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Editorial

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As we go to press it looks as if the long period of uncertainty about the future of the Territorial Army is coming to an end. A Government White Paper published in December gave details of the new Army Volunteer Reserve for the reinforcement of the Regular Army in peacetime, and in February the Minister of Defence announced the formation of a home defence force to assist in keeping order in conditions of general war.

Life has not been easy for the Territorial Army during recent months, when at times it appeared as if the Government saw no requirement for volunteer units for home defence. Nevertheless the 3rd and 4th Battalions have soldiered on with great determination. The 4th Battalion has managed to increase its strength during this period much against the general trend, and both Battalions distinguished themselves in the recent Territorial Army Marathon. This annual competition for the Courage Trophy is a severe test of physical fitness and military skills. This year 29 teams took part from nearly all the major units in and around London, and four of the first six places were filled by the Queen's Surreys. The Regiment retained the trophy for the second year running, the winners this time being B Coy, 3 Queen's Surreys, and teams from 4 Queen's Surreys came third, fifth and sixth.

In the Foreword to the first number of the Regimental Journal, the then Colonel of the Regiment wrote:

"We live in times of great change. Weapons of mass destruction have altered the nature of war and the tactics, training and organization of the Army. The tremendous cost of modern weapons demands the reduction of the size of our armed forces, and the increased mobility provided by air transport enables a smaller Army to apply its striking power quickly wherever it is needed. Thus has come about the reduction of the Infantry, involving the amalgamation of old regiments and their rebirth in a new form."

It remains to be seen whether the changing pattern of the modern world and Britain's

defence policy will require further changes in the organization of infantry regiments.

In this issue we are pleased to publish accounts by members of the Regiment of attachments to foreign armies. Articles of interest, or of an amusing or unusual nature are always welcome.

The staff of Regimental Headquarters has said farewell to yet another of our founder members, Mrs R. F. S. Symonds, our typist extraordinary. We include in this Journal a short appreciation of her services.

At the same time we extend a warm welcome to her successor, Mrs C. J. Porter, and hope she will have a happy and successful tour at R.H.Q.

As the Journal was going to press we received the sad news of the death of Capt Harry Cator, VC, MM. An obituary will appear in our next issue. Those who attended the Tercentenary Banquet in 1961 will remember Harry Cator's moving words and the deep conviction with which he proposed "Absent Comrades." To Mrs Cator and her family we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. R. F. S. Symonds

It is with much regret that we have had to say farewell to Mrs. Ruby Symonds, who was, until January 28, 1966, a typist on the staff of Regimental Headquarters. She has had to resign for personal reasons. Mrs. Symonds joined R.H.Q. soon after amalgamation in 1959 and can, therefore, be regarded as one of our founder members.

As a typist she was quite outstanding and possessed an amazing appetite for this kind of work. In addition to her normal duties, almost every article contained in the Journal in the past was typed by her before being sent on to the printers.

But it is as a friend and colleague that she will be mostly missed. She had a happy and likeable disposition and was very popular with all members of the staff. We are all very sorry to lose her and extend to both her and her husband our best wishes for a happy and successful future in their new abode on the Essex Riviera.

As a token of the Regiment's appreciation and as a farewell gift, she was presented with a silver teapot.

Honours and Awards

Our warmest congratulations go to Major J. H. S. Burgess, now serving with the 1st Battalion, who has been awarded the M.B.E. for gallantry in Aden.

He served two emergency tours of duty, one as a Military Intelligence Officer in Aden, was personally connected with the arrest of 26 terrorists who are now detained, and made many other arrests of persons required for questioning. These arrests, normally carried out at night, and often against armed men, involved considerable risk. On one occasion, he led a small party of soldiers into a known terrorist area and captured a quantity of arms and ammunition.

The citation says: "Throughout his tour in Aden Major Burgess has repeatedly ignored risks to his own personal safety and has displayed a high degree of courage and devotion to duty far beyond the normal call."

We congratulate Major H. C. Millman first on the award in the Royal Malaysian Birthday Honours List of the Order of the Ahli Mangku Negara for services rendered in Sarawak; and second, on again being Mentioned-in-Despatches, this time for services in the Borneo Territories in 1965.

Our congratulations also go to Capt. L. Long on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration and First Clasp, and to Major E. A. Robinson on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration itself.

HISTORY OF THE ARMY IN CANTERBURY

The following appeal has been received from the Commanding Officer of the Home Counties Brigade Depot:

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

Items of Interest

Globetrotters

The serving soldiers are not the only ones to get around the world. An account of General Piggott's visit to Canada was published in our last issue, and he has since been out to the Far East.

Brigadier and Mrs Roupell wisely avoided the worst of the English winter by going to South Africa. An account of the visit to our Allied Australian Regiment by Lt Col Willis and Major Sutton appears elsewhere in this issue. Their visit Down Under coincided, oddly enough, with the Test Matches. Col Hannaford, now a Queen's Messenger, is undoubtedly our No. 1 globetrotter. He is in the process of visiting nearly all the capitals of the world in the course of his duties, except Australia, New Zealand and North America. Major Hill on a brief trip to North America and Canada was able to visit Major Geary, VC, and our Allied Canadian Regiment in Toronto.

In these days of high speed travel, we take these long distances as a matter of course. It is interesting to read in the Journal of The East Surrey Regiment of August 1933 an article on air travel entitled "London to Lahore in Eight Days."

6300240 Pte R. T. Cooper, Queen's

Pte Cooper was killed in action at Salerno on 25th September 1943 at the age of 17. His name is in the Regiment's Roll of Honour.

During a visit to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Salerno last year, a photograph of Pte Cooper's grave was taken by Mr D. Wallace, Shoreditch College, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. Mr Wallace will be pleased to forward the negative to Pte Cooper's next-of-kin if they write to him at the above address.

8th Queen's

Lt Col D. C. Snowdon reports that when he visited Lydd Church in Kent on 13th March 1966, he found just inside the main door and mounted on the wall, the original wooden cross from the grave of CSM W. Chesterman, 8th Queen's. It is dated 25th April 1916.

At this time, the 8th Queen's was the Battalion in Brigade support near Wulverghem in Belgium. They suffered a considerable number of casualties from an enemy gas

attack, and it is possible that CSM Chesterman was one of those affected.

Royal Military College, Duntroon, Australia

A new chapel at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Australia has recently been consecrated. A suggestion was made by the previous UK High Commissioner that the badges of affiliated corps and regiments should face each other across the central aisle from the sides of the pews. An appeal for the new chapel was launched under the code name "Operation Christian Soldier."

We have contributed regimentally to the carving of the badge of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment in the Chapel, and have received from the Commandant of the Royal Military College a letter expressing the keen appreciation of the Chapel Trustees.

Major F. Waspe, MBE

Major "Buzz" Waspe embarked on a short sea voyage at the end of last year and is now established at Westcote, Coach Lane, Brading, Isle of Wight. We hope we shall still have the pleasure of seeing him at Regimental functions.

Main Regimental Events 1966

May 7	Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Association Annual Dinner. Kingston upon Thames.	July 9—23	3rd and 4th Bns Queen's Surreys ^{TA} Annual Camp, Okehampton, Devon.
May 11	Home Counties Brigade Golf Meeting, Tandridge, Surrey.	Sept 3—4	4th Queen's Surreys Rifle Meeting, Ash Ranges.
May 31	Regimental Golf Society Meeting versus Royal Marines.	Sept 9	Salerno Day.
June 3, 4 and 5	Glorious First of June Celebrations with HMS <i>Excellent</i> , Munster, Germany.	Sept 24—25	3rd Queen's Surreys Rifle Meeting, Ash Ranges.
June 10	Officers' Club Cocktail Party, Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, S.W.1.	Oct 5—6	Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting, Sudbrook Park, Richmond.
June 12	Regimental Church Service at Guildford Cathedral.	Oct 7	Officers' Club Annual Dinner, Claridges, Brook Street, London, W.1.
June 17	3rd Queen's Surreys Officers' Ball at Hyde Park Hotel.	Oct 15	Regimental Association Annual Reunion, Porchester Hall, Queensway, London, W.2.
July 1	50th Anniversary of the Battles of the Somme, Thiepval, France.	Oct 21	4th Queen's Surreys Officers' Ball, Hurlingham Club.
July 3	Home Counties Brigade Depot "At Home," Canterbury.	Nov 13	Remembrance Sunday, Guildford, Kingston, Croydon, Bermondsey, Battersea.

The Royal Marines

The family association between the Regiment and the Royal Marines continues. The sons of Colonel H. B. L. Smith and Colonel P. E. C. Andrews, both previously of The East Surrey Regiment, have been commissioned into the Royal Marines. Colonel Andrews is serving in Singapore. It is believed to be the first time for many years that the father in the Regiment and son in the Royal Marines have been serving at the same time.

National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen

DO YOU KNOW

that there is a branch of this organisation operating in the locality of your home?

It is only waiting for a personal call from you, or a ring on the telephone or a postcard, to get busy with your employment problem.

You can always get the address of your area jobfinder from your local Post Office or from your regimental association.

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

A Glimpse of Regimental History

In this May issue of the Journal we thought it might be of interest to look over our shoulder to see how the Regular battalions of the Regiment were engaged in this month at various periods of our history.

As it happens, May in the years selected was pretty uneventful. Although there are no particularly stirring incidents to record, the various activities and locations of the Regiment may be found of interest.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO—May 1941

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1st Queen's formed part of the Razmak Column, and were engaged principally in keeping open the road between Razmak and Bannu on the North West Frontier of India.

The 2nd Battalion were in the Western Desert, first at Daba and later in the Amariya staging camp. On 22nd and 25th May the Battalion embarked for Crete in *HMS Glenroy*, but were unable to land and had to return to Alexandria.

The East Surrey Regiment

The 1st Battalion were training in Scotland, and as part of 11th Infantry Brigade became a founder member of the 78th Division.

The 2nd Surreys, forming part of the 6th Indian Infantry Brigade, were also training. They were stationed at Tanjong Pau in the extreme north of Malaya and close to the Thailand frontier.

FIFTY YEARS AGO—May 1916

The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment

May 1916 found both Regular battalions in the line, the 1st Queen's on the La Bassee front and the 2nd Battalion at Fricourt. Raiding was the principal activity in the comparative lull before the great battles of the Somme commenced.

The East Surrey Regiment

The 1st Battalion were enjoying a comparatively quiet period alternating trench warfare with company training at Agnez-

lez-Duisans. The 2nd Battalion, who then formed part of the Salonika Expeditionary Force were in the Baldza Pass Camp, north of Salonika itself.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO—May 1866

The 2nd or Queen's Royal Regiment

The 1st Battalion, home from the campaign in China, moved from one station to another. In May 1866 they had just completed a year at Cork, and a few weeks later were en route for India.

After service in Bermuda, where they had suffered severely as the result of an epidemic of yellow fever, the 2nd Battalion which had been raised nine years earlier, returned to home service in Ireland.

The Thirty First Regiment

The Thirty First who had also returned from the operations in China, were staging in Portsmouth immediately prior to embarking for Ireland to augment the existing garrison.

The Seventieth (Surrey) Regiment

The Seventieth had just returned home on the conclusion of the Maori War, and were stationed at Shorncliffe.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO—May 1766

The 2nd or Queen's Royal Regiment

The Regiment was stationed in the Isle of Man where their principal activity was the prevention of smuggling by the enterprising islanders.

The Thirty First Foot

The Thirty First were at Pensacola in Florida, suffering the ravages of yellow fever contracted at Jamaica on the outward voyage from England.

The Seventieth Foot

The Seventieth who had been raised eight years previously, were in their third year of a ten year tour at Grenada in the West Indies.

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO—May 1666

The Tangier Regiment of Foot

The recently formed Regiment were on garrison duties in Tangier where the Mole and perimeter defences were in course of construction.

Extracts from The London Gazette

REGULAR ARMY

PROMOTIONS

2 Lt D. M. Tucker to be Lt 28 July 65.
Maj J. W. Sewell to be Lt Col 7 Nov 65.
Lt (QM) F. B. Oram to be Capt (QM) 19 Nov 65.
Lt A. C. Ward to be Capt. 18 Dec 65
Lt (QM) W. Snowden to be Capt (QM) 1 April 66.

Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral

This year's Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral has been arranged for Sunday, 12th June 1966, at 11.15 a.m.

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

There will be no parade before the Service. Those attending should proceed to the Cathedral independently, so that they may sit with their families during the Service.

After the Service there will be a short March Past (about 200 yards) at which the Colonel of the Regiment will take the salute.

By kind permission of Lt Col D. B. Pullen, TD, the Band of the 3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA) will play the Regimental Marches for the March Past.

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

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

Attention is drawn to para 13 of the Annual Report of the Regimental Association, regarding bar facilities available at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.

COMMISSIONS

WOII (RQMS) D. W. Adkins to be Lt (QM) 1 Nov 65.
Offr Cadet N. P. Harris, RMAS, to be 2Lt 17 Dec 65.
Maj S. F. Harris relinquishes his commission 3 Feb 66.

TRANSFERS

Lt (QM) W. C. Lynes to Queen's Own Buffs 25 Oct 65.
Capt R. G. Stiff to Army Air Corps 1 Nov 65.
Capt R. W. Bing to RAPC 2 Nov 65.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

From Active List

Lt D. H. Hutt 31 Oct 65
Lt C. E. J. Allanson 11 Feb 66.

Relinquishment of Commission

Maj S. A. Robson 18 Nov 65.
Lt G. H. Slicer 13 Dec 65.
Maj A. G. Banks 16 Jan 66.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

PROMOTIONS

Lt A. W. Fairhead to be Capt 1 Sep 65.
2 Lt J. R. Bishop-King to be Lt 19 Nov 65.
2 Lt G. F. Trevor to be Lt 19 Nov 65.
Lt J. B. Harmon to be Capt 1 Dec 65.
Capt D. A. Robinson, TD to be Maj 16 Feb 66.
Capt J. W. Ennis, TD to be Maj 24 Jan 66.

COMMISSIONS

Pte G. R. Acres to be 2 Lt (on probation) 10 Nov 65.
Pte P. F. Ryan to be 2 Lt (on probation) 24 Feb 66.

RETIREMENTS

Maj C. J. S. Cullum 8 Nov 65.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE
OF OFFICERS

From Active List

Maj J. S. D. Wright, TD 1 Sep 65.
Lt D. W. Woodward-Smith 9 Sep 65.
Capt W. D. Hewitt 8 Oct 65.

Ceased to belong to TA Reserve of Officers
Lt B. L. S. Rich, TD 11 Dec 65.
Maj J. N. Leuchare 26 Dec 65
Maj P. H. B. Holt 5 Feb 66.
Maj M. J. D. Sayer 28 Mar 66.

With the Austrian Army, August 1965

Most people's reaction when I say I spent a week with the Austrian Army is "I didn't know they had one." That is certainly the reaction of the Austrians themselves, who are very vague about the Bundesheer.

As I was going to Austria for a month's leave in August I thought there would be no harm in asking for a short attachment to an Austrian unit. Austria is strictly neutral, and is not enthusiastic about foreign officers in uniform moving about the country. Before I left for Austria there was no word to say whether my attachment was on—or off, so I was told to take the necessary uniform in anticipation.

On arrival in Austria I reported to the Military Attaché who told me that arrangements had been made for me to stay with a Brigade Depot at Kaisersteinbruch for five days, and to come back on the following Monday with kit.

I was slightly apprehensive of what my reception and treatment would be with the Austrian Army because as far as I knew I was about the first officer to stay with a unit; however when I was taken to the Ministry of Defence by the Military Attaché to meet quite a high ranking Austrian officer many of my fears were abated. I was introduced to the Adjutant of the Depot where I was to stay, he was to be my escorting officer during the visit. I was then taken to the Directorate of Military Training to meet the Director of Infantry Training, who presented me with a signed book about the Austrian Army and referred to me as the "Royal British Lieutenant" which I particularly liked.

The Adjutant and I then drove to Kaisersteinbruch in a sleek black staff car specially loaned to us for my visit. The driver, I was told proudly, was Prince Saxe-Coburg doing his National Service and a distant relative to the Queen of England. It was thought to be appropriate that he should be the driver, this he did at hair-raising speed in order to get to the Depot Jägerbattalion (Ausbildung) 1 in time for lunch.

Food is not very good in the Austrian Cookhouse and often cold by the time it is brought up to the Mess. I am always told by Austrians how badly the British eat, which is hard to understand now that I have experienced bread and dripping for breakfast. Most Austrian officers are older than their

equivalent ranks in the British Army, therefore few are married. The Mess, although it follows closely the pattern of ours, is less of a bachelor institution and is slightly more spartan—though not uncomfortable.

On arrival I was met by the Depot Commandant, a charming Major who had been in the first Bundesheer 1925-37, and at the Depot for nearly 10 years, in which time he had transformed what was known as the "Desolate Garrison" into a camp in a garden solely by his own supervision.

It seemed that since the rebirth of the Army, Major Rohr himself had been largely responsible for the training policy of the National Servicemen in his Depot, following a mixture of his own experience and dictates of a rather vague directive. Basic training lasts six weeks and advanced training another six weeks, a total of three months out of the nine months National Service. Each Brigade, of which there are seven at the moment, has a Training Battalion. The first six weeks basic training is universal. In the specialist training the recruit then trains for whichever arm of the Service he has chosen. The conditions of National Servicemen are not good, I believe pay is only in the region of 7s. per week and ration allowance 3s. per day. Consequently poor food. However, in true Austrian style the men make the best of their nine months and a few I spoke to really enjoyed it.

The standard of training was difficult to assess in such a short time, but I must say how high the standard of drill was after only six weeks—much higher than I have seen in the British Army. The Austrian Army was originally equipped with "gifts" from the quadrapartite powers when they left in 1955, consequently standardization has been quite a problem. However, now that all the old equipment is wearing out the Austrians are introducing products of their own; the most successful of which is the cross-country "Haflinger" which has the best climbing ability of any 4 wheel drive vehicle as I discovered.

The Austrians have had a tracked APC now for over five years, and in service with Battalions for at least three. This is a very good and simple vehicle to maintain, and the mistake has not been made, as in our case, of making it do too many jobs. I was given a

breathtaking demonstration of this vehicle over rough terrain, and slightly embarrassed when a senior officer said "Of course, Herr Oberleutnant, you will have had tracked APCs in your unit for ten years or more already." This was my first ride in a tracked APC of any kind!

I was taken to the Military Academy at Wiener Neustadt. If Sandhurst is magnificent words do not describe this grandiose ancient castle. You do not dare talk about the tradition of Sandhurst here. Wiener Neustadt has been a military academy in one form or another since about the 12th century, destroyed once by an earthquake in the 15th century and again by American bombs in 1944; it has been rebuilt in the old style. For the first time I felt a very slight pang of inferiority at having only been to Sandhurst—especially having visited the Riding School, which must be one of the world's finest with beautiful horses, many of which are from the famous Lippizaner Stud at Piber. Officer Cadets do three years training. Two at the Academy and a further year at a special arm school before they are commissioned. Even the keenest cadets do not seem to enjoy the training, it is extremely tough and no time is allowed off to go to nearby Vienna or anywhere else.

Tradition has died hard in an Army as famed as that of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. There have been two great vacuums in the Army's history, from 1920-1928 before the forming of the first Bundesheer which was then absorbed into the Wehrmacht during Anschluss, and then again from 1945-1958. Now the Austrians have reconstructed their Army on the lines of that of the old monarchy. The ranks are the same, and organization of units similar. The main difficulty is in the recruitment of the right sort of Regular officer and NCO. The Army is not considered to be a very good career, and apart from being badly paid, there is no chance of ever serving overseas. However the officers and NCOs that I met, impressed me as being people who were interested in a job that they considered worthwhile.

During my stay I attended field training which was very similar to what occurs at the Depot. I lunched at the equivalent of "Final Exercise" and was delighted by the "All-in Goulash" cooked on a "Goulash Kanone" washed down by wine. Work was strictly for mornings as far as the Commandant and

Adjutant were concerned, afternoons were for being shown around Burgenland and visiting places of interest, mainly wine cellars with Major Rohr. He took it upon himself to personally supervise the spending of the £15 that the Austrian Government had provided for my visit.

I was very reluctant to leave after five days. I was persuaded to come back for the October manoeuvres and meet the Russian Chief of Staff who would also be there. This was perhaps the five most interesting days I have ever spent. The Austrians certainly know how to entertain a guest and their maxim was "With us a guest is king—just ask and it will be done."

As I left I was presented with a lovely bound book by the Commandant—"Under Austrian Colours" and an ancient stone wine jar with cups to "fortify me before battle."

There should now be hanging in the Mess at Kaisersteinbruch a print of a Queen's soldier of 1880—"Presented to Major Rohr and the Officers Jägerbataillon (Ausbildung) I by Lt N. D. J. Harris"—in memory of a very happy visit from 9th-14th August 1965.

The Gordon Boys School

The Gordon Boys School, founded 1885, is the National Memorial to General Gordon. It offers a good boarding education and boys who make the necessary progress are able to take the GCE "O" Level examination at the end of the course, at the age of 16 years.

The fees are moderate by present day standards and fathers who are serving in the Armed Forces may draw the Service education allowance to help with the payment of the fees.

There will be vacancies at the school in September and the examination for that entry will be held in June. There is still time to put a boy's name down for the examination. This commits parents to nothing, but it does ensure that a boy has the opportunity of qualifying for a vacancy at the school, which could be a great help to fathers who are liable to be posted overseas.

Full details may be obtained by writing to the Commandant, Gordon Boys School, West End, Woking, Surrey. Telephone Chobham 8084.

Exchange "Au Pair"

Lt F. W. Le Maitre - C Sgt A. A. Bromige

When thinking of an "Au Pair Exchange" one normally imagines the arrival of an attractive young lady to become your house maid in some such luxury. This is not always the case as I found out when C Sgt Bromige and I were fortunate enough to be selected to take part in an exchange au pair.

Between the 6th and 19th December last, we visited, and trained with the Panzergrenadier Bn 22 of the German Armoured Infantry, and one officer and one Sgt visited our Battalion in Munster.

The Bundeswehr born only in 1956 is one of the world's youngest armies. It was therefore very interesting to compare and contrast their equipment and methods, particularly of training, with our own.

C Sgt Bromige, being our Signal Platoon C Sgt was most interested in their communications set-up. Most of their equipment is American but they are at the moment developing a complete range of radios themselves. In the next year or two, all American equipment should have been replaced by their own German equivalents.

C Sgt Bromige was none too impressed by their complicated voice procedure, and decided that it would be far easier to teach them a little British voice procedure. This he did, but with what degree of success he is not quite sure.

Being a weapons enthusiast, I was most interested in their weapons. They have shopped all over the world and bought the most efficient weapon for the job in hand. For example their Light Machine Gun is the old MG 42 from World War II which fires 1200 rounds per minute. It is recoil operated which makes it less complicated, and with just as high a rate of fire as our own General Purpose Machine Gun. Their Sub-Machine Gun is Israeli as is their 81 mm Mortar which is going to be replaced by a new larger German one. Within their rifle platoons, they have a large number of anti-tank weapons including Carl Gustav which is our latest anti-tank weapon. Their rifle is very interesting; it is 7.62 mm calibre which is the same as our SLR. It is not so accurate, but quite good enough for infantry purposes. The most significant feature about it is that it is made from pressed sheet metal. This

leads to two important points. Firstly, it is much lighter than our SLR, and secondly it is far cheaper. Both these points are obvious advantages. It is also recoil operated which again makes cleaning and maintenance far easier, and does not reduce its efficiency at all.

A private soldier doing his "Service" in the Bundeswehr has rather a meagre existence. His pay totals only about £7 per month which he uses mainly for going home at weekends. This means that his entertainment is strictly limited at other times. Any spare money he may have is normally spent on beer.

Most of the characteristics and traditions of former German Armies have been forgotten or forbidden, but one exception is the singing of "Marchieren Lieder" which all young soldiers are taught during their three months basic training. Though the old songs from the last war period are supposed not to be sung, they are firm favourites and may still be heard, sung by a platoon as it marches to or from training.

We were most excellently entertained by the Bundeswehr, and when I was invited to a recruit passing-out party, each of the 150 recruits seemed to want me to drink to their health with a glass of Steinhager, washed down with a glass of beer. This left the ratio somewhat unbalanced to say the least.

Being almost entirely a National Service Army, the Bundeswehr is rather like a sausage machine turning out trained soldiers every eighteen months.

We also soon found out that they had a large number of mechanical sausage machines turning out sausages of all types and sizes, and in very large quantities. At all our meals we were confronted with the choice of "something" or sausages, or this sausage or that sausage. Both officers and sergeants eat exactly the same food as the men, from the same kitchen and the same pot. There is no Officers' Mess or Sergeants' Mess in the way we know it, but both groups have their own dining room and lounge. In the field, we thought we might get an "all in stew" but no such luck. Again sausage, this time with a large helping of sauerkraut followed by a fresh lemon. All this made us relish the thought of good old "C Pack Compo!"

At the end of two weeks, we left the old picturesque town of Wolfenbuttel, and the Panzergrenadier Battalion 22, having had a

very enjoyable two weeks, and having learnt a considerable amount about the German Army and also the many different local beers to be found in those parts.

Memorial to the Kaffir Wars



The Kaffir Wars 1835-1853
The Memorial at Peddie, South Africa

We are indebted to Lt Col E. F. Bolton for the following article and accompanying photograph. It is of particular interest that there is a picture of this action in the Regimental Museum.

Although there can be none alive today who took part in the Kaffir Wars in which the 2nd Regiment (The Queen's Royal Regiment) West Surrey were very much involved, there may be some whose ancestors took part. They will be interested to learn that a memorial to the dead was recently unveiled at Peddie, a place midway between King Williams Town and Grahamstown, South Africa. In a letter from my cousin, Major G. V. Merriman who unveiled the memorial, he states

"The dates of the three wars range from 1835 to 1853, called the 6th, 7th and 8th Kaffir Wars. Between these dates a so called Peace was proclaimed, but patrols were operating all the time and troops were ambushed right, left and centre. Your Regiment took a bad knock in having thirty-five killed. The action in which these soldiers lost their lives took place on the Eastern heights of the Fish River Bush near Breakfastvlei. The country around Peddie is very thick and mountainous and it is a miracle how they got their wagon trains up and down the mountains. Driving through this country it is interesting to try and visualise how they operated, especially as they had no previous experience of bush fighting. Very little remains of the actual graves and the bodies remain where they were buried, but the main object has been to collect the names onto a memorial."

It is very gratifying that South Africans should want to commemorate our soldiers of 113 years ago and we surely owe them our sincere thanks for so doing.

E.F.B.

Book Review

In January 1966 the Ogilby Trust presented to the Regimental Museum a copy of "Horses and Saddlery" by Major G. Tylden, published by J. A. Allen and Company in association with the Army Museums Ogilby Trust in 1965.

This book gives an account of the animals used by the British and Commonwealth Armies from the 17th century to the present day. It is not restricted to horses, but includes references, illustrations and photographs of the saddlery used on mules, camels, donkeys, dogs and also yaks and reindeer, the last mentioned animal having been used in the North Russia Expedition of 1918.

The book is illustrated with over one hundred photographs and diagrams and to anyone who is interested in the subject, is an extremely valuable record. The book can be obtained at a price of six guineas through the Army Museums Ogilby Trust, Ministry of Defence (Army), Northumberland House, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.



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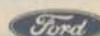
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After our trip to Canada, Rhine Army has appeared somewhat mundane. Briefly, we caught up on leave, went to Soltau, exercised with the French and Americans, underwent a mobilisation exercise, changed Commanding Officers, had our administrative inspection and Christmas, but have not yet received our long awaited 432s.

At Soltau we trained for the first time with 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, and each company was allotted a squadron of tanks. The "coefficient of dust" was enormous but the weather was fortunately a good compromise—not dry enough for too much dust but equally, not wet enough for mud. This was just as well; 14 "pigs" and 15 tanks can churn up an unhealthy amount of either.

After a fortnight's breather, we found ourselves at Sennelager exercising with French armoured cars and American tanks and APCs on exercise "Right Foot." The most noteworthy event was the beating of Retreat by our Band and Drums which made the Americans green with envy, in fact, just as envious as we were of their tracked APCs.

We then, three days later, mobilised on exercise "Foreal." The entire battalion and transport formed up on the square, armed and equipped for war. The exercise ended on Dorbaum training area at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Since it started at 2 am this was poor compensation.

Undoubtedly the major event of the past six months was the change of Commanding Officers. On 7th November Lt Col J. W. Sewell took over command and was plunged into first the administrative inspection by the GOC and almost immediately afterwards into an exercise in Luxemburg, which the adjutant (wrongly, as it turned out) thought was a good skive.

We welcome Col and Mrs Sewell and hope that they enjoy their tour with the battalion.

The administrative inspection went off very well and one cannot do better than quote Major General Wheeler's remarks:

"A sound unit which is highly regarded by the Brigade Commander and myself. . . . I have every confidence that they are ready and fit for any task they may be called upon to carry out."

For the inspection we paraded with all our vehicles and equipment on the square on a very cold 25th November. A Company was on guard at the Special Ammunition Site, so we were "two companies up." The GOC's inspection lasted for one hundred minutes after which we drove past. All the vehicles started and left the square on schedule, a tribute to all drivers and our newly acquired LAD.

Christmas was now upon us—Children's party, Sgts' Mess party, All Ranks' dance, Battalion Smoker with a draw for which first prize was £100, too much to eat; and drink in great moderation!

After Christmas we had the UEI. For the older readers, this is the new name for the dreaded CIV. We weathered that with a good report and are now waiting to get rid of our "pigs" and receive the 432. "Hope springs eternal."

SPORTING NOTES

We have had a very active season of winter games and if we have not been highly successful in them all, at least our teams, from platoon to Battalion level have had many exciting and enjoyable matches.

Our greatest success has been in Cross Country running. Led by that "veteran," Major Geoffrey Strong, we won the 6 Inf Bde Championship; Major Strong coming in an easy first. In the 2nd Division Championship, the redoubtable Major was again first, but our team had to be content with second place. In the BAOR race we were placed



Major Geoffrey Strong winning the 2nd Division Cross-Country Championships 1966

fifth (one better than last year). This year's "discoveries" were 2/Lt Howard, Ptes Joyce and Halloran. We are hoping for bigger things next season.

The Battalion Boxing Team was unfortunate to be knocked out of the Army Inter-Unit Boxing Championships by the 1st Bn The Royal Fusiliers, the final score being 17-13. However, in the 2nd Division Championships Ptes Woolgrove and Scott managed to gain the Featherweight and Light Heavyweight titles respectively. Both are now competing for BAOR titles.

Mixed fortune has attended our Rugger, Soccer and Hockey teams. Led by Capt Tim Rogerson the Bn XV have played eight games winning three, drawing two and losing three. Promising newcomers to the team have been "Tom" Rundle, L/Cpl Hudson and L/Cpl Kearse. Soccer started badly, but with a reorganized team we have managed to score thirty goals in the last five matches. We now have a sound basis on which to build next season's team. The most notable feature of our Hockey activities has been the "new blood" introduced to the game. We now manage to field two elevens and although the results have not been startling, we feel that we have the makings of a first class side for the coming year.



Pte "Smudger" Miles checking his equipment at the 6 Inf Bde Ski Hut in Bavaria

Throughout the winter, parties of soldiers have been learning to ski at the 6 Inf Bde Ski Hut at Thalkirchdorf in Bavaria. Here they are given a fortnight's expert tuition. Others have had the opportunity of ski-ing and learning about winter warfare techniques at Silberhutte in the Harz mountains, close to the Iron Curtain. Both courses are extremely popular and have created a great deal of enthusiasm in the Battalion for winter sports. Our intention for next year is to field a good all round team to compete in the Army Ski Championships.

Farewell to RSM Wildgoose

Service with the Royal Marines and the Royal Ulster Constabulary have given RSM Wildgoose the experience from which the 1st Battalion has benefitted over the past three years. He joined the Royal Marines in 1943 and transferred to The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1946. He served with The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Korea. He then left the Army and joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1952, but rejoined the Army after eighteen months and joined 1 Queen's in Malaya. Since then he has served with The Middlesex Regiment and with 3 Queen's

Surreys (TA). He became RSM of the 1st Battalion in August 1963.

There are few past or present members of the Battalion since 1963 who have not attended one of the RSM's Chinese O Groups—those informal briefings, concise and pungent—which were convened to accomplish a variety of roles, from area cleaning to the reception of VIPs.

Even the inhabitants of the guard room have been honoured by the description "The Oxford Barracks Folies Bergères." Apt and coveted though this is, there are few applicants for membership!

To RSM and Mrs Wildgoose we say farewell and wish them well on their posting to the Home Counties Brigade Depot.

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding . . . Major G. G. Strong

Since the last Journal A Company has altered beyond recognition and now professes to be an operational rifle company. To achieve this has meant hard work on everybody's behalf but we all agree it has been worth it and we are beginning to show our

true colours in all the Battalion activities.

So many new drafts have passed through A Company lines in this time, that, if they were all mentioned here, we'd have to print our own journal. With advanced training cadres running continually we have closely resembled a training depot. Accordingly new NCOs have joined us, others have been promoted (again too numerous to mention) but we welcome and congratulate them all.

Our first major exercise as a rifle company took place at Soltau where we practised Tk/Inf co-operation with B Squadron 15/19th Hussars. During the fortnight we spent there we attacked the work with much spirit and enthusiasm despite Soltau's climatic conditions and muddy terrain. Even the 'pigs' enjoyed themselves and forgot their temperamental habits. Lt Tucker displayed amazing dignity whilst guiding his vehicle over a tank bridge by calmly walking backwards and disappearing through a hole in the middle! We strengthened our relations with the Hussars by having a camp fire drink session one evening during which much beverage was consumed and bawdy songs were sung.

On returning to Munster we entered the



Ptes Derek Starnes, Fred Evans and Garry Mahon chatting with members of the French Army on Exercise "Right Foot"

Battalion Boxing Competition. Sgt Creane trained the team, and with the loud support of the Company we managed to tie with C Company. This feat was encouraging as our aim in future is to produce a fit rifle company, a task which in the day of the APC is not as easy as it sounds. Contrary to rumour though, we do not hold Company orders during road walk and run periods although half of the Company fail to recognise Major Strong when he appears without his track suit. Hint to all "skivers," buy a track suit and no questions will be asked as you trot round!

During this respite from training we undertook to decorate the Company. The 'volunteers' attacked the work with gusto after much splashing and stacks of ruined clothes. We decided to paint everything, which only meant adding a few strokes to the splashes already there. CSM Todd got rather fed up with having his office moved around during undercoating and put his pace stick down firmly. One day he had to be led to his desk after a long futile search for his office, "But it was there 5 minutes ago." During the decorating period all the painters were treated with respect as distemper tends to stick when flicked on to No 1 dress hats.

We returned to the field in October at Sennelager. We left our "pigs" in Munster to be painted ready for admin and joined forces with our American and French allies on exercise "Right Foot." A marvellous time was had by all. The NCOs especially



Drummer Derek Richards discussing equipment with a US Army "Tankman" before Exercise "Right Foot"

enjoyed themselves, imitating 'Audie Murphy' mounted behind their Brownings, with Space type helmets on. Whilst the young soldiers gazed with admiration at the American equipment, the 'old soldiers' adopted a superior air and during the course of the exercise, amazing new British weapons were 'invented' which hitherto had failed to find their way into our training pamphlets.

Following exercise "Right Foot," we returned to Munster to start preparing for our



Receiving instruction on the Vigilant guided weapon. With Cpl Beckingham are Pte White (left) and Pte Taylor—all of A Coy

administrative inspection. A Company escaped to the Site Guard for the week and were inspected there by the Divisional Commander.

We finished the guard and returned 'home' to start decorating for Xmas. During this time C Sgt Paddy Hannigan took over the Company stores from C Sgt Newman-Knott. The war cry "You'll Pay" echoed once more along the corridors. The Company gradually learnt that the tramp of feet in the corridor meant that the C/Sgt and his bodyguard of storemen were about to descend on a raiding session. A spot of blarney, threats and friendly thumps on the shoulder, produced buckshee equipment like rabbits from a conjuror's hat.

We were given time to clear fuzzy heads after Xmas in time to leave for Haltern. Despite the cold weather, training went with a swing and we relaxed in the evening with Tombola. The food was excellent and the highlight of the week, was the Company party organized by CSM Todd, during which Major Strong's hidden life was brought to light in 'This is Your Life.' We rounded off the week by marching back to camp on a competitive basis, which again was attacked with vigour and enthusiasm.

Before we close the report, we would like to squash another rumour. Lt Holt who joined us from the RMP's in December to take command of 2 Platoon, does not carry handcuffs in his tunic pocket, but 252s!

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding Major J. B. Ray

"How would you like your steak—rare or well done?" A common enough question in a good restaurant perhaps—but rather surprising to hear it deep in a wood in Germany. It is an indication of the excellent food prepared by C/Sgt Lay's team of cooks—Cpl McHardy, L Cpl McLardy and Pte Hoare during the Soltau training period in the Autumn.

B Company trained and camped with C Squadron 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars from 23rd September to 7th October. It was a happy and successful combination in all respects. We were pleasantly surprised at the way our "pig" APCs managed to keep up with the Centurions over the roughest country, and with comparatively little damage to men or machines. Pte Gibbs of 7 Platoon, however, failed to hang on firmly enough

and knocked himself out when his vehicle negotiated a pot-hole. 2/Lt McFayden, his Platoon Commander, eyed him nervously but luckily Gibbs came round before the kiss of life had to be administered.

The last night at Soltau found the Company, by chance, accommodated in a couple of large and comfortable barns. Despite their protests, the Company Commander and 2IC were forced to occupy luxurious bedrooms in the Farm House. The same night the Officers and Sgts threw a party for their opposite numbers in C Squadron. This was a great success and ended on a rare and beautiful note—Sgt Singleton singing verse of his own composition.

Hot on the heels of Soltau came Exercise "Right Foot" at Sennelager. This gave us a chance to work in tracked APCs, and with American Tanks and French Guns. It was a busy but enjoyable week, during which the Company performed some very spirited attacks. One of these attacks was done with C Company before an audience which included a dozen Generals. It was immediately in front of this distinguished gathering that the Company Commander's Land Rover entered a ditch head first, and remained there until hauled out backwards by a French AMX.

At the end of "Right Foot" we presented our American Tank Platoon Commander with a Regimental Crest ("Say I really do go for this tree-dition") to mark a most interesting exercise.

B Company's annual party was held at a Gasthaus in the village of Havixbeck on 1st January and was a tremendous success. L/Cpl. Wright the Company Clerk, appeared in a new guise—that of Lead Vocalist in a "Beat Group." A very good group it was too, and not many people managed to get to sleep in the Havixbeck area that night. There were some very strange dances performed. Pte Doherty was prominent in this field, leaving his partner in the middle of the floor, while he performed in all four corners. There was little chance of his partner slinking off, however—any move to escape and he was back like a flash with arresting arms and gleaming spectacles. Pte Fuidge also proved himself a smooth performer on the dance floor. The Platoon Commander appeared with some girl friends which was thoughtful and generous, but within seconds the girls had disappeared into the thick of the dancing and only re-appeared

when the dust had cleared and the band was packing up to go home.

The first week in January found the Company once more at Haltern, based at the Gasthaus Kuhlman, and doing individual section training. The exercises included field firing, manning of observation posts and a night march back to Munster. Cpl Steadman was given a change from his normal duties as Signals NCO and whilst at Haltern commanded a Rifle Section. Since our return from Haltern we have been busy preparing for the arrival of the tracked 432 APCs. Signals Cadres, Driving Cadres and Maintenance Cadres are being run. In addition a number of soldiers are getting the chance of a ski-ing fortnight at Oberjoch in Bavaria.

Our congratulations go to L/Cpl Gay on his recent promotion to Cpl. Also to Sgt and Mrs Boyne, L/Cpl and Mrs Gooden and Pte and Mrs Williams on the recent birth of their children. We also congratulate Ptes Reilly, Green, Savidge, Heales and Pouponneau on their marriage.

Departures from the Company since the last issue are 2/Lt M. F. Howard, 2/Lt G. C. Brown, Sgt Gardner, L Cpls McMullen and Collins. We wish them the best of luck in their new jobs. We warmly welcome 2/Lt M. J. A. Kealy, 2/Lt F. R. McFayden, 2/Lt N. P. Harris (Platoon Commanders of 5, 7 and 6 Platoons respectively) also Sgt Anderson (Pl Sgt of 5 Platoon) and the following soldiers: Ptes Edwards, Eley, Keavey, Longhurst, McGirr, Nugent, O'Dwyer, Seville, Starnes, Turner and Webb "32".

C COMPANY

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

The end of August 1965 found us firmly implanted once again on the flat monotonous plains of Munster, but sufficiently refreshed by the lingering memories of Canada's magnificent panoramas and associated training to tackle BAOR with new spirit.

Early September provided us with a further useful period of re-acclimatization before taking part in infantry/tank training at Soltau, remembered only by the constant vision of rain and mud and the very limited visibility of Capt Rogerson's cross-country night drive. Perhaps limited visibility also accounted for B Company's attack from

completely the wrong direction, or is that just B Company?

With October came not only the beginning of Autumn but also Battalion training at Sennelager on Exercise "Right Foot" which in retrospect, appears to have been something like "The Armoured Vehicle Handicapped Drivers Rally" and might suitably be summarised by the caption "it's quicker by train." Working with American APCs accentuated the desire to be issued with our own.

November activities were somewhat "dwarfed" by the race for Christmas leave bids, except of course for the Annual Admin Inspection. This in fact dwarfed the main drill square as the whole Battalion was reviewed on the square in full fighting order, with vehicles and equipped for war in all respects.

December naturally brought in a process of "unwinding" and preparation for the Christmas festivities, which followed the usual sequence of events from the carol service onwards, though without any occurrences specifically applicable to C Company. The star attraction over the Christmas season however was our own Company party, which started slowly but finished a "real swinger" with the band having played at least two last waltzes before being bludgeoned into further sessions. The success of the evening was undoubtedly due to good organisation and the fact that the Coy was virtually 100% complete and many brought wives and girl friends who also entered into the spirit of the occasion. Moreover the Adjutant kindly presented the Battalion inter-company football cup to our winning team, reminding us of their hard work and sweeping victories. Well done the Football team.

The beginning of January brought another visit to Gasthof Wilins for an enjoyable period of foot training at Haltern. Enjoyment with but one exception however, for whilst most were peacefully sleeping, some were carrying out a recce on those . . . bridges. Yes, yet again, this time at 0400 hrs!

Haltern training was rounded off by an evasion exercise back to Munster. Initiative was encouraged only in certain respects, but there were many interpretations of the theme such as: the unmentionable personal hiding places used to evade the search by two "Gestapo" agents for useful articles and money—Pte Stower's RV preparations with O'Riordan "in case we were russed" (by

the Recce Platoon acting as enemy)—the frequent beers, nearly all the check points being in pubs (who organised this exercise?) —the "bumming of lifts," and sleeping in those . . . haystacks, though some were more successful than others so Cpl Bodkin tells us.

Everybody escaped and evaded only to be plunged into vehicle cleaning duties in preparation for the UEI. If they had only but known! After much spilled water, kerosene, petrol rags, grease guns, tyre pressure gauges, grey hairs for Sgt Stredwick, weekend parades and a lot more besides, the UEI was at last over with a favourable report for C Company.

One person who won't be here to greet the arrival of the 432s, and to whom instead we have had to say our farewells, is Major Reynolds who after almost two years in command of C Company has left with his family to take up a new appointment in Canada. The Company gave Major Reynolds a farewell party at which L/Cpl Walker and Pte Rice gave us spirited (!!) recitals of one sort or another, and Capt Rogerson presented a tape recording made by familiar personalities in the Company during the OC's term of command, each presenting his own memory or tribute. This proved to be a very original and amusing memento, particularly as Major Reynolds doesn't even own a tape recorder, but unfortunately it is impossible here, to write even excerpts from the tape, which is a pity with regard to CSM Chaffer's star contribution from across the sea; but we trust at least Major Reynolds will find opportunities from time to time to revive what we hope are happy memories for him. Though everybody has said goodbye in his own way through these notes, C Coy collectively thank Major Reynolds for all he has done for the Company and we wish him and his family every good fortune, success and happiness in Canada.

We will also be witnessing the departure soon of Capt Rogerson, who leaves us in the near future for New Zealand. His extensive knowledge of APCs and MT work generally, his great sense of humour and lightening runs on the rugby field, will be greatly missed. Our very best wishes to him and his family for a successful and happy life in New Zealand.

In saying our farewells, we look forward to welcoming Major Burgess and Capt Williams (Queen's Own Buffs) our new OC and 2IC who arrive in February/March

respectively. We hope they will have a happy tour with C Company.

Not to be forgotten in rounding off these notes of C Company activities, our congratulations go to the following who obtained promotion: Sgts Donnelly and Edwards, Cpl Rosser, Sibley and Newham and L/Cpls Cameron, Blythe, Dingwall and Evans.

HQ COMPANY

Officer Commanding ... Major R. B. Johnson

To continue the analogy from the last Journal notes, Capt Wakely in turn passed the ball swiftly on to Major Johnson in September, who is still "motoring", Capt Wakely having gone back to the fresh air of the Recce Platoon Landrovers from the comparative warmth of the OC's 1-tonner FFR.

The most notable event of the period under review has been the formation of a LAD as a separate organization in the establishment in preparation for the delivery of FVs 432. We welcome Capt Livesey REME and several merry men into this department. The old REME hands have also passed from beyond the eagle eye of the MTO into the LAD, but no doubt the old associations will continue as the REME personnel will continue to share living accommodation with the MT. The Drums have returned to us after a long spell with A Coy, and must surely now qualify as the best trained defence platoon we have boasted for many years.

We are sorry that we will be saying goodbye very shortly to WO II Harding, who is leaving for 3 Queen's Surreys (TA). We wish him all happiness in the future, and welcome C/Sgt. Wheeker as CQMS.

The autumn came and went in the usual flurry of exercises and inspections, from which those who took part emerged somewhat breathless but unscathed. The heroes of this period, many consider, were the Assault Pioneers, who after a period at Soltau, usually in the role of enemy, impressed the US Army on Exercise "Right Foot" as a highly mobile "defence squad" for the enormous "tail" which developed during this joint Anglo/French/American exercise. Owing to language difficulties the Assault Pioneers were invariably hastily flung, regardless of the tactical situation, into the numerous ambushes against this column, referred to by the British as "The Echelon,"

but by the Americans as "The Ash and Trash." They earned for "The Echelon" the immortal motto "We Support Aggressively," which sounded good though meant little to our French cousins owing to the dearth of interpreters.

There have been a whole crop of marriages in the Company since the last notes were written—Ptes Elsdon and Goring were married locally in the autumn, and L/Cpls McNally (R Sigs), Burnside, Sambrook and Manuel were all married in UK. We would like to congratulate them all and their brides on these happy events.

Lastly, we welcome Cpl Manning and his Group, The Black Knights, who really came into their own over the Christmas period and show great form at Battalion functions, the 50-50 Club and the Elphi Dance Hall. With Pte Holness as road manager, Mrs. Manning singer and bass, Pte Willis, ACC, and Cpl Middle's son Eddie in support, we are sure they will continue to flourish.

RECCE PLATOON

Officer Commanding . . . Capt K. G. Wakely

In October the platoon found themselves on Exercise "Right Foot" acting as interpreters and as a step up to radio communications. L/Cpl Caton's section was assigned to a French armoured car troop and his driver Pte Snowdon was impressed by their officer's handling of his men. "He don't give 'em nothing," was his comment. Meanwhile Sgt Silverside's section was trying to understand the requirements of a French medical unit. His plight was made worse by the interpreter's ignorance of voice procedure. "Is any body there?" was his favourite phrase over the air. Even Pte Davies went white on hearing it.

In November the platoon provided the quarter guard for the 2nd Division Commander who arrived by helicopter. Pte Patterson prayed that his hat would not be blown off by the slipstream from the rotors and fortunately his prayers were answered.

During the winter most of the NCOs have had a chance to organize an exercise on their own. Cpl Woodhall drew out the battalion bicycles for a map-reading exercise he had arranged, and was made to cycle 25 miles the day after he came back from leave. An ugly scene was narrowly prevented. The situation deteriorated further when it was discovered that the final RV was by a Gasthaus that was closed. Pte Isaacs, who had only just joined the platoon, wondered if he had done the

right thing in transferring from a Rifle Company.

At Haltern in January the platoon were the hunters of C Company who were on an escape and evasion exercise. L/Cpl Knight had a useful German contact who went round in his car offering soldiers lifts and then handed them over to the platoon. At the moment of going to press the platoon are about to go on leave, a welcome relief from the platoon commander's road runs.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Officer Commanding . . . Capt H. G. D. Smith

The September-February period is always a busy one for any BAOR Infantry Battalion, as it is the time of big exercises, cadres and inspections. This year has proved no exception for the Signal Platoon.

Exercise "Right Foot" was particularly interesting for signallers as we used United States equipment. We have never had such a galaxy of radios and teleprinters at our disposal, although our confidence was slightly shattered when we discovered that our counterparts were pretty vague as to what some of this electronic equipment did.

The United States pressel switches have a nasty habit of sticking. We wonder whether a certain member of the Orderly Room staff still blushes when he remembers how he broadcast a five minute sex talk on the Battalion command net mistakenly believing that he was talking on the inter-com to his United States APC driver.

During this period we have trained some 150 members of the Battalion in signalling, in anticipation of the arrival of our AFV 432. This task coupled with Admin inspections and Tels has ensured that there have been no idle hands.

We are particularly sorry to say goodbye to Cpl Goodman, who is being discharged this month. For the last three years "our Benny" has done wonders as our MT expert; we all wish him the best of luck in civilian life.

BAND NEWS OR FROM BEHIND A EUPHONIUM

BY L/CPL FLETCHER

The first engagement in which we were involved after last year's August leave was the Berlin Military Tattoo. We arrived in Berlin on September 11th after a long and

exhausting train journey, and the next day we started rehearsals for the Tattoo which were to last for two weeks. There were sixteen Bands involved and the drill movements were so intricate, that the rehearsals required incessant diligence and concentration. Day after day we rehearsed in the Olympic Stadium and in the evenings we practised under blinding arc lamps. As the date of our first performance neared, the mistakes that were prevalent earlier on became a rarity. The drill movements became second nature to us. In the twilight of dusk, on the evening of September 23rd, the Bands and Drums amassed to await the commencement of the Tattoo. We were on the right flank being the senior Band. As soon as it was completely dark, a shouting, brassy fanfare heralded our display. The drums rolled, we stepped off and the music blared. We marched on to the grass expanse of the massive Olympic Stadium with our instruments and accoutrements glittering beneath the brilliant diffusion of the floodlights. We executed our long and difficult display and it went off perfectly. Our Band, being on the flank, was always in full view of the audience which made our task more difficult. We had to exercise rigid concentration on our dressing.

The next event in which our Band took part was the Community singing. Once again we marched into the centre of the arena and took up a static position. We played a number of German songs and the audience were invited to sing which they did with great gusto and enthusiasm. Judging by the applause we received the Germans enjoyed our versions of their National tunes.

The most spectacular event of the Tattoo was the Grand Finale when all the Bands massed before the rostrum. The sound and appearance was of impressive magnitude. We played rousing English and German marches while a kaleidoscope of fireworks lit the sky with a fiery incandescence and the whole arena was afire with bursts of colour. As we played the Last Post the National Flags were reverently lowered and pin-pointed by searchlights. We marched off to "Berliner Luft" and the audience gave us so great applause that we thought that all the rehearsals had been more than worthwhile. Determined tenacity had won the day.

On September 25th we contributed a second performance and the audience was

even larger and more enthusiastic than the first.

In between times, when we were not working, most of us in the Band managed to enjoy ourselves. Berlin is a very interesting city with every conceivable type of entertainment. West Berlin is an oasis of modern architecture due to the fact that the city was destroyed during World War II. On a Saturday we were conducted on a tour to East Berlin. On the other side of the Wall the atmosphere completely changes. Here many buildings have been left exactly as they were after Germany's capitulation twenty years ago. These shell and bombed scarred buildings were a grim reminder of war, and the deserted streets and apparent lack of affluence a depressive shadow of Communist rule. The Berlin Wall and the armed East German guards made us realise that our troops are stationed in Germany on a very definite and important mission.

The next important engagement was when we went to Sennelager to beat Retreat for our soldiers who were on an exercise. Clad in our scarlets, white belts, white cardcases and yellow cords we performed our complicated Retreat that the Bandmaster and Drum Major had taken great pains in contriving.

In November we gave a concert in the rustic village of Nuttulin. We performed in a concert hall and played very well. Besides playing our own pieces we also accompanied a very proficient German choir. The German audience seemed very pleased with us, loudly applauding each piece of music that we played. After the concert our hosts gave us an excellent meal, and we were joined by some of our audience for drinks. The Germans with whom we mixed did everything in their power to see that we enjoyed ourselves and liberally plied us with virulent but warming schnapps. When the time came to return to Munster we boarded our transport reluctantly, leaving behind new friends and acquaintances.

In December we had quite a lot of work mainly involved with the Christmas period. The first job was to give a concert for the children of Oxford School. We opened the concert by each member of the Band playing a solo so that each instrument's tone quality and function could be illustrated to the children. Next we played pieces that exhibited the different sections of the Band. The

Bandmaster explained many other musical facets too numerous to mention. The piece that most appealed to the children was "Three Blind Mice," a humorous musical sketch of the well known nursery rhyme. And of course, the infants ejaculated squeals of delirious rapture over the extended percussion solo. On Christmas Day we played in the dining hall to the Battalion, and the American swing numbers went down very well.

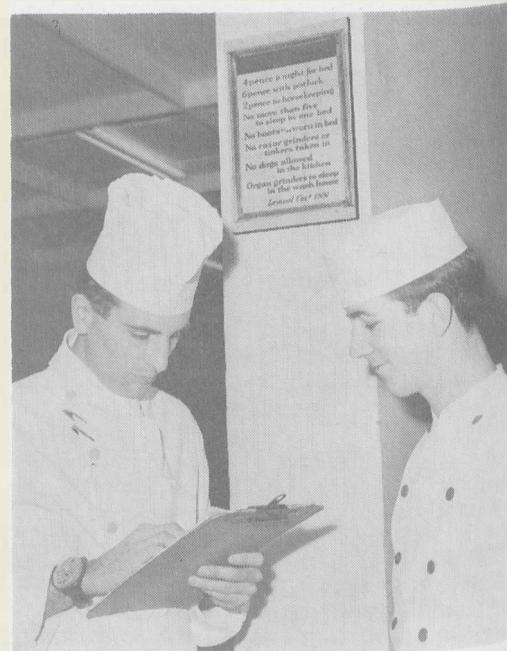
At the end of December we played at the Battalion Smoker and L/Cpl Gardner of the Band was lucky enough to win £50 in the raffle.

We are now looking forward to our Spring and Summer engagements of 1966.

Sergeants' Mess

The two outstanding events of the past six months took place on Sobraon Day—the safeguarding of the Regimental Colour and the presentation of the new mace by the Mess to the Corps of Drums.

The Commanding Officer handed the Regimental Colour to Sgt Speakman and a Colour Party consisting of WO II Warren and C/Sgts Lea and Swift. The Colour was



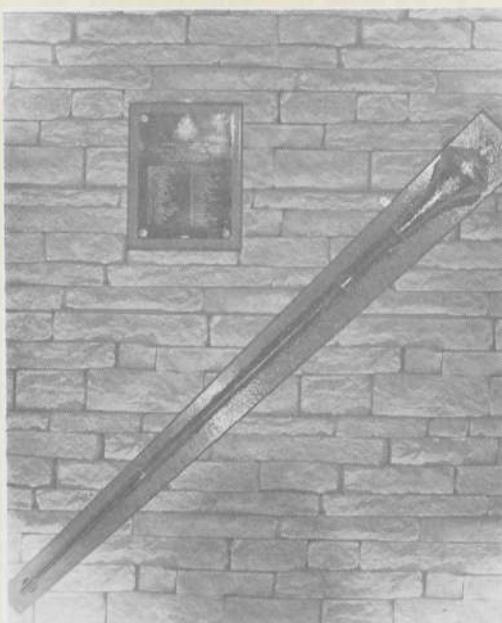
Orders for the Day

SQMS Walker, the Battalion's Catering Warrant Officer, briefing Pte Ivan Beatty on the day's Bill of Fare

then marched flying through the barracks to the Mess, the Battalion lining the route. The Colour was then slow marched into the Mess to the tune of the Earl of Huntingdonshire's Slow March.

At the Sobraon Night Dinner, the Mess was honoured by the presence of the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Douglas Withers, who served as an FOO with 2/7 Queen's at Salerno. After dinner the RSM presented the mace on behalf of the Mess to the Drum Major who accepted it on behalf of the Corps of Drums.

It was touch and go whether the mace would arrive in time. Hallmarking silver appears to be more than a formality! The problem was solved by getting the Adjutant to put it in the boot of his car and bring it from Dover to Ostend. The Adjutant missed the boat and crossed to Boulogne where he had the greatest difficulty in explaining to the French Customs (in English) what a mace was for. However, it now hangs in the Mess. You can see from the photograph why we were so anxious to have it for presentation on the Sobraon Night Dinner.



The Drum Major's Mace presented to the Corps of Drums by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess. The plaque on the left of the Mace lists the subscribers

A MINIBUS THERE WAS

Stuffed in the PRI's safe are virgin books of bus tickets—blue and yellow. Hanging in the Sports Store are the conductor's money bag and ticket punch. Parked on the MT Square is the cause of it all, the unit minibus, a doleful, squat-nosed Morris twelve seater. Excalibur pulled from the rock was peanuts compared with getting the minibus on the road. Hercules was the biggest skiver on earth when one thinks back over the labours of the PRI Staff during the past ten months.

In the merry month of May, when other units' minibuses were cavorting round the streets of Munster carrying happy loads of soldiers to Bingo, etc., the long awaited spare parts arrived. In almost no time at all, i.e. by mid-June our REME craftsmen reported everything was fine except for six small rubber bushes "Ah what a pity you didn't ring earlier" sighed the BMC agent in Cologne. "Rubber bushes we have none; last lot gone to the RAF. But replacement engines or gearboxes we have in profusion."

Ring BMC in Holland thinks PRI. Land of windmills, canals maybe rubber bushes too. "Okay, Sir Major" crackles a voice from outer space. (Why do they always route international phone calls through any handy old sunspot?) "I know what you like. Rubber bushes, yes? Plenty I have." REME crow with delight. "Soon" says the stern man who runs our LAD, "Soon we will have it on the road."

June passed. One day a REME fitter appeared in the PRI office. Dressed in heavy duty grease with the odd piece of overall showing, he announced, "Ha, the minibus sir." Now when someone in REME says "Ha" it conveys a wealth of doomful meaning. Something like; "You've got wear in the shackle-bolts. I don't go much for the play in the pinion rods either. Furthermore I'd bet a BSW open ended to a monkey-wrench that there's something stuck up your Venturi."

Sure enough he diagnosed a new steering box. Again a quick call to Holland. "Okay boss. I get from Amsterdam." A large sound followed. A hundred BMC mechanics doing a Dutch clog dance on top of a Mini, I thought. "Excuse sir Major it's just my wife." Regrettably throughout this sorry tale I never met the lady. It came one day in July. Carried in triumphal procession by the PRI Staff to the LAD, the fitters examined it; spat on their hands and worked with a will.

After an hour's frustrating labour, they announced. "It won't fit; it's a left hand drive bus." Again a quick call to my Dutch friend. "Ah so" followed by a voluble Flemish oath. "I get new one. You get money worth quick as a flash."

August . . . September . . . October . . . November. An angry wire to Mr BMC himself at Cowley. Thirty bob's worth of expletive in clipped telegramese produced a quick reply. "Steering boxes in profusion both right and left held by agent in Cologne." A fast run to Cologne and there in the store, steering boxes blossoming in metal racks and gloomy alleyways. Once more to the LAD. Once more a visitation by an oily messenger of woe. "The steering box is just the job but it's got no drop arm." "Ah" said my friend in Cologne, "drop arms we have not got, but should you be needing a new gear-box or a replacement engine maybe . . ." "Aw go jump in the Rhine."

On the arrival of the drop arm the end was almost in sight. We had now bought so many spares that only the number plates remained from the original vehicle.

It was at this point that the phantom steering wheel bandit struck. "The bus is fine but someone's had the steering wheel away." It was possible to steer the bus without this by using a pair of pliers, but as it took a hundred turns to get full lock, it wasn't really a practical alternative.

Disasters followed in quick succession. Windscreen-wipers, tyres and brakes—for a repair man, profit beyond the realms of comprehension.

In the PRI office are the tickets; in the Sports Store hangs the silent punch—but you know the rest

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Home Counties Brigade Depot

The six months ending 28th February 1966 saw rather more changes than usual. The most important took place on 11th November 1965 when, after four years in Canterbury, Lt Col C. N. Clayden, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own), handed over command of the Depot to Lt Col J. Buckeridge, The Royal Sussex Regiment. Three months later another Royal Sussex officer, Major N. B. Knocker took over Training Company from Major D. H. Woolstencroft who has rejoined 1st Bn The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment. Not to be out-done the Superintendent of the Junior Ranks Club, Miss Nina Black, was posted to an unknown airfield somewhere in Gloucestershire. Her successor at Howe Barracks is Miss Florence Harmer.

WO II R. Morris relinquished the appointment of RQMS on 28th December 1965 in order to proceed on a Quartermaster's course. By the time these notes are printed he will have been commissioned. We congratulate him on this promotion. He will serve with the 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment.

Having twice made his own way to England from the Far East, Pte Bakar bin Hassan passed through the Depot again at the end of the year going in the opposite direction. In order to get from Germany to Hong Kong he has transferred to the 1st Bn The Queen's Own Buffs.

On 26th September 1965 the first of a new series of At Homes was held at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. This was aimed primarily at the youth of the South East and the Army Youth Teams did an excellent job in getting Youth Clubs to send teams to Canterbury. At the Depot they took part in competitions covering the assault course, a stretcher race, .22 shooting and a tug-of-war. Recruits put on a section attack demonstration and the Depot Civil Defence Rescue Squad also showed its paces. Static exhibitions covered equipment and weapons, hobbies, etc. There were continuous showings of infantry films and, on the lighter side, many side shows. The Band of 4th Bn The Buffs (TA) played during the afternoon. At the conclusion the Junior Soldiers Band and

Drums Beat Retreat and in the evening there was a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess.

The 1966 At Home will take place at Howe Barracks, Canterbury on Sunday, 3rd July.

The last week of October saw the return of the "Ever-Readies" from Aden. Ten of these were from the 3rd Battalion and nineteen from the 4th Battalion.

For about a fortnight before Christmas, life was disrupted by the many enjoyable Christmas activities planned by various departments.

Early in the New Year, command of the Ashford/Canterbury Garrison, of which we are part, passed from the Brigade Colonel to the Inspector of Intelligence and Commandant, The Intelligence Centre, on the move of the latter from Maresfield to Ashford.

The Memorial in the garden outside the main Sandhurst Block which was planned by the late Lt Col G. R. Howe when he commanded 12 ITC, and erected to commemorate those killed in Air Raids in 1942, had new



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name plates fitted recently. Among those killed on 1st June 1942 were the following East Surreys personnel:—

Pte John Edward Alterton
George Stuart Fraser
Reginald Henry Giles
Bernard Richard Mahoney
Albert Sidney Rippin.

Sixty-one recruits were drafted to the 1st Battalion during the six months ended 28th February 1966. Several under-age recruits for other Regiments in the Brigade also went to Germany until they were old enough to join their own Battalions serving in the Middle or Far East.

Regimental recruits who did well at the Depot received the following awards at the Final Parades shown:—

Date	Award	Recruit	Inspecting Officer
5th Nov 1965	Best Shot	Pte Dennis Flint	Major C. T. F. West
31st Dec 1965	Best Shot	Pte Michael Yoa	Col I. H. Battye, MBE.
4th Feb 1966	Best Shot	Pte Jeffrey Brown	Lt Col F. G. Neville, MC, TD
Best at PT Leader of Best Section (No 1)			



Pte Jeffrey Brown, winner of the award for the best shot, best at PT and leader of the Winning Section at the end of Recruit Training

Regimental visitors have included Col M. T. N. Jennings, Lt Col M. J. A. Clarke, MBE, Lt Col J. W. Sewell, Majors K. Osborne, J. A. George, D. Abbott, C. G. Rousell, Capts G. B. Redfern, J. V. Warner-Johnson, T. L. Trotman, S. J. Petzing, Lts D. H. Hutt, N. D. J. Harris, M. J. Jarrant, 2/Lts M. J. A. Kealy, F. R. McFadyen and N. P. Harris. Capt I. W. Fotheringham, HLI (City of Glasgow Regt) TA, who is attached to the 3rd Bn at Camberley, also visited the Depot. Other visitors included Major Generals F. B. Wyldboore-Smith, CB, DSO, OBE (GOC 44th (Home Counties) Division/District), P. G. F. Young, CBE (Director of Infantry), C. J. Deedes, OBE, MC (Chief of Staff, Eastern Command) and A. R. Udugama (Commander, Ceylon Army), Brigadiers

K. R. S. Trevor, DSO, OBE (Director of Boys Training), D. H. Gwilliam, MBE (133 (Kent & Sussex) Infantry Brigade TA) and his successor Brigadier R. J. D. E. Buckland, MBE, Col W. E. Guest, MBE (Inspector of the ACC), Lt Col R. S. Loveridge, MBE, MC (ACO Surbiton), Lt Col T. M. Braithwaite, MC, SCLI (AMS Eastern Command), Major J. E. D. Perera (Ceylon High Commission).

Junior Soldiers Company

There have been a few arrivals and departures to and from the Company in recent months. J/Bdsm Wingfield and J/Pte Mathe have "graduated" and are now with the 1st Battalion. J/Bdsm Gay and Hanna have started their course at Kneller Hall where their noses are being kept firmly to the grindstone. Cpl Lane has arrived from the Battalion to join the staff as a Drums Instructor.

Two notable sporting achievements were those of J/Dmr Forsythe in winning his weight in the Army Junior Boxing Championships and J/Dmr Cavanagh in being runner up in the Army Junior Judo Championships.

J/L/Cpl White and J/L/Cpl Tutton were in the party which went up to Aviemore in



Col M. T. N. Jennings inspecting the Junior Soldiers' Band and Drums at a final parade of recruits at Home Counties Brigade Depot on 23 September 1965

January to learn to ski. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable and the amount of skiing that could be done was limited. At the time of writing they are both in Norway on a two-week cross country skiing course. It is hoped that the conditions there are better than in Scotland and that they return well equipped to deal with the weather in Kent!

SPORTS

The Depot has had quite a successful winter season.

Association Football

The Soccer XI won the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Minor Units Challenge Cup beating The Regimental Pay Office, Brighton, 7-3 in the final.

Hockey

The Hockey XI also reached the final of the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Minor Units Competition but lost 2-1 to the Junior Leaders Regt, RE.



WINTER SPORTS AT CANTERBURY
Capt B. D. S. Burton tackles a slope on the Home Counties Brigade Depot training area

The team met the Ministry of Defence (Army) in the quarter finals of the Army Hockey Tournament (Eastern Command stage) but lost 3-0.

Regular players from the Regiment were Capt B. D. S. Burton and Capt S. T. W. Anderson, who between them scored 90% of the goals, and Cpl Braiden who is a very reliable goalkeeper.

Basket Ball

The Basket Ball team reached the quarter finals of the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Championships but were defeated 55-10 by the Depot and Training Establishment, RMP.

Judo

This sport is increasing in popularity and the Depot team were the inter-unit winners in the Eastern Command Championships. Runners up were the Irish Guards.

Members of the Regiment in the team were Sgt John Perryman, Junior L/Cpl Ian Tutton (also individual Junior Middle Weight runner-up) and Junior Drummer Pat Cavanagh (individual Junior Welter Weight winner).

The Judo team reached the quarter finals of the Army Championships but lost 3-2 to 23 Para Fd Amb at Aldershot. Sgt Perryman reached the semi-final in the individual (Senior) Welter Weight and 16 year old



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Home Counties Brigade Depot Rifle Team
Seated (Left to Right): Cpl. Atkins, Queen's Surreys; QMSI Anderson, SASC; Lt Mumford, R Sussex; Sgt Wood, R Sussex and Cpl Sindon, R Sussex

Standing (Left to Right): Cpl Richardson, R Sussex; Cpl Wharmby, Queen's Surreys; L/Cpl Shelmerdine, Queen's Surreys; Pte Wolahan, Queen's Surreys; Pte Storer, Mx; Cpl Cornford, R Sussex; Sgt Shave, Mx; Sgt Lee, REME and Cpl Screen, Queens Own Buffs

Junior Drummer Pat Cavanagh was runner up in the Junior Welter Weight Championship.

Shooting

Cpl Peter Wharmby, Cpl Kevin Atkins, L/Cpl Michael Shelmerdine and Pte Joseph Wolahan were members of the nine-man Depot team which achieved outstanding success at the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Rifle Meeting.

Cpl Wharmby was 11th and L/Cpl Shelmerdine 18th, in the GOC's 20 (Individual Rifle).

Cpl Atkins was a member of the team which won the LMG Pairs and LMG Team Awards and Cpl Wharmby helped win the China Cup.

Cpl Wharmby and Pte Wolahan were members of the Depot Falling Plate team which beat 1st Bn The Staffordshire Regiment the Major Unit finalists, in a friendly match.

Special Recruiters

C/Sgt Hannigan rejoined the 1st Battalion in November 1965 after a long and most successful time with the Recruiting Staff at Norbury.

He was succeeded by Sgt Fiddy who has settled in well as a Special Recruiter.

C/Sgt Smith will shortly be leaving the Home Counties Brigade Recruiting Team after a tour of two years.

The remainder of the Special Recruiters are deployed as follows:-

Sgt Lane at Guildford

Sgt West at Surbiton

Sgt Thompson at Blackheath and Bromley
Sgt Gill at Camberwell.

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

Honorary Colonel	Col J. B. H. Kealy, DSO
Commanding Officer	..	..	..	Lt Col D. B. Pullen, TD
2IC	..	..	..	Major D. G. Wilson, TD
Training Officer	..	..	..	Major K. Osborne
Adjutant (TA)	..	..	..	Capt B. M. Sidwell
Quartermaster	..	..	..	Capt D. M. Fraser
Quartermaster (TA)	..	..	..	Capt R. W. Strutt, MM
Chaplain	..	..	..	Rev R. C. L. Pilgrim, RACD
RMO	..	..	..	Major J. Attenborough, (RAMC)
Administrative Officer	..	..	..	Major B. H. B. Robinson, (RAMC)
RSM	..	..	..	Capt E. J. Weeks
ORQMS	..	..	..	WO I L. M. Burnstain-Wilson
RQMS	..	..	..	WO II R. E. Alexander
				WO II T. S. Stephens

Despite the disturbed future envisaged for the TA as a whole, the tempo of training, and the familiar pattern of annual events continue throughout 1966. Personal opinions must not be given public voice, and all efforts will be made to ensure that our successors—in whatever form—are given the finest possible start in life.

To this end, the training theme for 1966 is Internal Security, and the experience of our TAER personnel, who acquitted themselves so well in Aden, will be of great assistance. Interesting, constructive and rugged exercises will continue in order to ensure that volunteers to the new AVR will be capable of taking their place alongside their Regular counterparts if necessary.

For some, the formation of the new AVR will mean the "end of the road" as far as their voluntary service is concerned, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to maintain their support of the Regiment through the Regimental Association. For the younger and newly joined members, the future will be equally rewarding and will offer just as full a life as the existing TA, and they will perhaps excuse the nostalgia that some older members will experience at the passing of their connections with a decade or more of service. When the time comes, the "old" will have deserved everyone's thanks, and the "new" will carry the support and best wishes of everyone.

In September, the Bn Rifle team went to Lydd for the 44th (Home Counties) Division

Rifle Meeting, and returned well loaded with silver. Teams from the Battalion won outright four of the eight major competitions at the Meeting, and gained good places in the others. Four members of the Battalion, Capt Dorey (the team captain) of A Company, Reigate, Sgt Nugent and Cpl Odell of B Company, Camberley, and Pte Phillips of C Company, Croydon, were in the GOC's Twenty—the twenty best shots in the Division.

The 3rd Battalion's teams results were as follows:—

China Cup—mixed rifle and LMG team
1st—3rd Bn Team—Capt Dorey A Company Reigate; CSM Shuff, Sgt Nugent, Cpl Odell B Company Camberley; Capt Clark, Pte Phillips C Company Croydon; Capt Cutcher D Company Bermondsey; and CSM Burrows HQ Company Guildford.

Britannia Trophy—rifle teams
1st—3rd Bn Team—Capt Dorey, Capt Clark, CSM Shuff, Sgt Nugent, Cpl Odell, Pte Phillips.

Falling Plate—Major units champions, and overall champions

3rd Bn Team—Capt Dorey, Sgt Nugent, Cpl Odell, Pte Phillips.

Trident Trophy—10 rounds application
Winner—Pte Phillips of C Company.

The Battalion Teams also gained 3rd place in the overall major units team championship.

Shooting conditions were not ideal, with sunshine creating difficulties and intermittent gusts of wind. The prizes were presented by

Major General Wyldbore-Smith, the GOC 44th Division, who congratulated the teams on the very high standard of shooting. All individuals who were members of winning teams received a silver tankard, and winning teams received a silver trophy for each competition.

Also, one weekend in September we held our own Bn Rifle Meeting. The meeting was held on Ash Ranges on the Saturday. Uninterrupted and heavy rain made shooting conditions a real test of skill. On the Sunday, fortunately, conditions were much better. The meeting was open to wives, girl friends and parents of volunteers, several coach parties coming from Bermondsey and Croydon. A number of Old Comrades also came. The Regimental Band played during the Sunday, and families and friends were made welcome in the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Men's canteen Tents.

Mrs Pullen, the wife of the Commanding Officer, Lt Col D. B. Pullen, gave away the prizes which were won as follows:—

Sten Machine Carbine Competition
Sgt's Mess Team: C/Sgt Nason, C/Sgt Rapley, Sgt Smith, Sgt Humphries.

Individual winner: Sgt Humphries, B Company, Camberley.

Light Machine Gun Pairs Competition
Major Parsonage, Capt Dorey, A Company, Reigate.

Company Inter-Section Competition
Cpl Browning, L/Cpl Smith, Pte Smith, Pte Lewis, Pte Penfold, L/Cpl Dunipace, Pte Saunders, B Company, Camberley.

This was a combined Rifle and Bren gun competition.

Company Rifle Teams Competition (Snap, Rapid Fire and Fire and Movement)

Capt Clark, Sgt Moore, Pte McCausland, Pte Phillips, Dmr Conde, Pte Bone, Pte Page, Rec Glastett. All of C Company, Croydon.

The individual rifle winner was L/Cpl Odell of B Company, Camberley.

China Cup Competition
Lt Stoddart, Sgt Burnham, Sgt Nugent, Sgt Humphries, CSM Shuff, Pte Saunders, L/Cpl Odell, Cpl Browning. All of B Coy, Camberley.

Rifle Fire and Movement Competition (Small Teams)

L/Cpl Odell, L/Cpl Guest, Pte Smith, Pte Saunders. All of B Company, Camberley.

Falling Plate Competitions

Officers v Sergeants: Winners The Sergeants—CSM Burrows, CSM Shuff, Sgt Nugent, Sgt Humphries.

Inter-Company Teams: Winners (after a re-shoot) C Company, Croydon.

Runners up: HQ Company, Guildford.

The Inter-Company Championship, based on the best performance in all the competitions, was won by B Company, Camberley. The Meeting was visited by Brigadier D. A. Kenny, the Brigade Commander of 47 Infantry Brigade, TA.

A small party from the Battalion visited Ghent in September and took part in celebrations commemorating the city's liberation with our friends of "La Sarcelle" of the former Belgian Resistance. A party from La Sarcelle came to Britain as guests of the Battalion.

In October a large party from the Battalion spent an absorbing weekend at the Amphibious Training Unit, Royal Marines, Poole. Section assault landing from Gemini landing craft, and platoon assaults from larger landing craft were practised in Poole harbour. Unfortunately, once again the weather proved unkind, and our company assault landing from the sea had to be cancelled.

The main Battalion Remembrance Day parade took place in 1965 in Croydon, with representative detachments parading in Bermondsey and Guildford.

In December we welcomed back our "Ever-Readies" from Aden, many with fascinating adventures to recount. The Commanding Officer, 1st Bn The Royal Sussex Regt to whom they were attached, wrote as follows:

"Tomorrow our Ever-Readies leave for England. When they arrived in Aden five months ago, I told them that conditions here would not be easy and that they would be treated during their stay no differently from Regular Soldiers. In a very short time, the integration of the Ever-Readies with the Battalion was complete. Since then they have acquitted themselves well, taking part in all activities and operational duties of the Battalion. Despite conditions which must have been a shock to the system coming straight from civilian jobs in England, the Ever-Readies have made the best of things. Their steadiness, reliability and ever present sense of humour have been noteworthy."

"Now the time has come for them to leave

us and to return to their homes, families and civilian jobs. There is no doubt that their going will leave a gap in the Battalion, not only by the reduction in numbers, but by the loss of good 'comrades in arms.' To every volunteer our thanks for all that you have done and our best wishes for your return to civilian life. You have done a tough job well in the best traditions of the Territorial Army, and we look forward to meeting you all again in the future."

The Battalion Football Team were defeated by our old rivals, 135 Field Survey Regt RE in a thrilling game at Stoughton on 19th December, when we lost six—three. The game included some fine attacking play by Cpl Collyer, and inspired goal-keeping by Cpl Burrows, despite a painful injury suffered early in the game. The Team won the 44th (Home Counties) Division trophy by defeating 265 Lt AD Regt RA (TA), one—nil.

The Battalion also retained the 44th Home Counties Cross Country Divisional Championship when on 23rd January the Battalion team won for the eleventh consecutive year, coming third in the Eastern Command Championship, run concurrently; L/Cpl Hassel, Signals Platoon, once again won the Individual Championship.

We congratulate the following on their awards:—

Efficiency Decoration (Territorial)

Major D. A. Robinson

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Regular Army)

WO I L. B. Wilson

Efficiency Medal (Territorial)

Sgt D. L. Bruton

A very heartfelt "Thank You Very Much" for many years of devoted service to the TA goes to four stalwarts who left us in the autumn, and to a fifth, who will have left by the time these notes appear in print. They are Major Saunders our late Bn 2 IC, CSM Edwards of D Company, C/Sgt Bromage, Sgt Doyle, and to leave us in February, CSM Homersham. All have served the TA with loyalty in peace and war, and they will long be remembered by all who served with them. We look forward to seeing them at OCA reunions in the future; we shall ourselves be there.

A COMPANY

Despite the clouds of gloom over the future of the TA, work, recruiting and social activities have continued with unabated



Sgt D. L. Button of the 3rd Battalion Band, being presented with the Territorial Efficiency Medal by Major General F. B. Wyldbore-Smith, CB, DSO, OBE

enthusiasm, both at Reigate and Dorking. In fact almost as the end draws nigh, we have been invaded by the painters and decorators, so that our closing moments will be in a burst of clean pastel colours. Dorking detachment spent the summer working under Sgts Brady and Clamp to redesign and rebuild the bar and clubroom. At a party on 4th December, held to celebrate the completion of the work, about 60 guests attended, including the Chairman of Dorking UDC, Councillor W. R. Butler and Mrs. Butler, together with many local notables and old friends of the unit. Congratulations to Sgts Brady and Clamp upon the pleasant results of their efforts.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lt Graham Acres who we feel sure will have a happy and successful future at Dorking. Welcome back also to L/Cpl Derek Cross from active service with the Ever-Readies in Aden. Congratulations to Sgt and Mrs. Brady on the birth of their second son, Trevor.

Reigate detachment continues to go with a swing, due no doubt to the Russians allowing 007 Geoffrey Wright to return from behind the curtain. Among many enjoyed

activities were live Bat firing at Lydd, games with the Royal Marines in Poole Harbour in Gemini craft and Internal Security exercises.

A very successful Company dance was held to welcome the New Year although a flat battery in the piano somewhat delayed the gallop. This was followed by our usual Children's Party when we entertained about 40 youngsters and a good time was had by all.

Finally on Saturday 22nd January, we held our annual company dinner at The Barley Mow Hotel, Dorking.

Congratulations to Sgt Sparshott, Cpl Mackenzie and L/Cpls Harvey and Friday on their promotions.

B COMPANY

Surprisingly enough, despite the dire threats concerning the future of the TA, we have had more enquiries from prospective volunteers than we can remember in a previous equivalent period. There have been a number of changes and we are sorry to have lost Major A. H. Le Q. Clayton to HQ Company but we welcome the Recce Platoon who have come in from the cold to support us during the out of camp period. Capt Foster Herd the Recce Platoon Commander is now 2 IC. We welcome the return of Lt Clarke-Maxwell from Paris and Lt Napier Ford from India. Capt I. W. Fotheringham TD has joined us from the Glasgow Highlanders and is a most welcome newcomer, who has already waved his accountant's wand over the accounts and managed to produce a profit. He was aided to some extent by the efforts of Sgt Burnham behind the bar and Sgt Chennells and his dance committee. The Dance, our Christmas Ball, was a great success due to enormous efforts by the Committee who above all produced some really imaginative decorations.

Our TAER party duly returned with some good stories. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves and rendered a good account of volunteer ability.

In the Divisional Shoot at Hythe we produced five from a team of eight in some of the events and in the Battalion Shoot, which was a most popular weekend. We were happy to win the Inter-Company Aggregate. CSM Shuff and Sgt Nugent won the LMG event. Our Boxing Day .22 shoot attracted about fifty entries and developed into an almost day-long party which ended

the year on a very high note.

Lastly our congratulations to Cpl P. Smith and Cpl Odell on their promotions which were very well earned.

C COMPANY

Since the last notes appeared, Christmas has come and gone, and we face a New Year which ought to be most interesting. Over the Christmas period we had the usual round of social activities culminating with the Children's Party. This latter function, under the direction of Sgt Ridley and Mr Saunders, proved to be one of the best parties ever held in this centre.

We now look forward to our IS training and to developments connected with the recent White Paper on the reorganisation of the Territorial Army. Both of these happenings will certainly create a great deal of interest. Whatever happens the members of the Company will certainly train hard and support the traditions of the Regiment during the next difficult months.

We were very pleased to welcome Lt D. Wright to the Company. Already he has set aside his RA cap badge and spends many hours encouraging us all to disperse illegal assemblies on sight. We congratulate Bob Chapman, our caretaker and steward, on his recent marriage. He and Mrs. Chapman have our best wishes for the years ahead.

By the time these notes appear the Annual Admin Inspection will be over, and once again we will be allowed to walk on the floor without wearing soft shoes or swinging Tarzan-like across the Drill Hall.

Within the next few weeks we lose WO II Dunkeld to the 1st Battalion. We wish him well and, at the same time, extend a welcome to WO II Harding.

Finally, we congratulate Sgt Bourton on his promotion, and also Cpl O'Brien and Cpl Sattar on attaining their second stripe.

D COMPANY

In spite of the sword of Damocles hanging over us, training and life at Bermondsey carries on well. Training for the Courage Trophy is in full swing and on drill nights volunteers can be seen trotting around the drill hall, heaving LMGs about and weight-lifting, all under the lash of Sgt R. Elliott. Route marches have been carried out at weekends and hopes are high for success this year.

In December, the Annual Boxing Match

between the Regular Army and the TA was held at Bermondsey. The TA were narrowly defeated but it was a good evening's boxing. The canteen was used to feed the boxers and rarely has there been such a gathering of gladiators. Also in December, the Officers, Senior NCOs and their ladies dined in the Officers' Mess. It was a "first time" and a great success. It seemed strange to see Sgt E. Rolfe sitting at the table instead of hovering around it. We were pleased to have as one of our guests CSM Warren, a former PSI, who dropped in on his way back to the 1st Battalion in BAOR.

In January the Company provided a Guard of Honour at the Inaugural Reception of the Mayor of Southwark at Peckham Girls School. Much to the chagrin of some members, the girls were on holiday.

HQ COMPANY

In spite of the unpleasant noises from Whitehall, training continues with as much enthusiasm and as many volunteers as we can muster. The Company does basic infantry training on Tuesday evenings and specialist training RP, Signals, MT and Intelligence on Thursdays. Once a month we play shinty—Sgt Rettie and L/Cpl Cranfield revealing themselves as unexpectedly talented players.

We sent our fair share of volunteers to the two Rifle Meetings, and on the Amphibious Training weekend, when the MT Platoon coped with a breakdown in convoy with textbook correctness. In December we held our own Company training weekend at Camberley, including the RMA Sandhurst Assault Course and Swimming Pool (yes, it is heated), after which the Signal Platoon held a mobile signals exercise.

We congratulate L/Cpl Hassell and Cpl Kimber on their part in retaining the Divisional Cross Country Championship, and L/Cpl Burrows for his fine goal-keeping in the Bn Football Team.

The Company Christmas Shoot and Draw was particularly successful this year, thanks to the hard work of a team led by CSM and Mrs Homersham and a fine lunch prepared by Cpl Gallocher. Almost all present won a prize—the OC winning two as he also won a bottle of wine in a private shooting competition of his own with the 2 IC. CSM and Mrs Homersham, ably assisted by Cpl and Mrs Rutter, also organised an excellent

Children's Christmas Party; there can be few severer tests for a CSM than the part of Father Christmas at a Company Children's Party—CSM Homersham was outstanding!

By the time these notes appear in print CSM Homersham will have left us. It is hard to imagine the Regiment at Guildford without him. All of us join in a very warm "Thank You Very Much" for all his hard work for so many years, and wish him every happiness for the future. Another sad loss to the Company is C/Sgt Bromage, who had to leave us following his accident last June. It is doubly sad that so keen and ever cheerful a soldier as C/Sgt Bromage, should have had to leave on account of injuries sustained with us. Again, all we can say is "Thank You Very Much," and to both him and CSM Homersham—"Come and see us whenever you can." C/Sgt Newman-Knott joined us as our new Company PSI in December; we wish him a happy tour of duty with us.

Training continues at Haslemere on a somewhat reduced scale due to the difficulty of providing instruction. The Reconnaissance Platoon, who live at Woking in an almost perpetual state of UDI write as follows:—

"Since our last return from Annual Camp we have welcomed back Pte Message from Aden where he had been serving six months with the TAER. He appeared to be none the worse for his experiences, although he had a narrow escape when a grenade was thrown into the vehicle in which he was travelling.

"We congratulate L/Cpls Dunipace and D. Stubbs on their recent promotion to Corporal.

"On 20th November, the platoon held its 5th Annual Draw and Colonel and Mrs D. B. Pullen were our guests of honour. During the evening the Platoon awards for the past year were presented including the Inter-Section Cup to Cpl A. J. Stubbs' Section. The NCOs Cup for the most improved Private Soldier in the year was awarded to Pte Clemence, and the Officers and Sgts' Cup for the best all rounder at camp went to Cpl A. J. Stubbs. The ladies .22 Cup was won for the second year by Mrs. S. J. Browning. Training is now going ahead with a view to our next annual camp in July and, with a sudden influx of new recruits, this promises to be the best turn out for many years."

To this the Company Commander would only wish to add a note of thanks to the Signals and Recce PSI, Sgt Jones, for the

solid hard work he so cheerfully gives to the Battalion, and congratulate him and his wife on the birth of their second child. Congratulations also to C/Sgt Quinnell, Sgt Rettie, L/Cpl Frost, L/Cpl Cranfield and L/Cpl Furlonger on their promotions.

BAND AND DRUMS

The Band and Drums continue to train and practise at Croydon, and contribute immensely to the Bn on ceremonial occasions.

Remembrance Day this year saw them on their home ground at Croydon, where their smart appearance drew many favourable comments from the crowd of spectators.

On 13th November, the Band took part in the Lord Mayor of London's Procession. After the ceremony many most favourable comments were made on the bearing and the music provided by the Band. This was particularly satisfactory in view of the arduous nature of the parade, and the ever increasing encroachments of *anno domini*.

1966 promises to be a busy year, with a programme of Concerts and "Retreats" already well booked.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess had a successful Guest Night at Bermondsey in October, at which we dined out Major Dick Saunders and Lt Duncan Sidwell. The Mess presented Major Saunders with a 3rd Queen's Surreys Drum fashioned into a coffee table.

The Bermondsey Mess has received a presentation from Lady Paterson of the medals of her husband Sir Alec Paterson, who served with the Bermondsey Battalion in the First World War. These have been mounted in a glass case. They include a 1914-15 Star inscribed L/Cpl Paterson, and an MC inscribed Capt Paterson—an unusual combination.

The Guildford Mess has been re-decorated and it is hoped that the Bermondsey Mess may be also—no doubt in honour of our disbandment. The ways of those who control monies will for ever be past comprehension. As these notes go to press we are preparing for our Winter Dance, to take place at Guildford.

Tuesday suppers continue each week at Bermondsey, and fresh supplies of Belgian Trappist beer were brought by the party returning from Ghent and our friends from "La Sarcelle" when they came in October.

We congratulate Capt Tony Clayton on

promotion to Major, and warmly welcome 2/Lt G. R. Acres and Lt Denis Wright who have joined the Battalion. We are also very pleased to welcome back Lts Noel Napier-Ford and William Clark Maxwell from their travels abroad.

In May 1966 our faithful Mess Sergeant, Sgt Rolfe, celebrates his Silver Wedding. We extend warm congratulations to him and Mrs Rolfe, and our thanks both to him and his staff for their part in making our Mess the success it has always been.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Many Mess members took part in an amphibious exercise with the Royal Marines at Poole, Dorset, during the weekend 9th/10th October. It was obvious that the Royal Marines' bar profits were greatly enhanced by the visit of the 3rd Battalion!

Another "Naval Occasion" occurred on Sunday, 24th October, when a strong party of Mess members spent a most enjoyable day as guests of the Royal Navy at Portsmouth. Arriving by coach at approximately 9 am the day began with a conducted tour of the Air Weapons Station at HMS *Excellent*, followed by tours of HMS *Delight* and HMS *London*, during which liquid refreshment was generously distributed. A magnificent lunch, washed down with Navy rum, was then enjoyed at HMS *Excellent*, after which the members were whisked across to the Navy's Mess to be confronted by literally hundreds of sailors and their families all eager to press more liquid refreshment upon uncomplaining (and possibly incapable) WOs and NCOs of the 3rd Battalion. Undaunted, the Mess continued its programme at 2 pm with a tour of the Royal Canadian Navy supply ship, *Provider*, followed by an illuminating trip round HMS *Victory*. Members were finally poured into their coach and departed for home stations at 4 pm. An unforgettable experience!

Following another successful Mess weekend at Croydon in November, members concentrated on one of the big social events of the year—the Christmas Draw at Guildford on Saturday, 11th December. The decoration of the drill hall took a whole weekend to complete beforehand and, on the day, over 400 people thronged the hall. The dance section of the Battalion band played at intervals for dancing, and a massive buffet was provided by WO II Rolfe (ACC) and his assistants.

Apart from Mess members, their families and friends, a large number of officers were present as guests, including the Honorary Colonel and the Commanding Officer. During the evening two fully-laden coaches rolled up from Portsmouth disgorging a Royal Navy party from HMS *Excellent*. They evidently enjoyed themselves, particularly as they bore away many of the 250 prizes on display.

Many of the old stalwarts of the Mess have now left—WO II Len Fuller, Sgt "Chippy" Woods, WO II Bill Edwards, Sgt Mick Doyle and C/Sgt Jack Bromage. Jack Bromage suffered severe burns to his hands and face when a field cooker exploded last June. He was in hospital for a considerable time, and, although he is now back at work, he is still having trouble with his hands which will necessitate further skin grafting. It is hoped he will enjoy a full recovery in due time. A welcome is extended to new Mess members—Sgts W. R. Moore, W. G. Rettie, R. A. G. Elliot, J. A. Sparshott and D. Bourton.

C/Sgt Baker has now been posted to the 1st Bn The Royal Sussex Regiment and, in his place, we welcome the new PSI for HQ Coy—C/Sgt K. R. W. Newman-Knott. A great many other PSI changes are due to take place in the Spring.

The following are to be congratulated on their promotion:—WO II P. T. Robinson, WO II W. C. Mills, WO II W. J. Griffiths (APTC) and C/Sgt T. W. R. Quinnell.

The Immortal Seventh Division

At Lyndhurst, Hampshire, on 25th September 1965, the Survivors Association of the 7th Division held their final reunion. It was here that the Division had assembled in September 1914, 2nd Bn The Queen's then forming part of the 22nd Brigade. The Battalion was in action within a week of disembarkation at Zeebrugge. The 7th Division, on the left flank of the Allied front, suffered enormous losses in holding the German advance to the Channel Ports.

The actual date of the 7th Division's final reunion was the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Loos in 1915, in which the gallant Divisional Commander, Major General Capper, was mortally wounded.

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THE NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS
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22ND R.F.A. (104TH/130TH BATTERIES)
23RD R.F.A. (105TH/131ST BATTERIES)
7TH DIVISIONAL SIGNALS R.E.
7TH DIVISIONAL CYCLISTS
64TH A.S.C. 7TH DIV SUPPLY COLUMN

The Memorial Plaque at Lyndhurst commemorating the Immortal Seventh Division

The reunion took the form of a lunch at the Grand Hotel, Lyndhurst, opposite which the Division was in camp 51 years before. After a short service at the War Memorial at which a number of wreaths were laid, the commemoration plaque to the Division at the Rural District Council Offices was inspected. The Regiment was represented by Major R. H. Philpot, MC and Messrs R. W. Walters and G. H. Smith. Mr Gilbert Smith is the Honorary Secretary of the Immortal 7th Division Survivors Association. He joined the 3rd Volunteer Bn The Queen's in 1913 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion in October 1914.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM BUILDING APPEAL

In the November 1965 issue of the Regimental Journal an appeal was published to raise funds to provide and equip a new National Army Museum. It is hoped to establish the new Museum in the grounds of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea.

There has been a good response to the Appeal, and as a result we were able to send a donation of £100 to the Appeal Committee. The Colonel of the Regiment has received a personal letter of thanks from Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, the Chairman of the National Army Museum Appeal Committee.

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	WO2 G. A. Hurley

The last six months have seen the usual winter cadres for NCOs, recruits and specialists, an autumn exercise with the RMFVR, the return of the Ever-Readies from Aden, much strenuous training for the Courage Trophy Competition, and continued uncertainty about the future of the Territorial Army. Morale has remained high, we have managed to increase our strength much against the general trend, and we look forward to laying the foundations for the future when we go to camp in July.

1965 was in many respects a notable year for the Battalion, thanks largely to the enthusiasm and determination shown by all ranks to make the best of the present whatever the future might hold. In a recent article in The Territorial Magazine, which is reproduced in these notes, it was described as a vintage year for 4 Queen's Surreys. We look forward to 1966 being another such year. We may not be as fortunate again in competitions, but our aim will still be to give as many members of the Battalion as possible the opportunity to take part in interesting, worthwhile training.

It should not be forgotten, however, that our various training and social activities could not be successful without a great deal of hard work by those members of the Battalion whose duties are administrative such as WO 2 A. R. Scriven, MBE, who has been in charge of the Orderly Room ever since the Territorial Army reformed after World War 2, WO 2 R. Haynes and his cooks

who turn out weekend after weekend, Sgt W. Taylor and the MT Section, our two Quartermasters and their staff, and the rest of the Permanent Staff. Much credit is due to them for the Battalion's annual administrative report this year in which the Brigade Commander said "This is undoubtedly a well-organised and well-administered Battalion. In spite of the long and continuing period of uncertainty concerning the future of the TA, a very good spirit prevails throughout the unit," and the Divisional Commander commented "A good report. This Battalion has an excellent spirit and morale is high."

The Courage Trophy

The Courage Trophy Competition, which is otherwise known as the TA Marathon, took place this year on 2nd/3rd April. Twenty-nine company teams took part from most of the major units in and around London and as last year we entered three teams. Our training was more comprehensive than last year and we had hopes of improving on our performance then, when B Coy won the trophy and HQ Coy came third. However, this was not to be. Our teams came third, fifth and sixth, and we were delighted that since we could do no better, B Coy 3 Queen's Surreys proved worthy winners and retained the trophy in the Regiment. It was in fact quite a field day for the Regiment with four teams in the first six, to the confusion of The Queen's Royal Rifles, London Scottish,



Courage Trophy
Assault Course—the second obstacle

London Irish, Parachute Regiment and others.

The competition began at Biggin Hill where teams assembled and were given an invigorating send-off by Miss Anna Neagle and Joe Brown in cold, wet weather. The first phase of the competition was a 14-mile march to Brands Hatch, target time four hours, interspersed with shooting and map-reading tests. Meanwhile the administrative element of each team took part in driving tests and prepared a bivouac camp and evening meal at Brands Hatch. That night teams took part in a night-navigation march and next day the final three tests consisted of a driving rally, ten-mile forced march, and assault course. The competition finished at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, where prizes were presented by Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis.



Courage Trophy
HQ Coy cross third obstacle on the assault course

Highlights of the competition so far as we were concerned were obtaining three out of the first four places in the shooting and the first two places in the assault course. HQ Coy team, led by Lt R. M. Arnold, came through very consistently to take third place. A Coy, under Lt D. C. Thomas, unfortunately were four minutes late in the first march and went adrift during the driving rally, which put them out of the running for the trophy. After doing badly in the first march, map-reading and camping tests C Coy under, Lt A. Birtles, recovered well to finish sixth. The general standard of the three teams was good and it was extremely creditable that they all finished so well placed.



Courage Trophy, HQ Coy
complete first march of 14
miles in four hours at
Brands Hatch

Return of the Ever-Readies

We were glad to welcome home during the last week of October our 19 Ever-Readies who had been serving with 1 Royal Sussex in Aden. They arrived at Gatwick Airport looking fit and bronzed, some equipped with ancient Arab rifles, others sporting exotic Eastern headdress.

In his farewell message to them (reproduced in full in 3 Queen's Surreys (TA) notes) Lt Col D. E. C. Russell said the Ever-Readies had done a tough job well in the best traditions of the Territorial Army.

44 Division Rifle Meeting

Nine major units competed in 44 (Home Counties) Rifle Meeting at Lydd on 2nd/3rd October 1965. The competition developed into a close contest between 4/5 Royal Sussex and the 3rd and 4th Queen's Surreys. In the end we took second place two points behind the Royal Sussex and two ahead of the 3rd Battalion.

We started well with a sweeping victory in the LMG Team Match in which Lt Meanley and CSM Collins came second in Class "A," Cpl Moore and Pte Harris won Class "B," and Ptes James and Irven won Class "C." We then came second in the Sten Match, which was being fired concurrently, and in which Sgt Lee very nearly won the individual award with 92 points out of 100. After leading almost throughout he had the misfortune to be overtaken by one point in the final practice. Unfortunately the Rifle Match which followed proved our downfall. Our very young team, five of the eight under twenty-one, were confronted with unusually difficult light conditions and shot well below their usual form to come only fifth. In the two remaining matches next day we came second in the China Cup and third in the Britannia, both of which were won by the 3rd Battalion. However, the 4/5 R Sussex, who had won the Rifle Match, did well enough in these events to hold off the Queen's Surreys Challenge.

Other Shooting Events

A good standard of shooting has been maintained in the recruit cadres during the winter and several good shots have come to light who will strengthen company and Battalion teams this year.

The results of the winter Inter-Company .22 League were:—

- 1st Kingston A
- 2nd Battalion Headquarters
- 3rd Clapham Junction A

The following were the leading individuals:

Sgt D. Lee	413
Lt R. M. Arnold	398
L/Cpl D. Simpson	393
Sgt J. Izant	391

The standard of .22 shooting has generally been much higher this year, largely due to greater use of spotting telescopes and better detachment organization.

Kingston Detachment has also won the county stage of the Territorial Army Small Bore Rifle Match 1966, taking first place in Surrey with 1,444 points. HQ Coy 3 Queen's Surreys came second with 1,381 points and both have qualified for the final stage.

Motor Rallies

The Surrey Yeomanry annually run a driving rally known as "Wally's Folly" in which crews from most TA units around London compete. Seventy-five crews assembled last December for a night drive of 300 miles in difficult conditions of wind and rain. Lt R. M. Arnold's crew had the misfortune to overturn their vehicle during the final stage when well in the lead. The cynics will say that he makes a habit of this. However, three other 4th Battalion crews completed the rally, Lt D. C. Thomas coming third, Lt A. Birtles seventh and, Lt J. C. D. McMahon twenty-second.

In February a team from the MT Section commanded by the MTO, Capt C. D. Young, competed in 44 (Home Counties) Division/District eliminating competition for the British Army Motoring Association annual rally. We entered this competition to show willing and gain experience, but without serious intent as the dates of the Eastern Command stage coincided with the Courage Trophy Competition and half the available drivers and navigators were already committed to Courage Trophy teams. It was therefore a little embarrassing when our team came second overall, one point behind the winners, 1 Staffords, and well ahead of all other TA teams. Nevertheless it was a highly creditable performance for which the MTO and his MT Sergeant, Sgt W. Taylor, in particular are to be congratulated.

In the Eastern Command Rally on 2nd/3rd April 1 Staffords came eighth, but our team

dropped back to twenty-second, due mainly to a fan belt in one vehicle breaking during the second night drive and the consequent delay which incurred a heavy penalty. This was bad luck for our team which had to be reconstituted after the Divisional trials. It was an extremely arduous rally involving two night drives, skilled driving tests and written tests on engine fault finding, the Highway Code, and first aid. Eight teams failed to finish, and it says much for the 4 Queen's Surreys entry that the team completed the rally despite mechanical failure and were still third among the 44 Division entries.

Combined Bands and Drums

The Bands and Corps of Drums of the 3rd and 4th Battalions have combined most effectively on two occasions. The first was the Lord Mayor's Procession on 13th November. The new Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Lionel Denny, who won the Military Cross while serving with the 8th East Surreys in 1918, had asked that the Regiment should be represented in his procession. The combined Bands and Drums were given pride of place at the head of the cavalcade of floats. They were one of the largest bands in the processions, certainly one of the smartest, and evoked much favourable comment by their standard of marching and playing.

The combined Bands and Drums also played at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, during the final stages of the Courage Trophy Competition. On a bitterly cold afternoon they impressed the many spectators with the precision and quality of their performance, and the Secretary of the



3rd and 4th Battalions Band and Drums at Courage Trophy Prize-Giving at Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea

County of London T and AFA wrote afterwards as follows:— "I am always most impressed by the spirit with which they play, and I know that everybody else is of the same opinion, because whenever they have played in public when I have been present I have heard many complimentary remarks about them."

Sport

The combined Command and Division Cross-Country Meeting was held on 23rd January, a month earlier than usual, and because of pressure of other events we were unable to enter a complete team. Nevertheless Ptes Sanderson, Windsor and Baker of Kingston Detachment competed as individuals and Windsor did extremely well to come third in 44 (Home Counties) Division. All three are to be congratulated on their keenness and enterprise.

We have again entered a team for the Division Boxing Championships, in which 4 Queen's Surreys were runners-up last year. At the time of writing, however, there is some doubt as to whether they will be held because of lack of entries in some of the weights. As we at present have the largest number of entries and are well represented in six weights we hope to improve on last year's performance if the championships take place.

Social Occasions

The Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth and a number of aldermen and councillors of the Borough, who were members of the Borough's Deputy Lieutenant's Committee for the Territorial Army, were guests of the Battalion at a band concert at the Clapham Junction TA Centre on 21st October, followed by a buffet supper in the Officers' Mess. The predominantly Labour Council of this Borough have been staunch supporters of the TA and we were very glad to find on this occasion that the TA Committee, which is unique in London, was pressing the Government hard to ensure a viable future for the TA.

An innovation on the 29th October was a Battalion All-ranks Dinner/Dance at the Kingston TA Centre in place of the annual "stag" dinner. One hundred and fifty members of the Battalion and their ladies sat down to dinner with the Battalion silver on the tables and the Colours in the background, and with music played by Sgts Carroll and Thompson and their quartette. After dinner

the drill hall was rapidly cleared and dancing took place until midnight. The occasion was a great success and is to be repeated twice this year.

The Battalion Children's Christmas Party was held at Kingston on New Year's Day and was attended by over one hundred children of all ages from three to fourteen. Once again RQMS Hurley appeared as a well-rounded Father Christmas and Lt Messenger provided an excellent assortment of cartoon films.

On 9th March the Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames were the chief guests at a band concert at the Kingston TA Centre. Other guests included a number of officers and their wives from the Steadfast Sea Cadet Unit and the 5th Queen's Surreys ACF Battalion. The guests were entertained afterwards at a buffet supper in the Officers' Mess.

Congratulatory

We extend our congratulations to Major J. W. Ennis, Major P. R. H. Thompson, Captain A. W. Fairhead and Captain (QM) W. Snowden on their promotion, and to Lt R. M. Arnold on his obtaining a Limited Service Regular Commission in the Royal Sussex Regiment with whom he served as an Ever-Ready last year.

Our congratulations also go to WO 2 G. A. Hurley on the award of a fourth clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal, and to Sgt C. Stevens on the award of the County of Surrey Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Valedictory

We are very sorry to lose Lt Arnold, who has commanded the Recce Platoon with distinction for the last three years, 2/Lt C. R. M. Kewish, who has been posted by his firm to Scotland, and 2/Lt R. J. P. Barribal, who has transferred to the 4/6 R Lincolns on taking up an appointment in that county. Two other sad losses are WO 2 J. Davies, RAPC, who has moved to Portsmouth, and WO 2 A. Locke, who has been one of the staunchest members of Clapham Junction Detachment for sixteen years and has reluctantly decided that his many other duties, which includes membership of Crawley Town Council, prevent him continuing in the TA. We wish them all a happy prosperous future and thank them for their loyal service to the Battalion.

BATTERSEA (CLAPHAM JUNCTION) DETACHMENT

OC Detachment	..	..	Major D. H. Conran
OIC Training	..	..	Major P. Labbett, TD

'Up the Junction' appears to have added a new dimension since the last notes were written. However, there is little new in this world and any revelations were considered 'old hat' at St. Johns Hill. We have lost some of our fat in the fires of controversy concerning our future, but basically we are unscathed and probably healthier as a result.

We have a number of changes to report. The Detachment now resounds to the enraged bellows of our new PSI, WO 2 J. Chaffer, MM—we appear to be the object of his wrath, yet somehow we definitely seem to be benefitting from the experience.

Congratulations to Sgt Shearing on appointment as Detachment Colour Sergeant and to C/Sgt Jenkins on appointment as Detachment Sergeant Major. The Jenkins Family is now much in evidence with Sgt and Mrs Jenkins running the Gazala Club, their son our new CSM, and his son Boy Jenkins one of our most active soldiers, whom we congratulate on winning the Drill Prize in the Recruit Cadre Passing-Out Competition last November.

We thank Mr and Mrs Francis and their family for all the help they gave in running the Club last year and we are sorry to see them go.



Courage Trophy
A Coy complete final march of 10 miles in 2½ hours

Congratulations to Captain Fairhead on his promotion and to Lt Thomas and Lt Bhur on their second pips. We were sorry to lose 2/Lt Barribal due to a move in his job.

We have not held a Tramps Ball for several years, but reinstated this sartorial occasion on 26th March. It proved to be an extremely successful evening and our thanks go to the organising Committee, and to Sgts Brazier and Yeldham in particular, for all their hard work.

Our Courage Trophy team again did extremely well, but not quite well enough to retain the trophy. They won the Assault Course, and came second in the shooting; and Cpl Belton's B Section scored most points for bivouacking. Unfortunately they lost time on the first march and too many points in the driving rally. The team consisted of Lt D. C. Thomas, Sgt B. Littlejohn, L/Cpls R. J. Ricketts and D. Simpson, Ptes M. J. Gowen, P. A. Gosden and P. Harvey, Cpl P. Belton and Ptes A. Bedford and A. James.

KINGSTON (PORTSMOUTH ROAD) DETACHMENT

OC Detachment ... Major J. W. Brewster
2IC ... Capt R. W. Harrington

Although the end of the Territorial Army has been an ever present threat over the last six months training has continued with interest and enthusiasm, and recruiting has seldom been better.

The Battalion notes describe the various major competitions in which the Detachment's representatives have distinguished themselves. Suffice it therefore to extend warm congratulations to Lt R. M. Arnold and his Courage Trophy team who for the second year running took third place, and to the BAMA Rally team which was drawn almost entirely from Kingston Detachment.

The Courage Trophy team consisted of Lt Arnold, Sgt K. F. Hammond, L/Cpls G. W. Sayer, M. A. Smith and P. E. Everitt, and Ptes J. M. Griffin, D. J. Sayer, V. G. Lambert, G. Cooper and G. H. Cole, who stood in at the last moment for T. P. O'Brien and who, eighteen the week before the competition, must have been one of the youngest competitors.

The BAMA Rally team which won the TA part of the Divisional competition consisted of Captain C. D. Young, Sgt W.

Taylor, Sgt Hammond, L/Cpls D. J. Clarke and Everitt, and Cole. Subsequently the Courage Trophy members of the team were replaced by Cpl L. F. Tucker, L/Cpl J. Trimm and Pte K. G. Prosser, on loan from C Coy, for the Command stage.

Kingston recruits have dominated the two winter passing-out competitions. We congratulate G. Cole and M. R. Daly on winning the Best Recruit awards, J. Prysor and W. A. Foster on winning the SLR prizes, R. D. Marshall and T. R. Phillips the LMG, F. E. Dance the drill and weapon-training, and J. C. Williams and P. Borne the CO's prize medal. In these two competitions eight out of fifteen Kingston recruits obtained above-average grading.

Kingston Detachment also provided all three Battalion entries for the Eastern Command Cross-Country Competition and we congratulate Ptes Windsor, Baker and Sanderson on their keenness and Windsor in particular on doing so well.

For once we have something to boast about in regard to .22 shooting. The Detachment's achievements in winning the Battalion League and the County stage of the TA Small-bore Match are largely due to the coaching of Sgt D. Lee, aided by Sgt J. Izant.

Social events have been well-supported. The monthly social evenings in the Orchard Room are now well-established and a lively feature of them is the comedy act provided by wit-master Cpl E. G. Hill, assisted by L/Cpl M. A. Smith, which will earn them either promotion or court-martial. The New Year's Eve Ball was enjoyed by all in very pleasant surroundings, for which we thank the RSM's organizing genius and his team of tireless helpers including particularly Cpl Peters and Pte Bullivant.

C COMPANY

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

Rumours of possible changes in the organization of the TA have only just reached the countryside of C Company's area, but even so recruiting continues, and our motto throughout has been 'Business as Usual'.



Courage Trophy
C Coy cross first obstacle on the assault course

Indeed the fame of the Company has spread so far that ex-Sgt Prosser has returned to us again after three years in Australia. Who can ask for a better reference than that?

On the training side the winter has been occupied with support weapons and driving cadres, and training for the Courage Trophy and Brigade Skills Competitions. Our gladiators won the Wandsworth Borough Shooting Competition, and the trophy was presented to us at the Wandsworth Military Ball in February. Pte Batcock is to be congratulated on obtaining SLR marksman and Ptes Frampton and Vandeneen 1st Class on classification during the Recruit Passing-out Competition.



Courage Trophy
C Coy on final march to Chelsea

Our gallant Courage Trophy team under Lt A. Birtles suffered from Sgt Stevens's giant-size blister during the first march and also nearly lost L/Cpl Griffin who with difficulty convinced an inspecting MO that his natural pallor was not extreme exhaustion. However, from the night march onwards the team came fourth or higher in every event and finished sixth overall, considerably higher than any C Coy team in previous years. The other members of the team consisted of Cpl C. Moore, L/Cpl R. E. Woolgar and Ptes R. A. Harris, P. J. Frampton, T. De Marre, R. J. Redmayne and C. M. White, with Pte P. Whiting in reserve.

In conclusion we extend a welcome to C/Sgt L. James who has joined us as PSI at Chertsey.

EXTRACT FROM THE TERRITORIAL MAGAZINE (Feb 1966)

A VINTAGE YEAR FOR 4 QUEEN'S SURREYS

1965 was a vintage year for the 4th Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt. In March B Coy (Clapham Junction) won the County of London TA Marathon Competition for the Courage Trophy, with HQ Coy (Kingston-upon-Thames) in third place only half a point behind the runners-up. In May, C Coy (Cobham, Chertsey and Leatherhead) won 47 Infantry Brigade Inter-Company Military Skills Competition and the other companies of 4 Queen's Surreys took second, third, fourth and fifth places.

Rifle Meeting

In October the Battalion team came second in 44 (Home Counties) Div/Dist Rifle Meeting, two points behind the winners, 4/5 R Sussex, and two ahead of 3 Queen's Surreys after a close tussle with both these units. In fact, had their young rifle team (five out of eight under 21, average age 22) not encountered unusually difficult light conditions when they fired the rifle match, 4 Queen's Surreys would have won the meeting.

Other successes have included A Coy's winning of the Surrey County stage of the NSRA Territorial Army Small-bore Match 1965, the Battalion team's second place in the Division Boxing Championships and fourth place at the Eastern Command TA Cross-Country Meeting and, lastly, although most important of all, the reduction of

wastage for the second year running. Over the last two years this has been cut by 30 per cent, and the only disappointment has been the failure to achieve a comparable increase in recruiting, which was perhaps inevitable in the present political climate.

The main factor in these successes has been the improved standard of basic training, which has been achieved by greater emphasis on teaching officers and NCOs how to instruct, and by a new system of recruit training.

Instructor Training

Action to improve the standard of instruction was initiated in 1964, when the Battalion was at annual camp at the Army School of Civil Defence, Devizes, and arrangements were made for all officers to spend one day at the Army Methods of Instruction School, Warminster. This was an invaluable refresher in the art of good instruction, and created a critical interest in standards of instruction within the unit. At the same time a series of unit cadres for sergeants and corporals was started which consisted largely of instruction in lesson planning, question technique and the principles of good instruction, and of practice in taking lessons followed by critiques. Later that year the RSM and all PSIs spent two days at the School of Infantry, Hythe, to be briefed on the latest instructional and shooting aids. The result of all these measures has been a distinct improvement in the standard of instruction in the unit, and consequently much improved training.

Recruit Training

A new method of out-of-camp recruit training was introduced in September 1964. Working on the principle that training must be as concentrated and objective as possible if it is to make the right impact, it was decided that each recruit cadre should consist of five alternate week-ends over a period of two/three months in addition to evening training twice a week throughout the same period. Evening training was the responsibility of company commanders, and week-end training was run centrally by the RSM using all PSIs as instructors. The aim of the cadre was limited to teaching recruits to look and move like soldiers, and to handle the SLR and LMG proficiently. The Sundays of the first four week-ends were spent on the range

with PSIs to provide individual coaching, and the last week-end was used for a passing-out competition at which trophies were given to the winners of the drill and turnout, weapon training, SLR classification and LMG classification tests.

The results were rewarding. The recruits appreciated learning to fire the basic infantry weapons at an early age, and a high proportion proved to be promising shots. Companies were able to concentrate on continuation training, and the Battalion benefited from the enthusiasm for shooting which was inc located in its young soldiers at the earliest stage.

The best shooting results were obtained by the Spring 1965 cadre which passed-out during the week-end 26th/27th June. In the classification tests that week-end nine of the 15 recruits achieved recruit marksman standard with the SLR and seven marksmen or first-class with the LMG. None had previous military experience. Although these results were above average, every cadre has produced a good proportion of marksmen or first-class shots after only four days on the open range.

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Battery Captain	Capt J. N. Beevers
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BSM	WO II F. A. Ross
BQMS	Sgt H. E. Keeling

The Battery is carrying on amidst the constant rumours flying around regarding the TA. Attendance on drill nights is picking up, and we all look forward to this year's camp in South Wales again. What happens after Camp is another matter; nothing certain has at any rate got down to our level yet. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Last Remembrance Sunday the Battery paraded with the Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association at St Mary's, Newington, and the addition of some smart pipers in the Cadet Band made the occasion a notable one.

Capt Westbrook and BSM Ross are congratulated on their recent promotion. At the same time we were very sorry to see the departure of BSM Morris due to ill-health. His cheerful and popular figure is, however, not far away from us, and happily he still looks in regularly. We also heartily congratulate Sgt F. J. Parks on his award of the Efficiency Medal.

A number of very successful social events took place during the winter. The Officers' Regimental Dinner was held in the Fishmongers' Hall (one of R Battery's two Livery Companies) as the RA Mess in Woolwich is being rebuilt. The noble setting of the Hall made the evening a memorable one. The Sergeants' Ladies' evening was a particularly happy occasion at the Drill Hall in February.

Finally, all ranks have had a number of pleasant evenings both here and elsewhere; one of the latter being a weekend spent at

the Guildford Drill Hall of 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), prior to spending Sunday in Long Valley in deep snow. Our warmest thanks are extended to the 3rd Battalion for their kindness in putting us up on the Saturday night.

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has at present no officer on the military instruction staff at the Royal Military Academy, but it is well represented in and around Sandhurst.

RQMS MacGregor is the senior Warrant Officer in the Quartermaster's Department, and with Cpl Herd of the Academy Police, are the only serving Regular soldiers of the Regiment on the staff. Lt Col Roy Leyland, a distinguished retired officer of the Surreys who played Rugger for England, is a History Lecturer.

The TA side is very well represented. Tony Clayton, formerly of 6th Queen's and still serving with 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), is also a History Lecturer. The Modern Subjects Department includes two former Territorials, both of the 5th Queen's, as History Lecturers, Michael Marson and Martin Prescott. In the Academy Library, the Deputy Librarian is James Taylor, formerly of the Queen's. Lastly, but by no means least, on the staff side is Mr Chinnery, a former Warrant Officer of the Queen's, who presides resplendent in frock coat, top hat and medals over the Porter's Lodge at the Officers' Mess.

On the cadet side it is most pleasant to note that the three cadets accepted for the Regiment when they pass out in June are all in the "Cadet Government." They are JUO

R. White, JMO M. Hyatt and the Cadet Colour Sergeant of the Sovereign's Company, C. Tuckwell. This is a good achievement, and shows that the Regiment is attracting cadets of the best qualities.

On Remembrance Sunday, at the large British Legion rally and Church parade, the parade marches off to the marches of the two local regiments—The Royal Berkshire's march and "Braganza."

A fine painting of William O'Brien, Earl of Inchiquin, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1675 to 1680, hangs in Old College Officers' Mess. For the moment, too, the National Army Museum is still at Sandhurst until its new London home is ready. Visitors to the Museum start on the right note. Flanking the main doorway stand our splendid old Carlisle figures—wooden figures of soldiers of the Regiment in the uniform of 1726, with the Lamb badge in their tall mitre hats; the Lamb had not by 1726 solved the technical problem of carrying the Flag. These figures were found in a hostelry in Carlisle. It had been the practice to place them outside the tavern; when a "likely lad" was attracted within, he would be given a glass of strong ale and his next recollection would probably be a recruit's parade for the 2nd Foot.

Seeing these old figures, and thinking of the past and the future, one cannot help hoping that the Home Counties Brigade "Large" Regiment, when it comes, can find room for our popular and familiar Lamb somewhere on the uniform.

A.C.

No. 39 Army Youth Team Stoughton Barracks, Guildford

The Youth Team Year ended on Friday, 17th September 1965, with a Cocktail Party given on behalf of the Team for Youth Officers, Press, Recruiting and Liaison Staff by Lt David Hutt, whose last official function it was before he left the Army to go into the Church.

After a short handover period Lt Harris found himself very alone in the Youth world, and realising how short a year's tour is, set to work with as little delay as possible. Thanks to David Hutt's magnificent and tireless efforts in his two years as OC 39 AYT, in

which he was the pioneer and Chief Architect of the scheme, Lt Harris found nearly every door in the Civilian Youth Organisation not only wide open but requests being laid before him.

During the winter months it has been the policy of the team to go into Clubs and become known. This has been done largely by showing films and Infantry Platoon weapons to provide a talking point. This has met with great success and the Team has gone on to provide .22 shooting, visits to Units, days and weekends "in Barracks" with the Army. The Guards Depot at Pirbright has been enormously helpful to the Team in letting us have full use of range, assault course and dining facilities.

Although the preponderance of work is done in the evenings and at weekends, 39 AYT finds the daytime can be very hectic also. By arrangement with the Chief Constable of Surrey one day per month is provided to help in the training of Surrey Police Cadets. A recent road walk and run from Guildford to Pirbright in one hour (more run than walk), a team race over the assault course (31 obstacles) and pistol shoot gave rise to a certain amount of speculation on what life in today's Army is really like! If you are stopped by a limping policeman in Surrey don't say you are in the Army!

The Team has built a full sized assault course at a school in Chertsey, thanks to the Military Railway at Longmoor for sleepers, and the Guards Depot for a scramble net. The assault course with 8 obstacles will be for the use of the school and local cadet units.

Sgt Lockwood, a much liked figure in Youth Clubs, left the Team in January to rejoin the 1st Battalion, to be replaced by Sgt Gardner whose local knowledge has proved to be most useful.

Special mention should be made of L/Cpl Martin who has been with the Team now for 18 months, who leaves the Army in July to join the Metropolitan Police. Without this Tower of Strength the Team would have come to a near standstill long ago—he types, projects, drives, makes tea for the OC and is a general maid of all work and whipping boy (he says).

L/Cpl Johnson's and Deadman's conscientiousness has been invaluable and the Autumn will be a sad time when this remarkably busy but happy unit has to split up and members go their separate ways.

ALLIED REGIMENTS

THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS

(1st American Regiment)

During his visit to Toronto last July, Regimental ties were exchanged between the Colonel of the Regiment and the Honorary Colonel of The Queen's York Rangers. Since then a further two dozen Queen's Surreys ties have been sent to Canada, and a similar number of Queen's Rangers ties is on its way to us.

The following letters have been exchanged:-

"From: Lt Col Malcolm Montgomery, CD Commanding, The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment).

7 Feb 66

Dear General Piggott,

Thank you very much for the 24 Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment ties which arrived this week. We are distributing them to the Officers, and to the RSM and RQMS. Needless to say, we will wear them proudly. We feel that the wearing of the ties of the sister Regiment serves to underline the close associations which exist between our two units, and indirectly those links between the United Kingdom and Canada.

Our visit to Camp Gagetown to see the Queen's Surreys as a Regiment was the first time such a visit has taken place, and it is to be hoped that in the future we can make such visits more frequent on both sides.

We, here, are extremely anxious to reciprocate the generosity of the Queen's Surreys. With that idea in mind we are communicating with the suppliers of our Regimental ties in the United Kingdom to forward a like number to your headquarters for distribution.

I will be personally coming over to the Old Country during the summer with my wife and would like the opportunity of calling on you if it is convenient. The timings are not yet firm.

Malcolm Montgomery."

"From: Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO.

26 Feb 66

My dear Monty,

It was a great pleasure to receive your

letter of 7th February; thank you so much for it, and also in advance, for your Regimental ties. I shall send most to the 1st Battalion, where they will be worn with as much pleasure and pride as I wear the one that your Hon Colonel gave me.

It is exciting to hear that you will be visiting the UK this summer. I am having a list of some of the Regimental occasions this summer enclosed with this letter, and I hope you—and your wife—may be able to attend, if the dates fit. I would draw your attention particularly to the celebrations of the Glorious 1st of June being held by the 1st Battalion in Munster in Germany. It would be particularly enjoyable for us, and I think for you, if you could manage to visit them then. I hope also that you will be able to visit Kingston, and have a look at our Regimental Museum—and see Geary's photo and mementoes.

Francis Piggott."

THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

On the 13th January at the Imperial Service Club, Sydney, Lt Col N. A. Willis, late Queen's, and Major A. L. Sutton, late Surreys, had a most enjoyable meeting with officers of our allied Australian Regiment, when they were guests at lunch of Brigadier Eric S. Marshall, OBE, ED and officers of The Royal New South Wales Regiment. Brigadier Marshall, a former commanding officer of the 17th/18th Battalion, now commands the brigade in which the Battalions of The Royal New South Wales Regiment are serving. The others present were the divisional commander, Major General John Broadbent, who commanded the 17th/18th Battalion 1948-51, and three of the present commanding officers of The Royal New South Wales Regiment, Lt Cols Alwyn Fox, 2nd Battalion, Gordon Maitland, 3rd Battalion and Frank Hallissy, 17th Battalion.

A few days later Col Willis visited the 2nd Battalion, formerly allied with the Queen's, and Major Sutton the 17th Battalion, formerly allied with the Surreys.

Col Willis reports that The Royal New

South Wales Regiment is a loosely knit formation of five Battalions. There has been a good deal of re-organization, contraction and expansion but the present composition is expected to be fairly permanent. The Regiment forms part of the 5th Task Force. During his visit to the 2nd Battalion at Newcastle, he met an old officer who remembered him from 30 years before. Col Willis was very impressed with all he saw, and confirms that the affiliation of our Regiments is a real live issue.

Major Sutton's visit to the 17th Battalion at Pymble was on the occasion of a monthly officers' training evening, when he received

a very warm welcome. He was shown round the excellent headquarters by Col Hallissy and was able to see some of the training in progress, after which he was invited to give a short talk on the present organization and recent news of the Queen's Surreys. The only activity that evening, other than the officers' training, was the band receiving drill instruction on the barrack square. Some of the caustic comments of the very efficient warrant officer instructor brought back memories of somewhat similar remarks on similar occasions in the British Army, observations not always strictly accurate nor fully justified.

1st Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Honorary Col	Col J. F. E. Goad, OBE
Commanding Officer	Major R. O. Nebel, TD
Second-in-Command	Capt D. T. Hunneyball
Adjutant	Lt C. F. Wells

Detachments

Selhurst Grammar School — Reigate — Dorking — John Ruskin Grammar School
— Wallington — Sydenham Road (Croydon)

The year 1965 marked the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Battalion and it was a busy and, on the whole, successful year for the unit and its constituent detachments.

The 1st Cadet Battalion has long had the somewhat unusual distinction amongst cadet units of having its own "Colours," which were presented on behalf of the "Ladies of Croydon" in 1922. The word "Colours" is used in inverted commas simply because, strictly speaking, ACF units today do not carry Colours but are authorised to have dedicated Banners. It was decided that it would be fitting to mark the Golden Jubilee by the presentation of new Banners which were subscribed for by many past and present officers, instructors and cadets of the Battalion together with other friends.

The impressive ceremony of presentation and dedication took place on Sunday, 10th October at John Ruskin Grammar School. The new Banners were handed over by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, and were dedicated by the Vicar of Croydon, Canon W. Warren Hunt, MA.

The Colonel of the Regiment was accompanied by the Honorary Colonel, Col J. F. E.

Goad, OBE, and the parade was under the command of Major R. O. Nebel, TD. Representatives of the other Battalions and Groups in the Surrey ACF kept the ground and the music was provided by the Band of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA), by kind permission of Lt Col D. B. Pullen, TD, under the baton of Bandmaster Braddick.

The new Banners were formally uncased by two former Commanding Officers of the Battalion, Lt Col H. C. Hughes, TD, lately Deputy Commandant of the Surrey ACF, and Major J. H. East, Administrative Secretary of the Army Cadet Force Association.

The souvenir programme of the day reminded those present that:—

"The Colours of an Infantry Battalion . . . contain the battle honours of the Regiment and are the perpetual reminder of the bravery and self-sacrifice of those who have worn the Regimental Badge in the past. The Banners to be presented to this Cadet Battalion obviously carry no battle honours but they are symbolic of the fine traditions of the Battalion and of the spirit of service of the many Officers, Instructors and Cadets who

have served in it during its fifty years of existence."

These remarks were underlined by General Piggott when he addressed the Cadets.

The ceremonial was a slightly modified version of that normally used at the Presentation of Colours to an infantry battalion and the Cadets are to be congratulated on the smart and efficient manner in which they carried out the complicated sequence of drill movements.

After the march past the Officers and Cadets and the visitors and guests were entertained to tea. In addition to the large number of relatives and friends of members of the Battalion, those present included the Mayors of London Boroughs of Croydon and Sutton, the Mayor of Reigate, the Chairman of Dorking UDC, the County Cadet Commandant, Col R. M. Billington, TD, DL, and a large number of representatives of the Surrey ACF, the TA, the ACFA, Schools and the Youth service. It was pleasing to see so many ex-Officers and Cadets of the Battalion on what was a truly memorable occasion.

The old "Colours" bear the arms of the former Borough of Croydon and the title "1st Cadet Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment" and it seemed appropriate that they should be laid up in Croydon. It was particularly pleasing that permission was forthcoming for this to be done in Croydon Parish Church and the brief ceremony took place on Sunday, 18th December, preceding the Battalion's annual Carol Service. Canon Warren Hunt had, in the interval since the presentation of the new Banners, been consecrated Bishop of Repton but most fortunately was still in Croydon and

was able to officiate at the laying-up. The Battalion is honoured that its old Colours will hang close to those of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA). Again a considerable number of visitors were welcomed and it was interesting that no less than five past and present Commanding Officers were present, Col J. F. E. Goad, OBE, Lt Col H. C. Hughes, TD, Major J. H. East, Major W. H. J. Sale, OBE, MC, and the present CO, Major R. O. Nebel, TD.

The Battalion Shooting Teams have kept up their high standards in full-bore shooting and can boast an impressive array of cups and medals. Congratulations are due to all the Cadets concerned and especially to Cadet C Sgt Ian MacDonald who led the teams. Our grateful thanks must also be recorded to Capt D. T. Hunneyball, Mr H. J. Martin (shooting coach) and Sgt-Instructor Rose, for all their hard work in connection with shooting.

Capt J. H. Patterson has left the Battalion after many years to become Citizenship Training Officer at HQ Surrey ACF. We also said farewell to our Padre, the Rev J. H. Biddell, MA, who resigned on taking a living in another part of England.

A new detachment is in the process of formation at Bletchingley and is at present being run as a sub-unit to the Reigate Platoon under RSM A. J. Miles. The British Legion in Bletchingley have kindly made their premises available and we are most grateful to them.

Already 1966 looks as if it will be even busier for the ACF than 1965. We look forward to our annual camp at Westdown on Salisbury Plain at the end of July.

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Presentation of New Banners to the 1st Cadet Battalion



1st Cadet Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt.
Presentation of New Banners by the Colonel of the Regiment



1st Cadet Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt. The New Banners in the March Past

5th Cadet Battalion

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

Honorary Colonel ... Col T. A. Buchanan, DSO., MC, ERD, TD, DL

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Adjutant ... Capt J. J. Kavanagh

Our big news this time is of a change in command, Major L. I. Raven-Hill relinquishing the command of the unit on 17th October, 1965 on being appointed to command the Special Arms Group, Surrey Army Cadet Force whose Headquarters are in Croydon. Whilst wishing him all success in his new appointment we welcome Major B. E. B. Turner as our new CO.

Major Turner commanded the Richmond Detachment of the ACF for some years and is no stranger to the Regiment having served with the old 2nd C/Bn The East Surrey Regiment when they were quartered in the old "Surreys" Barracks at Kingston.

Winter months are the time for quiet training in hutments and we have nothing spectacular to report. A new system for weekend camps is now being employed. These consist mainly of the normal progressive training so that at Annual Camp we can move and operate as efficient sections and platoons. Interspersed with these are special weekends when the cadets enjoy specialised activities and when the accent is on adventure. The programme has proved to be so popular that it has become unfortunately necessary to restrict the numbers attending to the maximum that can be accommodated.

Annual camp this year is at Westdown, Tilshead from 24th July to the 6th August, and planning has already begun to make this enjoyable and profitable to those who can attend.

Winter months also give the opportunity for the social round. All the detachments had parties of one sort or another varying from a Tramps' Supper at Chertsey to a Dance with Parents and girl friends at Sutton.

The Officers and Adults of the Battalion held their first Dinner on the Saturday before

Christmas in the Mess at Surbiton Road Drill Hall by kind permission of Lt Col M. J. A. Clark, MBE and the Officers of the 4th Bn.

Our guests were Col R. M. Billington, TD, DL, County Cadet Commandant, Col T. A. Buchanan, DSO, MC, ERD, TD, DL, our Honorary Colonel, and Major L. I. Raven-Hill. The opportunity was taken of presenting to Major Raven-Hill a smoker's companion and illuminated scroll to mark his six years in command. In return, Major Raven-Hill presented the unit with a table lighter.

Departures

We say farewell to U/o Breeze who has joined the Royal Engineers as a Regular, and we wish him all the best in his efforts before the RCB.

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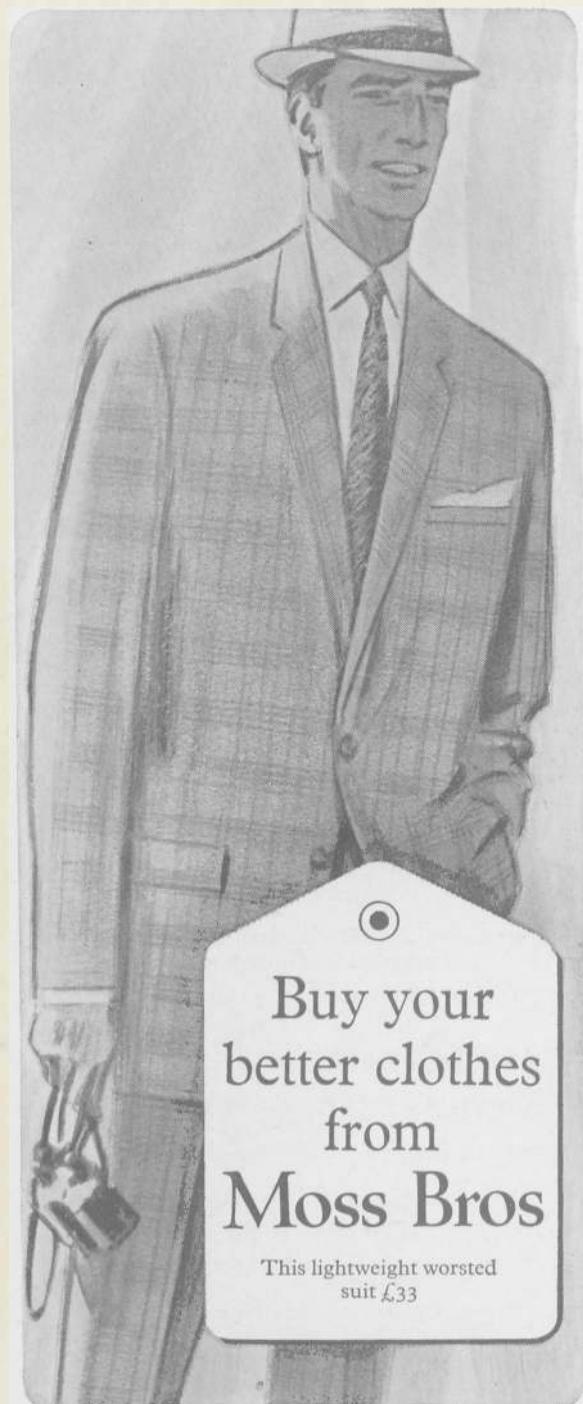
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Regimental Golf Society

The Autumn Meeting was held at Sudbrook Park on Thursday and Friday, 30th September and 1st October, 1965. It is nice to be able to report that we had the best attendance for a long time, a total of 31 players all told, but not all at one time, as several could only come for one day. We were very glad to welcome, among others, Lt Col J. W. Sewell, back from the Far East just in time for the Meeting, also several old friends to luncheon. The weather had its last fling of Summer (1965 variety); it poured with rain all day on Thursday, and quite a bit was said about the failure of the Secretary to lay on "Surreys" weather. However, Friday was better; it was at least dry overhead, although a bit soggy underfoot. In spite of the rather unfavourable conditions, there were some admirable performances, as a perusal of the results will shew. Our thanks are due to the Management of the Richmond Golf Club for the excellence of their catering arrangements, and their efficient service.

Results

Medal Round

Autumn Bowl—R.R. Davies 79—9 = 70 net.
Glasgow Greys Cup—Lt Col J. W. Sewell 88—18
= 70 net.
Best last nine holes (Seniors): W. J. T. Ross—36
net.
Best last nine holes (Juniors): Capt R. W. Bing,
37 net.
Hidden Holes (Seniors): Capt S. J. Petzing, 33 net.
Hidden Holes (Juniors): Capt P. A. C. K. Bruck-
man, 38 net.
Petri Plate (Spring and Autumn Aggregate): Capt
B. D. S. Burton, 47 net.

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Heales Memorial Trophy: Major R. C. Taylor,
41 pts.
Memento (Seniors): Capt S. J. Petzing, 37 pts.
Memento (Juniors): Major R. C. Taylor, 41 pts.
Veterans Halo: Capt A. H. F. Baldwin, 35 pts.

Bogey Greensomes

Capt S. T. W. Anderson and W. J. T. Ross, 5 up.

Bogey Foursomes

(9 holes): Brigadier H. B. Calvert and Col C. O'N.
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After that almighty crash—that period of unconsciousness—to awake in a white bed in some unknown hospital or sick bay, only to find that with utter dismay that one had no feeling below the waist line. Later, possibly much later, to be told as kindly as words would convey that the shell splinter had caused irretrievable damage to the spinal cord. Probably the shock of this would mean any further explanation which followed, indicating further permanent disablement, would not have been heard. Then what? After a time in service care, the months of anxiety would end in discharge on medical grounds—yes, but to where? and that was the problem which faced the British Red Cross Society in 1916 when countless numbers of sailors and soldiers were being discharged from hospital with no place to go to where they could be properly cared for in the future. This was the germ which created the birth of the Star and Garter Home, and possibly others in a small way at that time.

What would you think and feel like as a young man to be arriving at the front of a stately mansion in an ambulance knowing that you were coming to what would be your home for the rest of your life? One such patient once said, “I saw my future fellow companions sunning themselves in wheel chairs in the forecourt as a kindly orderly came and wheeled me into the front marble hall of a place of many surprises. It was like going into the entrance of a large hotel with its lovely stained glass windows and views from the windows of lovely gardens overlooking old Father Thames. It was the beginning of a new life for me—ward life—under constant medical and nursing care and attention, but the main comfort was that all the others shared two things with me—they had all been in HM Services—and all disabled. They seemed to speak the same language, and shared that wonderful spirit of determination to battle on—in harbour or not.” This could be anyone of us—but somehow we say—“I am sure it could not be me.” Let’s hope

not, but at least you would know that you would not be forgotten.

Let us just see a little bit of how it all started—it’s a long story, and it can only be told in a limited way.

The House stands on the site of the old Star and Garter Hotel, which was famous throughout the land from King Henry VIII times. Early in the First World War, the old building was used for the care of men from the Army and the Royal Navy, who were so severely wounded as to cause disablement. It was no wonder that, as soon as circumstances permitted, a larger home with better facilities had to be built as a permanent feature. The list of benefactors that runs right through the history of the Home is remarkable, and too long to mention, but one that must be mentioned is that the money for the construction of the present building was largely subscribed by the women of the Empire whose special War Memorial it is.

This building was opened by Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary in July 1924. It is a vast E-shaped Neo-Georgian style edifice in pleasant red brick. It has nine floors housing 200 patients and some staff. There are several open wards for those completely disabled, but the majority who get around in wheel chairs are in single rooms.

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What about it?

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

For the first time since Amalgamation in 1959, the Reunion took the form of an evening function in London attended by wives and families. The Reunion was held at the Seymour Hall, London, on 8th October and there was a good attendance of young and old. There was a first class dance band, and it was not long before there was a good number of couples on the floor. Perhaps the most enthusiastic dancer was one of our veterans from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. With his scarlet coat-tails flying and his medals jingling, the old warrior made a brave sight. A Veterans' Room had been arranged where our older members could relax in quiet away from the main body. In fact, it was hardly used at all, and the general preference was for one room where all could meet their friends.

This year, the Reunion will take the same form. It will be held in the Porchester Hall, Queensway, W.C.2., from 7.30 to 11.30 pm on Saturday, 15th October. Further particulars are in the Annual Report, of which all readers should have received a copy. The Porchester Hall is better suited to our purpose than last year's venue. It is used for a number of Regimental Reunions. We hope it may become the permanent site for our own Reunion.

The Annual Report also contains particulars of the Regimental Service at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, 12th June. We hope there will be a good attendance again this year. Members should make their own arrangements for lunch. A beer bar will be available from 12.30 to 2.0 pm at 3 Queen's Surreys (TA), Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.

Old Soldiers Calling

D. F. S. Papworth who served at Kohima in the 1st Queen's would like to get in touch with Lt McCririck and Cpl Please. His address is "C/o Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, 31 Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, 1."

A. Fielder of 18 Bell Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, who served in the 1st Surreys in Tunisia, would like to hear from anyone who was at Fort McGregor (overlooking the

Goubellat Plain) when the whole of D Company were over-run by the Germans on 26th February 1943. Fielder and Cpl Middleton managed to escape and made their way back to the main Battalion position.

H. C. Mayhew who served in the 2nd Queen's from 1916 until he was wounded at Ypres in 1917, would like to hear from any of his old comrades. Mr Mayhew's address is—51 Egmont Road, Sutton, Surrey.

Correspondence

Mr A. Betteridge of 54 Thames Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, writes:

"I am always pleased to receive my copy of the Regimental Journal, and I find the November issue most interesting. The photo on page 215 of the grave of the unknown airman or soldier of The Queen's Royal Regiment, judging from the date (6th September 1945), must be one of the ill-fated advance party under CSM Goodchild, which was flying into Siam after the Japanese surrender. On second thoughts, there may well have been an officer in command. With the exception of the CSM, most of the victims had only recently joined the Battalion.

Thank you again for an interesting Journal."

Editor's Note

The incident to which Mr Betteridge refers was a particularly tragic one in that it occurred after the cessation of hostilities.

The 1st Queen's, who had moved from Waw to Pegu after the Japanese surrender, was ordered to send a party by air to Bangkok on special duty. The plane carrying Lt Pattie, CSM Goodchild and 19 men crashed en route and there were no survivors.

Mrs D. M. Morrison of 8 Victoria Park Close, Singapore, 10, writes:-

"I am writing to ask if it would be of any interest to you, that I am living for the next two years in Singapore and today we went to the War Graves Cemetery at Krangi, a few miles out on the Island and I found a number of graves of men of The East Surrey Regiment.

My son, Capt Patrick J. Morrison, was with the East Surreys. He left the Parachute Regiment in 1960. I also was with them during the War as a Senior Commander ATS.

I feel I should like to help anyone who would like to know, how lovely and well kept the graves are, so perhaps you could pass my name on to them.

I am living at the present with Mr and Mrs G. R. Lee of the British High Commission and we are willing to help in any way to give any information to those so far away."

Mr C. S. A. Avis of S.A. Police Assurance Fund, P.O. Box 346, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa, writes:-

"I enclose a newspaper cutting taken from the *SUNDAY TIMES* Johannesburg, November 28, 1965, which may interest you in view of the article on memorials to soldiers (of the Regiment) killed in action during the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902. Isolated graves of British soldiers situated at Nooitgedacht, and Hekpoort, in the Magaliesberg district of the Transvaal, have often been found smashed and defaced when inspected by members of the Northern Transvaal Soldiers' Graves Association. The Chairman of the local branch of the association, Mr. Basil Margetson, said that often the workers go out to inspect the graves, renovated or otherwise, and find vandals have been at work and the graves defaced and smashed. This is one of the worst attacks he has seen. This vandalism has, no doubt, been carried out by white hooligans. The Bantu native is too superstitious about death, graves or skeletons. The association assists the South African War Graves Board which is exhuming and re-intering lonely or isolated graves into Gardens of Remembrance in populated and accessible areas where they can be properly looked after.

Wishing you and your staff the compliments of the season, and the Journal a wide circulation which it so richly deserves."

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner to be held at Kingston on 7th May is the next major function of the Association, and we are looking forward to a good attendance on this occasion. The Committee are actively engaged in the preparation of the Annual Report which will herald another successful year's business in which all members can congratulate themselves.

You will be pleased to hear that Honorary Membership has been extended to the WOs and Sgts of our Allied Regiments in Australia and Canada. It is to be hoped that if any of them have occasion to visit this country, that we will have the privilege of meeting them.

Elsewhere in the Journal you will read that the Regiment has made a donation to the National Army Museum of £100. The Association contribution to this was 10 gns. This sum was realised as a result of Raffles and Dutch Auctions at our Monthly Socials.

The Social Calendar has been quite full since our last contribution and has given many members opportunities to meet old friends.

On the 6th November a party of 30 members and their ladies attended a Concert and Social at the Royal Hospital Chelsea at the invitation of Jimmy Ives and the In-Pensioners. Their hospitality as usual was second to none, and we renewed acquaintances with many friends including Dick Templer and George Hilditch who besides being In-Pensioners are also Association members.

We received invitations from the RSM and members of the 4th Bn Sgts Mess to the Annual Christmas Draw on 11th December and to the New Year's Eve Dance on 31st December. Those members who were able to attend these functions had a most enjoyable time and were most appreciative.

The Association Dance to commemorate "Sobraon" was held at Kingston on 12th February, and proved a tremendous success. Over 200 members and their guests danced to the unique music of Sidney Powsey and his Accordion Band. Sgt Izant, one of our more recent members ably performed the duties of MC, and did much to ensure the success of the Dance. Our congratulations must also go to RSM Colyer and his team of stalwarts who laid everything on.

Membership of the Association remains quite steady at approximately 240. Amongst our new friends are Messrs Armstrong, Glazzard, Yeldham, Brazier and Robinson, and in giving them a hearty welcome we look forward to their future support.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Messrs Rose, Hessey, Tucknott and Stripp. Their memory will remain with us always.

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

On Sunday, 26th September, we provided a small representative party at Ash Ranges for the Rifle Meeting of C Company, 3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA). Apart from the seriousness of the various competitions, the meeting proved an excellent meeting-point for many old friends and it was probably this which really did infuse some fun into the more sober side of the meeting. The incident which comes most readily to my mind concerns our Treasurer, Joe Dennis, who, way back in the 30's was Sgt Dennis, PSl with 4th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment. It was hilarious to see Mr J. Dennis being instructed in the handling and firing of "these new fangled guns" by Sgt-Maj Len Fuller, who, when a recruit in the early 30's, was himself instructed how to handle and fire one of those "old fashioned rifles" by his then instructor, Sgt Dennis! This certainly was a complete turn of the circle.

Several of our members were winners. The Pool Bull and the Visitors Individual were won by Bob Saunders; the Visiting Teams event by Messrs Woods, Thorpe, Barnett and Edden, and the Falling Plate competition by Messrs K. Bruce and G. Barnett. I am sure I will be forgiven for putting on record that Sgt-Maj Len Fuller celebrated his last appearance on a firing range as a serving soldier by scoring ONE mark!

Remembrance Day Parade and Service held on 14th November, was a breakaway from the usual procedure of previous years. The meeting point was West Croydon car park and I am proud to report a very good muster of old comrades. Our party was led

by Lt Col B. Gill, Lt Col P. Connery and Major R. Nebel. The entire parade marched through the town to Fairfield Hall, where the Church Service, conducted by the Vicar of Croydon, the Rev Canon W. Warren Hunt, MA, was held.

This new hall, ultra modern in design, was a fine setting for this great occasion and must have over-awed everyone present. Music for the Service was provided by the Salvation Army Band from the Croydon Citadel. At the conclusion of the Service, the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Paul Saunders, JP, inspected the many Standard bearers inside the Fairfield Hall. The parade then formed up in the court-yard and marched the short distance to the War Memorial in Katherine Street, where the impressive ceremony of the laying of wreaths took place. This breakaway from the tradition of previous years seemed to give the parade, the Service and the ceremony, a profound solemnity which few will soon forget.

Once again a party of our members attended the Evening Service on Remembrance Sunday at the Salvation Army Headquarters in Croydon, and again we were deeply impressed by the fervour of the short Service and thoroughly enjoyed the hearty singing. Their welcome to us was, as always, extremely warm and friendly.

The disturbing news concerning the future of the Territorial Army has been a matter of great dismay to our members, many of whom were Terriers from the 1914 era. Our secretary, Ernie Organ, suggested in a circular letter that all members who felt keenly on this matter should communicate their feelings by letter to their local MP. This resulted in a flood of letters being sent, which, we hope, will add a little weight to a serious problem affecting us all, not only as individuals, but collectively as an Old Comrades Association still imbued with the pride which made us proud to be a Territorial soldier!

It is always with deep regret that I have to announce an obituary. On this occasion we mourn the passing of two well known members—Mr S. G. Jones and Mr J. Lister, the latter being one of the real old timers. Both will be greatly missed.

We all offer our heartiest congratulations to our steward, Bob Chapman, on the occasion of his recent marriage, and wish him and his wife many years of happiness.

It is always a good thing to end on a happy note, and "happy" is the word for the dance

held on 19th February at the Mitcham Road drill hall. It was a dress rehearsal for the annual Dinner and Dance held on 16th April and the evening was a great success. Our thanks go to the social secretary, Bob Saunders, who acted as MC and to Chippy Woods and his Band for the excellent entertainment provided.

Replies to invitations to our annual Dinner are such that we are sure of a most successful evening. My report on this event will appear in the next issue of the Regimental Journal.

FRANK PAUL SHONFELD

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

The Association is not lacking in vitality and strength as shown by the good turn-out at our Shrine Service in November at the Croydon Parish Church. For the last time the service was conducted by the Rev Canon Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon, who has since taken up his new appointment as Suffragan Bishop of Repton. This intimate and moving service has taken place for a number of years, and the Vicar, in saying farewell, told us how he looked upon us as his friends, and expressed his sorrow at leaving us and many others in Croydon. A wreath was laid at our Shrine which reposes in the South Porch of the Church, and the exhortation, recited by Harry Mann our Secretary, was answered fervently by us all, "We will remember them." The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the bugler and echoed through the silent church as the service ended. Members then made their way to Mitcham Road Barracks for tea, and afterwards gathered for the Annual General Meeting.

After the Honorary Secretary had made his report and the Honorary Treasurer presented his statement and balance sheet, a vote of thanks was passed to the two officials concerned. Harry Mann, the Secretary, thanked everyone who had helped to keep the OCA going during the year. The election for a new committee took place and Mr T. L. Davison, MM was elected as Chairman of the Association, with Mr A. R. Booker as Vice-Chairman. Other officials remained the same and the outgoing Committee were returned "en bloc." The Chairman thanked

the meeting for their support and confidence in him, and said that he would at all times do his very best for the Association.

Owing to the death of Col Sir Frank Watney a new president was elected, Capt P. Colin Duncan a one-time adjutant of the battalion and now Recorder of Norwich. This proved a popular choice, as Capt Duncan served with us all through the campaigns of 1914-1918 and brought home the Colours and the Cadre of the battalion in 1919.

S.V.

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

The Annual Reunion, in the form of a Dinner, takes place on Saturday, 4th June at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford by courtesy of Lt Col D. B. Pullen, TD, Officer Commanding 3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regt (TA).

Timed at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, a specially large attendance is anticipated. The cost of the function and the meal exceeds the 5s annual subscription, and therefore it is the custom of the Association to ask members to pay a minimum of 7/6d which includes their fees for this dinner. The Area Representatives have been very active, both in contacting Members with a view to bringing even more Queensmen along to this Annual Reunion, and in reacting to the original Government plans for the reorganisation of the TA which virtually means an end to that volunteer body as we know it. The emphasis was on the retention of the Services as a backing to the Regular Army and the elimination of practically all Teeth Arms.

Throughout the Country there was widespread concern at the abolition of a framework for expansion in the event of any emergency, and, as a result a campaign was launched to try and rescue something from the debris. This took the form of a nationwide Press campaign and the distribution of the leaflet "20 Questions to which you should know the Answer."

Fortunately, the Government have had second thoughts and have agreed that there should be a Force with a Home Defence role. The Association played a very important part in this campaign and distributed these

leaflets directly and through their Area Representatives.

The last Committee Meeting, held on Thursday, 9th December, 1965 was extremely well attended. Mr V. M. Farrant of 3 Ridge End, Hook Hill Lane, Woking, was appointed Hon Secretary to succeed Mr L. C. A. Moxon, BEM of Camberley, who asked to retire from the job after many years' good work establishing the Association to a 328 membership strength.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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Despite casualties, membership of the Association has been maintained at 427 during the past year.

The sixth Dinner and Dance arranged for our Northampton area members was held at Earls Barton, on 25th September 1965. A very happy evening was enjoyed by 110 members of 1/7 Queens and their wives, including the President and a party of 30 from London.

The number of members who attended the combined parade of the Association and R (Surrey) Battery, on Remembrance Sunday, made a good showing despite the extremely cold weather. Eighty-one members braved the elements, including a party of 12 from Northampton. The Battery had a strong and smartly turned out contingent and our thanks are accorded to the Battery Commander, Major J. M. A. Tamplin, TD for his kind co-operation. Sincere thanks also to those members and relatives who attended the service and to the Cadet Band and Pipe Band which proved to be an excellent innovation. After the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, the parade moved off to the Regimental War Memorial in Kennington Park, for a short service. The Pipes played a lament during the wreath laying, adding a most impressive touch to the ceremony. Lt Col Paul Adams, TD took the salute at the march past, supported by the representatives of the Mayors of Lambeth and Southwark. A Reunion was afterwards held in the Drill Hall.

The now popular Ladies Festival was held on 20th November 1965, when Major J. M. A. Tamplin, deputising for the President who

was abroad, presided over a very happy gathering of well over 300 members, wives and friends. Capt J. N. Beevers proposed the toast of "The Ladies" with some humour and warmly welcomed the Guest of Honour, Mrs J. T. A. Allen, who in a brief but witty reply, expressed thanks on behalf of the Ladies, and said she was sure they would have a most enjoyable evening. An excellent band provided the dance music and a "beat group" catered robustly for the modern dancers. The Cabaret put on a sparkling show which was unanimously voted "the best ever." It was a really marvellous night, enjoyed to the full by all who participated.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, 5th March 1966, at the Drill Hall, Braganza Street, when Lt Col W. D. Griffiths, DSO, MC was in the Chair. Some 126 members and guests sat down to an excellent dinner. It was unfortunate that R (Surrey) Battery was engaged on an exercise which was reflected in the numbers of those present.

The toast of "Absent Comrades" was proposed by Capt The Hon Sir Hugh Hallett, MC who spoke of the great many long standing friendships between comrades-in-arms formed on the battlefield, maintained over the years and still fostered by such gatherings as this evening, and reminded those present of the memory of friends no longer with us. The Chairman said he had great pleasure in extending a very warm welcome to our Guest of Honour, Maj-Gen F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, Colonel of the Regiment, and to Lt Samuel, RAMC 17th (London) General Hospital, TA. He was also pleased to see such a good attendance, including Maj-General D. S. Gordon, CB, CBE, DSO, a former commanding officer of 1/7th Queen's. He added that for the first time in our history we were honoured by the presence of two Major-Generals on the top table.

General Piggott, in proposing the toast of "The Regiment" said he had unfortunately left his carefully prepared notes at home, but in an interesting impromptu speech, he mentioned the changes in the Territorial Army now being carried out, the efficiency of the 1st Battalion in Germany who were being equipped for a new role and the visit to Canada where the Battalion made such a good showing in the Dominion Sports with the Canadian Army. He was delighted to see this evening some old members of the

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MARRIAGES

REILLY—MART.—On 4th September, 1965, at the Church of the Assumption of our Lady, Streatham, Pte H. Reilly, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Shirley Ann Mart.

CLARKE—FEDERL.—On 8th October, 1965, at the Register Office, Thurso, Scotland, Pte K. Clarke, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Kathleen Federl.

GAY—HARWOOD.—On 8th October, 1965, at St. Nicholas Church, Pershore, Worcs. L/Cpl P. Gay, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Susan Harwood.

BODKIN—HUGING.—On 16th October, 1965, at St. Stephen's Church, Basildon, Berks, Cpl A. Bodkin, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Marianne Ilse Husing.

GORING—HARGORDON.—On 28th October, 1965, at the Register Office, Munster, Pte R. Goring, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Annimer Hargordon.

MAGUIRE—ELLSMORE.—On 2nd November, 1965, at the Register Office, Croydon, Pte M. Maguire, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Kathleen Margaret Ellsmore.

ELSDON—MCGEE.—On 6th November, 1965, at St. Mary's Church, Munster, Pte A. Elsdon, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Angela Jean McGee.

HUDSON—WILLIAMS.—On 6th November, 1965, at St. Andrew's Church, Blackley, Lancs, L/Cpl B. Hudson, 1 Queen's Surreys to Barbara Sandra Williams.

MC GUIRE—HAWKINS.—On 6th November, 1965, at the Register Office, Guildford, Pte R. McGuire, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Patricia Irene Hawkins.

CLEMENCE—PHILLIPS.—On 12th November, 1965, at the Register Office, Lambeth, Pte P. Clemence, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Margaret Phillips.

KIRBY—RICHARDSON.—On 20th November, 1965, at the Register Office, Enfield, Pte K. Kirby, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Rosemary Richardson.

MANUEL—SMITH.—On 20th November, 1965, at Wandsworth Parish Church, Pte J. Manuel, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Doreen Jean Smith.

NEWHAM—BANKS.—On 20th November, 1965, at the Congregational Church, Stanwell, Surrey, L/Cpl W. Newham, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Barbara Dorothy Banks.

GREEN—LEWINGTON.—On 29th November, 1965, at the Register Office, Brentford, Pte A. Green, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Linda Mary Lewington.

AITKENS—WEST.—On 4th December, 1965, at the Parish Church, Ashtead, Surrey, Capt P. C. Aitkens, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Judith Ann West.

SAMBROOK—HARLIN.—On 18th December, 1965, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Swanscombe, Kent, L/Cpl M. Sambrook, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Poppy Harlin.

HEALES—MUTIMER.—On 1st January, 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, Pte E. Heales, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Coral Anne Mutimer.

SAVIDGE—TOWHIG.—On 1st January, 1966, at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hampstead, Pte D. Savidge, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Annie Nula Towhig.

PURSER—FEDERL.—On 1st January, 1966, at the Register Office, Wandsworth, Sgt P. Purser, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Georgina Stella Federl.

WOOLFORD—HILLS.—On 21st January, 1966, at the Register Office, Bridge, Kent, Pte S. Woolford, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Joan Dora May Hills.

ANDERSON—WELLER.—On 22nd January, at the Register Office, Surrey S.E. Pte J. Anderson, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Sally Elizabeth Weller.

POUPONNEAU—SCHNEIDER.—On 22nd January, 1966, at the Register Office, Wandsworth, Pte M. Pouponneau, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Jutta Schneider.

JENKINS—RADFORD.—On 22nd January, 1966, at the Register Office, Canterbury, Pte M. Jenkins, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Maureen Lilian Radford.

EVANS—TENKHOFF.—On 12th February, 1966, at the Register Office, Ashford, Kent, Pte J. Evans, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Franziska Tenhoff.

ROSE—SMITH.—On 14th February, 1966, at the Register Office, Guildford, Pte D. Rose, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Alwyn Dorothy Smith.

APPLEY—LENNON.—On 17th February, 1966, at the Register Office, Bromley, Kent, Pte V. Appley, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Audrey Wendy Lennon.

REW—CLEMENTS.—On 12th March, 1966, at the Register Office, Lambeth, L/Cpl J. Rew, 1 Queen's Surreys, to Dorothy Jennifer Clements.

BIRTHS

MCLEOD.—On 14th August, 1965, at Wimbledon, to Coretha Dorothy, wife of Pte R. McLeod, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Franz Kevin.

ROGERS.—On 23rd September, to Robin, wife of Capt T. C. Rogerson, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Philippa Clare.

PARKER.—On 28th September, 1965, at Munster, to Valerie, wife of Cpl B. Parker, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Kevin Mark.

JONES.—On 2nd October, 1965, at Guildford, to Rita Elfreda, wife of Sgt W. Jones, 3 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Dawn Pamela.

LEES.—On 22nd October, 1965, at Munster, to Doreen Joan, wife of Sgt F. Lees, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Stephen John.

CORCORAN.—On 31st October, 1965, at Munster, to the wife of Pte D. Corcoran, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Claire Louise.

NEVILLE.—On 8th November, 1965, at Munster, to the wife of Pte B. Neville, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Amanda Jane.

HOPE.—On 19th November, 1965, at Munster to the wife of L/Cpl E. Hope, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Trevor Paul.

BOYNE.—On 5th December, 1965, at Munster, to the wife of Sgt F. Boyne, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Susan Mary.

IBRAHIM.—On 5th December, 1965, at Munster, to the wife of Cpl A. Ibrahim, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Julie.

GILL.—On 13th December, 1965, at Woolwich, to the wife of Sgt H. Hill, Home Counties Brigade Depot, a son, Paul Robert.

HARDY.—On 13th December, 1965, at Munster, to the wife of Pte A. Hardy, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Lesley Roberta.

GISSING.—On 18th December, 1965, at Munster, to Phyllis Elsie, wife of Pte G. Gissing, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Terence Steven.

HALE.—On 18th December, 1965, at Munster, to Margaret, wife of Bds M. Hale, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Stephen.

KELLY.—On 11th November, 1965, at Handsworth, Birmingham, to Ellen Teresa, wife of Cpl J. Kelly, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, John William.

ROTHWELL.—On 13th January, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Cpl T. Rothwell, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Nigel Thomas.

PRIOR.—On 15th January, 1966, at Munster, to Pauline, wife of Sgt D. Prior, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Darryl Paul.

PEARSON.—On 19th January, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Sgt J. Pearson, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Wayne James.

PETERS.—On 16th January, 1966, at Shorncliffe, to Nancy Jean, wife of L/Cpl R. Peters, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Sharon Marie.

BUCKMASTER.—On 20th January, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Cpl J. Buckmaster, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Angela Jane.

HALL.—On 27th January, 1966, at Munster, to Sandra Margaret, wife of L/Cpl E. Hall, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Barry Dereck.

ELSDON.—On 2nd February, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte A. Elsdon, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, John Steven.

STENNING.—On 2nd February, 1966, at Munster, to Sheila Dorothy, wife of L/Cpl E. Stenning, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Tracy Jane.

SINGLETON.—On 8th February, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Sgt J. Singleton, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Jacqueline Veronica.

GOUGH.—On 19th February, 1966, at Munster, to Shirley Christine, wife of Pte D. Gough, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Anthony David.

JONES.—On 23rd February, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Cpl J. Jones, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Christopher Paul.

CLARK.—On 2nd March, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte M. Clark, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Deborah.

PUGH.—On 2nd March, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte K. Pugh, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Darren William.

GARDNER.—On 9th March, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Sgt D. Gardner, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Colin Derek.

REDDING.—On 11th March, 1966, at Munster to the wife of Pte D. Redding, 1 Queen's Surreys, a son, Neil Dennis.

CROSS.—On 13th March, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte R. Cross, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Yvette, Jacqueline, Frances.

SAUNDERS.—On 18th March, 1966, at Munster, to the wife of Pte M. Saunders, 1 Queen's Surreys, a daughter, Michelle.

Obituaries

LT COL SIR STEPHEN HERBERT PIERSSENÉ, TD

With the passing of Sir Stephen Pierssené on 29th January, the Regiment has lost a very distinguished and popular officer. Sir Stephen was born on 8th August 1899 and was the son of the Rev R. Pierssené of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire. He was educated at St. John's School, Leatherhead, and was commissioned to The Queen's Royal Regiment from the Royal Military College on 24th April 1918. He was wounded while serving with the Queen's in 1918. Later he was attached to the Intelligence Corps and served with the Greek Army in Asia Minor.

He will be particularly remembered by those who served with him in the 1st Battalion in Ireland from 1920 to 1922, where he was affectionately known as "Percy." It was due to his great sense of humour and gift of the pen that entertainments could be provided to alleviate the boredom of Irish huttet-camp life.

Unfortunately Stephen Pierssené decided to resign in 1922 to take up a political life. He became Conservative Party Agent at Rugby in 1924 and six years later was singled out for promotion as Central Office Party Agent for Yorkshire. This post he held until 1935 when he decided to join the business firm of Brotherton & Co, chemical manufacturers, where he later became a Director.

Having joined the Territorial Army in 1936, he started the Second World War commanding an anti-aircraft battery. He served as Brigade Major of anti-aircraft brigades in Orkney and at Coventry in 1940 and 1941, and was then given command of an anti-

aircraft regiment. This was followed by appointments as GS1 in AA Command at the War Office and as commander of a training regiment.

It was when he left the Army in August 1945 that his great talents of organisation, sound judgment and capacity for hard work were fully appreciated, for he was appointed General Director of the Conservative Central Office. Here, with Lord Woolton as Chairman he founded the organisation which was to bring the fortunes of the Conservative Party from their lowest ebb to a successful victory in the 1951 General Election.

Pierssené was knighted for this work in 1953 but the strain and overwork of his office affected his health and this caused him to resign in 1957.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

COL S. WEBB-JOHNSON,
CIE, OBE, ED, LLB

Stanley Webb-Johnson was commissioned in the 6th Surreys in 1912. He was then a qualified solicitor and had been awarded 1st Class Honours in Jurisprudence at London University. In 1914 he was mobilised with the 6th Surreys (shortly to be named the 1/6th) and went with the Battalion to India. He held a number of staff appointments in India including DJAG, and later went to Aden with the Battalion. At the end of the 1914-18 War he joined the office of the Solicitor to the Government of India and served with that Department until Self government was granted to India and Pakistan in 1947. Whilst in India he served with and commanded the Simla Light Horse, a unit of the auxiliary forces. On returning to Britain he took an active part in the formation and command of Civil Defence units. He was a very well known officer, and whenever in Britain he never failed to "report" to his former unit, the 6th Surreys, where he was a most welcome visitor. A man of wide experience and interests, he was a most approachable person, and many of the former 6th Surreys have reason to remember him with affection and thanks. He was always ready to give the benefit of his advice and to help former members of the Battalion.

In the wider background of his service with the Government of India, and particularly during the historical period of the new political set up in India, his wisdom, tact and

understanding was of immense value to those of all races who were concerned in this historic event.

MAJOR W. L. SANDOVER

Major W. L. Sandover was born in Australia in 1883 and came to Britain in 1894. He was commissioned in 1907 in the 3rd Volunteer Bn, The East Surrey Regiment which became the 6th Surreys when the Territorial Force was formed in 1908. When the war broke out Major Sandover, who had been in Australia on business, returned to Britain and rejoined the Surreys, shortly afterwards going overseas with the 1/6th Battalion. He was on service with the Battalion in Aden and was seriously wounded on the 5th January 1918 when commanding his Company in an attack on the Turkish position at Hatum, North-east of Aden. In 1920 he rejoined the 6th Surreys as Second-in-Command, and was about to take command in succession to Col A. P. Drayson, when to everyone's disappointment he had to return to Australia for business reasons. During the last war he was a Company Commander in the Richmond Area of the Home Guard.

As a young man he was well known in rugby, cricket and athletic circles, and was the first Australian to win the Freshman's mile when an undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford.

Major Sandover and his family lived in Richmond for many years. His father and father-in-law were former Mayors of Richmond, and one of his sons (Brigadier R. L. Sandover, DSO) served before the last war in the Richmond Detachment of the 6th Surreys.

Major Sandover was a natural leader and a highly respected officer of the old 6th Battalion. He was particularly helpful to young officers, many of whom (including the writer) have good cause to remember his helpful advice, and when necessary, criticism.

CAPT F. V. JACOBY, MC

Frank Victor Jacoby joined the 6th Surreys in 1920 when the Territorial Army was re-constituted after the 1914-18 War. He originally enlisted in the 26th Bn Royal Fusiliers (the Bankers Bn) in 1914 and was on service with the Royal Fusiliers in many actions in France until wounded on 10th

June 1916. In 1917 he was commissioned in the Lancashire Fusiliers, and again served in France and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action. The citation reads as follows—"On 18th August 1918 when he was in charge of a section of a trench mortar battery, finding that the enemy had attacked one of our infantry posts and the officer in charge having been killed and the men driven back, he with great gallantry and skill, reorganised the men and drove off the enemy inflicting heavy casualties."

Capt Jacoby, from the moment he joined the 6th Surreys was completely in his element. Full of infectious enthusiasm and intensely interested in military matters he was a born leader. In 1928 he carried the King's Colour when the 6th Surreys were presented with their first Colours. It was indeed a shock to everyone when he had to retire on age limit in 1933. He continued however to serve in a civilian capacity for many years, helping the Battalion in administrative matters, where his experience in his civil occupation as a Bank Manager, was of great assistance. During the 1939-45 War he was a Company Commander in a unit of the Home Guard in the Fulham area, and there are many of his former Company who remember with admiration his courage and example at the time of the bombing raids on London. As one of them said recently to the writer "Where there was trouble "Jaco" was always there helping."

When he reached the age limit and retired from his Bank he felt unhappy with no occupation and was appointed one of the Probation Officers to the South Western Police Court. In this capacity his understanding of men and his business experience proved of great value to the Court and to those who were in his care. He was ideally suited to this occupation.

"Jaco" was, to use the words of one of his former TA soldiers, "a great character." It is sad to lose him but we are glad to have known him.

CAPT R. M. BURDON, MC

Randall Burdon ("Birdie") died in his native New Zealand shortly before Christmas.

He was educated in New Zealand and in 1914 was in England pending going to Oxford. At the outbreak of war he joined The Queen's Regiment and spent much of the war with the 2nd Battalion in France and

Italy. He was twice wounded and was awarded the Military Cross. In 1918 he transferred to the 13th Indian Cavalry with whom he remained until 1922 when he returned to New Zealand, and took over a large mountain sheep run with the sole help of an elderly shepherd. He then had a severe riding accident which left him permanently crippled with frequent bouts of acute pain.

He then, rather unexpectedly, turned to writing and published a number of books, becoming probably the most important historian and biographer in New Zealand. His books are admirably written and enlivened by much typically dry and caustic humour.

The "New Zealand Listener" honoured his memory with a full page leading article which ended—"He left behind him a body of work for which scholars and plain readers will long be grateful and the memory of a man, a big man, that we were the richer for knowing."

MAJOR A. M. S. HARRINGTON

Older members of the Queen's will learn with regret of the death of Max Harrington. He was commissioned in the Regiment in December 1918, and served for 19 years before returning to his native South Africa. He was something of a specialist in cipher and security work, and during the 1939-45 War he was awarded a King's Commendation for valuable services.

In South Africa he took part in the organization of the Royal visit in 1947. He was also well known for his work as an evangelist among children. Max will be remembered in the Regiment as a loyal Queen's man. He was a generous subscriber to the Old Comrades Association for 36 years.

CAPT L. J. POUND, MC

Lester James Pound who died on 6th November 1965 at the age of 51, enlisted in the Queen's in 1932 and served with the 1st Battalion in China and India. After service with the 2/6th Queen's in the British Expeditionary Force in France in 1940, Pound was selected to attend the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the Regiment in 1941 and was posted to 1/5th Battalion in May 1942. He was twice wounded and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at the Battle of the Mareth Line.

Capt Pound left the Service in 1946, but always maintained his connection with the Regiment. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Pound in her bereavement.

DRUM MAJOR J. WINTER

The following tribute has been received from Mr W. H. Parsons, MBE of 47 Heathfield Road, Hitchin, Herts. After seven years service in the Queen's Mr Parsons was transferred to the Loyals as Drum Major in 1919, and to the Royal Air Force as Bandmaster five years later.

"Joseph Winter, late Drum Major of the 1st Queen's remained a bachelor throughout his service, the Regiment being his home and the Drums his family. He never took leave and was always writing and arranging music for the Drums. He was in my opinion, and of many others also, the most capable Drum Major of the British Army. Among his many admirers were Lt Col Rogan, Director of Music of the Brigade of Guards, and General Freyburg, VC. Winter was proud of the rank he held and refused all promotion. He certainly could have qualified as a Bandmaster had he so wished. He was a strict disciplinarian, but if any of his drummers thought they had not had a fair deal he would take up the cudgels on their behalf. In 1912 at Warley he formed a very fine mandoline band in the 1st Battalion, and just as he had got them to a high state of efficiency the War came and his work was destroyed. He reformed the Drums again in 1916 only to see them broken up once more at the end of the War. In 1917 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. As soon as the 1st Battalion settled down in Aldershot after the War, Drum Major Winter formed two Corps of Drums, one for each Battalion. In April 1920 he went to pension after 21 years invaluable service. So has passed on a grand old soldier of the Queen's who served the Regiment well."

CSM W. J. FREELAND, MM.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of William James Freeland, late The Queen's Royal Regiment, who will be remembered by many as a most respected member of the Sergeants' Mess of 2nd Queen's during the period between the wars. "Joe", as he was affectionately known, died on 20th March 1966 at the age of 70. He

enlisted in the Queen's in August 1914 and served in France with the B.E.F. He was awarded the Military Medal in 1916 and a Bar in July 1917. From 1919 to 1927 he served with the 2nd Battalion in India and the Sudan and was discharged to pension in 1936. Two years later he re-enlisted in the Territorial Army, and served until August 1945, when he was finally discharged in the rank of CSM.

Always a jovial character, "Joe" was a good gymnast and all-round sportsman. Although not outstanding in any particular branch of sport, he could always be relied upon to fill unexpected gaps in any team and gave of his best. All who knew him will wish to express their condolences to his family.

S.S.

REGIMENTAL FAMILIES

We regret to announce the deaths of the following:

PRENDERGAST.—On 6th December, 1965, Christine Mary (Molly) Prendergast, wife of the late Brigadier G. R. Prendergast, The Queen's Royal Regiment. The Funeral took place at St. Richards, Chichester on 10th December, 1965, at which the following attended: Brigadier A. P. Block, Brigadier and Mrs. H. G. Veasey, Lt Col and Mrs. A. J. Sullivan and Major L. H. Fairtlough.

EVELEIGH.—At Christmas, 1965, Mrs. D. Eveleigh, wife of the late Sgt H. A. Eveleigh, The Queen's Royal Regiment. For many years, Mrs. Eveleigh had been a very loyal supporter of the Regiment and up to the time of her death was present at every annual Reunion and Regimental function. She will be sadly missed by her many friends among the older members of the Queen's.

BUCKENHAM.—On 21st January, 1966, after a long illness, Mrs. Winifred Buckenham, wife of Major J. A. Buckenham, MM, The Queen's Royal Regiment. Older members of the Regiment will remember Mrs. Buckenham as the Army Schoolmistress with the 2nd Queen's in India.

THOMPSON.—On 22nd October, 1965, Anita Thompson, the daughter of Pte A. Thompson, at present serving with 1 Queen's Surreys at Munster.

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

WINTER.—On 17th February, 1965, Drum-Major Joseph Winter (5872) The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 82. (See obituary).

WICKENS.—On 16th July, 1965, CSM Frederick Charles Norton Wickens (2215770), aged 56. Served in the Queen's from 1927 to 1955.

SANDOVER.—On 3rd September, 1965, Major W. L. Sandover, aged 82. He is believed to be the last of the old officers of the 3rd Volunteer Bn of The East Surrey Regiment. (See obituary).

COOK.—On 29th September, 1965, CSM Sidney Cook, DCM (680694), aged 68. Served in 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1914 to 1919. Was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in 1916 when serving with the 2/22nd London Regiment.

POUND.—On 6th November, 1965, Capt Lester James Pound, MC, The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 51. (See obituary).

SAMUDA.—On 9th November, 1965, Capt Benjamin Cyril Samuda, aged 82. Served in the Surreys throughout the 1914-18 War and with 5th Battalion (TA) from 1920 to 1924.

LEWCOCK.—On 19th November, 1965, Sgt Arthur Lewcock (200817), aged 72. Served in the Queen's from 1911 to 1919.

SMYTH.—On 21st November, 1965, RSM Edward J. Smyth. Served in 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Surreys between 1925 and 1945. Was a former Drum-Major of 1st Surreys. Ted Smyth's last appointment was Garrison Sgt-Major at Tidworth.

HOLLOWAY.—On 22nd November, 1965, Major (QM) T. H. (Duke) Holloway. Joined the Surreys in 1925 and became RQMS of the 50th Battalion in May 1940. Was commissioned QM in 11th Surreys on 18th October, 1940. He subsequently served in 2nd Surreys from 1941 to 1948.

HESSEY.—On 28th November, 1965, Sgt George E. Hessey (6079372). Served in 6th Surreys during the 1914-18 War. He will be remembered as a keen supporter of all Regimental functions.

WEBB-JOHNSON.—On 2nd December, 1965, Colonel Stanley Webb-Johnson, CIE, OBE, ED, LLB, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 78. (See obituary)

JACOBY.—On 2nd December, 1965, Capt Frank Victor Jacoby, MC, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 78. (See obituary).

CARROLL.—On 21st December, 1965, Pte J. Carroll (7596). Served in the Surreys from 1914 to 1919 and from 1940 to 1944.

BURDON.—In December, 1965, Capt Randall (Birdie) Burdon, MC, The Queen's Royal Regiment. (See obituary).

BERRY.—On 1st January, 1966, Pte William Berry (6080350), aged 63. Served in the Queen's from 1922 to 1930.

TUCKNOTT.—On 4th January, 1966, Sgt William George Tucknot (2646274). After Boy service in the Grenadier Guards, he served in the Surreys from 1921 to 1935. He was Provost Sergeant of the 1st Battalion in India.

POTTER.—On 12th January, 1966, Pte Norman Alfred Potter (6085650), aged 51. Served in the Queen's from 1933 to 1946.

JAMES.—On 16th January 1966, Lt G. James. Served in the Surreys from 1915 to 1918.

STRIPP.—On 19th January, 1966, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, CSM Arthur James Stripp (6134184), aged 73. He served in the Surreys for nearly 30 years. "Strippy" was an all-round sportsman and a fine cricketer. He was invited to keep wicket for the Maharajah of Patiala's XI while serving in India.

PIERSSENÉ.—On 29th January, 1966, Lt Col Sir Stephen Herbert Pierssené, TD, The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 66. (See obituary).

APPS.—On 29th January, 1966, Mr W. A. Apps, The East Surrey Regiment, aged 64. Was taken prisoner at Dunkirk whilst serving with 6th Surreys in 1939.

TITSHALL.—On 13th February, 1966, Pte Charles Titshall (7600), aged 85. Served in 4th Surreys during the South African War and in 1st Queen's in the 1914-18 War. Mr Titshall was a popular member of the Newbury branch of the Old Contemptibles Association.

FOSTER.—On 16th February, 1966, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Pte Percy Allen Foster (10499), aged 72. He joined the Queen's in January 1914 and was taken prisoner whilst serving with the 1st Battalion in October 1914.

ROADES.—On 20th February, 1966, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, C/Sgt Thomas Roades (5297), aged 85. He joined the Queen's in 1897 and served in the South African War and the 1914-18 War.

HARRINGTON.—On 28th February, 1966, Major A. M. S. Harrington, The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 66. (See obituary).

FERNEE.—On 5th March, 1966, Pte Arthur James Fernee (14319629), aged 43. Served in the Surreys from 1942 to 1944.

FREELAND.—On 20th March, 1966, CSM William James Freeland, MM (6077204), The Queen's Royal Regiment, aged 70. (See obituary).

CATOR.—On 7th April, 1966, Capt Harry Cator, VC, MM, aged 72. As a Sergeant in the 7th Surreys, he won the Military Medal on the Somme in 1916, and a year later was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry near Arras. For the latter action he also received the Croix de Guerre with Palm. An obituary will appear in the November issue of the Journal.

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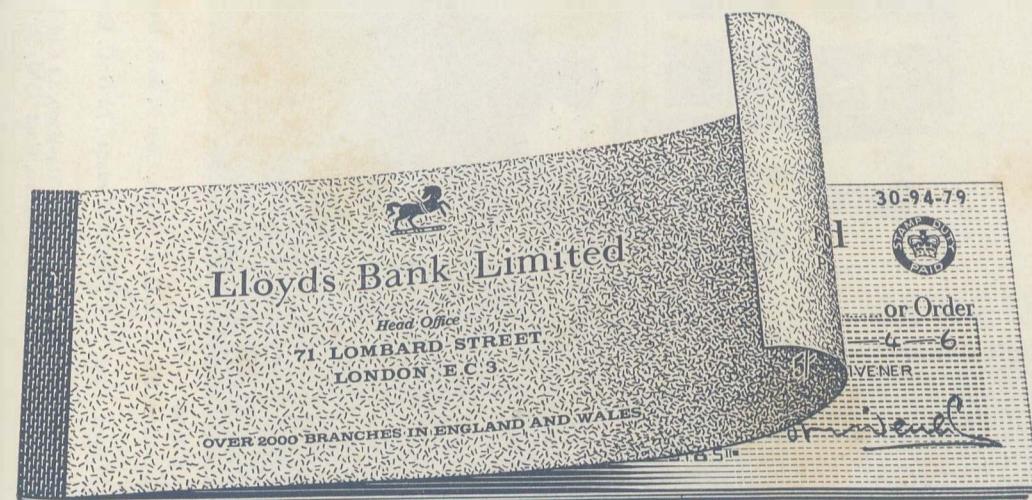
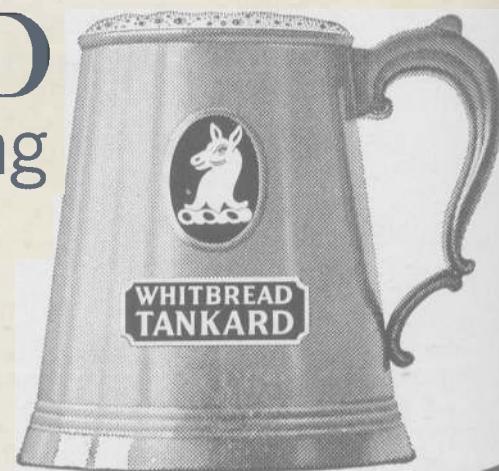
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