canada. This year, however, although we could not send a complete team, six members of the 1st Battalion were able to enter the competition at Bisley. They were Lt F. W. LeMaitre, Cpl R. Silk, L Cpl A. Blake, Ptes C. Steel, K. Kirby and M. Hitchman. Of the above, the first three named had attended Bisley before and, therefore, knew the form.

Training for Bisley began towards the end of May making the best possible use of our 25 yard range. In June we were fortunate in having an open 300 yard range quite frequently. Here, under a blazing sun, we did most of our practice. Although the range was not long enough, our requirement being a 600 yard range, we were able to put in a lot of useful work which raised the standard of shooting quite considerably.

On the 23rd June we arrived at Bisley ready for a week's hard shooting. Unfortunately none of the team managed to get into the Army Hundred, but Cpl Silk, L Cpl Blake and Pte Steel did feature in the SR(a) prize lists.

In the Roupell Cup, Cpl Silk and Pte Steel both appeared in the Class B (young soldiers) prize list being 4th and 56th respectively.

L Cpl Blake had a good shoot in the Henry Whitehead Cup and both he and Cpl Silk appeared in the prize list. L Cpl Blake being 41st and Cpl Silk 56th.

An aggregate of these two shoots got Cpl Silk a shoot in the Roberts Cup, a final eliminator for the Army Hundred, but a snap shoot at 300 yards below his average score lost him a place in the top hundred.

In the Bisley Cup, an SR(b) Competition fired with the .303 Lee Enfield No 4 rifle, Lt LeMaitre managed 10th place after a 3 range shoot at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

At the end of the ARA Competition, all members of the team, except Lt LeMaitre, were able to enjoy a weekend at home before flying back to Germany on 5th July. Lt Le Maitre, however, stayed on and in the Public Schools Veterans Team Competition, firing for the Old Elizabethan Rifle Club, did well to make the highest score in his team which was 50 ex 50 at 500 yards. Having also been nominated for the "Individual Tankard" for the highest individual score in that competition, he had to fire a

tie in which he scored a further 8 bulls eyes, to give him a total of 18 on the trot. A very fine achievement.

Having been shooting extremely well at the long ranges, 900 and 1000 yards, Lt LeMaitre was selected to shoot for the Regular Army Team in the Inter-Services match. Though the Army did not win the match, Lt Le Maitre made the top score in the Army Team with a score of 47 ex 50 at 900 yards.

He was also selected for the Regular Army Short Range Team, at which he had more success in the Inter-Services Short Range Match, and, under difficult conditions, came off the range victorious.

The last Saturday afternoon was overcast with variable winds and drizzle to hamper the efforts of the 100 firers in the 3rd stage of Her Majesty The Queen's Prize. Here 15 rounds are fired at both 900 and 1000 yards. Unfortunately, Lt Le Maitre put up his worst long range shoots of the meeting, scoring 66 ex 75 at 900 yards and 61 ex 75 at 1000 yards. This, together with a 2nd stage total of 140, gave him a grand total of 267 and a final position of 51st in "The Hundred".

Although our team at Bisley this year was not outstandingly successful, the standard of shooting showed promise for next year's competition.

BACK TO THE SOMME

On 29th June a party of ten all ranks from the 1st Battalion, under the command of Major J. H. S. Burgess, MBE, returned to France as representatives of the Regiment to take part in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

The party was accommodated by the French Army in the Lycée at Albert and joined the detachments from twelve other Infantry Regiments, who had also taken part in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, totalling some 250 all ranks.

The main ceremony took place on 1st July at the British and Commonwealth Memorial at Thiepval. Here the Battalion party lined the steps of the Memorial where the names of 73,368 British Commonwealth Soldiers, who have no known graves and who were killed in the Battle, are recorded.

During the ceremony, which was attended by Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis and many senior politicians and Service Chiefs from the British Commonwealth and France, Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, CBE, DSO, laid a wreath on the memorial from



Back to the Somme

Major J. H. S. Burgess and the party from the First Battalion standing on the steps of the Thiepval memorial during the service on the 1st July commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

This ceremony was held in almost perfect weather and during the Service, which was conducted by the Chaplain-General to the Army, two aircraft of the Royal Canadian Air Force flew low over the memorial and dropped 70,000 poppies in memory of the 1,200,000 men from both sides who fell in the Somme Battle.

Guards of Honour with Bands were provided by the French, Canadian and British Armies, the Inniskillings providing ours. The Buglers of the Royal Ulster Rifles sounded the Last Post and Reveille and the steps of the actual memorial were lined by the ten Regimental representative parties, which included a party from the Middlesex Regiment. The whole ceremony, including the wreath laying, lasted some four hours and inevitably there were some casualties, but the Queen's Surreys stood firm and though hot and weary at the end they were left in no doubt by the many Old Soldiers who had attended the ceremony that it had been a lot hotter on the spot fifty years before.

The Battalion party also visited the Canadian ceremony at Beaumont Hamel and Newfoundland Park on 30th June and

after this parade they were able to visit the actual battlefield, where the trenches are preserved to this day, and see the positions of the British and German front lines.

On the 2nd July there was a review in Albert of British, Canadian and French troops followed by a march through the town. This was joined by hundreds of Old Comrades who were cheered by the local people all the way. In the afternoon the locals entertained their visitors with a Horse Show and in the evening there was folk dancing, a wonderful firework display, dancing in the street and other forms of celebrations.

On the 3rd July the Regimental Parties provided Guards of Honour, in company with Guards from Canada and France, for a Review in the town square at Peronne. The parade was inspected by a member of the French Government and by Service Chiefs from the three countries, and then marched through the town and took part at various wreath laying ceremonies.

After Peronne the troops moved to a large French cemetery at Rancourt, where again they formed Guards of Honour during the ceremony of wreath laying at this French Memorial. It was also interesting to note

that whilst moving back to Albert, the coaches passed a large German cemetery, where a similar ceremony was being held.

The battalion party left Albert on the 4th July to return to Munster, and all ranks had a feeling of gratitude towards the local inhabitants of this small French town for the way they had looked after their numerous visitors, some of whom, it became apparent on the last day, had returned to their homes taking a large number of the town's flags as souvenirs. The battalion party was only able to commiserate with the citizens of Albert and to assure them that they had no such souvenirs.

The battalion party consisted of the following : C Sgt Hannigan, Cpl Rylands, Ptes Flint, Davis, Cooper, Price, Saunders, D. Smith and Stainfield.

ATHLETICS

Owing to the late arrivals of the 432s and the resultant amount of hard work required to convert to them over the Summer months, the aim of the Battalion in Army Athletics in 1966 was to win the 6th Infantry Brigade Championships and to make a good showing in the 2nd Division Championships.

The selection procedure started with the Inter-Company Athletics which were held on the Senntrupper Höhe Stadium by the Aa-See on 22nd April to celebrate Ypres day (one day early). The weather was kind to us and the arrangements, all executed by 2 Lt Harris and SI Kaisai APTC, were quite excellent and the standard of the meeting very high. Every event went off to time with the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Sewell being exactly as scheduled at 5 pm.

The match revealed good talent particularly in the sprints, the hurdles, the long and high jump and the javelin. One black spot though, one colour-sergeant member of the team was insubordinate enough to allow his daughter to beat Major Strong's in the children's race. This will be corrected next year.

The match was a ding dong struggle to the last event. A and B Companies drew on points with 130 apiece, but A Company was awarded the decision as they gained more first places in events. HQ Company was third with C Company as honourable fourth.

The next meeting was the 6th Infantry Brigade Championships which were held in the same stadium on 18th June. Here the team came into its own and we won by

nine points from 2 Field Regiment RA. Particularly noteworthy was the running of our sprint relay teams of Cpl Beckingham, L Cpl Gooden, L Cpl Reed, Ptes Scott and Gibson, our hurdlers, Lt Reeves, Lt Goode, Lt Howard and L Cpl Morris and our 800 metres team of Cpl Emery and Beckingham, Ptes Lisk and Murphy. Although only a few results have been mentioned, the overall standard was excellent ; Cpl Powell and Pte Scott jumping extremely well in the high jump and L Cpl Reed clearing 20 ft 6 in in the long jump.

Whilst the Battalion was at Vogelsang the team got down to some serious training under Major Strong's direction, prior to the 2nd Division Championship on 4th July. However on the day, nothing quite came off. Although all our track performances were materially improved our field events did in fact let us down and in the end we came in third, being beaten by 2 Division REME and 1st Bn The Queens Own Highlanders. However the team's bearing and turn out, allied to a good performance, did make an excellent impression, to the extent of being complimented upon on the British Forces Radio Service.

Although the team did not go far in Army Athletics, it nevertheless achieved its aim and is ready to train hard in an endeavour to do better next year.

CRICKET

Cricket within the Battalion got off to a very good start indeed with the arrival of the Glorious First of June Celebrations. Despite the somewhat sorry state of the pitch—a number of ruts made previously during the soccer season had still to be ironed out and were conducive to one or two rather high flying balls, particularly when delivered by L Cpl Peters—a most exciting and thoroughly enjoyable two days of cricket ensued, resulting in a close win for the Navy from HMS Excellent, who provided a very good team for the occasion.

Cricket in Munster has unfortunately been slightly marred, due firstly to the lack of suitable pitches and, secondly, the very poor weather we have had this season. However, despite these obstacles and the fact the Battalion has been away on exercises for most of this season, we managed to get through to the finals of the Divisional Knock Out Competition. The first round was played against 1(BR) Corps. The

Battalion scored 79 for 8 (L Cpl Crawford 27). We put them into bat after tea and got them all out for 74 (Sgt Willmott bowling extremely well took 4 for 14). The second round was played against 24 Missile Regt RA at Paddeborn; we put the opposition into bat first and had them all out for 86. After tea we scored 89 for 4 (L Cpl Crawford 52 not out).

The semi-final of the competition was played at Oxford Barracks against 25 Corps Regt RE from Osnabruck. The Battalion, with four of our regular players away, batted first and put up a very poor score of 38 all out (C Sgt Bromige 14). However, we excelled ourselves in the field by getting them all out for 23 (Lt Reeves taking 4 for 1).

The finals of the Divisional Knock-Out Competition against the 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regt took place at Bunde on Tuesday 2nd August. We came up against very stiff competition, and although we tried hard, we were unable to produce our best and unfortunately lost quite heavily (1 DWR 132 for 6—1 Queen's Surreys 52 all out).

Whatever the result of the competition, it is very much to the credit of all players that we managed to get so far up the scale.

A friendly match was also organised against the 3rd Bn The Royal Anglian Regt in Berlin. This came about as a result of the two Battalions meeting so often at Soltau. The team travelled up on Friday 29th July, and despite our hosts' efforts to entertain us throughout the night in the "hotspots" of Berlin, we turned out enthusiastically if somewhat bleary eyed. With the World Cup Final to compete against that afternoon, we scored 117 all out before lunch, and then held the Royal Anglians to a most exciting draw, 115 for 9 before stumps were drawn at 7 pm.

Towards the end of the cricket season when practically all the talent had been rooted out, the Inter-Company Cricket Competition took place. B Company played and beat HQ 2 in a needle match with neither side making a high score (HQ 2—28, B Coy—36). A Coy beat HQ 1 and then went on to play C Coy who beat them fairly conclusively (C Coy 68, A Coy—29). The final of the competition in which B Coy played C Coy took place on a hot and sunny afternoon. Both sides fielded their best players and were intent on seeing themselves the victors. C Coy batted first and scored a very good 136

all out (Pte Gibson 86). B Coy came off the field looking somewhat dismayed at the enormous task set them. They set off with a will, and the grim thought that never before had the Company seen the figures 100 on the board. However, with a certain amount of skill and quite a large slice of luck they soon found themselves over the 100 mark, and in fact made 128 before the last wicket fell. C Company were declared the winners of the competition in a most exciting contest, enjoyed by both players and spectators alike.

The following played cricket for the Battalion during the season: Lt Col J. W. Sewell, Major G. Mason, Major J. G. W. Davidson, Captain K. G. Wakely, Lt C. G. Reeves, Lt G. C. Brown, C Sgt Bromige, Sgts Waters and Willmott, L Cpl Crawford, Peters and Wright, Ptes Gibson, Anderson, Scott, Clarke, Arnold and Matthews.

SWIMMING

The great hopes for this year's swimming team were partially realised by getting through to the BAOR Final. The weather for training was atrocious. Drum Major Lockwood, who took over the thankless task of "slave driver", at times had to use all his powers of oratory, threats and bribery, to encourage the team to "Track Suits off and in". Pte Rust developed a technique of swimming in the writer's tracksuit which had to be rapidly discouraged. L Cpl Dingwall deserves a mention for always being prepared to go in while Cpl Brown and L Cpl Rew suddenly remembered pressing engagements.

We had been beaten into some sort of order by the time the Divisional Competition came up. The Royal Fusiliers had an old, well tried team against our young one with several beginners. However we comfortably beat the two other Engineer teams entered and therefore went forward to the BAOR Final.

Arriving in Berlin we were extremely jealous of the training facilities there particularly the 1938 Olympic Games Baths. Just before the competition Lt C. G. Reeves, our backstroke first string, became ill with a temperature. Pte Sandy also began to run a temperature but swam anyway, a good effort. Lt M. F. Howard swam backstroke but couldn't pull us up despite Pte Paine's efforts; he put up his best time ever after his promotion to first string. The whole

team swam magnificently and Pte Scott's finishes in both the Medley and the Long Relay were exciting. With the team at full strength we could have only pulled up one place as the standard was very high. The winners were the 1st Royal Greenjackets, setting three new BAOR Records.

Next year the team will have this experience under their belt. Newcomers such as Paine and Hartnett will improve while old soldiers such as Scott and L Cpl Morris will still be here. With "Drummie" to train them he may yet see himself leading a team to victory in the Army Competition.

The 1966 Team—Lt C. M. Howard, Lt M. F. Howard, Drum Major Morris (Capt), Cpls Brown and Coulson, L Cpls Morris and Rew, Ptes Scott, Rust, Sandy, Paine and Hartnett.

BOXING

In the Divisional Boxing Championships both Pte Woolgrove and Pte Scott won their bouts. This qualified them for the BAOR Championships, which were held in Berlin on 14th February 1966.

They both reached the finals, Pte Scott winning the Light Heavy for the second year running, and Pte Woolgrove putting up one of the finest bouts ever seen at these championships, and only narrowly being beaten on points.

Pte Scott then went forward to the Army Championships, and managed to reach the finals at Aldershot. Scott was very unlucky to have lost on points. He put his opponent down three times in the second round, but failed to produce the pay off punch which would have won him the Army Title.

Both Pte Scott and Pte Woolgrove are to be congratulated on a magnificent effort.

RUGGER

The Rugger season started very well with the Inter Company Seven-a-Side Competition which was won by C Company.

With some new found talent we started with a fairly good team; a lot of them are very promising. Not very many games were played because of both lack of time and availability of players.

We entered the Divisional Seven-a-Side Competition, and under Captain Rogerson achieved a small amount of training and practice before going to play in Minden. This is now the third season in which we



The 7-a-side Rugby team winners of the 2 Div plate competition

Front row (left to right) L Cpl Glazier, Capt Rogerson, Maj Mason (Sports president) S Sgt Loftus, L Cpl Wisden

Back row (left to right) Lt Goode, Cfn Illingworth, L Cpl Redding (8th man), L Cpl Kearse

have competed, and although we lost the first game, we entered the Plate Competition. After some exciting and exhausting matches we won the Final. This is our best achievement in recent years and makes a fitting parting reward for Captain Rogerson who has been the mainstay of our rugger, and who is now residing in New Zealand.

For the coming season we hope to recruit many more players, have many more games, and a little more success.

RALLY DRIVING

This year the Battalion entered two Rallies. Results were encouraging, Pte Savidge achieved outright victory in a novices rally run by the Munster Garrison Club and Major Mason's Bn Headquarters team, containing such experts as the Chief Clerk and Sgt Roberts (REME), took the team prize in Exercise "Spring Lamb" sponsored by the Battalion. Insurance difficulties have seriously hampered the use of private cars, so rallies will be extremely limited in the future. A 15 mph average speed was found to be more realistic than 30 mph for Landrovers, a point proved by Pte Marshall !!!

In addition, a driving test was run on the square and much enjoyed. Pte Fraser did very well to win this event. Watching L Cpl Hardie (REME) taking his Scamell through the test at the end made all the efforts worthwhile and showed us just what could be done.

What, no Caviare?

The menu for the Junior Ranks Lunch in the 1st Battalion on Salerno Day is reproduced below. We are assured that a Menu similar to this is available every day:—

SOUP

Cream of Tomato

GRILL BAR

Fried egg on mini Steak
or
Fried Fish, Chips, Peas.

ROAST BAR

Roast leg of Pork
or
Roast stuffed Chicken
Roast and Parsley Potatoes
Buttered Cabbage
Vichy Carrots
Gravy.

SWEETS

Ice Cream — Fruit Pies — Fruit Jellies — Trifles
Apple Crumble — Steam Jam Pudding — Baked Rice — Custard Sauce
Beer and Soft Drinks

We understand that coffee, liqueurs and cigars are not normally served at lunch on weekdays.

(Editor)

Home Counties Brigade Depot

Training Coy

The highlight of the summer at the Depot was the At Home and a full account of this is given elsewhere. Apart from this the routine work has had to go on and recruits trained and despatched to their battalions. But there has been a change in the syllabus and instead of eleven weeks the recruits now complete fourteen weeks' training including a period in camp at Stanford PTA, Norfolk. This extra period means that instruction in the SLR, GPMG, SMC, grenades of all types, light mortar and Carl Gustav anti-tank weapon can be covered.

Queens Surreys recruits received awards at final parades as shown :—

Date	Award	Name
25th March	Best Shot	Pte C. Hutchings
29th April	Best Section Leader	Pte. A. Smith
24th June	Best Recruit	Pte P. Russell
	Best Shot	

Unfortunately no Queen's Surreys recruits were among the award winners when Brigadier M. E. M. MacWilliam, DSO, MC, TD inspected Tangier Platoon in July. After the parade he had a chat with Mr J. T. Olive, a former member of 2/7 Queens, and now a civilian employee at the Depot.

For the six months ending 30th September forty-two recruits were posted to the 1st Battalion. In the same period forty recruits of The Middlesex Regiment (DCO), unable to join their own 1st Battalion because of the limited time left for their tour of duty in Guyana, were sent to Munster for continuation training.

Permanent Staff

Lt Richard Murphy left the Permanent Staff to serve with the Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces and in his place Lt David Tucker has arrived from the 1st Battalion.

There have been many changes among the senior Warrant Officers. To start with RQMS R. E. B. Morris received a Quartermaster's Commission and was posted to 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). His successor was WO II R. Benson, Mx, who had served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1950-1959. A month later RSM P. Floyd left to take up a similar

appointment with the 3rd Battalion and his place was taken by RSM R. L. Wildgoose. Almost immediately afterwards Mr Wildgoose was commissioned and he is now serving as Administrative Officer with 205 Signal Squadron 5th Infantry Brigade at Tidworth.

Cpl D. Patterson is undergoing an air crew selection test at RAF Biggin Hill.

Postings out have included :—C Sgt P. Gibbs, discharged ; C Sgt D. Smith, Cpl J. Atkins, R. Collins and P. Lane, to 1st Battalion ; and Cpl D. Holland, discharged.

Postings in have included :—Sgt F. Boyne, Cpls M. Sibley, C. Powell and A. Hill, L Cpls J. Hedges and A. Fletcher, all from the 1st Battalion.

Junior Soldiers Coy

Parents Day was held on 13th August and the Junior Soldiers entertained their relatives and friends to a programme which included a Band Promenade Concert, Drill Demonstration, Corps of Drums marching Display, Rifle Platoon Weapon Training competition and Section attack and Beating Retreat.

In May, Cpl B. Eldred, Junior Ptes R. McMahon, J. Gale, F. Francis and A. Brown, took part in a cruise in the RN yacht "Braganza" at Whale Island. Also in the same month Capt S. T. W. Anderson took a party of Junior Soldiers to Belgium and Germany. He was assisted by Cpl C. Smith, Queen's Own Buffs. The Queen's Surreys Junior Soldiers were Junior Ptes B. McManus, T. Jarvis, G. Ingram, D. Forsythe, A. Brockhurst and S. Richardson. They took part in a Salient Circle (an association of Ypres veterans) ceremony at the Menin Gate which was attended by HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip. A battlefield tour included Hills 60 and 62, Oudenaarde and Waterloo. The party visited the Eigel Mountains and saw part of the Siegfried Line. Before returning to Canterbury they spent three enjoyable days with the 1st Battalion.

Earlier in the year they took part in a display at Wembley on the occasion of the Junior International Football Match.

General

On 8th June HM Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Sussex Regiment, inspected the 1st Battalion of her Regiment at the Depot a day before the Unit was due to move from Lydd to Lemgo. Personnel of all Regiments at the Depot worked behind the scenes to help make this occasion run smoothly for 1st Bn The Royal Sussex Regiment.

As all readers will know on 27th July the official announcement was made that the Home Counties Brigade was to become The Queen's Regiment on 31 Dec 66.

The Annual Cocktail party was held on 5th August. The Junior Soldiers Band and Drums Beat Retreat beforehand and we were pleased to see many old friends on this occasion.

Regimental visitors have included :—

Maj-Gen F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO ; Brigadier M. E. M. MacWilliam, DSO, MC, TD ; Lt Cols J. B. H. Kealy, DSO ; S. W. Peet, MC, TD ; D. C. Snowdon, TD ; M. J. A. Clarke, MBE and D. B. Pullen, TD ; Majors F. J. Reed ; P. R. Swanson ; P. G. Collyer ; M. E. Girling ; M. E. C. Rixon ; J. G. W. Davidson ; and D. F. L. Evans ; Capts G. B. Redfern ; K. R. Burnett ; T. L. Trotman ; D. J. C. Dickins ; S. J. Petzing and W. Snowden ; Lts C. G. Reeves ; A. F. S. Ling ; N. D. J. Harris and R. T. W. Mellotte ; 2 Lts D. J. Heath ; M. A. Shelmerdine ; M. Hyatt ; C. H. Tuckwell and R. G. White.

ACF Officers who visited the Depot were :

Col J. F. E. Goad, OBE ; Maj R. O. Nebel, TD ; Capts J. M. Patterson ; C. A. Wilson ; D. T. Hunneyball ; F Lt R. A. C. Thomason ; Lts D. J. Ratcliffe and H. S. Anderson. Thirty members of Cambridge University OTC in Camp at Shorncliffe were brought to the Depot for a day by Capt S. J. Petzing.

Home Counties Brigade Depot At Home

The 3rd July broke fine and clear and all was set for the annual At Home of the Home Counties Brigade Depot.

The preceding week had been taken up with the erection of marquees, preparation of the display arena and countless rehearsals. Signs had been erected on the roads leading to Canterbury and the shops in the Home Counties blossomed forth with our advertising posters.



Home Counties Brigade Depot At Home Day
Pte Mitchell answering questions on the AFV 432
from enthusiastic youngsters

One or two harassing moments were experienced by the Chairman of the At Home, Capt Dennis Burton, when it was discovered that 2 Lt David Heath had had a car accident on his way back from the Battalion. Sgt Edwards in the meantime had put his platoon through their display routine with great enthusiasm. Lt David Tucker caused a certain amount of consternation by driving his AFV 432 through Canterbury to the barracks.

The afternoon started with a display by Massed Bands from 1st Bn The Royal Sussex Regiment, 4th Bn the Buffs (TA), and 5th Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) (TA) and the Junior Soldiers Company of the Depot. Following the Massed Bands was a display given by the Army School of Physical Training. The crowd were very appreciative of their performance, particularly the high box work.

A break of an hour followed when the public were able to walk round the sideshows and visit the .22 indoor range, where the QMSI of the Depot was running an excellent target gallery. The 30 metre range was very popular, with Lt Deaking of The Middlesex Regiment finding it difficult to control the enthusiasm of the crowd. The public were allowed to fire the SLR, LMG and GPMG. Cpl Rogers was not perturbed and managed to deal with all those who came to fire the SLR.

The sideshows were a great success and the recruits from Tangier platoon, ably helped by 10 men from Quebec platoon, all qualify



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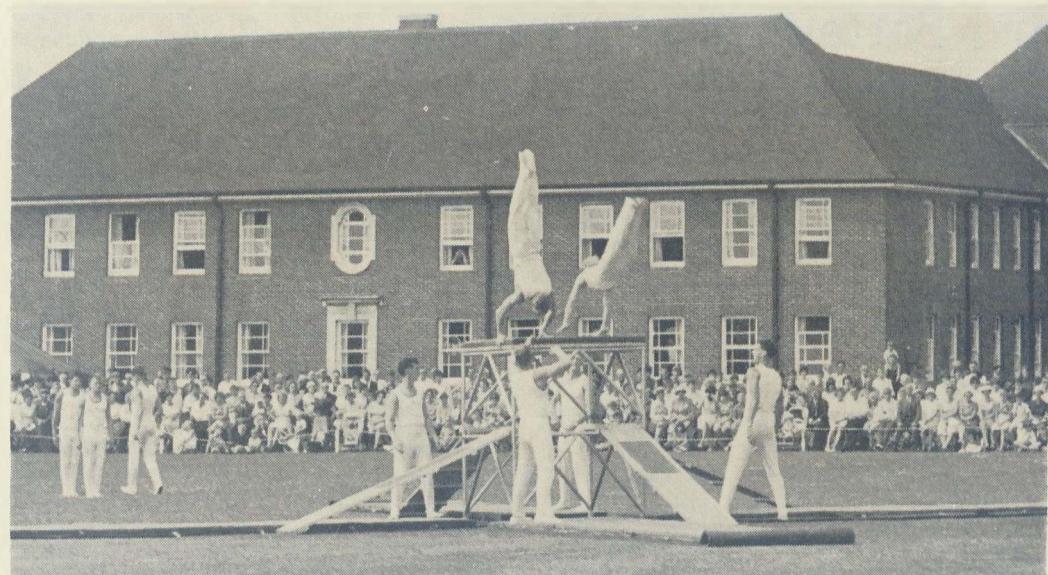
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Home Counties Brigade Depot—At Home Day. An attentive crowd watching a display by the Army School of Physical Training

for the role of fairground officials. By now the Sergeants Mess Beer Tent and the NAAFI Tents were being flooded with requests for liquid refreshments. This still did not deter those who found our Hot Dog stall very popular.

During the afternoon we had to control 600 members of Youth Clubs from the Home Counties. They were taking part in 3 competitions, by which we hoped to get them interested in Army life. Many of the participants were very appreciative of what they saw and also the large "egg, chips and sausages" meal that the QM put on before they left for home.

The 1st Battalion KAPE Team, in conjunction with the Brigade Recruiting Staff, were very hard worked to answer all the questions asked of them. We also had the services of C Sgt White of The Royal Sussex Regiment, who is an Instructor at the Signals Wing, Hythe.

Lt David Tucker also had a birds eye view of the Beauty Queen Competition from the AFV 432. This Competition, organised by the Kentish Observer, drew great crowds and was situated next to the KAPE display.

At 1630 hours the second group of displays started. The first was presented by the RAF

Police Dog Team from Saffron Walden. This was their Royal Tournament Display and was greatly cheered by the crowd. It was now the turn of 2 Lt Heath and his platoon. Having completed a very hazardous Channel crossing the platoon were then following up a very harassed enemy. The afternoon found them in the area of Howe Barracks. However, with his normal cool and collected thinking, plus a tremendous turn of speed, the platoon soon routed the enemy. The Company mortars must be congratulated for their very excellent fire support on the enemy position.

The last display of the afternoon was given by the Motorcycle Team of the Royal Artillery. They thrilled the crowds with a display of trick riding and also showed they could make people laugh with a very antiquated machine. The crowd gave a good cheer when their leader cleared 17 of the riders who were lying on the ground.

At 1800 hours the afternoon closed with Beating Retreat performed by the Junior Soldiers Company. After this very impressive display all that was left to do was to clear up and count the cost. There were also some very thirsty officials who duly repaired to the various Messes.

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

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	WO II T. S. J. Stephens

So much has already been said and discussed about the future of the TA that it is scarcely necessary to mention the sadness that has inevitably been felt throughout the Battalion. However the second thoughts which have led to the impending formation of AVR III mean that a very large proportion of the unit will be able to continue service in one form or another, and morale has not been affected to the extent that was at first feared. Recruiting has fallen it is true, but nevertheless well over two hundred all ranks attended annual camp, and in addition the "Ever Readies" have trained with the Regular Army.

The year has been as full as ever and since the last Journal went to press a party of over ninety all ranks took part in a tour of the Belgian battlefields. Though the main study was the 1944 offensive, the highlight was possibly a most erudite and entertaining lecture on the Battle of Waterloo, which included enlightening snippets of information about the foibles of individual officers during the battle.

Shortly after Easter we lost to the 1st Battalion RSM Wilson who had done so much for the Battalion during his all too short stay. We will never really know whether his ascent of the Waterloo memorial proved the last straw for him as far as the TA was concerned, but whatever the reason for his departure we wish him all the best with the 1st Battalion. In his place we welcome RSM Floyd who so quickly endeared himself to the Battalion with his wisdom and his real interest in the unit.

In April the team entered by B Company won, to the delight of the whole Battalion, the Courage Trophy Competition, organised by the County of London T & AF Association. In addition to the main trophy the team also won the Chuck Wagon Competition Cup presented by the Milk Marketing Board.

Our congratulations go to Capt Herd's excellent team.

Camp was held at Southern Command Battle Camp, Okehampton and the unit strength was 32 Officers and 196 Other Ranks. In spite of the typical Dartmoor weather spirits never seemed to be depressed and everyone had a full and interesting camp. Though the emphasis was on internal security there was still ample time for company schemes and specialist training.

Since camp we have had to say farewell to our Quartermaster—Captain Fraser—who has now returned to the 1st Battalion and welcome in his place Major Kemp. We wish them both the best of luck in their new postings.

Honours and Awards

The year has also produced its honours and awards and we congratulate the following:

C Sgt T. W. R. Quinnell—Second Clasp to Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Cpl L. F. Walsh—Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Meritorious Service Certificates—WO II F. J. Burrows, C Sgt J. Beckett, Sgt K. Barber, Sgt L. Ridley, Sgt D. Humphries, Cpl S. Browning.

We also congratulate Cpl A. M. Clegg on

winning the Wigan Award for the most outstanding soldier below the rank of Sergeant in the Battalion.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on Ash Ranges on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th September. We are happy to record:

- The weather was most friendly.
- The attendance was good.
- Everybody had a thoroughly good time thanks to all our Cooks, the ladies of our Recce Platoon personnel and as always the Permanent Staff.

We would also like to place on record our thanks to those members of the 2nd Cadet Bn who helped us with the thankless task of butt-marking. They carried out these duties with immaculate precision and their efforts contributed in no small way to the success of the Meeting.

Mrs Pullen, the wife of our Commanding Officer presented the prizes and little Miss Wright in turn presented Mrs Pullen with a bouquet of roses and carnations. And how prettily and well she carried out this happy duty.

The detailed results were:

Match 1 (SMG Team Prize) SMG Team Prize—£6—won by Sgts Mess Team consisting of:—CSM Shuff, CSM Burrows, WO II Nason, Sgt Burnham, Sgt Nugent, Sgt Lees. Individual Prize—£1—won by Sgt. Nugent.

Match 2 (LMG Pairs) LMG Winning Coy Pair—£2—B Coy Team consisting of:—Sgt Burnham, Cpl O'Dell. LMG Winning Indiv Pair—£3—Recce Pl Team consisting of:—Cpl Dunipace, Pte Saunders.

Match 3 (Inter-Sec Comp) Winning Sec—Crate of Beer—B Coy Team consisting of: Cpl Jacobs, Pte Sharp, Pte Lewis, D., Pte Henden, Pte Lewis, P., Pte Edwards, Pte Saunders, Pte Sergison.

Match 4 (Rifle Match) Winning Rifle Team—£3—B Coy Team consisting of:—CSM Shuff, C Sgt Gaines, Sgt Burnham, Sgt Nugent, Cpl Browning, Cpl O'Dell, Pte Henden, Pte Chimes. Winning Indiv Prize—£1—Sgt Nugent. Winning Class 'C' Shot—Prize donated by Capt Clark—Pte Thomson, R., of HQ Coy.

Match 5 (China Cup) Winning Coy Team—£8—B Coy Team consisting of:—CSM Shuff, C Sgt Gaines, Sgt Burnham, Sgt Nugent, Cpl Browning, Cpl O'Dell, L Cpl Dunipace, L Cpl Guest.

Match 6 (Offrs v Sgts Pistol Shoot) Winning Team—Crate of Beer, Regimental Ash Trays—Sgts Team consisting of:—WO II Nason, CSM Burrows, CSM Shuff, C Sgt Proud, Sgt Lees, Sgt Holledge.

Match 8 (ACF Rifle Shoot) Winning ACF Team—£5.

Match 9 (Falling Plates) Winning Coy Team—£7—Recce Pl. Winning Team out of:—Recce Pl, Cpls, Ptes—Crate of Beer—Cpls. Offrs and Sgts—Offrs.

Winning Company—B Coy.

A Company—OC Major T. E. Parsonage, TD.

The early part of our year was again taken up with much useful practice for the Courage Trophy. The team was as usual led by Lt Geoffrey Wright. They had some success with the marches but due to organisational difficulties their overall placing was 12th.

In May the 'tigers' in A Company again came out very well in the Brigade Exercise, "Third Venture," achieving 4th place.

At Whitsun an adventure training exercise to the Brecon Beacons was organised by Lt Wright—many members of A Company forming the backbone of the expedition and enjoying themselves chasing sheep over Welsh mountain tops. This was followed in June by a company shooting weekend at Storrington in Sussex.

Finally to July, when the company joined B Company in a happy amalgamation on the slopes of Dartmoor for annual camp. The combined companies successfully took part in all Battalion activities, enjoyed a fine party at Bridestowe, journeyed to the sea and generally made the most of 15 days in glorious Devon.

After camp a very successful visit was organised by Capt Dorey to the Royal Tournament when thirty members and wives had an enjoyable evening. Also after camp we bade farewell to our OC Major Parsonage who announced his intention of retiring from the TA in September.

Looking forward to a further TAER visit to Germany are Lt Wright and L Cpls Friday and Harvey.

Congratulations to Capt Dorey on the birth of a daughter and to Sgt Chatfield on his promotion.



Courage Trophy Competition 1966

The Winning Team from B Coy 3 Queen's Surreys (TA)

Back row—Cpl Stubbs, Cpl Dunipace, Pte Message, L Cpl Jacobs, Pte Clemence, L Cpl Guest
 In Foreground—Sgt Nugent, Capt Herd, Cpl Browning, Pte Penfold

B Company OC Major D. A. Robinson, TD

We are very sorry to learn that Camberley is not one of the TA Centres to be retained in the 'New Look' TA. However Guildford is not very far away and many of us are going to the new TAVR.

The Recce Pl, Woking, joined us for out of camp training and although the Courage Trophy result was published in the last issue we feel that the names of the winning team should be recorded and also the fact that they also won the Chuck Wagon competition thus sweeping the board.

It was a magnificent achievement and all are to be congratulated.

The Team:—Captain F. B. Herd, Sgt J. Nugent, Cpl A. Dunipace, Cpl W. Jacobs, Cpl A. J. Stubbs, Pte C. Message, Pte F. Penfold.

Chuck Wagon—Cpl S. J. Browning, L Cpl H. J. Guest, Pte R. Clemence.

Camp was much enjoyed and although the weather was not perfect we found Dartmoor a first class training area. We were attached to A Company for the whole period and

would like to thank them for looking after us so well.

The IS Exercise was most enjoyable though OC B swears his attack of mumps was due to a 4 am chase through the mud clad only in his Djhuba.

Our new arrivals—Ptes Dillon, Edwards and Lewis were a great asset at the Camp and soon made a name for themselves but we are sorry to receive the resignations of Sgt Coulson and Cpl Pearce.

The Commandant of the RMA Sandhurst has kindly consented to allow us the use of the range for our Coy Shoot. This being the last occasion we look forward to a real family day so that we can entertain our better halves and thank them in some measure for their support over the year.

C Company OC Major W. B. Greenhow, TD

The Company is again settling down to a new period of training having just returned from Annual Camp at Okehampton.

Although, for understandable reasons,

attendance at Camp was low those who did attend enjoyed two weeks of training in the IS role. The work was interesting, the countryside was interesting, but the weather could have been kinder. We are, however, now in a position to block roads, disperse illegal assemblies, and recognise heavily disguised Company officers. It has been said that C Company has peculiar initiation tests as during the Camp the Company Commander, Company 2IC and the PSI all cracked their ankles while the OC's driver gave a demonstration to the Battalion on falling in a river in a soldier like manner.

This coming period is going to be both interesting and full of activity. We are most fortunate in that the Company, in its present location, is going to form a Company of the Home Defence Force (AVR III). The change in role and equipment and in some cases volunteers will require a great deal of effort by all to be 'on the road' by 1st April next year. We will also take some time to get our bearings after the completion of a major re-decoration programme on our Drill Hall.

Social activities have continued and, during the period of Camp, an excellent Company Party was organised by Capt Savage and WO II Robinson. We are well supported by our service organisations who use our centre for their meetings. Our combined dances etc are always worth attending. The next few months will be hectic for we aim to hold no less than three dances, the children's party, two social evenings and a .22 competition, all before 31st December. In addition to this the Sgts Mess are holding their Annual Christmas Draw at Croydon—a full life indeed.

Recruiting has continued but at a greatly reduced rate. We have hopes of improving our strength before the new unit is formed.

We offer double congratulations to Sgt O'Brien, firstly on his promotion and secondly on the birth of his daughter. This has been a busy time for him because these previously mentioned events took place at the same time as a period in hospital to put right damage caused while training with us.

C Sgt Lay, a former PSI in the Company, spent the evening with us while he was on leave in the U.K. We were delighted to see him as we would be to see any former members of the Company who "call in".

D Company OC Major J. Schofield, TD

Camp has been and gone and now we are on the last stages of D Coy as we know it. Some 45 Volunteers attended camp and in spite of low numbers we did some very interesting training. The first Monday whilst doing ambush drill we were tailed by some very interested ladies, probably from some Society to see that we did not damage the Moor. That night we slept out, after a lovely sunset which should have indicated fine weather, but mists and heavy rain the next morning forced us to abandon our plans to march across the moor. Two days later the whole Battalion stayed out all night and D Coy bivouaced by the river beneath the 900 ft high Dewartstone Rock. This rock made sure that we were unmolested during the night, we knew it was there but any marauders were likely to come unstuck as nearly did our patrols returning from marauding against the other Coys. The Royal Marines use this rock for training their rock climbers and the next morning, under the instruction of Lt MacFadyen we tried several parts of it. At the bottom of the cliff is a river and the Marines have rigged up ropes. These were well used during our stay and the Adjutant, when he visited us was conned, no other word for it, into trying the swing, not once, but twice and of course got wet on both tries. Mrs Penny Campbell and the ladies from Bn HQ visited us at this location and all went for a walk in the wood with the Coy Commander. Penny asked where the Coy was and she then found out as the ambush was sprung. The afternoon on the Marines Tarzan course seemed quite tame after all that.

The Coy Commander celebrated his usual birthday at camp and was given flowers which he had to carry to the Officers' Mess, cigars and a bottle of small black pills, something to do with fortifying the over forties.

The weather was not very kind at Camp but that did not worry D Coy.

The Coy Social was held on the first Tuesday and the Officers arrived from a Dinner night and were several pots in arrears, but the leeway was soon made up and some hidden talent was brought to light. Out of camp training has continued. Pte "Pop" Farley has been to the 1st Battalion and came back with a funny gleam in his eye, our PSI has been on a month's course to

Hythe and we have all reaped the benefit from it.

These next few months will be the last for D Coy at Bermondsey and it is with great regret that we shall leave 2 Jamaica Road, we have all had some very happy times here as have our predecessors before us.

How we shall miss everything, the narrow gate and the bother getting the 3-tonners in and out, the Canteen with Bob and Olive Elliott who have given us such wonderful service, we shall even miss the woman over the wall . . . Whoever takes the drill hall and to whatever purpose it may be put may well find it haunted by generations of Queensmen and the pitter of tiny hooves as the Paschal Lamb makes its nightly rounds.

Echo Company OC Major J. Schofield, TD

This unique company was formed at Okehampton Camp on July 19th. When it first formed on the square it numbered 80 strong and the order of battle was as follows :
 Coy Comd—Major J. Schofield, TD
 Coy 2IC—Capt D. Savage, TD
 CSM Robinson
 C Sgt Rapley
 No 1 Pl—Lt G. Wright
 No 2 Pl—Lt D. Wright
 No 3 Pl—2 Lt G. Cook

The first exercise was a Company in attack field firing exercise laid on by the Training Major and it provided a first class opportunity for everyone to see the deployment of a large rifle company, the fire power of a platoon and the wide front given by a rifle company advancing in an assault line. There were anxious moments when bullets were ordered but this was soon straightened out.

On 20th July the Company was joined by the Recce Platoon, Sigs, 1 Sec and a Command post and the numbers grew to over 100. This number with its transport made an impressive sight as we prepared to take part in Ex "Ravish". In true style the Company Commander's R Gp set off to an RV at Ringmoor Down to meet the ex OC, Major D. Wilson. Having received his orders the problem was how to get the Company on the move as the wireless would not work at that range. This was solved by using a public telephone to the Camp orderly room. The Company, led by the 2IC must have broken all records to get to the RV.

A firm base was established and the company was deployed on road blocks and check points. Everyone had plenty of customers and some rather unorthodox tactics were used in searching natives for the information we needed. The vital word in this exercise was "Ferrets", but this clue was not deciphered until late because the original word was read as berets. However, as night came it was established that the rebels were hiding up in a village. By this time the rebels had been reinforced by a party of renegade witch doctors. Orders were issued for a cordon and search.

At 0300 hrs the Company embussed at its firm base and moved off to Cadover Bridge. At Cadover Bridge we set off to walk across the moor to the enemy village and at 0429 hrs the cordon was in place. At 0430 hrs the OC, IO and the recce platoon moved into the village and, as the saying goes, copped the lot. The fact that the IO walked into the village was in itself rather odd as when the transport moved off from the firm base he was not on it having slightly overslept, but as it disappeared he set off to walk the whole way and arrived just in time to walk into the village.

The exercise having ended we moved back to Okehampton and the final order was given to Echo Coy, not to Dismiss but to Disband.

HQ Company OC Major A. H. Le Q. Clayton, TD

The last six months have perhaps been less difficult for this Company than anyone else, as the new TAVR II Company, which attracts most of our younger soldiers, is to be centred on this Drill Hall. For many of us, therefore, the change will not be so great.

We have had a busy six months. The Company entered a team for "Third Venture" under Lt Daly and Sgt Rettie ; we improved our position in the competition greatly compared with last year. Several members of the Company accompanied Lt Wright on his trek over the Welsh Mountains. We have also spent two or three week-ends on classification shooting. The Intelligence Section had a useful day's training provided by Major Faulder, formerly of the Battalion now on the Divisional Staff.

Evening training—Specialist training on Tuesdays and general infantry training on Thursdays continues and is very well attended. We play shinty once a month, and Lt Peters has given us a useful evening on Judo.



HQ Coy, 3 Queen's Surreys (TA) at Annual Camp Okehampton, 1966

Camp, despite poor weather in the first week and not very good accommodation, was one of the most successful in recent years. The Signals Platoon concentrated on training for their trade test in the first part of which they did very well indeed. The Examining Officer congratulated them on their standard, a credit to the two PSIs, Sgts Jones and Lees who have been training them. Cpl Clegg, L Cpls Frost, Bigwood and Hassell, and Ptes Dyer and B. J. Thomson all passed the first part of their tests.

The MT Platoon also had a good camp, always cheerful and always on time—well, almost always ! L Cpl Wright insisted on holding his work ticket at the high port for the Company photograph, and the Company speed record was gained by Pte Davies who at the mid-camp week-end, was on guard his first evening, on exercise for the next two, but appeared at the Company party with a very pretty girl on the following one.

The Intelligence Section, under Lt Clark Maxwell as Lt Peters was away, undertook a variety of enterprises and spent a most interesting day with the 1st KSLI in Plymouth.

We had the Recce Platoon, normally attached to B Company, with us at Camp—at least the Platoon put in an appearance every now and then, coming off the moors and hills where they seemed to prefer to live. The Recce Platoon distinguished (or disgraced, it depends which way you look at

it . . .) themselves by capturing the Company Commander who was one of the enemy during the Camp Exercise. They treated him very kindly despite a stream of abuse in Swahili. As usual, Capt Herd, Sgt Shaw, Cpls Stubbs and Dunipace and all the members of the Platoon were at their enthusiastic and cheerful best.

The Company party was held in the New Inn, Sampford Courtenay. Entertainments included a Skittle Alley, a Beer Garden, Lt Clark Maxwell on his accordion, Songs (blue), and a juke box built in 1800 which for a penny would play "Soldiers of the Queen" from a very heavy metal disc.

After camp the MT Platoon under Capt Stanley distinguished themselves in the Guildford Road Safety Committee's Safe Driving Contest, Pte Bowden coming second, and the whole team qualifying for the Finals in September.

The Company's last two months of life before the reorganisation begins include teams and individuals in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, the B Company Rifle Meeting at Camberley, the Divisional Rifle Meeting, an Assault Boat exercise, the finals of the Safe Driving Competition, and the Brigade MT Rally.

Congratulations to C Sgt Nason on his promotion to WO II, Cpls Gardiner and Stewart on their promotion to Sgt and Ptes Bigwood and Davies on their promotion to L Cpl. A very warm congratulation to Cpl



MT Platoon—3 Queen's Surreys (TA)

Clegg on winning the Wigan Award, for the best Junior NCO in the Battalion. Congratulations also to L Cpl Hassell for once again winning the 44th (Home Counties) Division Cross Country Championship, and to CSM Burrows and Cpl Browning on their award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit.

We are very glad to welcome the following new Guildford members of the Company—Ptes Thomson B, Thomson R, Gray, Partridge, Morris and Boy Michie; and Sgts Miller and Gardiner who have joined us from elsewhere in the Battalion.

The Company Commander would like to end these notes with a special word of thanks to our two PSIs—C Sgt "No problems, Sir" Newman-Knott and Sgt Lees. We are very grateful to them for the hard work and enthusiasm they give so unsparingly. And a final word of thanks to Capt L. Boylett who has managed to restore the Company's Balance of Payments situation which had at one time seemed serious.

Recce Platoon OC Captain F. B. Herd

Since last going to press the Recce Platoon has been very active both on the military and social side.

In spite of the uncertainty over our future, recruiting has been good and we welcome

Ptes Henden, Chimes and L Cpl Stallard who has transferred to us from the REME in Devon.

Once again we have supplied a number of our shots to the Battalion Shooting Team, namely Cpl Browning, L Cpl Dunipace and Ptes Saunders and Henden.

Camp this year seemed to come at a good time for most people and for the first time for many years we had every member of the platoon attending in spite of the rival attractions of the World Cup.

Our aim for Camp was to be out in the field as much as possible and to make the training realistic. In this we succeeded in so much that during the first week we went into the field on Monday, and apart from a brief two hours in Camp on Wednesday, we did not reappear until the Friday afternoon. During the time we were out we had a Vehicle Camouflage Exercise which brought home to people how difficult it is to hide a vehicle on barren Dartmoor, two excellent Wireless Exercises, and perhaps the highlight was when we set up three OPs during the night, and on viewing them from the front the following morning we found that even the General could not see them when he paid us a surprise visit. During the evenings of the first week we had two Night Compass Marches and one Patrol Exercise before returning to our

bivouacs for the night.

On Saturday and Sunday of the middle week-end most of the Platoon went out, and seemed to enjoy themselves either in Torquay or Plymouth.

During the second week we took part in Field Firing Exercises and in the Internal Security Exercise where we were able to get to grips with a live enemy.

From all accounts this was the most successful Camp in every respect albeit probably our last as Recce Platoon.

The social side of our unit has also been active and an increasing number of the ladies have been appearing at our monthly social evenings and .22 shoots, thanks largely to a monthly News Letter which is compiled by Amy Guest.

To celebrate our success in the Courage Trophy and Chuck Wagon Competitions we held in conjunction with B Coy, a Gala Dance at a local hotel in Woking. The ladies helped to make the evening go with a swing with a very good Cabaret.

In August we had an outing to Whipsnade Zoo which proved to be very popular.

We now look forward to November 18th which is the date for our Annual Dinner and we hope that as many as possible of our old friends will attend to say farewell to the Recce Platoon.

Band and Drums

It is always difficult to find a new way of saying how much the musical talents of the Band and Drums are appreciated and it is only to be hoped that a place will be found elsewhere in the new organisation to allow them to continue. However this still seems to be a point under review. We cannot imagine what morale would be like in the Braddick family if the Bandmaster and his three sons could not play with a band on Sunday mornings.

The calls on the Band and Drums still continue, and during the period of camp they were always busy—and at times poised waiting for the rain to stop. At the time of going to press the Band has high hopes of doing well in the London Band Competition and the 44th Division Competition in October.

Sergeants' Mess

The big event of the year—Annual Camp—was most successful, but it was also a poignant occasion; the last camp for the existing

Battalion. By this time next year most of the "old and bold" will have left due to reorganisation of Reserve Forces, and the remainder of the Mess will be split between T&AVR II Company at Guildford, and the T&AVR III Battalion based at Kingston. The latter's Companies at Clapham, Croydon and Cobham are fortunately placed within the present Battalion's area and should be strongly represented by the 3rd Battalion's existing Mess members.

In April, RSM L. M. Burnstain-Wilson returned to the 1st Battalion and was succeeded by RSM P. J. Floyd who presided over his first and last Mess dinner with the Battalion at annual camp.

CSM Jack Homersham left us in March, and we have also lost Sgt D. L. Button of the Band, Sgt L. T. Johnson who has emigrated to Canada, and Sgt A. R. Coulson, but we have welcomed new members—Sgts. F. C. Chatfield, B. E. Gardiner, G. Fairfax, E. P. J. O'Brien and J. M. Stewart.

C Sgt M. R. Nason is to be congratulated on his promotion to WO II.

As these notes will appear in the final issue of the Regimental Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment we feel the sadness of the occasion, but look forward to reading of the exploits of our members in their new roles in the Journal of the new Regiment.

Officers' Mess

The highlight of the year was the Mess Ball at the Hyde Park Hotel in June which was well attended by past and present officers and their guests.

Though Dartmoor proved to be rather inaccessible for one or two of those invited to the guest night at camp, some of them were able to make it and it was good to see some of the old faces again. In addition to the guest night we were able to hold a highly successful cocktail party which was attended by many members of the other battalions and other guests.

We would like to congratulate 2 Lts Graham Acres and Gordon Cook on their excellent reports from Mons OCS. Our congratulations also go to Major David Robinson and Captain Peter Dorey who have added to their family responsibilities and to Captain Foster Herd who has come under starter's orders.

4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (T.A.)

Honorary Colonel	Col A. R. Martin, OBE, TD
Commanding Officer	Lt Col W. E. McConnell TD,
Second-in-Command	Major D. H. Conran
Training Officer	Major P. R. Swanson
Quartermaster	Capt W. Snowden
Quartermaster (TA)	Capt W. A. Messenger
Chaplain	Rev D. Landreth, TD, MA, SCF
RMOs	Major D. V. Foster, TD, RAMC
Paymaster	Major D. C. Ower, RAMC
RSM	Major A. V. Cummins, TD, RAPC
ORQMS	WO 1 A. Colyer
RQMS	WO 2 A. R. Scriven, MBE
	WO 2 G. A. Hurley

Since the last issue of the Journal our hope of continuity into the future has been largely realised by the announcement that we are to sponsor the formation of a Queen's Surrey Territorial Unit of four companies situated at Clapham Junction, Croydon, Kingston and Cobham. This news has justified the policies evolved and vindicated the considerable efforts on the part of all members of the Battalion to maintain high morale and maximum effort in every undertaking throughout the "period of uncertainty". The new unit will be the legal successor of all the old Queen's and East Surrey Territorial Battalions. Pride in its history and traditions should do much to enable the new unit to overcome the reduced and lightly armed establishment.

Reorganisation inevitably means change and by the 21st March next year many of our senior ranks are bound to become redundant, whilst others must voluntarily accept reduction in rank and appointment. It is significant of the good spirit prevailing in the unit and of the type of man whose services the Country is surrendering, that so many of these "old and bold" have re-doubled their efforts to ensure that the foundations of the future Battalion are well and truly laid and that when it comes next year, reorganisation will be a passing thing and not a sudden shock. It seems fitting that in these notes tribute is also paid to the many people of all ranks, too numerous to name, who have contributed to a successful past and a present sense of well-being, which will fortify and strengthen us in the times

that lie ahead. Their contribution, which cannot be over-estimated, enables us to face the future confidently and with a strong sense of purpose.

Hard work and some success have attended us in the last six months. Again, we were fortunate in winning the Best Battalion trophy and first three Company places at 47 Infantry Brigade Skills competition (of which details are given below). The first, fourth and sixth individual places in the Division's Kolar Cup competition were obtained respectively by CSM Jenkins (Clapham Junction Detachment), Lt R. M. Arnold (Recce Platoon) and C Sgt M. Dodge (C Company). We competed in the early stages of the British Army Motoring Association Rally and led by the MTO, Captain Young, did well to be runners up in the Div/District stage to 1 Staffs, but were unfortunately eliminated in the Command stage due to a series of accidents and inexperience. However, we hope we have learned sufficient to stand us in good stead when we compete in our next rally, "Wally's Folly", in October.

As it has been our policy in the past to encourage all ranks to give of their best in all military endeavours rather than encourage only the "gladiators", so it will be our policy in the future to introduce as many of the Battalion as possible to voluntarily participate in adventure training in the widest possible fields. With this in view, we have purchased the first three of a proposed small fleet of two-man canoes; a club has been formed and training commenced under Capt Harmon and RSM Colyer.

We are hoping to introduce a small party to the pleasures of skiing in the Cairngorms next year and to that end with the help of luck, and possibly influence, have secured a booking at Scottish Command's Rothiemurchus Hut in March. We are now debating go-kart racing, gliding, sailing and subaqua, but it remains to be seen whether ideas or funds will dry up first. Certainly enthusiasm should not.

47 Infantry Brigade Skills Competition

This annual competition, this year called Exercise "Third Venture", was held during a cold weekend in May and once again we entered five Company teams. We were given clearly to understand that after our clean sweep of the first five Company placings last year, we should be strongly challenged, and we were not to be disappointed.

The competitions included field firing, an assault course, a night compass march, energa firing and 36 grenade throwing, a falling plate competition and fieldcraft—this year in the form of an area ambush, thus fitting in with the Brigade training directive that this was an Internal Security year.

The entire competition was so phased and results were so posted at the Stats Centre behind Stoney Castle Range that the outcome remained uncertain until the last moment. Despite fierce competition we did well to win the first three Company placings with C Coy winners of the Brigade Champion Company Cup, Headquarters Company runners-up and A Company third—all for the second year in succession. B and D Companies had to field scratch teams due to late cancellations and had to fill these places with reserves, some of them recruits of short service. Nevertheless their 8th and 12th placings respectively contributed to the Battalion winning the Brigade Commander's Cup again. The prizes and trophies were presented by the GOC 44 (HC) Inf Div, Maj-Gen F. B. Wyldboore-Smith, CB, DSO, OBE, who later conveyed his congratulations to the Battalion on its performance. Details of the placings in individual competitions were as follows:—

Field Firing Cup—C Coy 4 Queen's Surreys

Energa Cup—A Coy 3 Queen's Surreys

Grenade Throwing Cup—Tower Coy

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Falling Plate—A Coy 4 Queen's Surreys
Fieldcraft Cup—HQ Coy 4 Queen's Surreys
Assault Course Cup—HQ Coy 4 Queen's Surreys
Night March Cup—C Coy 4 Queen's Surreys

Annual Camp

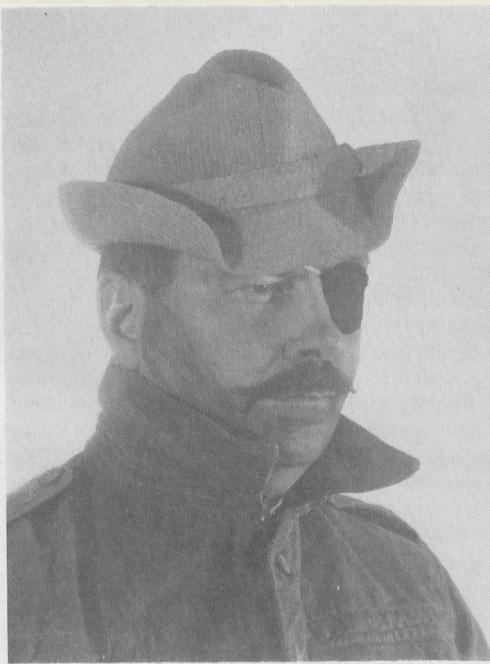
The Battalion camped with the remainder of 47 Infantry Brigade on Dartmoor and established its lines in Plasterdown Camp near Tavistock from 9-23 July. It was perhaps fitting that the first camp and the last camp of the 4th Battalion were held in the same spot. The theme of training was Internal Security for which there had been a considerable out-of-camp "build-up" with lectures, films and training in crowd dispersal, block drills, cordon and search operations, ambushes and the like. The broad pattern of camp was to consolidate the out-of-camp training in the first week by practising these drills, and experience tear gas, and then to practise the lessons in a Battalion Exercise covering as many aspects of IS as possible.

Very soon after arrival in camp Company Bivouac Areas were established on the outskirts of the training area in fairly inaccessible spots, but which were nevertheless suitable for day and night dry training with blank ammunition and pyrotechnics. There must be only three spots in the whole of the Dartmoor training area suitable to these requirements and the recce parties were either extremely skilful or extraordinarily fortunate in finding them. Apart from their military value the three camps were pleasantly sheltered from the elements and one in particular had a fine stream running through it.

The camps were established in the most foul weather imaginable, the rain falling in torrents and thunder rolling and lightning flashing across the moor. Most platoons had to carry their equipment considerable distances from road and track heads and had little time to dry out before becoming involved in day training and night recce and fighting patrols, all of which despite the weather were carried out successfully, some with alarming realism.

Specialist Platoons during the first period of camp undertook specialist training and the mortar platoons from the entire Brigade were cadred under Major P. Labbett. It was most unfortunate that the Brigade Mortar

WANTED Dead or Alive



JOHN MCCUTLERY
otherwise 'Jack the Knife'
FOR TREASON

Demonstration carefully planned and assiduously practised had to be cancelled by poor visibility.

The Battalion IS Exercise "Natural Gas" had a well planned build-up with news sheets issued at intervals during the first week and "Wanted" posters displayed of the two principal villains, played by Major Ennis (Mack the Knife) and CSM Chaffer (Jack the Chopper). Provocative messages appeared all over the camp at an increasing rate until the beginning of the second week of camp, when in lieu of a Battalion briefing the Battalion listened in to a playlet at which hitherto untapped acting talent became quickly apparent. The playlet took the form of a discussion between the exercise CO, Reserve Company Commander, Recce Platoon Commander, Government Official and Chief of Police. The RSM playing the part of the

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JACK O'TOOLE
otherwise 'Jack the Chopper'
FOR TREASON

Police Chief was, in particular, a "many splendoured thing". The Battalion heard the CO's appreciation, plan and orders in the playlet and then listened to the reserve Company Commander's O Group. We next had lunch, and embussed for various parts of the training area, where we first established road blocks, then night patrols and ultimately conducted a cordon and search operation in which the majority of the enemy were permitted to escape. They ultimately betrayed their position, repelled patrols, and precipitated a set piece attack on their stronghold—"Rough Tor".

The enemy was strong on the ground, authoritatively dressed and acted its part with gusto. They formed a most terrifying gang to be let loose on the moors!

The weather improved steadily throughout the exercise and the final attack was carried

out in hot sunshine to the accompanying noise of small arms, simulated mortar fire, and bugle calls tannoyed by a defiant enemy (Sgt Wallace, no less). The whole was most picturesquely framed in clouds of coloured smoke. A considerable amount was learnt about IS drills, not least the need for inquisitiveness even if it meant searching a bag of well-rotted manure for hidden ammunition! The Battalion returned to camp in high spirits and were entertained at dinner by the Dance Orchestra of the Regimental Band; the meal (with free beer) being served by members of the Sergeants' Mess.

We introduced a new item into the camp programme with a Guard Mounting Competition, which had to be postponed from the first Friday of camp until late in the second week following field training. Everybody who took part are to be congratulated on a first-class turnout achieved against a background of considerable difficulty in drying out wet boots and clothing and cleaning and polishing arms and equipment, which had undergone rigorous trials.

We were fortunate in sharing camp with 150 Workshop Company REME (TA). Apart from the manner in which they assisted in the administrative chores of camp and played their part in Mess life, we were indebted to them for their assistance in recovering and repairing what must have been a record number of "bent" and bogged-in vehicles.

On the middle Saturday of camp the Battalion paraded with the Colours for a short Ceremonial Parade and CO's inspection and marched to Church behind the Band and Drums. The service was conducted by the Rev Kenneth Vine, MBE, TD, QHC, DACG (TA), assisted by our Padre, the Reverend Derek Landreth.

We were visited in camp by the GOC-in-C Eastern Command, Lt-Gen Sir David Peel Yates, KCB, CVO, DSO, OBE; the Director Territorial Army, Maj-Gen J. A. d'Avigdor Goldsmith, CB, OBE, MC; the GOC 44 Div, Maj-Gen F. B. Wyldbore-Smith, CB, DSO, OBE; Chairman and Secretary Surrey T and AFA, Col S. W. Barber, MBE, TD, DL and Brigadier H. D. Nelson-Smith, MC; and by the Secretary London T and AFA, Brigadier H. E. C. Weldon, CBE. But not all at one time!

Having witnessed the incredible summer migration to and from the West Country on our way to camp, we decided to abandon



4 Queen's Surreys (TA)
Colour Party at Annual Camp, 1966
Left to right: Sgt M. Bullock, Lt C. A. J. Cameron,
Sgt D. Reynolds, WO 2 L. Jolley, Lt C. F. Trevor

precedent and transport the entire Battalion back to TA Centres in military and civilian vehicles over night. Despite certain doubts as to the wisdom of this venture, the return was smoothly and successfully negotiated, all returning safely with the exception of the MTO, whose Jaguar had a slight argument with a cow on the moor. The cow escaped undamaged, which is more than can be said for the MTO's car!

Our arrival at our TA Centres before breakfast on Saturday having cleaned and stored equipment, kept spirits at Camp pitch, with the result that on the training nights immediately after camp attendance was almost at full strength, and we were launched upon our Autumn training programme.

Champion Company Competition

The last events of the 1965/66 Champion Company Competition were to be decided during Annual Camp, but several alterations to the training programme caused by the weather unfortunately put paid to the six-a-side football competition. The swimming gala held shortly before Camp was well attended and is now a well enough established social function to become a feature of the new Territorial Battalion. The Rifle League Competition was completed shortly before Camp and consequently only the tug-of-war competition was held in Camp and this too in most unpleasant conditions.

The results of the Competition were as follows :—

Champion-At-Arms (Battalion Rifle Meeting 1965)—C Company

.22 Rifle League—Kingston Detachment

47 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition—C Company

Courage Trophy TA Marathon (details in the last issue)—Kingston Detachment

Recruiting—Kingston Detachment

Swimming Gala—Kingston Detachment

Tug-of-War Competition—Clapham Detachment

Consequently the Champion Company Cup was awarded by the Commanding Officer at the end of Camp to Kingston Detachment with C Company runners-up and Clapham Detachment third.

Shooting Events

Reports of the successful assault on the Kolar Cup appear above, and some of the Battalion seem to have been on the range every weekend since !

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ash No. 4 Range and the adjoining Pistol C Range and spread over the 3rd and 4th September. The matches were similar to those scheduled for the Divisional Rifle Meeting, but again, the continuous rain resulted in the cancellation of the China Cup and Falling Plate Competitions. Nevertheless, a good deal of serious shooting was undertaken, but the heavy rain set a dismal background to family picnics and ruined attendance at side shows organised by the Veterans Company. The Band played a selection of fitting music, e.g. "It ain't Gonna Rain no More" and if nothing else, the beer tent was filled to capacity and Sergeants' Mess profits could not have suffered. The Veterans Company, the Mobil Oil Rifle Club and our two affiliated ACF units again took part and once more C Company won most of the trophies competed for.

The Battalion again entered three detachment teams for the Borough of Wandsworth Trophy but were narrowly beaten into 2nd and 3rd places after having held the Trophy for two consecutive years.

At the Divisional Rifle Meeting we were not able to emulate all our previous successes, but we were able to retain the LMG Pairs Competition. The winning team was RQMS Hurley, Lt Meanley, Cpl Moore, L Cpl Harris, Pte Butcher and Pte Borne. Privates

Butcher and Borne won trophies as the best Class "C" pair in the Division. Except for another recently joined recruit, Pte Gudge who was selected for the GOC's Twenty, our riflemen had an unsuccessful and unlucky meeting and we wish them better luck at their next competition when Mark IVs may well be the weapons they will use. We were, however, delighted that the 3rd Battalion won the Major Units trophy and congratulate them warmly on their well deserved success.

Congratulatory

We congratulate C Sgt T. Stokes, C Sgt M. Dodge, Sgt B. Elliott, Cpl H. Peters and Cpl T. Gibbs on the award of their Meritorious Service Certificates by the County of Surrey Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association. We also congratulate two of our longest serving members, Sergeant "Brushy" Broom, who has been the Officers' Mess Sergeant since his retirement from the Regular Army and already the holder of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, on the award of his Territorial Efficiency Medal ; to ORQMS Arthur Scriven, MBE, on award of the second clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal, and to Corporal Jenkins, late of the Drums, on his award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal. These awards were made by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey, The Rt Hon The Earl of Munster, KBE, PC, at Sutton on 27th October.

Our second Doctor, David Ower, is congratulated on his promotion to Major, and our TA Quartermaster, Bill Messenger, on his promotion to Captain.

Arrivals and Departures

Lieutenant Colonel Clarke's tour of duty was unexpectedly shortened by his posting to the School of Infantry as GSO I (Tactics) at the end of April. It is difficult to convey to those outside the Battalion the value of the contribution which he and Mrs Molly Clarke made whilst they were with us. The fact that the Battalion is in such good heart and shape despite the stresses and rumours of reorganisation is largely due to Colonel Michael's energetic efforts and his wife's considerable support. We wish them both well at Warminster. In congratulating our new Commanding Officer on his appointment, we know that his long experience with the Battalion will be an asset in guiding us into

the future. Captain George Redfern saw us through the period of Annual Camp and shortly thereafter was posted as G2 to 11 Infantry Brigade in BAOR. We should like to thank him for all he has done for the Battalion during his tour of duty, and particularly our special thanks for being spared the deluge of paper which the TA soldier sometimes connects with his office ! We should like also to thank his wife Maureen for her help at Battalion functions and particularly in the Officers' Mess, and wish them and their children the best of good fortune in their new Station. We welcome as Training Officer Major Paul Swanson, who needs no introduction to most members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Although his stay will be necessarily short, we are delighted to have his assistance, particularly at this present time, and we hope he and his family will have an enjoyable stay.

We have said a reluctant farewell to Major J. W. (Bill) Brewster, who has had to leave us for reasons beyond his control, and to him and all other members of the Battalion who have left or will shortly leave we offer our thanks for all they have done, our best wishes for their future success and happiness, and a final reminder that they should join the Veterans Company and thus remain in contact with us in our reorganised role.

Officers' Mess Notes

How the Mess has had time to foregather and function in the midst of training activities is not absolutely clear, but function it certainly has judging by the state of this scribe's Mess Bill. In May, the subalterns promoted a cocktail party in honour of Mrs Molly Clarke and a fortnight later we dined out Colonel Michael Clarke and Lt Rod Arnold. In bidding them farewell and good fortune in their postings, the CO made two presentations on behalf of the Mess accompanying each with cryptic remarks. Col Michael received a silver tea caddy curiously shaped like a funeral urn and Rod a pint tankard to compensate him for the many occasions in which he had received only a half pint tankard as "runner-up" ! In June we held our annual Cocktail Party and welcomed the Mayors of Kingston and Wandsworth, their Mayoresses and Town Clerks, the Brigade Commander 47 (Inf) Brigade, Brigadier R. B. Kenny, OBE ; the Master of the Stationers Company,

Captain D. G. Kellie, MBE ; the Chairman and Secretary Surrey T and AFA ; Officers of Surrey Yeomanry and of the 3rd Battalion, and many other distinguished guests and their ladies. This was also the first official viewing of the mini-skirt and we hope it will not be the last.

In Camp we held a Dinner Night and a Guest Night, the latter being attended by several "veterans" living in the locality and by Officers of the Royal Navy from Plymouth. We ended camp with a cocktail party to end all cocktail parties which was distinguished by an unofficial and apparently spontaneous bathing parade in our private pool on an adjoining Tor. The Mess functioned very well under Sgt "Brushy" Broom and ex-Sgt Freddy Torr who once again made the long journey from Harrogate to cater for us. We are very grateful to them both for ensuring a 5-Star status in comfort and cuisine on the few occasions we had time to enjoy it.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Notes

It is 0600 hrs on a very misty morning ; the plaintive notes of a tin whistle float on the heavy morning air accompanied by the mournful thump of a bass drum and the clank of a cracked cymbal. We rise in our beds and with a "rheumy" eye gaze out of the cracked window pane to behold three members of the Mess who could not sleep making sure that no-one else would either. From this small beginning, gradually, a full "Military Band", resplendent in home-made uniforms and carrying "instruments" which can only be described as a plumber's nightmare, finally emerged. This "band", formed in association with 150 Workshops Coy REME, treated the whole Battalion to a "musical" ?! reveille which will surely go on record as the most spirited and unusual musical awakening ever !

Many and varied were the functions held at annual camp all of which were a resounding success. Credit must be given to Freddy Torr for the excellent curry he provided for the Officers visit to the Mess, and also to Sgt De Groot and his staff for the excellent bill of fare they provided for the Regimental Dinner, for which no less than one hundred and three members and guests sat down. Much hard work was also put in by C Sgt Kelly and his team to produce for us a "Tulip Rally" which, although not over-subscribed, was a great success, and some of

us even learned a little about the new Highway Code ! Much of the credit for the success of the Mess at camp must also go to the WOs and Sgts of 150 Workshops Coy REME who were our guests throughout the camp period. Their "Characters", together with our own, provided talking points for a long time to come.

The future of the Mess is now firmly established although some of our members will unfortunately be leaving us for one reason or another when the reorganisation comes. To them we say good luck and thank you for the wealth of experience you leave behind. It is, however, our hope that we shall continue to see them on social occasions through the medium of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association.

A "Guard of Honour" was provided by the Mess consisting of RSM Colyer, ORQMS Scriven, RQMS Hurley, CSM Jenkins, C Sgt Stokes and C Sgt Payn for the marriage of Sgt Hill to Miss Sylvia Julie Rhodes, which took place at St Philip's Church, Worcester Park, on Saturday, 10th September. To Sgt Hill we wish the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job and the children of Israel ! To them both we wish health, wealth and happiness and many years of happy married bliss.

CLAPHAM DETACHMENT

Detachment Commander Major P. Labbett, TD
Detachment 2IC Capt C. D. Young
Detachment CSM WO 2 M. Bullock
Detachment CQMS C Sgt H. Shearing
PSI WO 2 H. Chaffer, MM

During May the Company furnished a strong team, under 2 Lt Butlin, for the Brigade Skills Competition. This team came third in the final placing, out of sixteen teams.

Before Camp the Company carried out a farewell shoot with the BAT at Lydd, getting through our year's allocation of 120 mm ammunition without undue trouble, and scoring a reasonable number of hits.

Camp, as usual, was enjoyed by all members of the Company. The first three nights were spent in bivouac (in pouring rain) and a feature of this was the spirited defence of his platoon latrine area by Lt Bhur against inspired (but abortive) patrolling by another Company—not a bucket was lost !

At Camp the Company narrowly missed winning the Guard Mounting Competition but did win the Battalion tug-o'-war competition.

We say goodbye to Capt Fairhead and WO II Jenkins, on their transfer to TARO and to Kingston Detachment respectively ; also to WO II Locke who leaves the TA after many years of good service. We welcome Lt Cameron to us, from C Coy, who is clearly working on the maxim "if you can't capture them, join them" !

Congratulations are due to Cpl Belton on his promotion to Sergeant ; to L Cpl Swaden on his promotion to Corporal ; and to Privates Bedford and Gosden on their appointments to L Cpl.

Within a few months the Company will have altered shape greatly under the influence of the T and AVR III reorganisation. Seventeen members have elected to accept T and AVR II liabilities and we wish them luck in their new units and a safe return to this unit when they can no longer undertake the volunteer commitments.

KINGSTON DETACHMENT

Detachment Commander	Capt R. W. Harrington
Detachment CSM	WO 2 W. Jenkins
Detachment CQMS	C Sgt R. Payn
PSIs	C Sgt L. James Sgt S. Reddick Sgt R. Robinson

The year 1966, as far as the Kingston Detachment is concerned, was probably one of the most successful ever. Besides winning the Champion Company Cup, one of our Company teams (HQ) was second in the Brigade Skills Competition and another came third in the London TA Association Courage Trophy Competition.

Kingston entered two teams in the Brigade Skills Competition, an experienced one drawn mainly from the Signals and Recce platoons, ably led by Lieutenant Terence Meanley, and a less experienced one drawn mainly from new recruits, led by 2 Lieutenant Pat Ryan. Although Lt Meanley's team came second in this Competition, the other team also did well, recording one of the fastest times over the Assault Course.

The arduous Courage Trophy (also known as the TA Marathon) was hotly contested by many teams from all over London and the Home Counties. It is primarily a test of skill and endurance, much depending on good leadership, teamwork, and individual efficiency. The Kingston team was led by Lt Rod Arnold and included Sgt Hammond, Cpl Smith and Sayer, Ptes Sayer, Griffin, Coles and Cooper. The team trained hard



Some Long-serving Members of 4 Queen's Surreys (TA)
Total length of service amounts to 459 years or an average of 35 years per man !
Sgt. W. Jenkins, BEM, L Cpl J. Jones, C Sgt H. Goble, Cpl R. Coyle
Sgt. F. Ramsay, MM, Sgt E. Mayo, D M H. Barker, ORQMS A. Scriven, MBE, Maj A. V. A. Cummins, TD,
Capt W. Messenger, RQMS G. Hurley, Sgt E. Ludbrook, Sgt. W. Loveland

for many weekends and it was obviously well worth it, for after many minor setbacks the team still managed to get third place on the actual day. Well done, Kingston !

In winning the Champion Company Cup, Kingston brought off a surprise victory in the Swimming Gala (Kingston Detachment has never really been renowned for its love of water). They were gently coaxed to victory in the .22 Shooting Competition by Sgt Lee, and won the Recruiting Cup by an overwhelming number of points. Of all these successes, recruiting deserves special note. A steady number of recruits were enlisted through the year, and at the moment Kingston is in the happy position of having attracted more recruits than any other detachment in the Home Counties. The MT platoon should not be forgotten as they also had their small share of success. In the BAMA rally, a competition open to all teams in 44 Div, an MT team managed to come second in the preliminary round. Unfortunately, they were dogged by bad luck in the final, when one of the vehicles

broke a fan-belt. They were carrying a spare however, and this was fitted in the creditable time of half-an-hour. Although not gaining a place, the team should be congratulated on finishing the course.

Camp as usual was an extremely busy time for the Detachment, with D platoon spending the first three days on the Tors in bivouacs, learning how to live and fight in the field. The weather, as always on Dartmoor, couldn't have been worse, but in spite of this a full training programme was carried out.

At camp, Kingston also proved that it could be smart on parade as well as efficient in the field. The Recce and Signals platoon won the Guard Mounting Competition and D platoon came third.

One of the notable events at Kingston this year was the departure of Lt Rod Arnold, who decided to make the Army his career and obtained a commission in The Royal Sussex Regt. We wish him much success in his new career.

1966 also saw the completion of 44 years in the Army by L/Cpl Jones. He joined the

RA in 1922 and served with them throughout the second World War. He continued his TA service after the war and joined the East Surreys in 1955. He is due for retirement this year but intends to soldier on in the Veterans Company and he will surely make a very worthy addition to their ranks.

Social life has not been neglected at Kingston with the monthly social at the Orchard Bar, still a highly popular event. Much of the success of this monthly social goes to the stout efforts of Cpl Clark, Sgt Hill, and Cpl Smith. The politically satirical cabarets of the latter, though not quite of West End standard, are most enjoyable and materially contribute to the strong attendance at these functions.

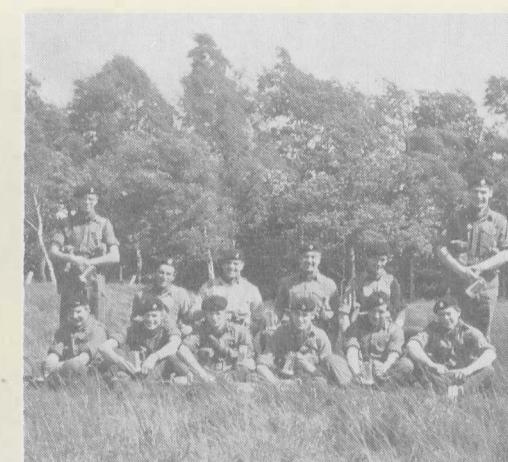
Sgt Taylor has now been for the ninth or ninetieth time (we have long since lost count) a competitor at the Nijmegen Marches, and has accumulated further medals to his collection. For one with petrol feet his record is most praiseworthy.

And so we now face reorganisation. Most of us stay and soldier on in a new role at Kingston. Some of us depart to join the AVR II Company at Guildford, and to them we offer our best wishes and remind them we shall always be glad to see them at the Orchard Room.

C COMPANY

Officer Commanding ..	Major P. R. H. Thompson
2IC	Capt M. G. Pearson
CSM	WO 2 T. Collins
CQMS	C Sgt M. Dodge
PSI	WO 2 L. H. Piper

By the time these notes are published, we shall have carried out our own private amalgamations, as Chertsey and Leatherhead TA Centres are being closed down as from 1st October. This does not mean that the Detachment members are leaving the TA—far from it. In fact, they are all without exception transferring to Cobham, where the new "Shiny C" is already, like the Phoenix, rising from the ashes. We have "celebrated" the closing of Chertsey and Leatherhead Centres with un-mournful "wakes". Four pianos have passed through the eyes of a needle and eight minutes is bogey for the course! Admittedly the Leatherhead team who established the course record were helped at least as much by wood-worm and death watch beetle as by their own energies and sledge hammers!



4 Queen's Surreys (TA)
Brigade Skills Competition 1966 Winners—C Coy
Team

Back Row (left to right) Lt A. Birtles, Cpl G. Moore,
L Cpl R. Harris, L Cpl K. Prosser, L Cpl McCarthy,
Sgt Bowen
Front Row (left to right) Pte C. Batcock, Pte I.
Davis, L Cpl C. Frampton, Pte P. Whiting, Pte D.
Townsend, Pte. J. Vincent

Sorry as we all are to see Chertsey and Leatherhead go, training in one Centre instead of three must mean better results; and everyone looks forward to the future with enthusiasm. Indeed, as a result of the reorganisation of the Reserve Army, we shall have at Cobham one of the very few "rural" Centres in the Country, a distinction of which we are all proud. We shall continue to soldier on, and serve a large country area, where the Army is otherwise mainly unrepresented.

Looking back for a moment, some of our successes should be recorded, albeit with a certain modest pride. We again won the Brigade Commander's Cup in the Brigade Skills Competition, following this up in early September by sweeping the board at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, when every prize except one individual cup went to Company teams or individuals. The Company gladiators now look forward to the Wandsworth Trophy shoot, and the Divisional Rifle Meeting.

On the social side, we are in the throes of forming a social club, "Charlie's Club", which will open on Friday evenings. All past members will be more than welcome, with their wives of course; so why not come along and see us?

"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, TD
Battery Captain ..	Capt J. N. Beevers
Troop Commanders ..	Capt F. Stanisl Capt R. Westbrook
BSM	Lt R. C. Tompkins
BQMS	WO II F. A. Ross S Sgt D. A. Lindup

We had a particularly good Camp this year, and returned on 2nd July from Penally and the School of Artillery at Manorbier in South Wales, in great heart. H Troop (Capt Westbrook) were the joint winners of the Gunnery Cup, and besides gunnery, signalling and all other artillery training, there were numerous light-hearted events from sports to bathing off the splendid beaches around Tenby. We had our usual visitors, from the GOC-in-C to the Mayor of Tenby, also our customary losses—a prismatic compass dropped in a muddy stream, but happily regained 24 hours later when the water had settled. Our casualties were a broken leg sustained by the Battery Commander on the last Friday, and let it be noted "on duty, but not to blame".

The future of the Regiment was fully explained to All Ranks, and we conscientiously completed our Declarations of Intent. The result of the Board's decision who shall be selected for the AVR or the HDF is not yet known, but this seems a convenient place to record the outcome of the Unit in the present reorganization, especially as the Battery in the future will not be recognizable as either Queen's or Surreys in any form at all. This seems to be in accord with the modern streamlining of the Army.

A Medium (AVR II) Regiment, RA, is being formed. Its RHQ will be at Grove Park, S.E.12, the RHQ of the present 265 Regiment. Its three Batteries will be at Brighton, Luton and Bury St. Edmunds. The RHQ and HQ Battery thus to be formed will be found from the present 265 Regiment,

of which R (Surrey) Battery forms part, and other existing neighbouring TA units.

The present 265 Regiment has six Drill Halls. Three of these will close, and Flodden Road is one of these. Built in 1865, and having had over £10,000 spent on it in 1964, it is probably the oldest existing Hall in London. Its loss locally will be immense.

There is also to be formed an HDF Regiment, with three Drill Halls, at Grove Park, Bromley and Bexleyheath.

Careful plans are certainly in hand for the placing of existing Territorials in new units. Time alone will tell what the result will be. One fact is sure, which is that the reorganization now in progress is the most drastic and devastating ever inflicted on Britain's volunteer military forces. It can only remain our hope that the result achieved a year from now will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Notices

National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen

The above Association exists for the sole purpose of finding employment for retired Regular sailors, soldiers and airmen. The Association provides all services free. It has over 40 branches covering the whole of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There is a branch operating in the locality of your home which is only awaiting a personal call or a postcard from you to help you with your civil employment problem. You can always obtain the address of the Branch nearest your home from the local Post Office or from the Secretary of the Regimental Association, Portsmouth Road, Kingston upon Thames.

5th Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

The Cottage, Surbiton Road, Kingston upon Thames

Honorary Colonel	Col T. A. Buchanan, DSO, MC, ERD, TD, DL
Commanding Officer	Major B. E. B. Turner
Adjutant	Capt J. J. Kavanagh

It is with regret that we pen this contribution to the last issue of the Regimental Journal. The complete re-organisation of the Territorial Army and the Home Counties Brigade does have its side effects on the Army Cadet Force; admittedly, we will carry on under new insignia and possibly new Associations, but the break with our affiliated Regiment goes deeper, since we have always worked so closely together.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Major Reed at RHQ for his help in the past; Lt Col McConnell for the enthusiasm and interest shown in the 5th Cadet Battalion; Captain Snowden for supplying us with transport and drivers at a moment's notice, and to all the staff of the 4th Battalion (TA) at Portsmouth Road, Kingston.

At the time of writing, the Battalion has just returned from Annual Camp at the PTA Westdown, Tilshead, Salisbury. The weather during the last week in July and the first week in August left much to be desired, but did not deter us from carrying out the training programme, which, with the presence of the Regular Army on the training areas at all hours of the day and night, with tanks and APCs rushing through proposed bivvy sites or defensive positions, proved to be very interesting and surprising.

During Camp the County Swimming Gala was held at Larkhill Baths, at which this Battalion gained two firsts in the Diving contest. At the Camp Certificate A Examination, six cadets passed their Part I, with one cadet NCO gaining a credit. Also during Camp on the training side we had two very good demonstrations of demolition work arranged by Paul Breeze who was an ex-Under Officer of the Battalion and who is now a L Cpl in the Royal Engineers awaiting his RCB. The final demonstration proved to be the most interesting and rewarding, when

a Comet Cruiser tank was immobilised of its fire power by 3 lbs of plastic explosive in the barrel of its 77 mm; (we hasten to add here, that the tank was a target hulk BEFORE we got busy). A large piece of shrapnel now resides in our Mess at the Cottage as a memento of a very enjoyable and happy Camp. Another very interesting part of Camp was the visit of the School of Infantry at Warminster, where a full demonstration of an Infantry Platoon in Battle was laid on for us, and where we also had the opportunity of seeing Lt Col Clarke, MBE on the touch line.

We congratulate SMI Derek Balding who has been promoted to WO I (RSM) in succession to Peter Coleman who left us in May due to business and family commitments. Congratulations also to Lieutenant Alan Church (OC Kingston Platoon) who is to be married on 15th October, and whose honeymoon will be over and forgotten (?) by the time this report is in print. Nevertheless, best wishes from all members of the Battalion past and present.

May we finish by wishing all success to the new Journal and the new amalgamations, and hope that should there be any redundancy amongst the senior ranks of the TA that we may see them applying to join the ACF post haste !

Employment Opportunities

A.A. Patrol Service. With the continued expansion of services in the Association there are vacancies in the Patrol Service for men between the ages of 19 and 45. Training will be given at a residential centre in all aspects of work, but candidates should have a good basic mechanical knowledge, hold a current driving licence and be able to work without close supervision. There are good prospects of advancement to officer rank in the Service. Applications to Employment Officer, Fanum House, Leicester Square, W.C.2, stating District preferred.

Journey to the White Grasses

An account of the Sandhurst Ethiopian Expedition 1966

By Second Lieutenant M. Hyatt, Queen's Surreys

At noon on 30th July 1966, a strange group of thirty-four men and one woman, grey-suited, and armed with rucksacks, ammunition boxes and a range of weapons from .22 pistols to 2 in mortars, departed from Gatwick on a VC 10 bound for Aden. This was the main body of the Sandhurst Ethiopian Expedition 1966, code-named "EX ZOO QUEST" to avoid any possible reference to it as the Sandhurst Expeditionary Force to Ethiopia.

The expedition is probably the largest of its kind to leave Great Britain, and is certainly the most ambitious adventure training project sponsored by the British Army. The total strength of the party was fifty-one, and was made up of twenty-two cadets, including two each from Dartmouth and Cranwell, eleven officers (one of them from the Royal Navy), twelve soldiers, and a number of civilians. The lady member of the expedition was Mrs Kay Thompson, a Jersey widow, who acted as zoological secretary, and subsequently became a source of much inspiration in the main base camp kitchen.

Enough of the background details. When the party landed in Aden, the first phase of what had taken eighteen months to prepare was safely completed. We were due to fly to Addis Ababa the following day, but the agent who had provided our air tickets had issued them for a flight that did not exist, and it was impossible to find a single seat on any of the scheduled flights. The next day was spent by me and the expedition leader in the office of the Red Sea Hotel, frantically telephoning anybody in Aden who might be in a position to help us. All forms of transport were considered, including a laborious combination of sea, rail and mule. Eventually the Royal Air Force grudgingly volunteered the services of an Argosy for the princely sum of £586.

The next day saw our arrival in Addis Ababa. We were met by the British Defence Attaché, Lt Col A. Christmas, Royal Sussex, and were hurried through customs by an Embassy official. We almost managed to get our vast quantities of duty-free spirits through the airport gates, but were foiled by an inebriated official, who dropped a case,

and became even more unsteady on his feet when surrounded by the delightful fumes of Martell brandy. Our weapons were impounded, as no authority had been received at the airport for their entry into Ethiopia, and many long hours were spent checking them against the Minister of Customs' list, and trying to explain away the 2 in mortar.

Most of the expedition was quartered in classrooms at the English School, and it was here that they first came into contact with the advance party. This gallant band of fourteen had arrived in Addis three weeks previously, having moved by LCT from Aden to Assab, and then covered 300 miles of difficult, largely desert, country with our convoy of nine vehicles carrying ten tons of stores.

We had to wait three days for the weapons to be cleared through customs, and during this time we were entertained by the British Defence Attaché, who had a son on the expedition, and another hospitable British resident. The stores were reloaded, but all members of the expedition had sufficient time to sample the delights of Ethiopia's capital.

Eventually the move south commenced. A convoy of ten vehicles (its size having been increased by the loan of an additional three-tonner by the British Embassy) ground its way out of Addis Ababa towards the unknown in the heart of the Great Rift Valley. Ethiopia is the mountain fortress of Africa, and in two days we covered three hundred miles, descending from 8,600 feet in Addis Ababa to 4,000 feet at our base camp.

The base camp was situated in an acacia-surrounded glade near the south-western shore of Margherita, the largest of the Ethiopian Rift Valley lakes. Nearby was the new capital of the province of Genu Gofa, a town called Arba Mintch. On either side of the valley rugged hills rose another 10,000 feet. Towering over the base camp was Mount Gughe, 18,780 feet, Ethiopia's fifth highest peak.

As soon as the base camp was established, plans were made for the establishment of forward bases. To help us in our planning

we had fifteen local police attached to us, and in addition we had engaged a number of local boys as camp followers. Two days after our arrival at Arba Mintch, the first advance bases were established, each consisting of a group of 6-10 men, together with one or two policemen. Once they were sent out these groups had to fend entirely for themselves. They were given a basic diet of assault rations, and this was supplemented by what they shot. They had to find, filter and sterilise their own water.

The basic task of each group was the collection of zoological specimens for the British Museum (Natural History), but a number had subsidiary aims including geology, archaeology and survey, and all had a hand at some time in the research into yellow fever carriers that was being directed by our veterinary surgeon.

The major problem governing the areas into which we could move was the total lack of passable roads over most of the region, and the magnitude of the numerous rivers (Arba Mintch means Forty Springs) that made crossing on foot or by Land Rover extremely hazardous. The lakes were also a formidable obstacle, particularly since the area of land between them was mainly dense jungle. Any negotiation of water was exceedingly unpleasant because of the abundance of crocodile and hippo and the water-borne disease bilharzia.

As MTO I had a difficult job to keep seven Land Rovers and two three-tonners in the front line, and to maintain the good health of our single REME fitter. Petrol was a tedious problem, as it took the local supplier four hours to fill three drums using a hand pump that was not much more effective than a teacup. These long intervals, however, provided me with ample opportunity to meet large numbers of the local population, most of whom had watched the "town" grow in the last few years from a handful of tukels (mud and thatch dwellings) to the impressive array of iron-roofed buildings that it is today. I usually had with me an interpreter, either our Ethiopian Army liaison officer or one of the boys, and I was able to gain a considerable amount of useful information about local game areas.

After a time, it became apparent that the area to concentrate on for our zoological work was a large expanse of open grassland known as the White Grasses. The main problem in exploiting this region was, as

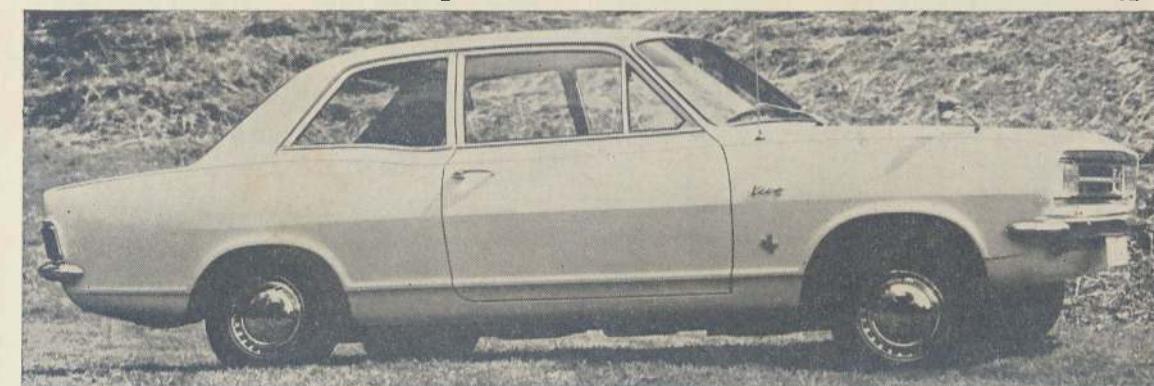
always, to get there. The route between the lakes was mostly dense jungle, and after that was a poor track, hastily built by the Italians, along which a Land Rover with only one brave occupant could barely move at 2 mph. Although we attempted to blast this route free of obstruction, it was never improved sufficiently to be used more than very occasionally. A preliminary recce of the area was made by two of us in a rubber boat, but we did not have sufficient time to confirm that it was a rich game area. We were forced to return when a storm came bounding down the Rift Valley, and had the most hair-raising journey across the southern lake, ably piloted by one of the naval cadets in conditions approaching those in the Bay of Biscay on a squally day.

Other parties investigated the area, one by motoring slowly round the southern lake, the other on foot between the lakes. This second group, consisting of men from 2nd Bn The Parachute Regiment, went for two days on one bottle of cloudy water each. The reports from these parties were extremely good. Herds of zebra, each numbering about one hundred, had been seen, together with extremely tame herds of comparatively rare gazelle.

When these reports were received over the radio a frenzied planning conference was convened, and all our resources were concentrated into moving and maintaining a group of specialists into the area. Two alternative lines of communication were established, one stretching over the northern lake, and the other between the lakes. The main route was to be the northern one, and was maintained by a group on the far shore, and the emergency route was kept open by another group who maintained our fibreglass ferry on the major river obstacle. A vehicle was got to the White Grasses via the treacherous inter-lake route, and proceeded at slow pace together with the sapper section (on foot) to carry out any road improvement that was necessary. The remainder of the party, dodging the hippo, moved by boat and on foot to the work area.

I was lucky enough to spend 24 hours on the White Grasses when I went to decide on the best way to supply the group. The concentration of game was comparable with the best areas in Africa, and it was decided that the minimum shooting must be done. The first task was a game count, and this was directed by the zoologist. Everybody,

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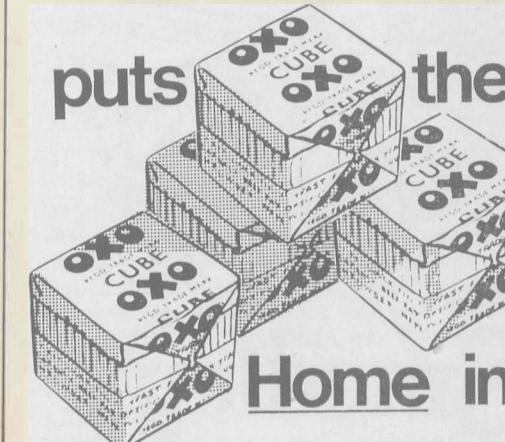
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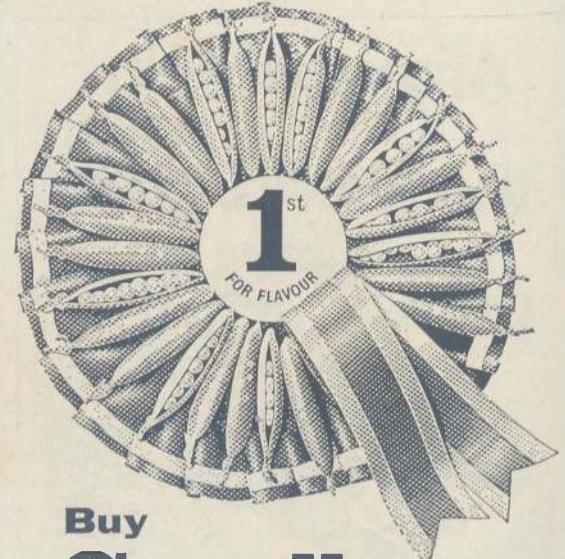
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including the attached policemen took part in this mammoth job, and some fairly satisfactory results were obtained. Only three specimens were killed in the area, one of which was an elusive porcupine, which provided a very tasty meal. As far as possible we tried to give all members of the expedition a few days, or even hours, in the White Grasses, so that they could photograph and observe the herds.

During the White Grasses operation, the para element instinctively followed their leader in an assault on Mount Gughe. After much wrangling with local owners, two mules were procured, and nothing was heard of the group for four days.

Activities were brought to a rapid close with the onslaught of the rains. Few people, other than the inhabitants of "the forgotten valley" seemed aware that in this part the rainy season began when in the rest of Ethiopia it was drawing to a close. Three nights of torrential rain convinced us that it was time to withdraw. Three Land Rovers and one trailer were on the far side of the ferry, and the raft itself had been damaged by crocodiles. The rivers were swollen, and even for a human to cross the ferry was extremely dangerous. The ferry operation lasted two days, and was completed without serious accident, although one or two of us came close to death. The second river crossing was not so easy. The river was extremely fast-flowing, and the one possible fording point moved significantly downstream each day. Only a handful of us knew its exact location day by day, and even then special techniques had to be employed to drive the vehicles through water that was up to the windscreen (the Land Rovers were not waterproofed). It was unfortunate that the Signals Sergeant, impatient to return to his set, chose to cross before any of those who knew the crossing had reached it.

When I arrived at the river I saw the canopy frame of the vehicle above the water, and a very wet crew who had managed to struggle to the bank. The main problem with recovery was to get a winch rope to the stricken Land Rover, but this was eventually achieved, and the vehicle was towed to the home bank. Only three-tonners were allowed to cross that evening, and those mounted in Land Rovers had to sleep at the police station. The river had fallen sufficiently the next day for all the vehicles to cross, although the operation had to be very

carefully controlled.

The following day preparations were made for the journey north. This trip had to be made before much more rain fell, as the roads would otherwise be too muddy, and the rivers too fast. The main obstacle on the journey was the Hamasa River which was about sixty miles to the north. This river had the disadvantage that the bottom at the ford was very soft, and once a vehicle had stopped, it was necessary to tow it out.

When we reached the Hamasa at dusk on the first day of the homeward journey, it was too high for us to attempt a crossing, but a constant watch was kept on it, and soon after midnight it was considered safe to cross. A three-tonner, was positioned on each side, and a safety rope stretched across the 75-yard ford. The winch rope of the vehicle on the far bank was paid out ready for immediate action, and the first Land Rover plunged into the torrent. Halfway across it spluttered to a halt: the driver had entered the river too fast, and the "bow wave" had entered the air intake. It did not take many seconds, however, to recover it with the prepared winch. None of the vehicles was lost in the crossing, although most required assistance from the three-tonner winch.

The remainder of the journey proceeded without much trouble. We spent a night at the camp site of the 1964 expedition, and two nights at the favourite resort of the Embassy officials, Lake Langano. Here the para contingent performed a well-known dance, and for the first time in five or six weeks the whole party relaxed. We had a few days to wait in Addis Ababa before our Argosy could take off, and during this time we were entertained at a British Embassy ball, and had an audience with His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I.

At the audience His Imperial Majesty expressed a wish that liaison between the armies of Great Britain and Ethiopia should continue, and that in future years further expeditions would return.

Most of the expedition spent a few days on "active service" in Aden on the return journey, and were well looked after by the SCLI and the Cameronians.

About 300 zoological specimens were collected, and significant, although un-evaluated results were obtained in the archaeological, geological, survey and medical fields. This "new look" adventure

Adventure Training in Wales

By Lt G. H. Wright—3 Queen's Surreys (TA)

"Whilst the Territorial Army remains at present constituted, everything possible must be done to increase efficiency and to keep the enthusiasm of Volunteers" stated the Commanding Officer in his annual training directive, so with this in mind I decided to request permission to run an Adventure Training Exercise over the Brecon Beacons in Wales during the Whitsun holiday period of 1966. Approval for the exercise was obtained from the CO and Div HQ and so early in March I set off for Brecon to reccce the area and find suitable bivouac and base camp sites. Although the Brecon Beacons, which rise up to almost 3,000 feet, form part of a National Park, all the land is privately owned by many small farmers; consequently permission has to be obtained before it can be traversed. After two days of exploration



Exercise Control Staff

Left to Right—Sgt L. S. Duncan, L Cpl G. A. Bigwood, Lt G. H. Wright

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training has considerably more scope in the travel sense than the conventional "outward bound" variety, and although the emphasis is not so much on the physical development side, there is immense value in training men to carry out an exacting scientific task under tough conditions where leadership is of great importance.

around Brecon I was able to draw up an outline plan for the exercise. This was for an advance party of key personnel with vehicles and stores to leave Surrey on the Thursday prior to Whitsun and travel through the night to arrive in Brecon early on Friday morning, where they would set up a base camp at Cwm Gwidi, a huddled camp used by the Light Infantry Brigade Depot as a battle school and situated 1,200 feet up in the Beacons. The main party were to travel down by train from Paddington on Friday night and commence on Saturday morning a 48 hour trek across the mountains in groups of four under a junior NCO, carrying with them sufficient food and equipment to maintain them during this period. It was decided, however, that all groups would RV each night in a bivouac area so as to ease administration problems. The exercise would finally terminate on the Monday morning, when both parties would return to Surrey.

A party of 30 volunteers drawn from all companies of the Battalion were finally selected, and as Whitsuntide drew nearer, the mass of special stores and equipment required for the exercise were gathered together. Preparations completed, the advance party consisting of myself, Sgt L. Duncan, Sgt J. Sparshott, Cpl D. Mackenzie (driver), L Cpl J. Sargent (storeman), L Cpl G. Bigwood (radio operator) and L Cpl Stallard (REME fitter), set off by road for Brecon in 2 x 3 tonners and a $\frac{1}{4}$ ton land rover. Traffic was far lighter than I had expected and allowed us to reach the Monmouthshire border by midnight, where I decided to halt for the night. A suitable lay-by was found in the Forest of Dean, but little sleep was obtained as a continual stream of heavy lorries roared past on the adjacent road throughout the night. By first light we were on the road again and arrived in Brecon as the cattle were being driven to market. The road from Brecon to the base camp at Cwm Gwidi was one of the most hazardous to be met on the whole exercise with 1-in-5 hills, sharp bends and less than 8 feet width of road. This had its toll upon the vehicles as later on in the evening one of the 3-tonners returning to camp after picking up the train party broke down with a petrol pump failure

on one of the steepest hills, which resulted in the road being blocked for some considerable time.

The first group started their trek across the mountains shortly after breakfast on the Saturday morning with subsequent groups following at 12 minute intervals. The route lay across the Beacons to a bivouac site near the Black Mountains of Carmarthen and involved several steep climbs and crossing a river on a wire bridge. The passage of the groups over the mountains was closely co-ordinated by radio under L Cpl Bigwood of the Signals Platoon and although most groups found it hard going they all safely reached the bivouac site. Cpl Browning's group from the Recce Platoon learnt by experience that it was easier to follow the contours than to march on compass bearings across the mountains. Moving the transport to the bivouac site proved to be one of the most difficult operations, as although the trek over the mountain was only 13 miles, the vehicle move was three times this distance up and down steep and narrow mountain lanes made even more difficult by meeting cars or sheep.

The second day's trek involved climbing the three Beacon peaks and finished at a bivouac site in a very lonely but picturesque valley in the heart of the Beacons. The marching groups completed their course with ease, with Cpl Clegg's HQ Coy group racing L Cpl Ball's A Coy group over the mountains. The vehicle move ran into considerable difficulties, taking almost four hours to accomplish, as a last minute change in the location of the bivouac site, ordered by the Defence Land Agent, involved using a bridge which would not take the weight of the 3-tonners. When this had been overcome it was discovered that the lane leading to the site was not wide enough to take the trucks, the wheels becoming wedged against the banks on either side of the lane. The site was eventually reached in the land rover and the owner of the adjacent field to where the trucks were marooned allowed us to park them there on the understanding that we paid £1 for every sheep we let out of his field. This stipulation was however withdrawn after Sgt Duncan tried to count the sheep.

The final night in Wales was spent exploring the sights of the local village. Although the village only possessed one public house it



An awkward incident during a road move to a new bivouac location
(The Continental rule of the road appears an additional hazard ! Ed.)

sold its beer at 1/6d per pint, which proved to be a big attraction.

All that remained on Monday was to clear up the base camp and last bivouac site; then take the main party to Abergavenny Station to catch the train back to London, while the road party proceeded to drive back to Surrey. The bulk of the Whitsun holiday traffic was missed, and apart from an incident on the Basingstoke by-pass when one of the 3-tonners was seen to be emitting thick white smoke, caused by oil leaking on the exhaust pipe, we arrived back safely with memories and stories of Cpl Greenway's sick parades, L Cpl Bigwood's last night fright, Welsh sign post distances, Sgt Duncan's cooking, mountain sheep, Pte Steed's short walks, dry stone walls and Welsh train times.

The exercise was agreed by all concerned to have been a great success, largely due to the glorious weather and grand team spirit which prevailed throughout the weekend, making it an exercise to remember.

The Regimental Museum



THE 1916 MACE



Photo: HMY Britannia

In April 1966, a Drum Major's Mace of The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment which was "lost" during the first battles of the Somme in 1916, was found in New Zealand. It had apparently "come into the possession of" a Captain Cranworth Franklin Jackson, a New Zealander, in July 1916. Captain Jackson was in England at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War and joined a "London Regiment". So far, it has not been possible to identify the unit. Jackson returned to New Zealand after the war, presumably with the Mace, where he died in 1930. The Mace was passed to his brother-in-law, a Mr Claude Watson, who this year handed it over to the British Liaison Staff in Wellington, New Zealand. They arranged for it to be put aboard HM Yacht "Britannia" which sailed from Wellington on 27th April 1966, after the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to that country.

The Mace finally arrived at Portsmouth

in August this year, where arrangements were made for HMS Excellent to receive it on our behalf; from there it was collected and now reposes in the Regimental Museum.

It is interesting to note that the Captain of the Britannia, Commander I. R. Bowden, RN, has two brothers who served in The Queen's Royal Regiment. The Regiment has expressed its gratitude to him and the many people who have been instrumental in returning the Mace to its rightful home. These include Mr Claude Watson, Colonel D. F. Wharry of the British Defence Liaison Staff, New Zealand and Colonel J. M. Strawson, OBE of the Ministry of Defence in London. Colonel R. S. N. Mans, OBE of our Regiment was the direct contact with Colonel Strawson, and to him also we offer our thanks.

At some future date the full story of the Mace will be published, but a good deal of research will be necessary before this can be done.

The Spring Meeting was held at Sudbrook Park on 19th and 20th April 1966. About 20 players attended, which is up to the average for the Spring Meeting. The most notable thing about the Meeting was the atrocious weather. On the 19th, it rained continuously all day, varying only between hard and harder. Water was soon standing about all over the course in lakes of varying dimensions. Officials were being called upon for instant rulings, eg, in the case of balls lost in casual water. One elderly member was seriously disturbed when, trying to putt on the seventh green, he suddenly caught sight of a pair of Mallard duck swimming serenely up the middle of the eleventh fairway adjoining the green! However, in spite of the weather some very good scores were returned, as a glance at the results tabulated below will show. The Club staff worked like Trojans to ensure that we had a good two days in spite of the rain, and it appeared that the party was an even merrier one than usual. We welcomed Major Hill and Major Reed to lunch and the really Old Guard was nobly represented by Harry Adcock, who has been such a faithful supporter of the Society right from the word "Go".

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the evening of the 19th April, when various details of the running of the Society were discussed and agreed.

The results of the various competitions were as follows:—

Stableford Bogey

Heales Memorial Trophy and Memento (Seniors) : Capt S. J. Petzing, 38 pts.

Memento (Juniors) : Capt S. T. W. Anderson (after a tie with Major C. W. Summers.)

Veterans Halo : Capt H. C. Mason, 36 pts.

Stableford Greensomes

Capt R. W. Bing and Capt B. D. S. Burton, 39 pts.

Medal Round

Challenge Cup (scratch) : H. P. Mason, 74.

Dodgson Cup (Handicap) : R. R. Davies, 76 - 8 = 68.

Best last nine holes (Seniors) : Capt S. J. Petzing.

Best last nine holes (Juniors) : Lt R. P. Murphy.

Hidden Holes (Seniors) : Major C. H. Dickins and A. Mason halved.

Hidden Holes (Juniors) : Capt S. T. W. Anderson.

Bogey Foursomes

Capt R. W. Bing and R. R. Davies—3 down.

The Royal Marines Golf Society

This annual match was played this year on 31st May at Blackmoor, the Royal Marines being our hosts in their usual ample and efficient way. The match ended in a narrow win for the amphibians—and we must do something about this next year. The Captain reports—"This was a splendid day's golf; the weather was perfect, and the course in very good order. Everyone on both sides agreed that it was one of the best days ever."

Score :	
Singles	
Queen's Surreys	v. Royal Marines
Major C. H. Dickins	0 v. Gen Sir M. Cartwright-Taylor 1
R. R. Davies	0 v. Lt Col A. S. Harris 1
Capt J. A. Clark	½ v. Major R. R. G. Hoare ½
Capt S. T. W. Anderson	1 v. Major W. H. Wharfe 0
Major C. W. Summers	1 v. Capt K. N. Wilkins 0
Lt Col J. A. Lasbrey	1 v. Lt Col F. V. Dunn 0
Lt Col G. S. Abbott	0 v. Major G. Courtice 1
	3½
	3½

Foursomes	
Dickins & Clark	½ v. Dunn & Fraser ½
Summers & Anderson	0 v. Hoare & Courtice 1
Abbot & Lasbrey	1 v. Wharfe & Wilkins 0
Davies	0 v. Cartwright-Taylor & Harris 1
	½
	2½

Result :—Royal Marines won by 6 points to 5.

Note :—It was a pity that owing to some mischance our team were one short on the day, which was why Richard Davies had to take on two redoubtable adversaries on his own, which was a bit much to ask.

The Autumn Meeting of the Society was held on the 5th and 6th October, at Sudbrook Park. The attendance was rather smaller than usual owing to a variety of causes, including the young man who wrote, in effect, "I have married a wife, and therefore cannot come", but the occasion was a very happy and successful meeting. The weather was reasonably good, the course was in good order, but owing to the recent rains was playing rather long. This was reflected in the majority of scores which were rather on the high side.

Results

Medal Round

Autumn Bowl—Lt Col J. A. Lasbrey—72.
Glasgow Greys Cup—Major J. C. Drane—85.
Best last nine holes—Seniors—H. P. Mason—37.
Best last nine holes—Juniors—Capt P. A. C. K. Bruckmann—44.
Hidden holes—Seniors—R. R. Davies—44.
Hidden holes—Juniors—Major R. C. Taylor—52.
Petri Plate (Spring and Autumn Aggregate) R. R. Davies 68 + 75 = 143.

Stableford Bogey

Heales Memorial Trophy—Capt T. L. Trotman—33 pts.
Memento—Seniors—Capt T. L. Trotman—33 pts.
Memento—Juniors—Major J. C. Drane—28 pts.
Veterans Halo—Major J. C. Drane—41 pts.

Bogey Greensomes

Lt Col J. A. Lasbrey and Capt R. W. Bing—2 down.

Bogey Foursomes

Capt H. C. Mason and H. P. Mason—2 down.

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A Regimental Escapologist

The following anecdote has been received from R/Sgt E. E. Templer of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, whose familiar figure is to be seen at all Regimental functions.

When the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment was stationed at Jersey in 1906, a Private Eatwell, who had been one of Houdini's assistants, gave a display. After being handcuffed and pinioned in a straightjacket, he was thrown into a large tank of water. In a few moments he had freed himself and climbed out of the tank.

One day in 1916 Sgt Templer, who had returned from France, was the Guard Commander at the Regimental Depot. Noticing the name Eatwell on his time and post roll, Sgt Templer asked if he was the same man who had given the display in Jersey ten years before.

Sergeant Templer continues in these words:
" Eatwell replied, ' Yes, Sergeant'.
" I said, ' Do you think you could get out of one of our cells, if I put a straightjacket on you and handcuffed you ? '
" Eatwell said, " Yes, and I will."

" I put him in a cell, pinioned as described and waited at the end of the cell passage. Eatwell walked out in about six minutes, carrying the handcuffs and a good stiff straightjacket, free".

Eatwell, went to France with the 1st Surreys in August 1914 and was wounded in 1916. After a short time at the Depot he was sent out to France again, where he served the remainder of the War in the 9th Surreys.

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Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe

On 27th September 1966, the Colonel of the Regiment represented the Queen's York Rangers at a most interesting ceremony at Wolford, near Honiton, Devon. Not only was the event interesting in itself, but it was an unusual and much appreciated honour to be the official representative thereof of one of our allied Canadian Regiments. The background was as follows.

John Graves Simcoe, a British officer of the 22nd Foot, saw action in the American War of Independence, and in 1777 was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine. Shortly after he became the Officer Commanding the Queen's Rangers, until he returned to England. In 1780 he purchased the property of Wolford, where he built a fine house and a private Chapel. He returned to Canada in 1791, as the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, as Ontario was then called. In the five years he was there he launched the new Province, and in particular York (now Toronto), on the path to the immense prosperity which is theirs today. He caused his old Regiment, the Rangers, to play a prominent part in opening up the country. His memory is still so fresh in the Province that a Foundation has been established to obtain and cherish mementoes of him.

One of the first acts of this Foundation was to accept the freehold, from Sir Geoffrey Harmsworth, of the Chapel which Simcoe built at Wolford, and where Simcoe and his family lie buried. This has been beautifully restored, and the Deeds of the Chapel, and of a right of way to it, were handed over to the Prime Minister of Ontario, the Hon John P. Robarts, on 27th September. Included in the invited observers was the Colonel of the Regiment, representing General Simcoe's one-time Regiment and wearing its regimental tie. The Prime Minister referred to the Queen's York Rangers in his speech, and expressed his pleasure that they were represented on the occasion.

In a brief conversation with the Prime Minister afterwards, the Colonel took the opportunity to ask Mr Robarts to convey greetings to a distinguished Queen's Surrey man, Captain B. H. Geary, VC, now Sergeant-at-Arms of the Ontario Parliament. It seems unlikely that comparable greetings have been sent before through such a distinguished intermediary; and it is a final reason for gratitude to Brigadier J. A. McGinnis (The Queen's York Ranger's representative on the Simcoe Foundation, and another ex Commanding Officer) for inviting the Colonel of his Allied Regiment to represent them.

The following is the Inscription on the Chapel Plaque :—

" LIEUT-GENERAL JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE 1752-1806

BORN AT COTTERSTOCK, NORTHAMPTON-SHIRE, SIMCOE ENTERED THE ARMY IN 1770, AND DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COMMANDED THE 1ST AMERICAN REGIMENT (QUEEN'S RANGERS). IN 1791 HE WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF THE NEWLY-FORMED PROVINCE OF UPPER CANADA. DURING HIS ENERGETIC ADMINISTRATION, HE IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, ENCOURAGED IMMIGRATION AND FOUNDED YORK (TORONTO). IN 1796 HE RETURNED TO WOLFORD, PURCHASED IN 1784, AND DURING 1797 WAS GOVERNOR AND MILITARY COMMANDER IN BRITISH-OCCUPIED ST DOMINGO (HAITI). HE COMMANDED THE WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICT, 1801-06, WHEN ENGLAND WAS THREATENED WITH FRENCH INVASION. APPOINTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF INDIA IN 1806, SIMCOE DIED BEFORE TAKING UP THAT POST, AND WITH HIS WIFE IS BURIED IN THIS CHAPEL.

Erected by the Ontario Archaeological Historic Sites Board, of the Department of Travel and Publicity, Province of Ontario, Canada."



Lt Col Alwyn Fox and Lt Col N. A. Willis, OBE, looking at a silver menu holder presented to the City of Newcastle Regiment by The Queen's Royal Regiment

THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

During the visit, last January, of Lt Col N. A. Willis, OBE to the 2nd Bn The Royal New South Wales Regiment in Australia, the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Alwyn Fox, ED, presented to the Regiment a silver ice bucket. The presentation was displayed at the Officers' Club Cocktail Party at the Army and Navy Club on 10th June.

The following letter from Colonel Fox has been received by the Colonel of the Regiment :—

" Dear General Piggott,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 13th May, in which you expressed thanks for our small presentation.

We are pleased indeed to retain our alliance and I do trust that, come what may, it can be continued.

Since our reorganisation with the Battalion Headquarters back in Newcastle, I have had a photo taken of our officers and will send separately a print for your records.

Many thanks for your best wishes and I will certainly let you know if any of our officers visit your country.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) Alwyn Fox."

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The incorporation of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment into The Queen's Regiment will have raised a number of queries regarding our own Association and the formation of a new Association for the Large Regiment.

In brief, the Regimental Association of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment will continue as such and will operate from its present offices at Kingston upon Thames. The Queen's Regimental Association will come into being on 1st January 1967 and will operate from Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

Those who have served in the former Regiments will be eligible for membership of the new Association, the life membership of which is expected to be £2. Close liaison will be maintained between the existing Regimental Association and the new Association.

The welfare work of our Regimental Association will continue, and its funds will remain undisturbed. Their control will continue to be vested in the Managing Trustees of the Regimental Association.

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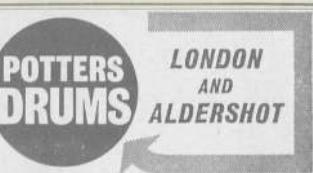
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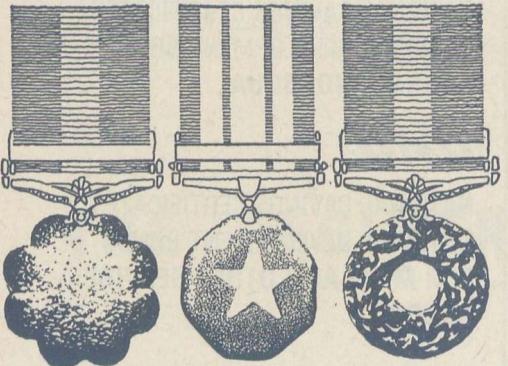
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The Annual Reunion of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Association will continue to be held, probably in the first or second week of October each year. Notification of Regimental functions will still be published in the Annual Report which will be distributed to members in the Spring.

The Regimental Journal will cease publication with this issue. It is intended to publish a News Letter twice a year, for an annual subscription of six shillings. We hope that a large number of our members will keep in line with Regimental affairs by taking the News Letter.

In this, the final contribution of the Regimental Association as at present constituted, we send greetings to the new Regimental Association and assure them of our cordial support.

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Old Soldiers Calling

Mr C. T. A. Whitcombe (6139381), who served in the 2nd Surreys from 1931 to 1938, would like to hear from any of his old friends. He mentions in particular A. Bragg, J. Dynes, V. Locke, A. Raggett and T. Seagust. Mr Whitcombe re-enlisted in the RASC in 1938, and served for a further 22 years, retiring with the rank of WO 1 (SSM) in 1960. He was twice Mentioned in Despatches, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Mr Whitcombe's address is 12 Evershot Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.4.

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We have heard from one of our older warriors, Mr Herbert Harvey, of 50 Anslow Road, Fulham, S.W.6. Enlisting in the Queen's, in 1890, he served in Malta with the 1st Battalion, and in India with the 2nd Battalion. Mr Harvey had completed a full 21 years Regular engagement when he was discharged in 1911 with the rank of Sergeant. The following year he was appointed caretaker of the Church of England School of St Matthias, Earls Court, and was finally retired in 1946 after 34 years service.

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F. G. Tanner, who served in the 1st Surreys between 1927 and 1939, is now a Chancery Guard at the British Embassy at The Hague. He was transferred to the Intelligence Corps at the outbreak of the 1939-45 War and became a WO II.

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**Warrant Officers' and
Sergeants' Association**

Greetings again to all members and friends and we are happy to record another full and successful period.

Our Annual General Meeting and Dinner was held on 7th May. The Dinner is always a very popular attraction, and over seventy members and their guests sat down to a splendid repast. It was most unfortunate that our President was unable to be with us on this occasion, but his place was ably filled by one of our vice-Presidents, Bill Dorsett. After the Regimental Toast, Bill spoke of the well-being of the 1st Battalion and our TA Battalions, which was reflected in the activities of our Association. He was sure the Regimental spirit was just as strong to-day in the Association as was apparent when he was serving, and he could give assurance that our Association was the ideal for those who are, or have been, members of the Sergeants' Mess.

By the time these notes are read we will have enjoyed another major function, that of the Ladies Night Dinner and Dance held on 1st October. This is a new venture and one we felt was long overdue, in order to express our appreciation for their unfailing support. This event will be reported fully in our next News Letter.

The medals of the late Arthur Stripp have been presented to the Association by his family. These have been mounted and now have a permanent home in the 4th Bn Sergeants' Mess. We have also received a picture of the former 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment in action at Hill 60. This was presented by Harry Adcock and now hangs in the Sergeants' Mess.

We are pleased to announce that on the formation of The Queen's Regiment on 1st January 1967, the position of our Association remains unchanged. We shall remain as part of The Queen's Surreys Regimental Association and continue to welcome new members from the Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion. As our vice-President's words quoted show, they will always be welcome and will be able to meet old friends and, we hope, make many new ones.

The following members have recently joined—Messrs Lipscombe and Luckett—to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

The Veterans Company

Old Comrades' Association

4th BN QUEEN'S SURREYS, TA CENTRE,
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Company Commander .. Major R. W. Stephens,
ERD

The writer was on the receiving end of numerous ribald comments by certain leading Veterans (no prize for guessing who), when he failed to produce any copy for the last issue of the Journal. His head is bloody, but unbowed, and he hopes his present offering will just in time bring him up to date.

This year the Company supper was held in the Sergeants' Mess at Kingston on the second Saturday in May. It is intended to hold this party on the same day in future, so please note it in your diaries. Our guests were Col A. R. Martin, OBE, the Honorary Colonel, Lt Col W. E. McConnell, TD, the Commanding Officer, Capt W. Snowden, the Quartermaster and Mr A. Colyer, the Regimental Sergeant-Major. It was a successful and informal party, and most members were of the opinion that a "mobile" supper was better than a sit-down dinner as it gives more opportunity to circulate and natter with more people. We shall therefore continue this form of annual gathering next year and revert to a dinner in 1968 in order to try and meet all tastes.

In view of the very successful visits to Cassino and Givenchy in 1964 and 1965, we have been looking round to see where we can go next year. The Royal Tank Regiment is considering visiting Cambrai, Amiens and Arras early in May 1967, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Tanks. The trip is planned to be for about four days and the cost may be approximately £30. We have been assured that we would be very welcome, so if you are interested let us know. (My Boy Willie being blown by a Southerly Wind in a Cloudy Sky from the Mud and Blood to the Green Fields beyond?).

We competed in the Battalion Rifle Meeting where we had a good day on the rain-swept slopes of Ash No. 4 Range. In the rifle competition our best shot was Capt A. C. L. White, who was pipped on the post by Mobiloil for the Best Veteran or Mobiloil prize. In the LMG competition we were

represented by Mr Henman and Major Paskins.

We continue to enter for the Battalion .22 competition but last year our team collapsed for lack of support (the Christmas celebrations were too much for it). We hope to do better this year but we are urgently in need of more "shots", so if you are interested come along and shoot and have a beer afterwards. Further detail will be given in the periodic news sheets.

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

It is with a sad heart that I write this article, for it seems it will be the last time that news from us will come to you all from the pages of the Regimental Journal in this, its present format. What happens in the future when we wish to acquaint you of our activities remains uncertain, but we hope there will always be a means of so doing, for our aim, like all other Old Comrades Associations, has—and always will be—"To Keep in Touch".

Looking back on the events of the last few months, I am very happy to say we had an extremely good attendance at our Annual Reunion Dinner last April. For many of the elder members this occasion is the once-a-year opportunity when they can all get together to renew old friendships and recapture fading memories that seem to grow brighter in the conversations as the evening lengthens. It is a very good thing that old soldiers can still meet and talk and laugh and "chi-ike" with each other; it is a very good thing that old-time Officers mingle so freely with the old-time rankers, bringing everything to a happy level of complete understanding between one and all. The conversations flowed animatedly from around the Hills and Plains of India—the mud and blood of France and Flanders—the happy camps of the years between the Wars—to the far-flung battle areas of the Last War . . . and all this to the soft background music of much-loved songs that forever link "Tipperary" all the way down the line to the "White Cliffs of Dover." Following the dinner, the evening was rounded off with the arrival of the Ladies and pleasant dancing brought the close of this memorable annual event.

Our Derby Draw was an outstanding success and our warmest thanks go to the Promotor, Mr. Bill Field, who worked extremely hard for this desired result. The Dance which followed was another winner, and everyone had a marvellous time. We now have our own duplicating equipment and I am proud to say that as the names of the lucky "pickers-of-horses" were called out, so they were stencil-typed, duplicated on the Sunday morning and delivered by first post on Monday morning. We kept no one waiting! Once again we have to thank Bob Saunders, our Social Secretary, for his unflagging energy and work in arranging and producing such a wonderful evening of dancing, music and merriment.

As is usual, our activities are inclined to slacken during the summer months, but a goodly company of members and families spent a happy evening at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, on July 25th. The outing was arranged by Bob Chapman, to whom go our thanks for providing us with the chance to see this always marvellous show.

Our last and most recent function of the summer months was our second Garden Party and Fete, held at the Barracks, Mitcham Road, Croydon on Sunday, August 14th. It will be remembered that we put on our first Garden Party in the summer of last year. This was so unexpectedly successful that we felt determined to repeat the show this year, and, as we scored a winner again, we are planning to make this an annual event.

This year's Garden Party was blessed by glorious weather, and again the opening ceremony was performed by our President, Lt Col J. H. F. Johnson, OBE, TD, JP, and a bouquet was presented to Mrs Johnson by the grand-daughter of our Secretary, Ernie Organ, after which Lt Col Johnson and his wife jointly released the first balloon in the balloon race, which quickly rose high, zig-zagging away into the distance, accompanied by cheers from the visitors,

Over 300 visitors kept the holders of 30 stalls busy all afternoon and great fun and excitement prevailed in the many competitions such as the Ladies Sack Race, Children's Races, the Bonnie Baby Contest and many other such sports. A .22 rifle shoot was held in the rifle range in the drill hall, and this competition was won by Mr Derek Shonfeld, the 21 year-old son of

one of our members. One of the main attractions during the afternoon were musical items played by the Band of the 3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA), by kind permission of Lt Col D. B. Pullen, TD, Commanding Officer the 3rd Battalion. The success of this Garden Party is due to the hard work done by the Social Committee, the Treasurer, the Secretary and a host of willing workers. The reward of their combined labours was the success of the show, and we are now convinced that the Garden Party will most certainly become an annual affair in the social life, not only of our OCA, but of Croydon itself!

We have several functions to look forward to in the coming months, such as a bully-beef supper, several socials in the Mess Room, at least two dances and the always popular Children's Party. I am more than proud to state that the 4th Queen's OCA is a strong, healthy, rapidly expanding organization, full of vigour and not afraid to tackle any new venture for the benefit of our members and families. We are a happy band of friends, quite self-supporting in all ways—witness the production of our Braganza Journal; which is completely our own production. Right now, at the time of writing this, we are collating new material ready for issue No. 5. All this go-ahead progress is due not to any one or two members only but to the sustained togetherness of ALL our members, local and distantly domiciled, who give us their support and attendance at all functions we put on, in the fervour and comradeship which proves their loyalty to us and each other. Thus are we proud to say, we are proud of our OCA!

And now, quo vadis? What of the future. On the first day of the New Year, things change, many alterations will be made and perhaps it will mean the parting of the ways for some. Our own associations with you all, through the media of the Regimental Journal, have been constant and happy, and we wish with all our hearts this could always be so; we do not know. But this I hope, that in the future there will be a contact between us, for the Regimental Journal has always been the great link-up between so many old soldiers in so many regiments and battalions and Old Comrades Associations. Let us hope that the great changes, as in the past, bring their happy solutions in the future, and that we do not entirely sever the family

tie that has bound us together so enduringly through many days of war and peace.

It seems fitting that this comes at the close of the year so that I am able to end my article with the age-old blessing—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all—and may all Soldiers and Old Comrades never lose touch !

FRANK PAUL SHONFELD

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

The past year has been one full of interest for our Association, the Shrine Service, the Annual General Meeting and the Reunion Dinner in April being well attended.

Inevitably our numbers grow less, but nevertheless over one hundred members and guests attended the Dinner. Our new President, Captain P. C. Duncan, MC, QC was Chairman, and he was supported by other officers of the 2/4th Battalion including Lieutenant Reginald Jennings, Lieutenant Lionel Green, Captain E. H. Herbert, MC and others. Colonel Graham Duncombe, DSO and Major P. G. E. Hill from Regimental Headquarters, old friends of our Old Comrades Association were also present as honoured guests. The new Chairman of the Association, Tommy Davison, MM, ISM, welcomed all present and Cpl G. H. Jerome, who had come all the way from Canada, very appropriately gave the toast of "absent comrades". It has been many years since he had been able to be with us. In his speech, the President said it was most heartening that the Association after more than forty years was, if possible, in more robust health than on the day it was founded.

He paid tribute to his illustrious predecessor, the late Colonel Sir Frank Watney, President of the 2/4th OCA since its foundation. He thought it was wonderful that so many friendships formed during 1914-1918 still held together today, long after our young blood had run cold. Practically all those present were over 70 years of age. Captain Duncan paid tribute to those stalwarts who founded the OCA and had done so much to keep it a living force since. He proposed the toast of the 2/4th Queen's OCA and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, which was duly honoured. In reply, Colonel Duncombe gave a rousing speech that really

swayed the gathering. He compared the steady and firm ex-servicemen who marched proudly at Armistice time with the demonstration marchers of the present time who looked miserable, dejected and scruffy. Ex-service organizations kept alive the faith that we had in our Regiment, our Cause and our Country. "We should not be here tonight" he said "unless we really believed that, and we remember old comrades with whom we served with pride and thankfulness". He gave news of the Regiment and after responding to the toast of the OCA and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, he added an invitation for any old comrade to visit him at his quarters in Windsor Castle, where he is a Military Knight of Windsor.

Sgt Harry Mann, our Honorary Secretary, wound up the speeches by giving his progress report, when he thanked all those who had helped him in his task during the year, also those members who had travelled long distances to be with us. He read a telegram from Sir John Keeling wishing us well and regretting his inability to attend.

The evening ended with the long trail of "Do you remember?" and thus ended another grand festival of Reunion, the first of which took place in 1925.

S.V.

2/7th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment Old Comrades Association

The 20th Annual Reunion Dinner of the Association was held at the Westminster Arms, Horseferry Road, S.W.1 on 2nd April 1966. Brigadier A. P. Block, CB, CBE, DSO presided.

There was a good attendance by ex-members of the Battalion and we were particularly pleased to welcome Mr H. E. Flood, Honorary Secretary of the Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association. Our numbers were slightly lower than in previous years but it is felt that this was due to our change of venue after so many successful Reunions at the Westminster Medical School.

The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Brigadier M. E. M. MacWilliam, DSO, MC, TD, consists of Messrs O. H. Scammell, MC, R. E. Bullen and H. T. Burgess. The Honorary Secretary is Mr H. T. Neale, who resides at 63 St Aidan's Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E.22.

The next Reunion Dinner will again be held at the Westminster Arms on Saturday, 1st April, 1967, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets (price 17/6d) may be obtained from the Hon Secretary.

8th BATTALION THE QUEEN'S (ROYAL WEST SURREY) REGIMENT—1914-18

The annual Reunion Dinner of the 8th Battalion for those who served in the 1914-18 War will be held at the Stag Restaurant 15 Bressenden Place, Victoria, S.W.1, on Saturday 6th May, 1967.

For full details and tickets, apply to Mr G. F. Steadman, 14 Wynchgate, Southgate, London, N.14.

Personal Notices

MARRIAGES

HUMBER—COLIN.—On 9th April 1966 at South Moreton Church, Wallingford, Berks, Pte P. Humber, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Linda Mary Colin.

KENT—ROOK.—On 9th April 1966 at the Register Office, Brentford, Mx, L Cpl G. Kent, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Evelyn Rook.

LEMAITRE—COLTHORPE.—On 13th April 1966, at Guildford Cathedral, Lt F. W. Le Maitre, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Shirley Maureen Colthorpe.

KELLY—CURRIE.—On 25th April 1966, at the Register Office, Brent, Mx, L Cpl B. Kelly, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Rhoda Currie.

SOFFE—LENNON.—On 7th May 1966, at St John Fisher Church, Merton, L Cpl W. Soffe, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Julia Lennon.

BOTTOMLEY—CLUBB.—On 14th May 1966, at the Register Office, Camberwell, Pte H. Bottomley, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Linda Kay Clubb.

EASTON—CLARKE.—On 14th May 1966, at Holy Innocents Church, South Norwood, Pte J. Easton, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Carol Clarke.

McFADYEN—CLARKE-CAMPBELL.—On 3rd June 1966, at the Register Office, Amersham, Bucks, Lt F. R. McFadyen, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Rosemary Jean Clarke-Campbell.

STEWART—HARRIS.—On 4th June 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Barcombe, Sussex, Pte. G. Stewart, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Daphne Barbara Harris.

LEWIS—COUSINS.—On 11th July, 1966, at the Register Office, Wallasey, Cheshire, Pte P. Lewis, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Linda Cousins.

NICKLIN—URBAN.—On 12th August 1966, at Standesamtes, Munster, Bds P. Nicklin, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Edith Urban.

MAYE—GILMARTIN.—On 20th August 1966, at St Annes Church, Sligo, Eire, L Cpl P. Maye, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Ann Gilmartin.

MARTIN—PAGE.—On 10th September 1966, at the Register Office, Ware, Herts, Pte J. Martin, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Margaret Carol Page.

GERAGHTY—BERNES.—On 12th September 1966, at the Incarnation Church, Dublin, Eire, Pte D. Geraghty, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Amelia Bernes.

FOORD—HAMILTON.—On 17th September 1966, at St. Edmunds Church, Dartford, Kent, Pte W. Foord, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Jean Margaret Hamilton.

BIRTHS

DAVIES.—On 28th March 1966, at Dorking, to Susanna, wife of Lt R. R. Davies (late Queen's) a son, Graeme Racine.

SANDY.—On 28th April 1966, at Munster, to Beryl, wife of Pte R. Sandy, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Kim.

LAWRENCE.—On 3rd May 1966, at Croydon, to Lisbeth, wife of Lt H. I. C. Lawrence (late Queen's) a son, William Giles.

PAGANI.—On 3rd May 1966, at Munster, to Patricia, wife of L Cpl T. Pagani, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Andrew Roy.

SEWELL.—On 14th May 1966, at Munster, to Helen, wife of Pte. M. Sewell, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Ashley Leahcim.

BLYTH.—On 17th May 1966, at Munster, to the wife of L Cpl L. Blyth, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Alexander Peter.

MACEY.—On 21st May 1966, at Munster, to Christina Rose, wife of Cpl B. Macey, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Andrew James.

WILDMAN.—On 23rd May 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte. L. Wildman, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Ann Louise.

SLADE.—On 26th May 1966, at Munster, to Dolores, wife of L Cpl P. Slade, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, David Kenneth.

WILDGOOSE.—On 29th May 1966, at Canterbury, to Elizabeth Alma, wife of Lt R. L. Wildgoose, Queen's Surreys, a son, Colin Douglas.

GERRARD.—On 1st June 1966, at Munster, to Susan Joy, wife of Pte A. Gerrard, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Gary Alan.

JENKINS.—On 2nd June 1966, at Canterbury, to Maureen Lilian, wife of Pte M. Jenkins, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Sadie Frances.

WOOLFORD.—On 16th June 1966, at Munster, to Joan Dora May, wife of Bdsrm S. Woolford, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Craig Stephen.

VENTON.—On 23rd June 1966, at Munster, to Diane, wife of Pte P. Venton, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Shawn Craig.

BENNETT.—On 28th June 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Cpl D. Bennett, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Anja Sigrid.

MALLON.—On 13th July 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte J. Mallon, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Dominic Anthony.

STENT.—On 19th July 1966, at Munster, to Janice, wife of Cpl J. Stent, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Susanna Amanda Emily.

POUPONNEAU.—On 28th July 1966, at Munster, to Jutta, wife of Pte M. Pouponneau, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Jeffrey.

THOMPSON.—On 29th July 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte C. Thompson, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Tracy Marie Gillian.

MILLER.—On 3rd August 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte C. Miller, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Angela Elain.

ROBINSON.—On 6th August 1966, at Woking, to Dorothy Joy Diane, wife of Major D. A. Robinson, TD, 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), a daughter, Phillipa Jane.

WILLIAMS.—On 15th August 1966, at Munster, to Maureen May, wife of Cpl A. Williams, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Adrian Stewart.

ROGERSON.—On 23rd August 1966, at Munster, to Olive, wife of Cpl J. Rogerson, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Simon Cunliffe.

CAMPION.—On 7th September 1966, at Munster, to Linda Michele, wife of Sgt J. Campion, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Marianne Elizabeth.

NEWMAN-KNOTT.—On 30th September 1966, at Crawley, to Ivy Marjorie, wife of C Sgt K. R. Newman-Knott, 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), a son, Kevin Peter.

ROBERTS.—On 20th September 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte A. Roberts, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Kim.

REGIMENTAL FAMILIES

We regret to announce the deaths of the following:—

DRAYSON.—In June 1966, Mrs D. F. Drayson. Colonel T. MacD. Baker, former Honorary Colonel of the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment writes:—

"Many former members of the 1/6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment during the first World War, and of the 6th Battalion between the Wars and after the second War will have heard with great regret of the death of Mrs Drayson in June 1966 at the age of 86. Wife of Col A. F. Drayson, OBE, TD, DL, who commanded the 1/6th in the first War and later became Honorary Colonel of the Battalion until 1948, she interested herself wholeheartedly in the affairs of the Battalion and all members of it. There are many to this day who have cause to be grateful for her help and guidance when the man of the family was serving overseas.

She was a most gracious lady, charming and approachable, blessed with a keen sense of humour and withal most understanding. It was a great privilege to have known her and perhaps this brief note may serve to record, though inadequately, the thanks and admiration of all ranks of the 6th Surreys."

KEW.—On 6th June 1966, the wife of Major Haydn Kew, who served in the Queen's from 1928 to 1946.

JENNINGS.—On 9th October 1966, in London, Richard (Ricky) Waghorn Nevill, aged 19 years, son of Colonel M. T. N. Jennings, late The Queen's Royal Regiment.

ORPEN—PALMER.—On 11th October 1966, at Colchester, Lilian Lucy, widow of Colonel R. A. H. Orpen-Palmer, DSO, late The East Surrey Regiment.

The Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows

This Home, which is at East Molesey, provides a home for women of advancing years who are in need, and who are widows of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Regular Army.

Further particulars may be obtained from Regimental Headquarters.

Obituaries

CAPTAIN HARRY CATOR VC, MM, CROIX DE GUERRE

Harry Cator was born in 1894 and started his working life with the Midland and Great Northern Railway.

As soon as the First World War began he joined the Army and in Sept 1914 was posted to 7th (Service) Bn The East Surrey Regiment. He went to France in 1915, soon attained the rank of Sergeant and was awarded the Military Medal for his fine work during the battle of Albert. In the following year he again distinguished himself and for his gallant behaviour at the battle of Arras he was decorated with the Victoria Cross, his citation reads as follows:—

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

"Whilst consolidating the first line captured system his platoon suffered severe casualties from hostile machine-gun and rifle fire. In full view of the enemy and under heavy fire Sergeant Cator, with one man, advanced to cross the open to attack the hostile machine gun. The man accompanying him was killed after going a short distance, but Sergeant Cator continued on and picking up a Lewis gun and some drums on his way succeeded in reaching the northern end of the hostile trench. Meanwhile one of our bombing parties was seen to be held up by a machine gun. Sergeant Cator took up a position from which he sighted this gun and killed the entire team and the officer, whose papers he brought in. He continued to hold that end of the trench with the Lewis gun with such effect that the bombing squad was enabled to work along, the result being that one hundred prisoners and five machine guns were captured."

In a miraculous way Sgt Cator came through this action unscathed but he was seriously wounded by shell fire a few days later.

Between the Wars Harry worked in the Post Office and for the Unemployment Assistance Board but during the Second World War he again joined up and served as Quartermaster in a Transit Camp and then as Commandant of a prisoner of war camp at Cranwich.

Besides being a fine fighting soldier Harry

Cator was an unassuming man embued with great kindness and humanity. His sincere conviction of what was right prevented him from doing a mean act or making an unkind remark, and his humanity and strength of character are well illustrated by the tributes he received in letters from German prisoners-of-war who took the trouble to write to him after their return to Germany.

One man wrote "It took a long time before I realized that you taught us a lesson worth remembering. In a world full of passion you demonstrated an independent unanimity. You showed all understanding of the former emergency that we, the prisoners of Hostel Cranwich have all reason to be thankful to you. I think you gave us an example how our attitude should be. This letter is to give you our sincere thanks." Another POW wrote "In you I have met an Englishman who always has tried to make our life as good as possible. I shall never forget POW Camp Cranwich and its Commandant".

In conclusion it would undoubtedly be Harry's wish that his name should be closely associated with his Bn, because a remarkable spirit permeated the whole of that unit. As an indication of its fighting qualities one can note that between 1915 and early 1918 the members of the Bn won 1 VC, 2 DSOs, 13 MCs, 17 DCMs and 66 MM, and towards the end of the War the Bde Commander wrote to the C.O.—"Since the formation of the Bde the 7th Bn has not only upheld the high traditions of the Regiment but has created for itself a reputation for staunchness, reliability and fighting qualities of which all belonging to the Regiment may well be proud."

We offer our deep sympathy to Harry Cator's widow and his son.

RSM E. J. WILSON, MM

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Edgar James Wilson, late The Queen's Royal Regiment, who died at Bedford on 15th January 1966 at the age of 58. "Tug" Wilson joined the Regiment in 1927 and served with the 1st Battalion until 1935. He was recalled to the Colours in September 1939, and in July 1940, was posted to 2/7th Queen's. He remained with the Battalion until his demobilisation in December 1945.

All who knew him will remember him for his strong qualities of leadership and loyalty

that were ideally suited to the needs of an infantry battalion in war. He quickly rose to be CSM of a rifle company and distinguished himself particularly during the Italian Campaign. Despite being painfully wounded on the first morning of the Salerno Landing, he insisted on remaining on duty until ordered to the rear by his Commanding Officer. Later, in the severe fighting at Anzio, he displayed great personal gallantry and leadership at a time when the Battalion was cut-off by strong enemy forces. For his part in this action, he was deservedly awarded the Military Medal. In November 1944 after the battles of the Gothic Line, he was appointed RSM and held this position until he was demobilised. In the field he was a tower of strength and demonstrably at his best in times of adversity. In the Sergeants' Mess he was always a staunch and popular figure and one to whom must go much of the credit for the tremendous morale and spirit among its members. Later when he was RSM, he sustained to an exceptional degree this high morale which was to serve the Battalion so well in the closing stages of the War and in the unsettled months that followed.

He was, too, a loyal and regular supporter of the 2/7th Queen's Old Comrades Association, always the centre of a wide circle of friends. All of us who served with him will be grateful for the experience and for the inspiration of his indomitable spirit. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife and family and join with them in mourning the loss of a fine member of the Regiment.

SGT F. J. COOPER, DCM

Frederick James Cooper died in Jersey on 17th April 1966 in his 80th year. He was Pioneer Sergeant of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment for 13 years, and will be remembered as a most excellent man, competent, resourceful, loyal and conscientious. He joined the Regiment in 1906 and retired after 21 years service. During the 1914-18 War he was Mentioned in Despatches in May 1917, and awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal the following year. It is typical of this old soldier's unassuming manner that he always maintained this award was really to the Regiment, and he was just the holder of it.

MAJOR R. C. CAMPBELL

The following article appeared in the Isle of Wight County Press, and we are indebted to the Editor for permission to reproduce it :—

"His Word His Bond" — Major Robert Colin Campbell, for many years an esteemed resident of Totland Bay, whose death at the age of 81 was announced last week, was an officer and a gentleman, with emphasis on the latter characteristic. This trait in his character, coupled with sympathetic response from his enemy captors in the first world war, resulted in Major Campbell having a distinction which I believe to be unique. Wounded and captured during the retreat from Mons when serving with his regiment, the 1st East Surreys, he was in a German prison camp when he received a letter saying that his mother was very ill. The commandant of the prison camp was also an officer and a gentleman. Hearing of his captive's distress at the news he had received from home, he suggested that it might be possible for Major Campbell to be granted a special parole to go to see his mother if he would give his word as an officer and a gentleman voluntarily to return to captivity. The Major said he would certainly give such a guarantee, and it was arranged that he should write a letter to the Kaiser appealing for the suggested parole. The commandant sent the letter to the 'All Highest of Germany' with a strong recommendation that this unusual request should be granted. Although at that time few Britishers would have imagined that the Kaiser would be likely to show humanity to such a degree, he agreed to Major Campbell's temporary release on his promise to return after a fortnight. Without further delay the delighted and grateful prisoner was repatriated through Holland, and after spending just over a week with his mother he gallantly kept his promise and returned to the prison camp.

To those who knew Major Campbell, this evidence of his strength of character was not surprising. He showed it in many other ways, blended with kindness, hence the esteem he enjoyed among the people of the West Wight and particularly those who served under him as Chief Observer of the Royal Observer Corps in the last great war.

BRIGADIER C. E. MORRISON, DSO, MC

On 1st May, Brigadier Charles Esmond Morrison died suddenly. Twenty-five years earlier, prior to the fall of Singapore, the 2nd Surreys and the 1st Leicesters combined to form the 'British Battalion' under the command of Colonel Morrison. Lt Col Clive Wallis, who was Adjutant of the Battalion, writes :—

"Esmond was one of the finest soldiers and friends I have ever had the good fortune to meet. He was extremely proud of his connection with the East Surreys and was always interested in the news of those who served in the 'British Battalion'."

For his personal gallantry during the Battle of Kampar, and his outstanding leadership of the British Battalion during the Malayan Campaign, Lt Col Morrison was awarded the DSO. Perhaps Esmond Morrison's leadership will chiefly be remembered during the appalling conditions of captivity after the capitulation. The example of his personal courage and quiet dignified bearing was an inspiration to the men of the British Battalion during those terrible years from February 1942 to June 1945. Few will forget seeing him struck in the face again and again by a Japanese NCO, who had to jump to reach him. At the conclusion of the affair, Lt Col Morrison picked up his glasses from the mud and walked away unruffled, whilst the Nip stood there utterly defeated.

There will be many old soldiers and friends of the old 2nd Bn East Surreys who will mourn the passing of this distinguished soldier.

C.O'N.W.

MAJOR E. W. MAYHEW, MC, TD

May a serving Territorial write an appreciation of our much respected Old Comrade, Major Ernest Mayhew? Those of us who knew him at Bermondsey held him in special affection. He never missed a Regimental Reunion or a Remembrance Sunday parade. Always cheerful, always interested in our activities, officers of later generations learnt much from him on the meaning of true pride in, and lasting service for, a Regiment. We too shall in our turn become Old Comrades; we shall have learnt from Ernest Mayhew that service does not stop with our last parade. We shall miss him sadly, and always think of him as a pattern of an Officer, Old Comrade and Christian.

T.C.

LT COL K. L. S. LAWTON

Keith Lawton was educated at Harrow and commissioned in the Surreys in 1917 at the age of 18 years. His elder brother had served with the 1st Battalion until wounded in 1914. Keith Lawton joined the 12th Surreys and was himself wounded in August 1918 in the Ypres Salient. Between the Wars he served in Turkey and Gibraltar, and was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion in India. He will be remembered as a keen and accomplished horseman. Rejoining the 1st Battalion from service in The Gold Coast Regiment in 1939, he became Second in Command, and at the Battle of the Escaut was again wounded. He commanded the 10th Surreys in 1941, and later served in North Africa on General Eisenhower's staff. He formed the Inspectorate of Army Equipment, and as a full Colonel served in Italy until 1947. His younger son was killed on active service with the Royal Marine Commandos in 1944. He is survived by his widow and one son to whom our sympathy is extended.

LIEUT COLONEL H. F. STONEHAM, OBE, FZS

Hugh Frederic Stoneham joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1910, and went to France with the 1st Battalion in August 1914. He was badly wounded at the Battle of the Marne, and was never again really fit for active soldiering. Unable to return to the Regiment, Hugh Stoneham held staff appointments on General Smuts' Headquarters in East Africa and later in India and Mesopotamia. He was awarded the OBE and Mentioned in Despatches for his services on the staff. After the War, he joined the King's African Rifles in Uganda, and retired from the Army in 1925. Hugh Stoneham was very keen on natural history and founded the Stoneham Museum at Kitale in Kenya. He was a Fellow of the Zoological Society. He also had a fine collection of medals. Although unable to keep in close contact, Colonel Stoneham maintained a keen interest in his old Regiment until the end. A number of old friends will regret his passing on.

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

REDFORD.—On 26th September 1965, CQMS William Abel Redford, BEM (6397816) aged 51. Served in the Queen's from 1932 to 1956.

HISTED.—In September 1965, James Thomas Histed, aged 79. Served in the Queen's from 1908 to 1918.

WILSON.—On 15th January 1966, RSM Edgar James Wilson, MM (6084008), The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 58. (See Obituary).

CHATFIELD.—On 2nd March 1966, Pte Thomas Henry Chatfield (2182), aged 72. Served in the Queen's from 1914 to 1916.

LARKIN.—On 30th March 1966, L Cpl A. E. Larkin, aged 68. Served in the Queen's from 1915 to 1919.

GARROD.—On 31st March 1966, Sgt Frederick Francis William Garrod (6076209), aged 73. Served in the Queen's from 1908 to 1931. "Pat" Garrod was Band Sgt of the 2nd Battalion from 1919 onwards.

RIVERS.—On 4th April 1966, L Cpl James William Rivers (6136723), aged 61. Served in the Surreys from 1924 to 1943.

COOPER.—On 17th April 1966, Sgt Frederick James Cooper, DCM (6132267), The East Surrey Regiment, aged 80. (See Obituary).

MAYHEW.—On 20th April 1966, Major Ernest W. Mayhew, MC, TD, The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 80. (See Obituary).

PETERS.—On 12th May 1966, Jesse Arthur Peters, who served in the Queen's from 1914 to 1926. He was Town Crier of Guildford from 1946. An accomplished musician, he formed an Army Cadet Band in 1942 and was Bandmaster of the Guildford Sea Cadets from 1952 to the time of his death.

PORCH.—On 16th May 1966, Major Esme Austin Reeves Porch, aged 65. "Jeff" Porch who served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1921 to 1937 was a cheerful, popular officer and a good all-round games player.

PURTOCK.—On 31st May 1966, Sgt F. G. Puttock, aged 85. "Ernie" Puttock served in the Surreys from 1910 to 1940. He was Transport Sergeant and later Provost Sergeant of the 1st Battalion.

WILSON.—In May 1966, Captain Kenneth James Wilson, aged 67. "K.J." joined the Queen's during the last few months of the 1914-18 War and retired in 1935.

LAWTON.—On 9th June 1966, Lt Col Keith Leslie Stein Lawton, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 67. (See Obituary).

PONSFORD.—On 23rd June 1966, Lt Col John Francis Kenneth Ponsford, aged 66. He was commissioned in the Queen's in August 1918 and retired in 1938. He was recalled for service in the 1939-45 War.

FITZSIMMONS.—On 5th July 1966, Major Gerald Fitzsimmons, aged 68. Enlisting at the age of 17, he served in France in the London Rifle Brigade and the Surreys. Appointed to a commission in the Queen's in June 1940, Gerald Fitzsimmons continued serving until 1957.

BERRY.—On 13th July 1966, whilst on holiday in Italy, ORQMS Leslie Jack Berry, MBE, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 59. He served in the 1st Surreys in the 1930s and after service in the 6th Battalion was posted to the Royal Signals. After the War, he was Chief Clerk at HQ 131 (Surrey) Infantry Brigade (TA) and at the time of his death was Chief Clerk of 263 (SYQM) Field Regiment RA (TA).

CAMPBELL.—On 27th July 1966, Major Robert Colin Campbell, The East Surrey Regiment, a week before his 82nd birthday. Commissioned in 1903, all his service was in the 1st Battalion. While commanding a company at the Battle of Mons in 1914 he was four times wounded and taken prisoner. Released at the Armistice in 1918, he rejoined the 1st Battalion in time to take part in the expedition to North Russia. Major Campbell retired in 1925 and settled in the Isle of Wight. (See Obituary).

DAWSON.—On 15th August 1966, Capt John Dawson, The Queen's Royal Regiment. At the outbreak of the 1939-45 War "Gerry" Dawson was a Sergeant in 1/5th Queen's, and was later commissioned in the field in North Africa. He served in the same Battalion throughout.

EATON.—In August 1966, Capt William J. Eaton, aged 73. Enlisting in the RAMC in 1910, he transferred to The East Surrey Regiment four years later, and served until 1920. On demobilization he joined the 6th Surreys, and was commissioned in June 1939. Capt Eaton was appointed Quartermaster of 2/6th Surreys, and continued serving until 1948, when he finally retired after 38 years service.

STONEHAM.—On 27th September 1966, Lt Col Hugh Frederic Stoneham, OBE, FZS, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 77. (See Obituary).

EATWELL.—In 1966, Pte F. T. Eatwell (203446) aged 73. He served in the 9th Surreys from 1915 to 1919 and was taken prisoner with the remnants of the Battalion in 1918. Mr. Eatwell's anecdote of the address of the Commanding Officer (Lt Col C. A. Clark, DSO, MC) on that occasion was published in the November 1962 issue of the Regimental Journal.

DAVEY.—On 13th October 1966, Pte Herbert E. V. Davey, aged 56. He joined the Territorial Army in 1928 and served for many years in the 4th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA).

Extracts from The London Gazette

REGULAR ARMY

PROMOTIONS

2 Lt G. C. Brown to be Lt 10 Feb 66.
Capt J. W. Francis to be Major 20 Apr 66.
Lt D. J. C. Dickins to be Captain 22 Apr 66.
2 Lt M. F. Howard to be Lt 18 June 66.
Brig D. L. Lloyd Owen, DSO, OBE, MC to be Maj-General 20 June 66.
Capt M. J. Doyle to be Major 4 July 66.
Capt J. G. W. Davidson to be Major 31 July 66.

COMMISSIONS

WO2(RQMS) R. E. B. Morris to be Lt(QM) 3 Mar 66.
Offr Cadet M. A. Shelmerdine (Mons OCS) to be 2 Lt 8 Apr 66.
WO1 (RSM) R. L. Wildgoose to be Lt 1 Jul 66.
Offr Cadet M. Hyatt (RMAS) to be 2 Lt 29 Jul 66.
Offr Cadet C. H. Tuckwell (RMAS) to be 2 Lt 29 Jul 66.
Offr Cadet R. G. White (RMAS) to be 2 Lt 29 Jul 66.

RETIREMENTS

Capt T. C. Rogerson 17 May 66.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Appointments

Lt Col S. H. Sellicks appointed to RARO in rank of Lt Col (QM) 12 May 66.

Relinquishment of Commission

Major (QM) J. E. Griffin ceased to belong to RARO 1 May 66.

Capt (Hon Maj) N. E. Morris ceased to belong to RARO 2 Oct 66.

Major (Hon Lt Col) P. B. J. A. Carroll, relinquishes his commission 27 Jul 66.

Lt (Hon Capt) P. G. Foster, relinquishes his commission 9 Oct 66.

TERRITORIAL ARMY PROMOTIONS

2 Lt R. A. O. Bhur to be Lt 16 Apr 66.
Lt (QM) W. A. Messenger to be Capt (QM) 20 Feb 66.
Major W. E. McConnell, TD, to be Lt Col 5 May 66.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Appointments

Lt P. E. Marchant. To TARO from Active List 10 Aug 66.

Ceased to belong to TARO

Capt (Hon Maj) R. Fairbairn, TD 15 Apr 66

Major J. E. Pearson, TD 20 Apr 66.
Major G. Y. Strawson, TD 27 Apr 66.
Lt Col (Bt Col) H. H. Walker, TD 31 May 66.

Major T. G. A. Richards, TD 3 June 66.
Capt (Hon Maj) G. J. C. Polkinhorne 13 Jul 66.

Capt L. J. E. Readwin 16 Jul 66.

Capt J. W. Cummins, MBE 30 Sept 66.

Recruiting Staff

The following are now employed on Recruiting duties:—

C Sgt Swift who relieved C Sgt Smith as NCO i/c Home Counties Brigade Recruiting Team at Canterbury. The latter returned to the 1st Battalion in July. Pte Johns has also joined the Brigade Team as a driver.

Sgt Lane is at Guildford, Sgt Thompson at Blackheath, Sgt Gill at Camberwell. Sgt Maloney has relieved Sgt West in Surbiton. The latter leaves the Army in September.

LOCATION STATEMENT

Regular and Short Service Officers and Warrant Officers of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt.

(a) Regular Officers

(b) Short Service Officers

Capt J. F. G. Hayes	Ministry of Defence (Q6(A)) Chessington
Lt G. E. Mileham, MBE	7 Signal Regiment, BAOR
Lt (QM) D. W. Adkins	5th Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) (TA)
Lt (QM) R. E. B. Morris	1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO)
Lt R. L. Wildgoose	205 Signal Squadron, Tidworth
2 Lt D. J. Heath	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
2 Lt J. E. Horan	Home Counties Brigade Depot
2 Lt F. R. McFadyen	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
2 Lt M. A. Shelmerdine	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

(c) Warrant Officers

WOI (RSM) H. Boseley	..	..	..	Hong Kong Military Service Corps
WOI (RSM) P. Floyd	..	..	..	3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WOI (RSM) J. Rodgers	..	..	..	4/5th Bn The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (TA)
WOI (RSM) L. B. Wilson	..	..	..	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WOI (RSM) K. Yonwin	..	..	..	Royal Hong Kong Defence Force
WOI (S/Clk) A. Wilmhurst	..	..	..	HQ Director of Infantry, Warminster
WOI (RSM) A. Colyer	..	..	..	4th Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WOI (Bd Mr) F. Short	..	..	..	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (CSM) H. C. Hyde	..	..	..	Camp Comd Staff, Ministry of Defence, London
WO2 (ORQMS) E. A. C. Pott	..	..	..	School of Infantry, Warminster

WO2 (CSM) J. J. W. Morris	4th Bn The Buffs (TA)
WO2 (CSM) A. Quickenden	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (RQMS) L. Jessup	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (CSM) L. H. Piper	4th Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WO2 (CSM) W. G. Warren	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (CSM) P. L. A. Todd	5th Bn The Buffs (TA)
WO2 (CSM) A. A. Cakebread	5th Bn The Buffs (TA)
WO2 (RQMS) R. J. Benson	Home Counties Brigade Depot
WO2 (CSM) R. A. Jennings	1st Bn The Royal Sussex Regiment
WO2 (CSM) W. E. K. Hopkins	3rd Bn Malaysia Rangers
WO2 (CSM) B. Dunkeld	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (CSM) R. Riley	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
WO2 (CSM) H. T. Chaffer, MM	4th Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WO2 (D/Maj) P. Howells	1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO)
WO2 (CSM) P. Warner	3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WO2 (CSM) D. Harding	3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)
WO2 (CSM) A. Palmer	Home Counties Brigade Depot
WO2 (CSM) B. Morris	1st Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

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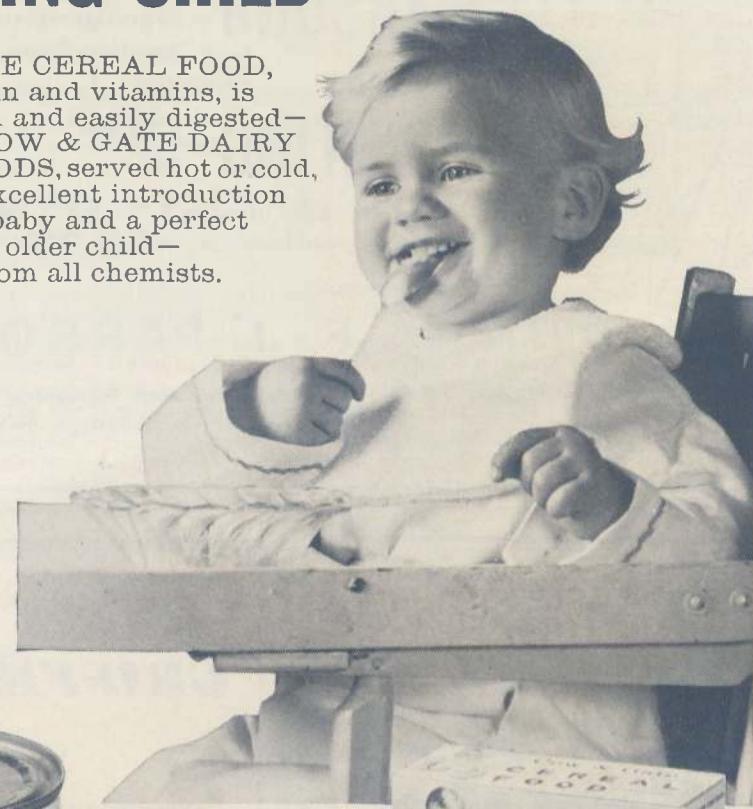
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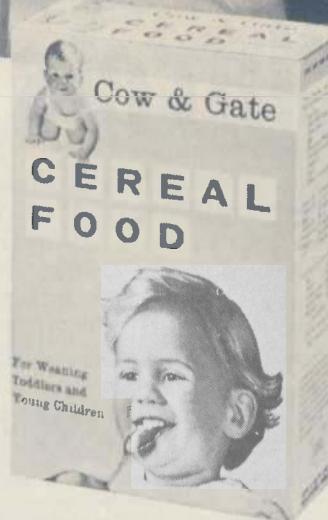
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The Lord Lieutenant takes the salute at the march past.

Surreys mark history with a monument

IT was one of those freakishly warm October days. "Real Surrey weather," remarked one old soldier with satisfaction as he lined up with old comrades in the Regimental Association to take part in the tercentenary parade of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment on Putney Heath on Saturday.

"We always have good weather for our big parades," he explained with a smile.

It certainly was a glorious day to mark the climax to the regiment's tercentenary year. On the same site as its first-ever parade under the Earl of Peterborough on October 14, 1661, the regiment parade once again and the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey (the Earl of Munster) unveiled a monument to commemorate the event.

A plain, clean cut monument in Portland stone and standing some eight feet high, it bears the regimental badge and the inscription:

"This monument was unveiled on the 300th anniversary of the first parade of the Tangier Regiment of Foot, now the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, held on Putney Heath on October 14, 1661."

Tangier was part of the dowry of Princess Catherine of Braganza on her marriage to King Charles II, and in 1661 the Earl of Peterborough was commissioned to raise a regiment to garrison the new possession.

This regiment, known initially as the Tangier Regiment, became the 2nd of Foot, later the Queen's Royal Regiment, and now the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

COLOURFUL

The band of the 1st Battalion, under Bandmaster W. Snowden, over here for the tercentenary celebrations while the 1st Battalion is in Aden, took part in the parade. The ceremony was a colourful and moving occasion.

Men from the Home Counties Brigade Depot and from the regiment's 3rd and 4th T.A. Battalions were in their number one uniforms, and colour parties from both battalions took part.

Members of the Regimental Association paraded in civilian dress, with medals. At their head

was Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Dowler, a former Colonel of the East Surrey Regiment.

Commanding the parade was the Colonel of the Home Counties Brigade (Colonel M. T. N. Jennings).

The salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant and flanking the saluting dias were two Chelsea Pensioners in bright scarlet tunics. The General Officer Commanding Eastern Command (General Sir Gerald Lathbury) was received with a general salute.

REMINDER

The Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General J. F. Metcalfe), asking the Bishop of Guildford (the Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp) to bless the monument, said it would stand not only as a memorial to past members of the Regiment, but also as a reminder to those who come after of their duty to God, sovereign and country.

The Bishop then blessed the monument. He was assisted during the service by the Assistant Chaplain-General of London district (the Rev. G. R. Whitcombe), the Chaplain of the 3rd Battalion (the Rev. R. C. L. Pilgrim) and the Chaplain to the 4th Battalion (the Rev. D. Landreth).

The Commandant General of Royal Marines (Lieutenant-General Ian Ricks) and Captain J. G. Wells, of H.M.S. Excellent, were among those who attended and a number of mayors and chairmen of councils throughout Surrey were also present.

The popularity of the event caused something of a headache for police, for not only did hundreds of people arrive on foot, but the police soon found their car park for 400 vehicles was totally inadequate—over 1,000 cars had to be squeezed in during the afternoon.

PARTIES NAME CANDIDATES

FIGHT FOR TEDDINGTON COUNTY SEAT

The three political parties have now announced their candidates for the by-election to be held next month for the vacant seat on Middlesex County Council caused by the death of Councillor Norman Sheldon, of Teddington. The seat is for the Teddington county division, which consists of the Upper and Lower Teddington and Hampton Wick wards of the borough.

Two of the candidates are doctors—one of medicine, the other of philosophy.

The Conservative candidate, chosen this week, will be Mr. George Bell-Wright, of 60, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, a bank official in the City, whose wife has been a Twickenham councillor for central ward since 1958.

He has lived in the borough for 15 years and for 12 years has been an active member of the local Conservative association. It is the first time he has fought an election.

Dr. Oliver Penrose, of 42, Lebanon Park, Twickenham, will be Labour's candidate. He is assistant secretary of Twickenham Labour Party and a lecturer at Imperial College, London. He is a B.Sc. and a doctor of philosophy. He was unsuccessful in his attempt to join Twickenham Council in May.

The Liberal candidate will be Dr. Gordon Feltham, of 20a, Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, who has a medical practice in Fairfield Road, Kingston.

HOUSEHOLDERS GET WARNING

'NO GRANTS TOWARD SMOKELESS GRATES'

Householders who have bought smokeless fuel grates in anticipation of Twickenham Council's first smoke control order, will not qualify for a grant towards their cost.

A warning to people who might be considering buying equipment under the impression that part of the cost will be reimbursed, was given at Monday's annual meeting of Twickenham Citizens' Advice Bureau by the organiser, Mrs. I. Rees Brown.

She said the bureau had dealt with two cases where people had bought smokeless fuel grates, thinking that they would be eligible for a grant. Such grants could only be paid where the grates were fitted after a smoke control order had been confirmed by the Government. So far, Twickenham's first smoke control order—for the Heathfield area of the town—has not been officially confirmed.

Mrs. Rees Brown advised anyone who was in doubt about whether smokeless fuel equipment would qualify for a grant or not, should enquire at the council's health department at Elmfield House, Teddington.

It was Twickenham C.A.B.'s 20th annual meeting and Mrs. Rees Brown, in her annual report, said the bureaux were one of the good things which had come out of the war.

4,500 callers

Since the Twickenham bureau was opened in March, 1941, it had dealt with many thousands of callers. There had been more than 4,500 in the past year.

A typical example of a day in the life of the bureau was last Wednesday, when four interviewers and a legal adviser had dealt with 45 callers. She thanked the voluntary staff for the cheerful and unselfish manner in which they carried out their duties.

On Wednesday, 733 people had

Art Head leaving

Records broken at honey and wine show

Records were broken last Saturday at Mowbray school, Dorking, when the third Surrey Honey and Wine Show was held. The show was arranged by Surrey Beekeepers' Association with the co-operation of Surrey Education Committee.

In the adult classes for honey and wine there were over 300 entries from 76 exhibitors, both were record numbers. The honey judge, Mr. G. Hawthorne, awarded the cup for the best display to Epsom division for the second year running. The cup for the member gaining the most points went to Mr. F. G. Ashby (Dorking) and Mr. A. Golder (Weybridge) won the cup for the best sections of combe honey.

An interesting feature of the show was the display of bee craft arranged by Surrey schools and the best exhibit was entered by Sutton East secondary school.

During the afternoon there were lectures and films dealing with various aspects of beekeeping.

The wine judge, Commander J. N. Mudie, R.N., had a difficult task judging 62 bottles of mead, fruit, flower and root wines and the most successful competitor was Mr. S. A. E. Collins (Epsom).

Prizes and certificates for the children were presented by Sir John Wenham, president of Surrey Beekeepers' Association, who referred to the valuable work being done in the schools today in encouraging beekeeping.

Sir John, himself a beekeeper, told of the occasion when he was stung over 200 times and the next day had to attend a county council meeting.

The show was attended by the Chairman of Dorking Council (Councillor J. Lloyd) and Mrs. Lloyd. Before presenting the prizes for the adult classes Councillor Lloyd appealed to all gardeners and farmers who used chemical sprays and insecticides to exercise good care as untold damage was being done to bees throughout the country.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HOSPITAL SERVICE

Kingston Parish Church, which recently broke fresh ground with its colourful harvest festival service supported by the town's market traders, inaugurates another new service on Sunday.

Arrangements have been made, with the assistance of the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Pilkington) for a group hospital service to be held at 6.30 p.m. to which the public is invited.

Secretary of the Kingston Hospital Group Management Committee (Mr. K. W. H. Lininton) told the SURREY COMET, "This will be the first occasion we have been able to invite members of the public to join with representatives of all our hospital committees, and medical, nursing, administrative and domestic staffs, in celebration of Hospital Sunday, and we are anxious to make this a very special occasion."

Their aim: to help old people



INVITED to a cheese and wine party, helpers of Surbiton old people's welfare committee thronged the committee's centre at Alfriston, Surbiton, on Friday.

The visitors, who included the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. D. J. M. Greenwood), were welcomed by Alderman Mrs. Amy Woodgate, chairman, who said the appeals committee had had so much help from so many people that it wanted to provide an opportunity for everyone to meet and view the premises.

Alfriston was the home and centre from which the work for elderly people was carried on, she explained. She felt most of the guests knew and understood what the committee was trying to do, and she invited criticisms as well as new ideas.

The committee had no regular income. Surbiton Council let Alfriston for the work rent free, but that was where that help began and ended. Money was coming in from all sorts of people who had been very generous, but a permanent income would be more useful.

More needed

Outside help could also be useful if people would give the committee the names and addresses of any elderly people they knew to be in need of any kind of assistance.

The committee had a wonderful band of voluntary workers, but needed more people who would go out and help the old folk, many of whom were lonely

The Mayoress examining some of the old folk's handicrafts.

and needed special assistance from a friendly visitor.

"I am making the most of my chances during my year of office to inspire people to help old people," said the Mayor. He said he had given the proceeds of his annual flag day to the old people's welfare fund, and a fifth of the income from the charity ball he was arranging for November 1.

Everybody must realise that the time would come when they would grow old themselves so that by helping the welfare funds today they would be helping themselves in the years to come.

On display in the rooms were items of knitting, needlework and other handcraft products made by members of the old people's club, and Mr. F. Osswell Jones, who is 89, showed a couple of dozen pictures he had painted of scenes in London and in St. Helena, where he lived for many years.

PLANNING APPEAL

Permission for Mr. E. B. Barry to build two maisonettes and three garages on land adjoining 17, Sunmead Road, Sunbury, has been refused by Sunbury Council.

The application was refused on the ground that the two maisonettes would result in a density exceeding that normally accepted for the locality.

An appeal has been lodged and the Minister of Housing has appointed Mr. C. A. K. Innes Wilson to hold an inquiry on December 5.

READ MORE AT HOME'

HEAD'S ADVICE TO PUPILS

"More reading at home and less television," was the advice given to pupils of Hollyfield secondary school, Surbiton, by the Headmaster (Mr. O. C. Humphreys) at the annual prizegiving at the Coronation Hall, Kingston, on Monday.

He told parents it was quite certain their children did not read enough at home. With five English lessons a week it was impossible to give more than one library period at school, so home reading was essential. Only by this means could children develop their vocabulary and powers of expression.

Mr. Humphreys said the school year began with 760 boys and girls on the roll. Many more were staying on into the fifth form, but they did not all recognise the importance of industry before that stage.

Children should work with a sense of urgency from the first years at school, not only to achieve good examination results but—much more important—strength of character and self-reliance.

'No gimmicks'

It was necessary to develop a love of work and a determination to achieve, however hard the task.

Putting the old proverb "a good wine needs no bush" into a modern idiom, Mr. Humphreys declared that "a good school needs no gimmicks." Beautiful buildings and spectacular events attracted attention, but they were wasted if the teaching staff were not dedicated.

Hollyfield's buildings, though adequate, were not good, but the school had a staff with a single end—the development of each and every child to the full extent of their capacity.

The guest speaker was the Divisional Education Officer (Mr. J. S. Bishop), and the cups and prizes were presented by his wife. The chairman of the governors, Brigadier J. H. Butters, was in the chair.

Suzanne Turner, head girl, and Alan Mason, head boy, proposed votes of thanks, and the school choir performed two groups of songs.

Ambassadors for road safety

Giving a welcome to a new Surbiton Junior Accident Prevention Council when it met for the first time at Surbiton Council offices on Tuesday last week, the Mayor (Councillor D. J. M. Greenwood) called on the members to be ambassadors for road safety.

"Keep your eyes open," he urged, "and speak to your school friends and other children when you see them not obeying the code of good conduct on the roads."

The election of officers resulted in the selection of Susan East and Barbara Barr, both of Tolworth secondary girls' school, as chairman and vice-chairman respectively, and Martin Eason (Surbiton Grammar School) as secretary.

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