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The Colonel-in-Chief

Her late Royal Highness Princess Marina, who died on 27th August 1968 had been Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Regiment since its formation on 31st December 1966. The following is an extract from a tribute received from the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, Lt. General Sir Richard Craddock, KBE, CB, DSO:—

"Her interest in her Regiment was shown by her visits on so many different occasions and by her help and encouragement to those concerned with Regimental affairs throughout that time. But most of all she will be remembered by the many with whom she came in contact for her natural charm and the happiness which was infectious and which made all her visits a delight.

The new Queen's Regiment mourns the loss of a greatly loved Colonel-in-Chief."

Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, President of our Regimental Association and Deputy Colonel of The Queen's Regiment for Surrey, also writes as follows:—

"Within a few weeks of becoming Colonel-in-Chief of the newly formed Queen's Regiment, Princess Marina visited our 1st Battalion when it was in BAOR. Few, if any, of us had met her before, but by the end of her visit we had all fallen under the spell of her charm. We knew that our new Colonel-in-Chief was truly interested in our activities, and it is tragic that she has been taken from us so soon. She will indeed be greatly missed."

The Editor's Letter

Dear Member,

One of our readers writes to say he is completely bewildered by the many changes of Regimental title, and suggests that we should try to clarify matters in the News Letter. The changes which have occurred in both the Regular and Territorial Armies since 1959 are outlined in separate articles in this News Letter. Some of our older members find it difficult to adjust themselves to the new Regimental concept, and here it is relevant to repeat some of the words of the first Colonel of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

In his Foreword to the first number of the Regimental Journal, General Metcalfe said:—

"We live in times of great change. Weapons of mass destruction have altered the nature of war and the

tactics, training and organisation 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.

"As a nation and as an Army we do not always take kindly to changes. But progress usually entails change and, if we are not lively and ready to move with the times, our efficiency and fighting spirit must wither and die. If we are serving soldiers our business is to be ready to fight. If we are ex-soldiers our duty is to help and support those still serving in fostering the spirit and traditions that we have helped to build. All of us must therefore accept changes and make the most of them.

"There is nothing new in amalgamation. The Army has been reorganised and regiments have been amalgamated before this. There is no room for mourning over the past. Long faces and gloomy words about things not being what they were merely dampen the spirit and help not at all. We know about the past and how to use it as an example for our conduct in the future."

Yours sincerely,

Editor.

Message from our President

Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, President of the Regimental Association and Deputy Colonel of The Queen's Regiment for Surrey, writes:—

"The Editor's Letter refers to a very understandable cry of bewilderment from one of our readers. This issue of the News Letter gives, I think, a clear account of what has happened so far in the reorganisations which are going on in the Infantry. The Editor also, very wisely, repeats the advice given by my predecessor some ten years ago. These words are as true today as they were when originally written, but I want to add a few of my own.

The Army, and the Infantry in particular, is going through changes as far-reaching and as basic as those

known as the Cardwell reforms, which occurred some 87 years ago. Today, as then, the changes are designed for the future, as far as it can be foreseen. It is unlikely, therefore, that these changes will always commend themselves to those whose devotion to (perhaps even love for) their old Regiments is as strong as it is among our members. However, I can give you a personal assurance on two important points. First, the serving soldiers of today are entirely sold on the concept of the new Queen's Regiment, and it is off to a splendid start. Second, those concerned with the transfer from the old to the new look are a mixture of serving and retired soldiers; and they devote long hours and much anxious thought to the preservation of those traditions and customs of the past that have a useful and relevant purpose today and in the future. As one of them, I do not believe we have been entirely unsuccessful.

So I am averse, like General Metcalfe before me, to long faces and gloomy words. Let us count our blessings; we are better off than many Regiments, and we have a fine body of Regulars who have inherited our traditions and whom it should be our pleasure, as well as our duty, to support. The Association of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment lives on, giving its members opportunities not only to recapture the spirit of their own days with the Colours, but also to visit the men of the 1st Bn of the new Queen's Regiment and to see how they are, indeed, mindful of the high standards of our common past."

Chairman of the Regimental Association

Brigadier G. H. W. Goode, CBE, DSO, who has been Chairman of the Regimental Association since 1st April, 1967 has had to resign his appointment owing to business commitments in Africa. We should like to thank him for his interest and support over the last 18 months.

We welcome Lt Col H. R. D. Hill, MBE, as our new Chairman.

Regimental Reorganisation—Regular Army

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

The day when the old established order came to an end was 14th October, 1959. On that date, The Queen's Royal Regiment amalgamated with The East Surrey Regiment to become The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. The Regiment remained a member of the Home Counties Brigade, whose Headquarters and Depot were at Canterbury. Regimental Headquarters of the newly formed Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was established at Kingston upon Thames. At the same time, all the Associations of the two former Regiments (Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, and All Ranks) merged into ones catering for the new Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. These Associations continue today, and will remain unchanged.

The Queen's Regiment

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (short title, Queen's Surreys) continued as an independent Regiment

until it was decided to form a Large Regiment from the four Regiments in the Home Counties Brigade. The reason for this decision was, briefly, a forecast of coming events which included further very severe cuts in both Regular and Territorial battalions. It was, therefore, considered preferable for a new Large Regiment to carry on the traditions of their distinguished fore-runners than for any of them to be disbanded and abolished altogether.

Accordingly, on 31st December, 1966 The Queen's Regiment was formed. It consisted of Regimental Headquarters at Canterbury and four battalions, namely,

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| 1st Queen's | (Queen's Surreys) |
| 2nd Queen's | (Queen's Own Buffs) |
| 3rd Queen's | (Royal Sussex) |
| 4th Queen's | (Middlesex) |

The former Regimental Headquarters of these Regiments became outstations of the main Regimental Headquarters, with the title of County Offices. In our case, the designation was Regimental Headquarters The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys Office), and it so remains—anyway for the time being.

The next change was to drop the suffixes, that is the former Regimental title shown in brackets above. Thus, our Regular Battalion become simply 1st Bn The Queen's Regiment. Similarly, the other battalions became 2 Queen's, 3 Queen's and 4 Queen's. The Queen's Regiment therefore now consists of four Regular battalions and a Depot, although it will lose one Regular battalion within three or four years, and possibly the Depot as well.

The decision for the final disappearance of our Regimental suffixes was not easily reached. The underlying reason is that if and when the Regiment is forced to accept further reductions, the battalions concerned should be absorbed complete into the remaining battalions. The latter would thus individually and collectively represent all the original six Regiments from which The Queen's Regiment stems.

The Queen's Division

The latest development has been the formation on 1st July, 1968 of The Queen's Division, consisting of three Large Regiments, that is to say, The Queen's Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the Royal Anglian Regiment. Men are now enlisted into the Division and posted, if possible to the Regiment of their choice. The Divisional organisation has been introduced in the interests of efficiency and economy.

It is relevant to add that the Director of Infantry (Major General Michael Forrester, himself an old Queen'sman and also Colonel Commandant of the Queen's Division) wrote to "The Times" on 22nd June, 1968 in answer to some previous correspondence and said that "Regiments would retain their identity within the Division", and "There is no intention of introducing a Corps of Infantry".

Regimental Reorganisation—Territorial Army

The Territorial Army has experienced even more far reaching changes. On 1st April, 1961, the 5th and 6th

Bns The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA) and the 565th LAA Regiment, Royal Artillery, (TA) amalgamated to form the 3rd Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA). On the same day, the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment (TA) amalgamated with 23rd London Regiment (TA) and became the 4th Bn The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA).

On 1st April, 1967, the Reserve Army re-organised into T & AVR II and T & AVR III. The battalions in T & AVR II were called Volunteer battalions, and those in T & AVR III Territorial battalions. The role of the Volunteers is to put the Regular Army on a war footing, while the purpose of the Territorials is to assist the Home Civil authorities in an emergency.

In so far as The Queen's Regiment is concerned, one Volunteer battalion and five Territorial battalions were formed. The 5th (Volunteer) Bn The Queen's Regiment has headquarters at Canterbury and companies in Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex. The Surrey Company was formed from Volunteers from the 3rd and 4th Bns The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA) and has its headquarters at Sandfield Terrace, Guildford.

There is also one Territorial battalion in Surrey, that is the 6th (Territorial) Bn The Queen's Regiment, and it was formed from the 3rd and 4th Bns The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA). Battalion Headquarters and one company are at Kingston upon Thames, and there are companies at Battersea, Cobham and Croydon.

The future of the Territorial battalions, T & AVR III, is as yet not finally known. The February 1968 Defence White Paper announced the abolition of the Territorials as at present constituted. Units were to have been disbanded or put on a care and maintenance basis. However, a reprieve was secured in March 1968, and they were allowed to continue on existing establishments but without payment. Since then, things have got progressively more difficult. Instructors, storemen and clerical staffs have been taken away, so that our Territorial Battalion has been able to function only under considerable difficulty. At the time of writing, proposals for the retention of all Territorial Battalions have been rejected; and proposals for integrated Units comprising Volunteers and Territorials seem likely to fail.

It should be pointed out here the remarkable spirit shown by 6 (T) Queen's during this period of stress. Officers and Soldiers continue to arrive for weekend training and drill nights, without payment or even travelling allowance. Many members of the Unit attended Easter and Summer Camps voluntarily on the same basis. The Battalion has enjoyed substantial and individual successes in the Bisley "TAVR Hundred", the TAVR Soccer Competition, the Army Orienteering Championships and other competitive events. It has even continued to recruit. Much credit must go to the Commanding Officer (Lt Col W. E. McConnell, TD) the officers, WOs, NCOs and Soldiers of the Battalion, and not least to the RSM (WO I. A. Colyer) upon whom much responsibility has devolved.

Our 1st Battalion

News of 1 Queen's in Bahrain has been received regularly in the Battalion's lively and interesting News Sheet "Braganza". Training in desert terrain has provided valuable experience after the conditions of North

West Europe; and an excellent liaison has been maintained with the Royal Navy. "Braganza's" high standard of witty articles and light-hearted comments has been appreciated by readers at home as well as in the Gulf.

The Glorious First of June was celebrated with an immensely popular tattoo, covering aspects of Regimental history from 1661 to the present day. The ambitious programme included the Proclamation on Putney Heath in 1661, a drill display by a detachment of Villiers Marines, the naval battle of the Glorious First of June, 1794 and the 8th Surreys Football Charge. The performance ended with the Band and Drums beating Retreat and the march off of all performers headed by the Colour party.

The Battalion is due to return home in mid-November, and after leave reassembles at Lingfield early in January. They are hopeful of getting abroad for training during the summer, preferably to some place without sand.

Honours and Awards

Our congratulations go to RSM J. W. Ives who was awarded the BEM (Civil Division) in the Birthday Honours List. The medal was presented to RSM Ives by the Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on Church Parade on 6th October, 1968. Mr Ives has been RSM of the Royal Hospital since 1954.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Officers' Club

The Club held its Annual Dinner at Claridge's on Friday, 4th October, 1968.

Major-General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, presided and one hundred and twelve members were present.

It was with pleasure that on this occasion the Club entertained General Sir Richard Craddock, KBE, CB, DSO, Colonel, The Queen's Regiment, and Brigadier M. W. Holme, CBE, MC, Divisional Brigadier, The Queen's Division.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

Spring Meeting

Once again we were lucky with the weather. The sun shone brilliantly, so much so that Toby Sewell was heard to remark that his tan was caused by the Richmond sun and not Bahrain! We were very pleased he managed to get back in time for the Meeting and that there was a sprinkling of other Regular Officers.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Dodgson Cup provided an exciting finish with Lt Col J. Sewell, Major C. W. Summers and R. Randolph all

tying with a Nett 71 (par 72). Toby Sewell won on the first 9 holes.

The Royal Marines Match

On the 7th June we were the guests of the Royal Marines at West Byfleet Golf Club, and thank goodness the weather was infinitely better than last year, although overcast with the occasional shower. Everyone enjoyed the course which was in excellent condition, and the Club catered for us in a first class fashion. As a change we played Foursomes in the morning and afternoon, and the result was a draw.

At the very last moment we were hard put to find a full team and we are grateful to Mr. C. E. H. Wise and Mr A. Barnett for turning out. Mr Wise served with the East Surreys in the earlier days of the war and was taken prisoner at Singapore.

Golf News

The Honorary Secretary, Major C. W. Summers, did a hole in one at the 17th West Byfleet Golf Club on the 18th May.

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn Meeting was held at Sudbrook Park, Richmond, on the 3rd and 4th October. As the 1st Battalion are abroad, it was not so well attended as usual; also several familiar faces were missing on account of pressure of business. However, the weather was ideal and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

A "million to one" chance happened at the draw for the sweep. There were 14 players, 139 tickets were sold, and *three players* drew themselves—it is regretted to say without success to themselves, except possibly for Rosie Sutton who felt he could take the day off as no one would be counting on him for a win! He, of course, was there to cheer us all in at the 18th, and at the 19th.

Tony Hole and Tim Ross put in an appearance after a long absence and we hope they will underline in ink all future Meetings of the Society, so that we see them again.

Results of the Sweep in which £34.15.0 was collected.
1st, H. Adcock (Lt Col C. O. 'N. Wallis) £17.17.6
2nd, Major A. L. Sutton (R. J. Randolph) £6.19.0
3rd, Major R. R. Davies (Major A. C. A. Cater) £3.9.6, and the Society £6.19.0.

Regimental Association Reunion

On Friday, 20th September, 1968, the Regimental Association Reunion was held in the Drill Hall of 6th (Territorial) Bn The Queen's Regiment at Kingston. In recent years the Reunions have been held in larger Halls in London, but they do not seem to have appealed to the majority of our members. This year, perhaps because of the military atmosphere, the attendance was a very great improvement on previous years. A good number of old Queen's men and Surreys had an enjoy-

able evening, enhanced by the playing of the Band of our 1st Battalion, who had recently returned from Bahrain.

Regimental Association Christmas Cards

As mentioned in our last issue, a Regimental Association Christmas Card has been produced. It is a simple four page card without inset or ribbon. On the outside appears the badge of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment executed in gold, silver and red, with the Regimental Motto below in gold. The greeting is on the right hand inside page.

The cost is 11/- a dozen, including packing and postage. There has been a brisk sale for these cards, and readers are advised to make application for them now while they are still available.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association

Our Annual Dinner was held on 4th May and we were honoured to have with us on this occasion our President Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, Deputy Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, Major General J. F. Metcalfe, CB, CBE, Brigadier G. R. P. Roupell, VC, CB, DL, Lieut Colonel C. O'N. Wallis, MC, and Lieut Colonel W. E. McConnell, TD, as our guests. It was nice meeting old friends again and it was encouraging to see some of our members who had travelled great distances to be with us on this occasion. Messages were received from Colonel C. A. Clark, Len Jackson, Tiny Calcott and WO II Croucher expressing their regrets that they could not be present.

Another social occasion was our dance which we held on 17th February and 150 of our members and their friends attended, and danced to the music provided by Sidney Powsey and his accordion orchestra. An excellent buffet was provided by Bob Haynes and Chic Evans ran a profitable raffle for us.

On 16th March 30 members were invited to a social evening at the "In Pensioners" Club at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. An excellent cabaret was laid on for our entertainment throughout the evening, and a first class buffet was provided. During the evening our hosts did us the honour of presenting the Association with a model of a Chelsea Pensioner enclosed in a glass case as a gesture of friendship and affiliation to our organisation. Mr Colyer reciprocated on behalf of the Association by presenting a plaque with the East Surrey Regimental crest embossed upon it. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Ives and the "In Pensioners" for the wonderful hospitality shown to us on this visit.

The Ladies Dinner Dance which we hold annually took place at the T & AVR Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames on 5th October. This was a great success, 150 members and their ladies attending and after an excellent dinner dancing carried on until midnight.

In spite of all the changes over the past few years we still continue to recruit new members and we welcome the undermentioned who have joined our ranks since

the last issue of the News Letter, Messrs Butcher, Hill, Piper, Jayes and Wyles.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of the undermentioned members:—

Pinky Williams (6135074) on 7th March, 1968 who joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1921 and served until 1953. The greater part of his service being with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, Hong Kong, and India.

Capt Bill Thompson (39891) who died in Jersey, at the age of 84 on 4th June. Bill served for many years in the 1st Battalion before World War I and terminated his service in 1920. He was a fine soldier and a first class sportsman.

Finally we would like to congratulate Jimmy Ives, who is still serving as RSM at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on being awarded the British Empire Medal.

The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association

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

This Association was founded in 1919. It is earnestly hoped that any former Member of the Regiment, or of the Association whose membership has lapsed, who reads this notice will get in touch with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible at 71, Braganza Street, S.E.17, so that full details may be forwarded to him of the Annual Dinner in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Association to be held on Saturday, 8th March, 1969, at the Drill Hall, 71, Braganza Street, S.E.17. This is particularly so of those who fought with the Regiment during 1914-1918.

The Queen's Surreys Legal Adviser

Colonel T. MacD. Baker, the Legal Adviser to the Queen's Surreys Regimental Council, and to the Managing Trustees of both the Regular and Militia Unit Trust Funds of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, visited his doctor on 1st August, 1968, on the occasion of his 74th Birthday. He was advised to take things easy for a spell, and to give up some of his many voluntary activities. For some time past he has been telling us, although we did not believe him, that he could not carry on as Legal Adviser until he was 104! Now, however, he has asked our Deputy Colonel to accept his resignation.

Colonel Baker was Legal Adviser for very many years to The East Surrey Regiment, and immediately prior to the amalgamation of that Regiment with The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1959, he and Colonel C. R. Wigan of the Queen's, jointly gave all legal advice, vetted, amended, and generally assisted in framing the various Charity Schemes required by the Charity Commission when amalgamating Funds into the name of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. It was mainly due to Colonel Baker, with his long and varied experience of the intricacies of the Law, and as a former Commanding Officer, and later, Honorary Colonel of the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment (TA), that these Trust Schemes were so drawn up as to give the Managing

Trustees a certain amount of legal latitude in dealing with the Funds for which they are responsible. His foresight assured that the objects and future use of such Funds were not channelled into too narrow limits, which, with all the many changes have resulted in "no comforts for the troops" to-day.

We are indeed most grateful to "MacD" for his help and wise counsel, not only in legal matters, but in many other aspects affecting the Regiment, and whilst General Piggott has officially, and reluctantly, accepted his resignation with effect from 29th September, 1968 (the 57th anniversary of his joining The East Surrey Regiment), we hope that should at any time we have some problem that he alone can solve, he will still give us the benefit of his wisdom.

All of his many regimental friends will join in wishing him well, and that after a rest, he will soon be fully "on the road" again.

Regimental Chapels

The Chapel of The Queen's Royal Regiment

In 1909 a brass plaque to the memory of soldiers of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment who died whilst serving in Aden in 1867, 1868 and 1909 was placed in Christ Church, Steamer Point, Aden. On the evacuation of British Troops from the Aden peninsula in 1967, the plaque was removed from Christ Church and brought back to this Country. It was installed in the Regimental Chapel of The Queen's Royal Regiment within Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on 4th October, 1968.

During the Remembrance Day Service in Holy Trinity on Sunday, 10th November, 1968, the plaque was re-dedicated by Canon Michael Hocking, Rector of Holy Trinity. It is of interest to note that the 1st Battalion of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment also served in Aden in 1961-1962.

The Chapel of The East Surrey Regiment

A memorial tablet to Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Congdon was installed in the Regimental Chapel in the Parish Church at Kingston-upon-Thames on 9th October. During his time at the Regimental Depot, Colonel Congdon took a great interest in the Chapel. 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.

From Here and There

Royal Hospital, Chelsea

The undermentioned old soldiers of the Regiment were admitted to the Royal Hospital on 30th September, 1968.

Harry Robert Bailey who served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1933 to 1942, and W. Snook. The latter joined The East Surrey Regiment as long ago as 1901, and was recalled from the Reserve at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War.

The Dean of Guildford

The Right Rev. Antony Cyprian Bridge who was installed as Dean of Guildford on 12th October, 1968, has connections with The Queen's Regiment, not only by his recent ecclesiastical appointment within the County of Surrey, but also by virtue of his service in the Buffs. Commissioned from the ranks in 1940, Mr. Bridge served overseas from 1941 to 1944 and left the service with the rank of major in 1946. He is well known as a regular broadcaster on radio and television, and as an author.

Birthday Greetings

Old members of The East Surrey Regiment will be interested to know that Lieut Colonel C. A. Clark, DSO, MC, celebrated his 90th birthday on 13th October. His son, Major John Clark, reports that his father is in his usual good spirits and is amazingly active.

We think that "Nobby", who joined the Regiment in 1896 and retired 37 years later, must be our oldest Surrey.

The House that Jack built

Major C. B. E. Cowie, MBE contributes this reminiscence of Lt Col "Jackie" Maurice who was a popular member of the 2nd Bn The East Surrey Regiment before getting accelerated promotion into the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. At the time of the "D" Day landings, Lt Col Maurice was in command of 2 KSLI in 185 Inf Bde. The latter was the follow-through Brigade in 3 Inf Div.

"On the evening of "D" Day, the KSLI had taken their objectives, but had suffered grievous losses. I quote from the Divisional History.

"The 2nd KSLI were under constant shelling, mortaring and sniping throughout the evening, and the F.O.O. 'saw Colonel Maurice walking up the centre of the road playing with the chin strap of his helmet, as he always did. I got up. The example spread, and in a few moments we were moving forward again'."

The citation which earned the Colonel the DSO stated "He was an officer of the greatest ability, courage and cheerfulness and an inspiration to all".

The Battalion lost 130 officers and men killed and wounded on that first day. Lt Col F. J. Maurice, DSO was killed on 17th July at Lebisy Wood by a stray German shell. Apart from 3 Inf Div losing a brilliant commander, I lost a very sincere friend; for wherever and whenever I met him, there was always a chat about the Surreys."

The following is an extract from the KSLI Regimental Journal of November, 1947.

"Just at this time as we got ready for the great assault came the awful news that Colonel Maurice had been killed at Battalion Headquarters just down the road. The Battalion 'the house that Jack built' as I heard it described by another CO in the Division, found the loss scarcely credible, he seemed such a vital part of us. I shall always remember the comment that morning by one other rank member of "W" Company: 'He was a toff and a gentleman'."

Change of Address

Major C. H. Dickins writes that he will be going to Australia shortly to live. His temporary address will be c/o Mrs. R. H. Terry, 8 Higgins Street, Burbury, Western Australia.

Medals Restored

In July the Governor of one of H.M. Prisons sent us three 1914-18 War medals of Sgt H. E. Garrard, 24th London Regiment. They had been in the Reception Department of the Prison so long that nobody knew how or when they came to be there.

Through the good offices of the late Mr. H. E. Flood, Hon Secretary of The Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association, we obtained the address of Mr Garrard and the medals were duly restored to the rightful owner.

Mr Garrard then told us his medals had been stolen some years before, and that the set included the Serbian Silver Medal for Valour. After further inquiries, the Governor of the Prison found the Serbian Medal, and this was restored to Mr Garrard in September.

Sergeant at Arms

We have heard from two old members of the Regiment connected with the ancient office of Sergeant at Arms.

Major B. H. Geary, VC, who won his award for valour with the 1st Surreys at Hill 60, was appointed Sergeant at Arms for the Ontario Government in 1947. He says that although there have been some stormy periods in Parliament, he has not yet been ordered by Mr Speaker to escort a member out of the House.

Ex-CSM C. R. Cronk, MM who served in the Queen's for 21 years, joined the staff of the House of Commons in February 1948. He served under the late Major General Sir Ivor Hughes in the Sergeant at Arms Staff, and he is now the Principal Doorkeeper.

Memorial to Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, CB

A memorial window to Brigadier Maxwell, formerly Honorary Colonel of 23rd London Regiment, was dedicated at St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds, on 27th April, 1968. The 23rd London was represented by Lt Col B. A. Hannaford, a former Commanding Officer, and Mr F. Kedge, BEM, the Hon Secretary of the 23rd London Regiment Association.

Retirement of former Queen'sman

Former members of the 2/6th Queen's will be sorry to hear that Mr A. D. Moody, who served in the Regiment from 1940 to 1948 before transferring to the MPSC, has recently been invalided from the Service on account of eye trouble. Now living in Shepton Mallet, he has joined the local branch of the British Legion and is kept busy as their Social Secretary.

Old Soldiers' Recollections

Mr F. W. Ward (10740) who served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment from July 1913 until severely wounded in France in 1915, wonders how many old Surreys remember marching in scarlet from Church parade in Portobello Barracks, Dublin into Wellington Barracks to the Regimental March "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky".

Mr Ward, who attends the Regimental Association reunion whenever he can, lives at Flat C, 9 Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal, Kent.

Badge of the 13th (Service) Bn The East Surrey Regiment

This Battalion was raised at Wandsworth in 1915, and was composed almost entirely of local men. The

13th Battalion wore a special badge which was authorised by the War Office after the Battalion was raised. On the special badge, the Arms of Guildford on the central shield borne on the Star, were replaced by the Arms of Wandsworth, with the motto "We Serve" on a scroll beneath them.

Major C. B. E. Cowie, MBE of 38 Tunbridge Crescent, Liphook, Hants writes that this badge is missing from his collection, and he would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has a "Wandsworth" badge for disposal. He adds "It may be there are collectors of Military Badges in the Regimental Association and if so, there is a chance I may be able to assist them".

The 30th Surreys

The Queen's Surreys Office has received from the British Embassy in Warsaw a sketch of a cup displayed for sale in the window of a local silversmith. The cup, which is two-handled and mounted on a plinth, is inscribed "30th Training Reserve Bn, East Surrey, Inter Company Boxing".

Can any reader throw any light on the history of this unit? It would be interesting to know how this trophy came to be behind the Iron Curtain.

Letters

At the Royal Marines Association Annual Church Parade on 29th September, the Regimental Association was represented by a detachment from 4th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment OCA. The following letter has been received from Captain G. P. Sanford, General Secretary of the Royal Marines Association:

Dear Major Hill,

I am writing on behalf of my Committee, to thank you most sincerely for the support of your members on the occasion of our Annual Church Parade last Sunday.

We are very conscious of the compliment paid to us by your detachment attending our Parade, and we were very proud to have their Standard amongst the twenty-one on parade.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Sanford,
General Secretary.

Major P. R. H. Kealy, now serving in BAOR, writes:

I have just returned from a brief visit to Iserlohn, and my impressions and news of a well known Queen's personality may be of interest to a number of Queensmen who have served there.

The town generally looks much the same apart from the Schillerplatz which is no more. Built on it is a vast departmental store with an underground car park. There is also a particularly hideous staircase for pedestrians.

Both Aldershot and Mons Barracks look much the same and are occupied by Germans and Canadians respectively. The only British troops there are in the B.M. Hospital, Iserlohn.

I called on John Humphries (late of the A/Tk Platoon/Provost Staff 1 Queen's Surreys) who when British troops were stationed there ran a British style pub just off the Schillerplatz. Since the departure of

the British he has closed down the pub and converted the site into shops which he rents out. He is now therefore a gentleman of leisure—going very grey (like us all) and a little thinner.

Major T. P. Lloyd writes:

I joined the Queen's at Stoughton Barracks in February, 1927. It was not long before I was a Lance Corporal and was issued with a copy of Regimental Standing Orders, bound in blue cloth. I carried this around with me for many years, and then in 1963 I lost it whilst on my way to Australia. I should dearly like to get hold of a copy if this is at all possible.

Can any reader oblige? Major Lloyd's address is 18 Fairfield Crescent, Off Prospect Vale, Liverpool 6.

Major Charles Ricketts, writing from Jersey, says:

I am in very good health and am still working six days a week. I tried retirement but didn't like it. There are very few of the old 'uns left over here now, but I still keep the name of the East Surreys to the fore.

Editor's Note

We were glad to see two 'old 'uns' from Jersey at the Regimental Association Reunion. They were Major Ricketts himself, and Sam Moth who joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1908.

Regimental History— The Queen's Royal Regiment

It is seldom in war that two Regular battalions of a Regiment find themselves fighting side by side. Yet this happened on two occasions in the 1914-18 War.

For the recollection of how the 1st and 2nd Queen's came to be alongside each other at Gheluvelt, we are indebted to Mr. S. J. Hopkins, of Route 1, Box 313, Morganville, New Jersey, 07751, USA. At that time he was CQMS of C Company, 2 Queen's.

The second meeting of the 1st and 2nd Queen's was at High Wood, nearly two years later. Major R. C. G. Foster, MC, who was Bombing Officer of 2nd Queen's, has recalled the event in the following account entitled "1st and 2nd Queen's at High Wood".

1st and 2nd Queen's at Gheluvelt

In the confused fighting of the First Battle of Ypres in October, 1914, 2 Queen's took up a position to the east of the road Gheluvelt—Zandvoorde. During the night 25/26th October, the enemy succeeded in making a considerable advance from the direction of Menin, overrunning the forward posts of 22 Brigade. On the morning of 27th October, 2 Queen's were ordered to counter attack to recapture the trenches abandoned about Kruiseecke. This was accomplished successfully and contact made with the brigade on the left. Battalion HQ was established at Klein Zillebeke.

28th October found the 2nd Battalion in the woods about Klein Zillebeke, 3,000 yards south west of Gheluvelt. Early on the morning of 29th, the Battalion moved north towards Veldhoek, but were switched to reinforce the Scots Guards in Gheluvelt some 2,000 yards to the east. Advancing to the south of Gheluvelt, 2 Queen's fought their way forward and succeeded

in establishing a line to the east of the road Gheluvelt-Kruisecke. Enemy shelling was very heavy and their snipers active.

About midday on 29th October the 2nd Battalion was reinforced by the 1st Battalion, and a line roughly between Kruisecke on the right and Gheluvelt on the left was held by the Queen's. During the next two days 22 Brigade (2 Queen's) was heavily attacked and some ground was lost. Finally 22 Brigade was withdrawn to the woods surrounding the chateau near Veldhoek. The withdrawal was covered by 3 Brigade (1 Queen's) under intense enemy pressure, and both Battalions suffered heavily. 2 Queen's were brought into reserve on 2nd November, but 1 Queen's remained in the line until relieved on 8th November.

It may not generally be realised how severe were the losses sustained by our two Regular battalions in these operations. In terms of men alone the casualties were appalling, but the loss of practically the whole of the Regular content of the Regiment, after thirteen weeks of fighting was well nigh disastrous.

1st Queen's had two commanding officers killed, Colonel Warner and Colonel Pell. The strength of the Battalion when they embarked for France on 12th August, 1914, was 27 officers and 971 men. During the continuous fighting of September and October drafts of reinforcements totalling 514 were received. On 1st November, 1914, the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment was found to consist of one officer and 32 men.

When the 2nd Queen's embarked for Belgium on 4th October, 1914, the strength was 30 officers and 988 soldiers. When 22 Brigade was finally withdrawn from the front on 8th November, 30 officers including Colonel Coles, the commanding officer, and 646 men had become casualties. Of these 76 officers and men had been killed, and the remainder were wounded or missing.

1st and 2nd Queen's at High Wood

Readers of Major Hill's excellent article on the First Battle of Ypres may be interested to know that there was another occasion when the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Queen's fought alongside. This was at High Wood on the Somme on 12th and 13th July, 1916.

The 2nd Battalion had already attacked on 1st July, and had been one of the very few battalions to be successful on that bloody day. They captured the village of Mametz and went on to their final objective on the escarpment overlooking Mametz Wood.

They were then withdrawn to rest while the 38th Welsh Division struggled to clear Mametz Wood. By 12th July this had more or less been done at fearful cost, and the 2nd Battalion was sent forward to the valley to the south of the wood, while the other brigades of the 7th Division attacked the two Bazentin villages. In the evening this attack had been successful, and the 2nd Queen's were ordered to go through and attack High Wood on the crest of a ridge about a mile beyond.

The attack went splendidly. It was a lovely evening, the opposition was slight and the country almost un-damaged.

On our right two cavalry regiments were fanning out over the open fields, and an aeroplane circled overhead. A German battery was captured intact, and our C and D Companies entered High Wood and established themselves on the east and south edges.

As bombing officer I was more or less a freelance so I went forward to find out the situation. I found C Company Headquarters in a German dugout overlooking miles of unspoilt country. In the dugout a young German was dying and calling for his mother, and

Captain J. B. Hayes was trying to comfort him. It was then almost dark and I went back to the rear edge of the wood.

On our left was a battalion of 33rd Division, the 9th HLI or Glasgow Highlanders, a fine battalion. They asked me if we held the edge of the wood and I told them we did, so they started to dig in on the crest. Unfortunately I did not know that in the north east corner of the wood and on the reverse slope was the German reserve line; and machine guns from this opened on the Highlanders causing heavy casualties.

Next morning our A and B Companies tried to clear the north east corner but failed in confused and costly fighting. An attack on the reserve line to the left by the 33rd Division (including the 1st Battalion) also failed, and in the evening the 2nd Battalion was ordered to withdraw from High Wood so that it could be heavily shelled. The 1st Battalion was also ordered to withdraw, and the two battalions met and mingled in the valley behind the Bazentins. There they were sorted out amid such calls as 'A Company 1st Queen's here', 'B Company 2nd Queen's here', etc.

The 2nd Battalion was then withdrawn for a long rest. It was two months and many thousands of casualties later before High Wood was again captured.

The Queen's Kohima Memorial and the 4th/1st Gurkhas

As readers will know, a fund has been started for the replacement of the Memorial erected by 1st Queen's at Jail Hill, Kohima. The account of the attack on this Japanese strongpoint has been admirably described in the Regimental Journals of November, 1946, and November, 1953. It was in the second attack of 11-13th May, 1944, that the 4th/1st Gurkhas joined the 1st Queen's in the final desperate assaults which led to the capture of the position. The former account comments, "The action proved conclusively the great value of the mutual friendship and spirit of liaison between the two units immediately involved, 1st Queen's and 4th/1st Gurkha Rifles".

The capture of Jail Hill, the key point in the battle of Kohima, was costly. The Queen's lost four officers and 57 soldiers killed, and six officers and 106 soldiers wounded. The Gurkhas' casualties were one officer and 12 riflemen killed and 33 wounded.

The November, 1953, account ends with these words, "The memorial, designed and constructed by the Pioneers of 1st Queen's, bears the names of all the officers and soldiers of the Queen's and of the Gurkhas who fell there in one of the most gallant and glorious episodes in the Campaign".

Major P. G. V. Bellers, 4th Bn The Queen's Regiment, served with the 4th/1st Gurkhas at Kohima; and his father, Brigadier E. V. R. Bellers, is President of their Regimental Association. The following letters have been exchanged between the Regimental Association, 1st K.G.V.'s Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment) and the Queen's Surreys Office.

From Major G. E. C. Newland, MC,

Hon. Treasurer, Regimental Association.

To Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, RHQ The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys Office).

We have come to hear on the 'grapevine' that the Queen's Memorial in Kohima requires funds. As the Queen's have honoured our 4th Battalion by including reference on the Memorial, our President has asked me as Treasurer to forward the enclosed cheque as a contribution which we would be honoured to make.

Brigadier Bellers's eldest son is a member of the 4th Bn The Queen's Regiment under its present regrouping.

He was prior to Partition also in the 4/1 GR. We have, therefore, a certain connection still with your Regiment.

From Major General F. J. C. Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO. To Brigadier E. V. R. Bellers, President, Regimental Association, 1st K.G.V.'s Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment).

I have just received from the treasurer of your Regimental Association a cheque for £10 as a contribution to the Kohima Memorial Fund which we raised to replace the memorial erected at Kohima by 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment at the time of the battle. It is a kind and generous act of your Association, and I hope that you will tell your members how appreciative old Queensmen are.

The design and location of the new memorial were the concern of an ad hoc Committee composed of former members of The Queen's Royal Regiment who were either at the battle or very closely connected with the 1st Battalion. In designing it, they were unanimous in insisting that the names of those of 4/1 GR whose names were on the old memorial should be included on the new one. It is indeed gratifying to think that this modest but heartfelt gesture to your old Regiment has been noted and approved by your Association, and I hope you will express to them our thanks and deep appreciation for their generous contribution to its cost.

Regimental History— The East Surrey Regiment

1939-45 War

We are collecting personal narratives for the Regimental archives, so if any reader would like to send any account of operations in which the Regiment took part, we should be very glad to have it.

A very interesting account of 'The Battle for, and leading up to, Lungarella' has been received from Captain G. D. Botterell, MBE, then commanding 'D' Company, 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment. The operations took place at the end of April, 1945, and were part of the general advance towards Ferrara. The following is an extract in lighter vein.

"TAC HQ, together with Main HQ, was established in an excellent building to the north of Gobbietta. The only trouble about this house was that there was a dead horse in one of the downstairs rooms. How it had ever got through the small door into the room will always remain a mystery. However, due to the possibility of Bde HQ taking over the house as their HQ it was decided not to try to remove the swollen and already stinking carcass."

The Eighth Surreys Football Attack

Mr. H. S. Adcock of 166 Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey, writes:—

"Many thanks for News Letter No. 3, which revived many old memories. Regarding the Eighth Bn Football Attack, I know a Mr. Good, who lives in Sutton, who served in the 8th Bn and took part in that attack. He was interviewed by the BBC some years ago, and gave his account of that battle. I am wondering whether you have a record of this? It may interest you to know that one of the footballs passed through my hands, when Acting Adjutant at Kingston Depot. At that time, I had the honour of arranging the Civic

receptions for the cadres of battalions returning from France."

Editor's Note: We have since been in touch with Mr. E. W. Good, MBE, MM, who won his decoration for gallantry with the 8th Battalion at Cheras. We hope he may be able to give us an eye witness account of the memorable attack at Montauban in July, 1916.

2nd Bn The Thirty-First Regiment

This Battalion which was raised in 1805 for service in the French Revolutionary War played a distinguished part in the Peninsula and the operations in South Western France. The latter were the subject of study by the late Lieut. Colonel W. Hill James of The East Surrey Regiment, who had himself served in the Thirty-First before the Amalgamation of 1881.

Colonel Hill James's researches covered the period October, 1813, and April, 1816, and were published as articles in the following magazines:

1. "Sir Rowland Hill's Great Fight at St. Pierre and how to see the ground." MacMillan's Magazine, September, 1894.
2. "The Battle of the Nivelle and Nive." MacMillan's Magazine, December, 1895.
3. "Garris and the Bridge of Boats in 1814." Pall Mall Magazine, January, 1897.
4. "Napoleon and Josephine at Bayonne and Biarritz." MacMillan's Magazine, July, 1898.

It is possible the four articles were bound and published in book form. We should be very interested to hear from anyone who can throw any light on the whereabouts of these publications.

Our Allied Regiments

The South Alberta Light Horse, RCAC

Writing in the 'Sabre and Spur' the News Letter of the South Alberta Light Horse, Colonel Reed Ainscough, the Commanding Officer, outlines the reorganisation of the Militia initiated in 1964. The South Alberta Light Horse has been allotted the task of providing a Light Armoured Squadron for the Mobile Command Reserve, and good progress has been made in the training, in spite of lack of equipment.

The principal event of 1967 was the presentation of a Regimental Guidon by H.R.H. The Princess Alexandra at Calgary on 25th May. Before the Presentation Parade the following message from the Colonel in Chief was read:

From Princess Marina,
Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Regiment.
To Commanding Officer,
South Alberta Light Horse.

"On the occasion of my most enjoyable visit to my 1st Battalion we send you and All Ranks of the South Alberta Light Horse our greetings and best wishes at the time of my daughter's visit to you and hope you are all having as happy a time as we are.

Marina, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Regiment."

The following Saturday the Guidon was trooped in Medicine Hat, and at that time the Freedom of the City was conferred upon the South Alberta Light Horse.

On Thursday, 18th July, 1968, two officers of The South Alberta Light Horse, Major Reg Thain and Captain Laurence McDonald, arrived at Canterbury to present to The Queen's Regiment on behalf of their Regiment, an oil painting of a prairie scene of the area of Medicine Hat. The picture, which was painted by

Major Thain's wife, was accepted by General Piggott, and now hangs in the Officers' Mess at Hobbs Barracks, Lingfield. Details of the ceremony are included in the notes of Depot, The Queen's Regiment, in the Regimental Journal.

For many years it has been the custom for officers of The South Alberta Light Horse to wear on their patrol uniform one button of The East Surrey Regiment. The occasion gave Captain McDonald the opportunity of collecting a fairly large supply of these buttons to replenish stocks which had been exhausted in Canada!

On 14th October, 1968, we were pleased to receive a visit from Sergeant Major John Paterson of the South Alberta Light Horse. Mr. Paterson and his wife, who emigrated to Canada soon after the 1939-45 War, had been visiting their families and friends in Scotland. Mr. Paterson presented us with some specimens of the badged table ware in use by the South Alberta Light Horse. He took back with him several ashtrays bearing the badge of The Queen's Regiment, and greetings to Colonel Reed Ainscough, Colonel Rod Ray and past and present members of the Regiment.

The Zambia Regiment

The following extracts from a letter written by Brigadier Jones, Commanding 3 Brigade of the Zambian Army to Major General Piggott will interest our readers who have served in East Africa.

"All Battalions of the Zambia Regiment are in good heart and I thought I would take this opportunity of bringing you up to date about their activities and what is happening here.

The 1st Battalion is stationed at Tug Argan Barracks, 15 miles from Ndola. The Battalion will have spent 24 weeks this year patrolling the border of Zambia adjoining Angola, Rhodesia and Mozambique and has been very active in counter insurgency training throughout the year, as indeed have all battalions. At the beginning of the year the battalion made a presentation of silver to the British Army, which can be seen in the new British Army Museum, in London. 1 ZR was formerly the 1st Battalion. The Northern Rhodesia Regiment.

The 2nd Battalion is stationed at Arakan Barracks in Lusaka. 2 ZR has also spent a third of the year on the border and has taken its part in both the Brigade and Army counter-insurgency exercises. Highlights of the year for this battalion have been the selection of one of their officers to attend the Staff College, Camberley, in 1968 (Capt. G. Zyongwe) and Guards of Honour for the visits of the Presidents of Tanzania, Somalia and Congo. 2 ZR was formerly the 2nd Battalion, The King's African Rifles.

The 3rd Battalion is stationed at Chindwin Barracks in Kabwe (formerly Broken Hill) a town halfway between Ndola and Lusaka. This is the newest battalion in the Army and was formed in 1966. It derives its traditions from the 3rd Battalion, The Northern Rhodesia Regiment, which fought in Burma in the last war. Like the other battalions it has had its share of border duties and excels at counter-insurgency training. The battalion was granted the Freedom of Kabwe in April, 1968.

Plans are in hand to form 4ZR which is likely to be stationed at Chipata (formerly Fort Jameson) in the Western Province. There are two Territorial battalions, 6th Zambia Rifles spread over the Copperbelt and 7th Zambia Rifles in Lusaka and Kabwe. Both battalions have a small Regular Staff attached from the Zambia Regiment.

For Sale

Regimental brooch of The Queen's Royal Regiment (Paschal Lamb), about one inch square, in 18 carat gold. Price: £10. Apply to Mrs. A. St. Herpin, 98 Falkirk House, Maida Vale, London, W.9.

Wanted

Volume I of the Regimental History of The East Surrey Regiment is particularly wanted by an old member of the Regiment. Would anyone willing to dispose of this Volume please inform the Editor of the News Letter, quoting price.

St. George for England

In these days when defence, commerce, culture and many other aspects of our national existence seem to be concerned with or dependent upon other countries, it may not be a bad thing to foster our own national pride, and reflect on the qualities which have made England great.

We hear a good deal about the celebration of the days dedicated to the Patron Saints of Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but very little about St. George of England. On the 50th Anniversary of the storming of the Zeebrugge Mole by the Royal Marines on St. George's Day, 1918, it is fitting to recall the stirring signal made by Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Vice Admiral, Dover Patrol, to HMS Vindictive; "St. George for England", and the Captain's spirited reply "May we give the dragon's tail a damned good twist".

In the last war there was a popular song "There'll always be an England" which ended with the words "If England means as much to you as England means to me". Yet, what does England mean to the ordinary man? In wartime we are fighting for our country and patriotism comes into its own. In times of peace interest tends to wane; old men forget and young men solemnly discuss their views on fighting for King and Country.

How many people know that the flag bearing the red cross on a white background is the ancient and traditional flag of England? How many readers know there is a patriotic society dedicated to England and the interests of our country?

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

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

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

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

To further English interests everywhere, to ensure that St. George's Day is properly celebrated and to provide focal points all the world over where English men and women may gather together.

If you would like to know more about this Society, particulars may be obtained from the General Secretary, The Royal Society of St. George, St. George's House, 4 Upper Belgrave Street, London, W.1. The subscription for membership ranges from one guinea a year.

Regular Forces Employment Association

This Association exists for the sole purpose of finding employment for retired Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen and helping them to resettle in civil life. It is part of the Regular Forces Resettlement Service.

The Association, which provides all its services free, has branches covering the whole of the British Isles, each of which is run by an Employment Officer who is in close touch with local employers.

You can obtain the address of your nearest Branch from the Regimental Association, the General Post Office or your local Employment Exchange. You have only to write or telephone to your Branch, or make a personal call there, and you will be given help in finding employment.

Deaths

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

Paice On 22nd January, 1968, Pte Frank Howard Paice (6141337), aged 52. Enlisted in India in The East Surrey Regiment in 1935 and transferred to The Queen's Royal Regiment two years later. He was discharged in India in 1946.

Maynard On 4th May, 1968, Pte George Frank Maynard (6085977), aged 52. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1934 to 1946.

Swan On 28th March, 1968, Cpl Herbert Leighton Swan, DCM (9222 and 6076204), aged 77. Served in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment from 1908 to 1924. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry at Festubert in May 1915, and a bar to his DCM at the Battle of Loos in September 1915. See obituary.

White On 9th May, 1968, Pte George Frederick White (6085087), aged 60. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1931 to 1945. George White will best be remembered as A (MG) Company storeman in India before the war. During the war he served in 2nd Queen's. A correspondent writes: "He was always there when wanted. Kind and considerate, he was a man who never aspired to greatness, but without the like of whom no Regiment can ever be famous."

Boyton On 16th June, 1968, Major Reginald Frank Boyton, aged 60. Served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment in 1939 and 1940, and later in the Royal West African Frontier Force.

Parsons On 2nd June, 1968, Bandmaster William Henry Parsons (10110). Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1912 to 1919, and later in the Royal Air Force. (See obituary.)

Baker On 22nd May, 1968, Pte James Elias Baker. Served in the 12th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1915 to 1918.

Witt On 18th July, 1968, CQMS Henry G. Witt, MBE, aged 81. Served in the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1912 to 1919. See obituary.

White On 28th July, 1968, Pte John William Henry White (6136202). Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1923 to 1930.

Herrick On 16th August, 1968, Major Montague Gershom Herrick, aged 63. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1927 to 1932, and in the Royal Artillery during the 1939-45 War.

Payne On 18th August, 1968, Cpl. Thomas Henry Payne (3/7545), aged 71. Served in the 1914-18 War, in which he was wounded and taken prisoner, in both The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment.

Williams On 4th June, 1968, Major C. T. Williams, OBE, aged 81. Served in 9th Bn The East Surrey Regiment and was wounded in Nov 1915, and in the 12th Battalion and was gassed in Sep 1918. Later he served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment.

Thompson On 6th June, 1968, Captain William Thompson, aged 84. 'Bill' Thompson was commissioned in The East Surrey Regiment in the Field in 1914. He was wounded in the 1st Battalion and again in the 2nd Battalion. A fine sportsman and a good soldier, Captain Thompson was Treasurer of the Jersey Branch of the Surreys OCA for many years. See obituary.

Terry In June, 1968, L/Cpl George Terry (6540), aged 70. Served in the 3rd, 7th and 10th Bns The Queen's Royal Regiment between 1914 and 1919.

Coomber On 27th August, 1968, L/Cpl Henry John Coomber (10685), aged 75. A member of a Regimental family, Harry Coomber was the brother of CSM 'Larky' Coomber, DCM. He joined the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment in 1913 and went to France with them. His service was terminated by wounds in 1917.

Clay On 8th June, 1968, Sgt William Charles Robert Clay (6085084), aged 55. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1931 to 1941, and in the Royal Engineers from 1941 to 1960.

Flood On 18th September, 1968, CQMS Henry Edward Flood (6779771), aged 74. Served in the 24th (County of London) Bn, the London Regiment (The Queen's) from 1912 to 1940. 'Mike' Flood was the Secretary of the Queen's (Southwark) Regimental Association from 1959 to the time of his death. See obituary.

Millard On 24th September, 1968, Major John Marcel Glanville Millard, aged 58. Originally commissioned in the Queen's, Jack Millard served in the 1st Surreys during the 1939-45 War.

Tedder On 31st October, 1968, RSM Sinclair Tedder, DCM (6076304), aged 76. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1911 to 1935. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in the 1914-18 War.

Motto On 2nd November, 1968, Pte Joseph Motto (8401), aged 81. Served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1904 to 1920, and was mentioned in Despatches on the Somme in 1916. (See obituary.)

Regimental Families
We regret to announce the death on 7th June, 1968, of Mrs. Mary Victoria Kennedy, wife of Lieut. Colonel G. W. Kennedy, DSO, OBE, MC, late The East Surrey Regiment.

Obituaries

Cpl H. L. Swan, DCM

Herbert Leighton Swan died, aged 77, after a long illness on 28th March, 1968. Enlisting in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment in 1908, all his service was in the 2nd Battalion. Swan had the remarkable record of being twice decorated with the Distinguished Conduct Medal as a private soldier. The first occasion was at Festubert in May

1915 when he displayed conspicuous gallantry in rescuing the wounded under fire. The second award was won at the Battle of Loos in September 1915 in which the 2nd Queen's suffered grievous casualties. Here again Pte Swan repeatedly went out over the trenches to bring in wounded officers and men. Cpl Swan was discharged with a disability pension in 1924.

Captain W. Thompson

"Bill" Thompson, who died in Jersey, at the age of 84, will be remembered by many old Surreys as a fine soldier and a first-class sportsman. Commissioned in the Field in 1914, Captain Thompson was wounded serving in the 1st Battalion, and again the following year in the 2nd Battalion.

Lt Colonel C. A. Clark, DSO, MC, writes:

"Thompson served with me in the 1st Bn for several years before World War I. We were both NCOs in the same Company. I the Colour Sgt and he a Sergeant.

"He was a spendid athlete and took part in almost every kind of sport. He excelled in long-distance running and won both the mile and cross-country race in the Regimental competitions for several successive years and was always well placed in the Army championships. During the period 1905-08 when the 1st Bn was stationed in Jersey he boxed three rounds with the heavy-weight champion of England on the stage of the theatre in St Heliers and won £5 offered to anyone lasting out the three rounds. He was only about 11 stone in weight at the time.

He was an excellent soldier, a fine character, loyal and full of enthusiasm for the Regiment."

The boxing incident is confirmed by Major C. R. Ricketts who sent the following anecdote:

"Whilst stationed in Jersey in 1908 as sergeant instructor, Thompson was in conversation with Gunner Moir—heavy-weight champion of Great Britain—who was complaining bitterly that no one in Jersey would fight him and they were all cowards, whereupon Thompson agreed to fight him, which he did on 30.7.1908 at the Opera House and, to quote Bill's own words, 'He never put me down, but I was never more bruised in my life!' The following day he (Thompson) won a cup for the 880 yards in a local sports! He was indeed a great sportsman and a good soldier in his day."

Henry G. Witt

Former members of the 1/6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment will have heard with regret of the death of Henry Witt who served with the Battalion before and throughout the 1914-18 War. As his former Company Commander perhaps I may be permitted some personal recollection of his service during that period. Henry Witt was posted to 'B' Company as Company Quartermaster Sergeant in 1916, and was on service with the Company in Aden in 1916-17.

He was a master of detail, always cool, collected and hardworking and nothing was too much trouble which concerned or affected the well-being of all ranks in the Company. Altogether a most admirable character and an excellent administrator who was greatly respected by all who served with him. After the war he joined the Staff of the Official Solicitor's Department at the Royal Courts of Justice, in which Department his services were recognised in 1952 by the award of the MBE.

T. MacD.B.

WO I W. H. Parsons, MBE

There can have been few more loyal and devoted Queen's men than William Henry Parsons. Few, indeed, can have had longer service. Enlisting as a trumpeter in the Royal Field Artillery in 1911, he left the Service as a Bandmaster in 1959. His career was as varied as it was long.

'Clergy' Parsons, one of three brothers in the Regiment, joined the Queen's in September 1911. He served in the

1914-18 War in the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and was three times wounded. In 1919 he was transferred as Sergeant Drummer to the Loyals. On completion of his first period of Colour service, Drum Major Parsons left the Army in 1924; and two months later joined the Royal Air Force. He served for no less than 25 years with the Royal Air Force and left as a Bandmaster in 1949. Although 55 years old, with 37 years' Regular service to his credit, Mr Parsons immediately joined the Hertfordshire Regiment and served as a Territorial bandmaster for another 10 years.

But it is not for his military service that this remarkable man will be best remembered. Loyalty to the Service was perhaps the principal characteristic of this old soldier who preserved an almost passionate pride in the Queen's. He was a staunch supporter of the Old Contemptibles and of Regimental institutions; he was a contributor to the Regimental Journal and a great correspondent. With a prodigious memory and an inexhaustible stock of reminiscences, he kept up with a wide circle of friends. He will be remembered as a kind and generous man with high standards and ideals.

On the death of his old friend, the late Drum Major Winter, Mr. Parsons wrote: "So has passed on a grand old soldier of the Queen's who served the Regiment well," and these words may serve as his own epitaph.

Henry Edward Flood

All societies and associations have key members on whom not only does all the work devolve, but who, for their part, keep the organisation alive and on the proper course of direction. Such a man was Mike Flood who died on 18th September.

He joined the 24th (County of London) Battalion, the London Regiment (The Queen's) in 1912 at the age of 18. He served throughout the Great War on the Western Front in the 1/24th Battalion, and right through the inter-war years, being discharged soon after the outbreak of the World War.

He was a founder member of the 24th London Regiment (The Queen's) OCA in 1919. In 1959 he succeeded as Hon Secretary the late F. F. Rowley, MC, having been Assistant Hon Secretary for some years before.

There has been no more loyal, hard-working or devoted servant of the Association than Mike Flood. His period in office was not made easier by the constant changes in the parent TA unit and the difficulties this brought about. During this time the title of the Association was also changed to the Queens (Southwark) Regimental Association. With all these changes he kept the Association's affairs straight, looking after the interests of its members at all times. Indeed, the Association and its members were his main concern, and remained so right to his death in hospital. In all his endeavours he was most loyally supported by his wife and family. He will be long remembered for his devotion, cheerfulness and absolute integrity and steadfastness.

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J. Motto

With the passing of Joseph Motto, the Regiment loses a fine type of old Regular soldier. Originally enlisting in The East Surrey Regiment in 1904, he was recalled from the Reserve to rejoin the 1st Battalion at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War. His service was exceptional in that throughout the war he served with that same battalion—in France, Belgium and Italy. The best type of regimental soldier, stout-hearted, loyal and resourceful, Pte Motto never sought promotion. He was mentioned in despatches on the Somme in 1916.

One of his platoon commanders writes: "Joe Motto was a fine soldier with great *esprit de corps*. He was fearless, always cheerful and completely imperturbable. Some years older and more experienced than the rest of us, he was a guide, adviser and example to us all."