

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER



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The Queen's Regiment
(Queen's Surreys Office)
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Kingston upon Thames, Surrey

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Dear Member,

With the formation of The Queen's Regiment on 31st December, 1966, came a new concept in Regimental news coverage. The new Journal of The Queen's Regiment is published monthly and is topical, that is to say it contains Regimental news which is not more than a month old. This up-to-date, well-illustrated and informative Journal is commended to those who wish to keep abreast of Regimental events. The cost is 2s. a copy, or £1 a year, and it is obtainable from The Editor, The Journal of The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

Readers will know that the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment ceased publication with a special issue in December 1966, a few copies of which are still available from the Queen's Surreys Office at 3s. 6d. post free. The Kingston Bookbinding Works, 20, Church Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, undertake binding of loose copies. The cost of binding all 14 issues of the Queen's Surreys Journal is £2.

We felt that there was a requirement for news of more particular interest to old Queen's men and old Surreys, hence this News Letter. We invited all our previous contributors to the Queen's Surreys Journal to let us have their articles by 1st April. The response has been less than was hoped for.

We should like your views as to whether this is the sort of News Letter required. What improvements would you like made? Are historical articles of any interest? Do we want obituaries in addition to the brief particulars in the list of those passed on? Have we got the correct lay-out, if not, what do you suggest?

The Editor welcomes correspondence, whether or not for publication, but reserves the right to shorten where necessary those letters reproduced in the News Letter.

Yours sincerely,

P. E. HILL, Editor

Honours and Awards

We offer our congratulations to:—

Colonel D. B. Pullen, OBE, TD who was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours List, and appointed to the rank of Brevet Colonel on the re-organisation of the Territorial Army.

Major D. R. Bishop, MBE who was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Chairman of the Regimental Association

We welcome Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, CBE, DSO who assumed the appointment of Chairman of the Regimental Association on 1st April, 1967. Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO remains President of the Association.

Queen's Surreys Office

Mr J. Moule

Mr Jack Moule, the Chief Clerk at RHQ The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys Office) has at last decided to call it a day and retired on 30th April, having rendered over 48 years combined military and civilian service to the Regiment.

It was on 12th June, 1918, soon after his 18th birthday, that he was called up for military service. Joining The Queen's Royal Regiment he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, and served on the North West Frontier of India and in the Sudan. In 1921 he joined the Orderly Room staff where he remained for the whole of his military service. Promotion was slow in those days, but he gradually rose to the rank of Orderly Room Sergeant. In June 1938 he took premature discharge to assume the appointment of civilian clerk at the Regimental Depot. This ended his military career, which had been spent entirely with the 2nd Battalion.

At the Depot he soon became involved in the onerous task of mobilization at the outbreak of War, and the experience gained in the Orderly Room stood him in good stead. When the I.T.C. was formed and transferred from Guildford to Maidstone, Jack Moule was selected as one of the "caretakers" to look after the Queen's Depot at Stoughton Barracks. This comprised a party of about six picked members of the Regiment holding key positions under command of Major Philpot. When the Depot re-formed after the War in 1945 to resume its normal functions, Mr Moule was appointed Orderly Room Sergeant in a civilian capacity. He held this appointment for the next 14 years until the Queen's and the Surreys amalgamated to form The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment in October, 1959. He was then selected for the appointment of Chief Clerk at Regimental Headquarters at Kingston which he held until the date of his retirement. Thus, he has completed a total of 48 years continuous service with The Queen's Royal Regiment, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and for a short while, The Queen's Regiment.

Mr Moule's long and extensive knowledge of The Queen's Royal Regiment has been invaluable, particularly since Amalgamation in 1959. His balanced attitude to all matters, both Regimental and Army wise, and his approach to all members of the Staff have gone a long way to make this Regimental Headquarters a happy establishment. Jack Moule's manner in meeting the many visitors to the Headquarters, has left those with whom he had dealings, a good impression of the Regiment as a whole.

On behalf of their many friends in the Regiment, we wish Mr and Mrs Moule a long and happy retirement,

and hope we shall be seeing them on all Regimental occasions.

Mr A. R. Scriven, MBE

Mr Arthur Scriven who succeeds Mr Moule as Chief Clerk, needs no introduction. Enlisting in The East Surrey Regiment in 1920 he has served continuously with the Regiment for 47 years. He is known to a wide circle of old Queen's and Surreys as the Secretary of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association.

Mr. A. McRoberts

Mr McRoberts our Clerical Assistant, retires in May after 10 years service both with Depot The East Surrey Regiment, and since Amalgamation in the Queen's Surreys Office. He served in the Black Watch in the 1914-18 War in which he was wounded, and in the RASC in the 1939-45 War. He was a familiar figure at all our Regimental reunions. We wish Mac every happiness in his retirement.

Formation of The Queen's Regiment

On 31st December, 1966, The Queen's Regiment was formed from the Queen's Surreys, the Queen's Own Buffs, the Royal Sussex and the Middlesex Regiment. Regimental Headquarters and Depot is at Canterbury.

Our own Regular battalion became 1st Bn The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys) and our Regimental Headquarters changed its title to Regimental Headquarters The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys Office).

The reasons for this major re-organisation were fully discussed in the December, 1966 issue of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Reorganization of the Territorial Army

The Territorial Army as such has disappeared and has been replaced by two new types of reserve—TAVR II (the Volunteers) and TAVR III (the Territorials). TAVR II is responsible for putting the Regular Army on a war footing. The role of TAVR III is to assist the civil authorities in times of national emergency.

The new Queen's Regiment has one TAVR II Battalion called 5th Volunteer Bn The Queen's Regiment, with companies in each of the four former Regimental areas. The Surrey company is based on Guildford.

The TAVR III unit is called the 6th (Territorial) Bn The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys). It has Headquarters and one Company at Kingston, and Companies at Clapham Junction, Cobham and Croydon.

Regimental Events 1967

Sunday, 11th June.	Regimental Service in Guildford Cathedral.
August	Return of the 1st Bn from BAOR.
Saturday, 14th October.	Freedom of the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames to be conferred upon 1st and 6th Bns The Queen's Regiment.
evening.	Regimental Association Reunion.

Particulars were published in the Annual Report sent to all members recently. If you have not received your copy, please let us know.

Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association are pleased to be able to contribute to the Queen's Surrey's News Letter and would wish every success to this new venture.

With the formation of The Queen's Regiment on 1st January, a number of members who unfortunately cannot make a visit to Headquarters as often as they would wish, may be a little apprehensive about our future. Let me put your minds at ease.

It was decided at a Committee Meeting not to alter our present position. We shall remain as part of the Regimental Association with affiliations to the 1st Bn The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys). It was felt that if we extended our ranks to embrace Sergeants Messes of other Regiments comprising The Queen's Regiment, we would have little in common with them, we would lose our exclusiveness, as we are still the only Regiment with a Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association, and no useful purpose would be served. From this it would appear that we could be compared with the Old Contemptibles, but they have been around for fifty years and still going. We are reminded that an Association such as ours functions on the support and interest of its members and with this its continuity is ensured.

Since our last contribution to the Journal we report the success of our first Ladies' Night Dinner and Dance on the 1st October last. Porterhouse steaks with all the trimmings being the main meal, and the music for dancing was provided by the 4th Bn's Band. A number of members have requested that this be made an annual event. On 19th November a party of 30 members were entertained by the In-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital. A concert party gave a splendid performance and a delightful evening was had by all. Our appreciation to our member, RSM Jimmy Ives has been recorded.

This year "Sobraon Day" was celebrated by an Association Dance on 18th February. 200 members and friends danced to the music of Sidney Powsey and his Accordion Band, and again this was voted a "hit".

The Ladies' Night Dinner and Dance will be held at Kingston on 21st October, and we have again booked the Accordion Band. We are hoping that the 1st Bn due home in August, will still be in England at this time, and permit one of those very rare occasions when we can enjoy the pleasure of their company at one of our functions.

New members recently joined are Messrs T. Collins, Elliott and C. Stevens and the undermentioned all from the 1st Bn:—

Sgt. Hawes P.	C/Sgt Fleming J.
WO II Steeles W.	Sgt Purser P.
Sgt Donnelly M.	Sgt Carr G.
Sgt Dugdale M.	Sgt Edwards J.
D/M Lockwood E.	C/Sgt Silverside T.
Sgt. Pearson J.	Sgt. Rothwell G.
Sgt Prior D.	

Making our membership to date 240.

Kohima Memorial

The temporary memorial erected in 1944 by the Pioneer Platoon of 1st Queen's at Jail Hill, Kohima, has fallen into disrepair. It is to be replaced by a Regimental memorial within the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at Kohima.

The cost of the new memorial will be about £400, and has to be met from our own resources. It is thought a number of old Queen's men would like to be associated with this project. All contributions, however small, are welcome. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "Colonel of the Regiment's Fund" and sent to the address at the heading of this News Letter. Receipts will not be sent unless specially requested.

Correspondence

In the final issue of the Journal of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment appeared a picture of the Drums of the 1st Queen's taken in 1917, and the comment that considering the conditions prevailing at the time, their turn-out was remarkable.

Mr W. H. Parsons, MBE, one of the drummers in the picture, writes:—

"I saw the photo of the Drums in the Journal, and I would like to explain the 'turn-out' you refer to. The pipe-clayed 'dress cords' were made out of horses' nose-bags. We unravelled them, then plaited them with the ordinary three cord plait, and sewed them together, side by side, so as to make the complete double dress cord and lanyard. The imitation card cases to put the march cards in were made out of canvas bed bags. I took two home on leave, and my elder sister cut and stitched them with the cross belt and pouch at the back.

"It was, of course, necessary for us to keep the cross belt and pouch, together with the webbing belt, in a clean condition. When we came out for 'rest' from the line, we prowled around to find some cows. We inspected the numerous cow dungs, and when we got one about the colour we required, we mixed it in water, and applied it with a nail brush, rather thickly, then laid it out to dry. When it was dry, we brushed off the surplus and it looked very nice. It may have also smelled, but as we were used to all kinds of odours we took no notice. We were known as the Hay Net and Bed Tick Brigade. While on the subject of Drummers, I wonder if it is generally known that the bugles which are used to sound the 'Last Post' at the Menin Gate were presented by The Queen's Regiment".

L'Entente Cordiale

We have received the following letter from Mme Barbion Careye of Armentières.

"Vive la Grande Bretagne!

A tous ceux qui combatirent en France en '40 et jusqu'à la libération.

En particulier aux anciens tommies du The Queen's Royal Regiment de London surtout à l'aumonier capitaine pasteur qui a logé mars, avril '40 à 'La Ferme du Bertof', Route Nationale à Bailleul Nord.

A tous. Je voudrais transmettre notre reconnaissance et notre meilleur souvenir. A tous ceux qui

combatirent pour notre liberté—amitiés".

Evidently the battalion's padre made a great impression on the family with whom he was billeted twenty seven years ago. And the lady, could it be . . . ? we wondered.

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Ex-Lieutenant (QM) E. C. Grainger, MBE, MC, has been admitted to the Royal Hospital as an In-Pensioner. Enlisting in the Queen's in 1897 he served in the South African War in the 2nd Battalion, and in the 1914-18 War in the 1st and 6th Queen's. Mr Grainger, now in his 88th year, is in good health and enjoying the company of other old soldiers in the Royal Hospital.

Lieut Colonel M. G. Hicks, TD

One of our oldest Territorial officers, Colonel Hicks has recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of his joining the Territorial Army. Like many another keen volunteer, young Hicks had difficulty in remembering his exact year of birth when he enlisted. Lieut Colonel Hicks commanded the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1936 to 1939.

C. R. Newbold

Mr. Newbold, who spent most of his service in the Band and Drums of 2nd Queen's, left the Regiment in 1949 after nearly 21 years service. He is now employed as a Security Officer in a GEC factory. His address is 65 Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

News from "Down Under"

Mr C. T. Foyle

Ex-L 8580 Sgt Foyle of the Queen's, who emigrated to Tasmania five years ago, had the mis-

fortune to lose most of his possessions in the recent disastrous fires in Hobart. Mr Foyle, who says he is 80 years of age and still going strong, recalls that he joined the Regiment at Stoughton Barracks in September 1905. After service in the 2nd Battalion at Shorncliffe, he was drafted to the 1st Battalion in Agra in October 1907. Three years later he was posted back to the 2nd Battalion who were then in Gibraltar under Colonel King King. He moved with the 2nd Battalion to Bermuda where he completed his first period of Colour service in 1912. Recalled from the Reserve on 4th August, 1914, Foyle joined the 1st Battalion at Warley Barracks. He continues "We mobilized for the Great War under Colonel D. Warren, and proceeded to Belgium on 12th August, 1914. Continued throughout Mons to Ypres where I 'copped a packet'." Sgt. Foyle was so seriously wounded that he was no longer fit for war service, and his military career came to an end.

He then entered the Civil Service and remained until compulsorily retired on grounds of age. Mr. Foyle says "If there is anyone who remembers me, I should like to hear from him". His address is:—Mr C. T. Foyle, Box 59, GPO Cranbrook, W. Australia.

Among Mr. Foyle's treasured possessions lost in the Tasmanian fire was his old Regimental cap badge. If any reader has a spare Queen's cap badge of 1914 pattern, would they please send it to the Editor of the News Letter.

Mr W. Parry

Bill Parry, who joined the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in Kinsale in 1911 went to France with the Battalion in August 1914. He was taken prisoner but managed to escape in April 1918. Discharged in 1919, he emigrated to Australia the following year and worked as an engine driver in the Queensland sugar plantations. He returned to England in 1924 to marry, his fiancée being employed at the Regimental Agency under Colonel H. D. Lawrence and Colonel H. H. Clay.

On return to Queensland, Mr and Mrs Parry worked hard together, having in turn a bakery, a grocery business, a service station and a cycle business. Mr Parry writes:—

"Now we are retired and live at Wynnum, a Bayside suburb only 12 miles from Brisbane where we have a nice home and a very large garden. My hobby is horse racing. I go to a race meeting every Saturday and really enjoy myself—have some luck too. We are enjoying good weather here but have been having plenty of rain—fortunately it has been pretty widespread and it has rained in parts of Queensland where they have not had rain for YEARS—can you believe it? When we read and then see on the TV gales and bad weather in and around the Old Country we think that, much as we love England and the wonderful countryside, we will settle for the climate of Queensland for the future. Every Friday night I settle down to watch the 'Match of the Week' and thoroughly enjoy it. This is the soccer match that has been played on the previous Saturday afternoon in England. We also get the wrestling from England on Saturday nights and this is good too. Last night it was from the Shoreditch Town Hall—complete with the Mayor in all his robes of office—good show."

Mr Parry lives at 94 Alkoomie Street, Wynnum, Queensland, Australia.

Deaths

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

Simmons On 31st December 1966, WO I Joseph Benjamin Simmons, MBE, MC (22259330), The Queen's Royal Regiment, originally The Royal Sussex Regiment. He joined 1st Queen's in May 1944 and served with distinction in Burma and later in Malaya. He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Yenanyang, and subsequently received the MBE when RSM of 1st Queen's. An obituary was published in the February issue of "The Queen's Regimental Journal".

Ayres On 1st December 1966, Pte Cyril Richard Ayres (6084216) aged 57. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1928 to 1937, and in the Royal Corps of Signals between 1939 and 1945.

West On 7th January 1967, Lieut Rupert Joseph Wallace West, aged 69. He served in 11th Queen's from August 1917 to February 1919.

Congdon On 11th January 1967 Lieut-Colonel John Lambert Congdon, aged 79. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1908 to 1935. After retirement, Colonel Congdon served until 1959 as the Secretary of the Officers' Association and the Old Comrades' Association and as the Editor of the Regimental Journal. An obituary was published in the February issue of The Queen's Regimental Journal.

Tippett On 12th January 1967, Sgt Richard Tippett (6782) aged 82. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1901 to 1919. He had been an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, since 1957 and was always to be seen at Regimental reunions.

Creaney On 14th January 1967, Pte Harry Francis Creaney, aged 75. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1905 to 1919. He was an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to which he was admitted in 1963.

Smith On 17th January 1967, Pte William George Smith, aged 88. He enlisted in the 4th Queen's Volunteer Battalion in 1895, and served in 2nd Queen's throughout the South African War.

Thake On 27th January 1967, C/Sgt George Thake (3016), aged 95. One of the oldest soldiers of the Regiment, he served in 2nd Queen's from 1890 to 1911.

Miller On 30th January 1967, Sgt William Church Miller (6211) aged 85. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1899 to 1920. He held both South Africa War Medals, the three 1914-18 War Medals, and the Defence Medal of the 1938-45 War. Sgt Miller had been an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, for the past ten years.

Vince On 31st October 1966, WO I Harry Gordon Vince, BEM (6137003). Served in 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from 1925 to 1935 and in the 10th Battalion during the 1939-45 War. He

was awarded the British Empire Medal in July 1940.

O'Brien On 31st January 1967, Sgt Peter O'Brien (271801) aged 53. Enlisting in the Irish Guards in 1934, he was transferred to the Queen's in 1943 and was severely wounded in France.

Harvey On 5th February 1967, Sgt Herbert William James Harvey (3145), aged 94. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1890 to 1911.

Dunstone On 9th February 1967, Sgt Jack Dunstone, father of Major Philip Dunstone, TD. Enlisting in the 6th Surreys (TA) in 1910, he was present at the Coronation of HM King George V in 1911. He served in the Surreys in India and Mesopotamia until 1916, when he was transferred to 1/5 Queen's.

Aldridge On 1st March 1967, Major "Bob" Aldridge, aged 69. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1914 to 1943. An obituary was published in the March issue of The Queen's Regimental Journal.

Parkhill On 17th March 1967, Lt William Parkhill, aged 80. Served in the Royal Fusiliers from 1901 until commissioned in the field into The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1918. Served in 8th Queen's.

Davis On 24th March 1967, Major Thomas Arnoll Du Vernet-Davis, aged 54. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1933 to 1950 and in the Royal Army Pay Corps from 1950 to 1964. An obituary was published in the March issue of The Queen's Regimental Journal.

Falkner On 8th January 1967, Lt G. B. (Peter) Falkner, who served in the Surreys before and during the 1939-45 War.

Bran On 22nd April 1967, C Sgt Herbert Bran, aged 68, who served in the Surreys from 1919 to 1945. He was well known as a tug-o-war coach, an excellent rifle shot and as the 1st Battalion Provost Sergeant in India.

D'Albertanson On 26th April 1967, Captain Eric D'Albertanson, aged 70. Joining the Queen's in 1914, he was Quartermaster of the 2/6th Queen's in the 1939-45 War. A cheerful and courageous man who triumphed over his affliction.

El Alamein

Special low cost travel facilities are to be available for members of Associations to visit Egypt for the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein in October. The cost will be from £73 a head.

Secretaries of Associations interested should apply to Wrights Holidays Ltd, 15 Lower Grosvenor Place, Victoria, London, S.W.1.

Obituaries

RSM J. B. Simmons, MBE, MC

On the day on which the new Queen's Regiment came into existence, there died one of the most distinguished and well-loved members of the old Queen's—RSM J. B. Simmons, MBE, MC. He enlisted into The Royal Sussex Regiment in 1926, and served with them until, in May 1944, he was transferred to the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment in India. Within weeks he was in action at Kohima, and served as a Company Sergeant Major with them throughout the

Burma campaign, until in June 1945 he became RSM. It was as a CSM that he won the MC for the part he played in the attack at Yenanyang.

Repatriated in 1947, he left the Army in 1949; but within weeks he was back again with 1st Queen's, still as RSM but now in Berlin. He remained as RSM of the Battalion until 1956, when he, reluctantly, retired. Ill at ease when not in uniform, he then joined the Corps of Commissionaires, with whom he served until his death. It will be a long time before anyone equals his total of 10 years as RSM of the 1st Battalion, the last seven of which were consecutive.

Simmons was a remarkable man in many different ways. His MC speaks of his gallantry in action, and his MBE of his exceptional services in peace and the jungle operations in Malaya. He set an example in devotion to duty, and in military bearing, to everyone, but his fatherly advice to young soldiers, young NCO's and young officers was perhaps the way in which he did most lasting good. On one occasion a small girl of eleven, a recently joined daughter of the Regiment, was asking the names and functions of various personalities in the Battalion who had caught her eye. "Who," she asked, "is the slim, straight man?" He was, of course, RSM Simmons; and her description fitted his character as well as his appearance.

Because of his position, he will be remembered best by the members of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, and by the six Commanding Officers, with whom he served. Both were strongly represented at his funeral, and it was fitting that his last CO was there to lay his old Battalion's wreath upon his grave. He will be remembered with admiration and affection by all who knew him in the Regiment, ever mindful of the high standards of the past.

Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Congdon

John Lambert Congdon was educated at Cheltenham, and commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment in 1908, joining the 2nd Battalion in Burma. He served throughout the 1914-18 War and commanded the Regimental Depot from 1928 to 1931. An authority on Regimental History, he founded the East Surrey Regimental Museum, and its condition today owes much to his enthusiasm, knowledge and foresight.

Another of his interests was the Regimental War Memorial Chapel in All Saints Parish Church at Kingston. He and his wife presented the sanctuary lamp which is kept burning in perpetual remembrance of the officers and men of The East Surrey Regiment who gave their lives in the 1914-18 War.

He retired in 1935 after 27 years' service. On the outbreak of the 1939-45 War, he was recalled and, as a qualified Ordnance officer, he served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps until he was again retired in 1946.

He then became Secretary of the Officers' Association and the Old Comrades' Association of The East Surrey Regiment as well as Editor of the Regimental Journal. He continued working in Kingston Barracks until his third and final retirement in 1959.

John Congdon was inspired with an intense devotion to his Regiment, and he also took pride in his associations with the Royal Marines in which his grandfather, father, brother and son all served. Of soldierly appearance and forthright opinions, sometimes vehemently

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Golf Society

The Spring Meeting was held on April 20 and 21 1967, at Sudbrook Park. The weather was a great improvement on that for the last Spring Meeting, being dry with some sun, but also a biting wind which was not at all to the liking of one or two of the older competitors. The number of players was rather below average (so many people are working too hard these days!) but we had two first-time appearances, in the persons of Major W. J. F. Sutton and M. J. Power. We hope to see them both many more times. We were also delighted to have with us once again Major E. G. Benn, and with watching briefs this time, Major C. E. Poole and faithful and regular attender Harry Adcock. And, one way and another, a good time was had by all.

In the course of the Annual General Meeting, held on the evening of April 20, the President (Major A. L. Sutton) referred to the impending retirement of the Secretary, and presented him with a "going away" gift in the shape of a cheque, subscribed for by all the members to be—as he so nicely put it—"used, we hope, by Jeffery for the replenishment of his wine-cellar". In reply, the Secretary expressed his thanks to the Members for all their kindness during his period of office, and for their generosity in subscribing for so handsome a gift for so admirable a purpose. To this he would in this report like to add his best wishes for the continued happy and successful existence of the Society.

Both the President and the Captain (Lt.-Col J. A. Lasbrey) having come to the end of their respective periods of office, it was necessary to elect fresh officers in their place, as well as for the office of Secretary and Treasurer. The following were elected:—

President—Col P. G. Wreford-Brown

Captain—R. R. Davies, Esq

Secretary & Treasurer—Major C. W. Summers, TD
There being a vacancy for a Vice-President—Major J. C. Drane was appointed to fill it.

The results of the various Competitions were as follows:—

Stapleford Bogey

Heales Memorial Trophy—Capt S. T. W. Anderson.
Memento Senior Divn—M. J. Power. Memento Junior Divn—Capt S. T. W. Anderson. Veterans' Halo—Major J. C. Drane.

Stapleford Greensomes

Major R. L. Hazell and W. J. F. Sutton.

Medal Round

Challenge Cup (Scratch)—H. P. Mason. Dodgson Cup (Handicap)—Capt R. G. W. Bing. Best last 9 holes (Seniors)—Col P. G. Wreford-Brown. Best last 9 holes (Juniors)—Major C. W. Summers. Hidden Holes (Seniors)—R. R. Davies. Hidden Holes (Juniors)—Major J. C. Drane.

Bogey Foursomes

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One of our oldest Territorial officers, Colonel Hicks has recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of his joining the Territorial Army. Like many another keen volunteer, young Hicks had difficulty in remembering his exact year of birth when he enlisted. Lieut Colonel Hicks commanded the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1936 to 1939.

C. R. Newbold

Mr. Newbold, who spent most of his service in the Band and Drums of 2nd Queen's, left the Regiment in 1949 after nearly 21 years service. He is now employed as a Security Officer in a GEC factory. His address is 65 Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

News from "Down Under"

Mr C. T. Foyle

Ex-L 8580 Sgt Foyle of the Queen's, who emigrated to Tasmania five years ago, had the mis-

fortune to lose most of his possessions in the recent disastrous fires in Hobart. Mr Foyle, who says he is 80 years of age and still going strong, recalls that he joined the Regiment at Stoughton Barracks in September 1905. After service in the 2nd Battalion at Shorncliffe, he was drafted to the 1st Battalion in Agra in October 1907. Three years later he was posted back to the 2nd Battalion who were then in Gibraltar under Colonel King King. He moved with the 2nd Battalion to Bermuda where he completed his first period of Colour service in 1912. Recalled from the Reserve on 4th August, 1914, Foyle joined the 1st Battalion at Warley Barracks. He continues "We mobilized for the Great War under Colonel D. Warren, and proceeded to Belgium on 12th August, 1914. Continued throughout Mons to Ypres where I 'copped a packet'." Sgt. Foyle was so seriously wounded that he was no longer fit for war service, and his military career came to an end.

He then entered the Civil Service and remained until compulsorily retired on grounds of age. Mr. Foyle says "If there is anyone who remembers me, I should like to hear from him". His address is:—Mr C. T. Foyle, Box 59, GPO Cranbrook, W. Australia.

Among Mr. Foyle's treasured possessions lost in the Tasmanian fire was his old Regimental cap badge. If any reader has a spare Queen's cap badge of 1914 pattern, would they please send it to the Editor of the News Letter.

Mr W. Parry

Bill Parry, who joined the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment in Kinsale in 1911 went to France with the Battalion in August 1914. He was taken prisoner but managed to escape in April 1918. Discharged in 1919, he emigrated to Australia the following year and worked as an engine driver in the Queensland sugar plantations. He returned to England in 1924 to marry, his fiancée being employed at the Regimental Agency under Colonel H. D. Lawrence and Colonel H. H. Clay.

On return to Queensland, Mr and Mrs Parry worked hard together, having in turn a bakery, a grocery business, a service station and a cycle business. Mr Parry writes:—

"Now we are retired and live at Wynnum, a Bayside suburb only 12 miles from Brisbane where we have a nice home and a very large garden. My hobby is horse racing. I go to a race meeting every Saturday and really enjoy myself—have some luck too. We are enjoying good weather here but have been having plenty of rain—fortunately it has been pretty widespread and it has rained in parts of Queensland where they have not had rain for YEARS—can you believe it? When we read and then see on the TV gales and bad weather in and around the Old Country we think that, much as we love England and the wonderful countryside, we will settle for the climate of Queensland for the future. Every Friday night I settle down to watch the 'Match of the Week' and thoroughly enjoy it. This is the soccer match that has been played on the previous Saturday afternoon in England. We also get the wrestling from England on Saturday nights and this is good too. Last night it was from the Shoreditch Town Hall—complete with the Mayor in all his robes of office—good show."

Mr Parry lives at 94 Alkoomie Street, Wynnum, Queensland, Australia.

Deaths

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

Simmons On 31st December 1966, WO I Joseph Benjamin Simmons, MBE, MC (22259330), The Queen's Royal Regiment, originally The Royal Sussex Regiment. He joined 1st Queen's in May 1944 and served with distinction in Burma and later in Malaya. He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Yenanyang, and subsequently received the MBE when RSM of 1st Queen's. An obituary was published in the February issue of "The Queen's Regimental Journal".

Ayres On 1st December 1966, Pte Cyril Richard Ayres (6084216) aged 57. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1928 to 1937; and in the Royal Corps of Signals between 1939 and 1945.

West On 7th January 1967, Lieut Rupert Joseph Wallace West, aged 69. He served in 11th Queen's from August 1917 to February 1919.

Congdon On 11th January 1967 Lieut-Colonel John Lambert Congdon, aged 79. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1908 to 1935. After retirement, Colonel Congdon served until 1959 as the Secretary of the Officers' Association and the Old Comrades' Association and as the Editor of the Regimental Journal. An obituary was published in the February issue of The Queen's Regimental Journal.

Tippett On 12th January 1967, Sgt Richard Tippett (6782) aged 82. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1901 to 1919. He had been an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, since 1957 and was always to be seen at Regimental reunions.

Creaney On 14th January 1967, Pte Harry Francis Creaney, aged 75. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1905 to 1919. He was an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to which he was admitted in 1963.

Smith On 17th January 1967, Pte William George Smith, aged 88. He enlisted in the 4th Queen's Volunteer Battalion in 1895, and served in 2nd Queen's throughout the South African War.

Thake On 27th January 1967, C/Sgt George Thake (3016), aged 95. One of the oldest soldiers of the Regiment, he served in 2nd Queen's from 1890 to 1911.

Miller On 30th January 1967, Sgt William Church Miller (6211) aged 85. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1899 to 1920. He held both South Africa War Medals, the three 1914-18 War Medals, and the Defence Medal of the 1938-45 War. Sgt Miller had been an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, for the past ten years.

Vince On 31st October 1966, WO I Harry Gordon Vince, BEM (6137003). Served in 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment from 1925 to 1935 and in the 10th Battalion during the 1939-45 War. He

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