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Editorial

The changes consequent upon the formation of the Queen's Divisional Depot from the depots of The Queen's Regiment, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and The Royal Anglian Regiment continue. Recruit training has already begun at the Divisional Depot at Basingbourn in Cambridgeshire, and our own Regimental Depot at Canterbury will shortly close. In July the Headquarters of the Queen's Division will also move from Colchester to Basingbourn.

These changes are part of the developing re-organisation of the Army to meet the conditions of modern warfare, and to provide the best and most economical method of training recruits. With the larger set-up at Basingbourn (a former Royal Air Force Station) and the improved facilities available, far more comprehensive and interesting forms of training can be offered to our recruits than could be afforded by our own small Regimental depots. Whilst many will be sorry to see our depots go, the serving soldier, for whom they were intended, is going to benefit.

The re-organisation has also brought about the disbandment of the 4th Bn The Queen's Regiment, formerly The Middlesex Regiment (DCO), but the "Die-hards" traditions will live on in the three battalions of The Queen's Regiment. A large number of officers and soldiers will be joining the 1st Battalion. This is good to know, as we have always had the friendliest relations with our former neighbouring County Regiment.

Accounts

The accounts of the Regimental Association for the year ended 31st December 1969 were audited by H. Menzies & Co, Chartered Accountants of Kingston upon Thames, and passed at a meeting of the Managing Trustees on 21st March 1970. The state of the funds as at 31st December 1969 is summarised below.

Name of Fund	Cash in Hand and at Bank	Value of Investments	Excess of Income over Expenditure
Queen's Surreys Charitable	901	3,932	351
Queen's Charitable	1,589	34,635	106
Surreys Charitable	1,307	16,200	692
Queen's War Memorial	1,242	16,994	505
Surreys War Memorial	806	11,320	155
Main Fund	913	574	143
Reunion Fund	270	765	86
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Benevolent Work of the Regimental Association

Grants

The number of grants made in 1969 was 267, the highest figure since 1963.

The total sum disbursed in grants amounted to £3,233, of which £761 was for holiday grants— an increase of £120 on the previous year.

Sources of Income

The Charitable and War Memorial Funds are supported by occasional major rehabilitation grants from the Army Benevolent Fund and by contributions from serving officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme. In 1969 the Army Benevolent Fund granted £408, and contributions from the Day's Pay Scheme amounted to £788.

Holidays

The War Memorial Funds of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment were set up to help people take holidays who could not otherwise afford them. Although an increasing number of people availed themselves of holiday grants in 1969, we hope still more will do so this year.

Help from other Organisations

The great majority of our cases are sent to us by SSAFA or the Forces Help Society. We are grateful, not only for their admirable reports, but also for their friendly visiting and their practical assistance to those in need of help.

Regimental Association Reunion

Date and Place

The Annual Reunion will be held at the Drill Hall, Portsmouth Road, Kingston upon Thames, from 1830 to 2230 hrs on Friday 16th October 1970. The function is for men only.

Tickets

The cost of admission is 7/6d. Anyone who would like a little help to attend the Reunion, should notify the Secretary. All applications will be treated in strict confidence.

Members are requested to submit the enclosed Warning-In Slip, with remittance, by not later than Monday 12th October. Tickets will be issued when received from the printers.

Money will be refunded if you are unable to make use of your tickets, provided they are returned to the Secretary not later than Monday 12th October.

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Refreshments

The cost of the ticket includes a buffet supper, provided the ticket is bought by Monday 12th October. Supper will not be available for members who buy their tickets after 12th October. This restriction is necessary to avoid the considerable wastage of food for which the Association had to pay last year.

Regimental Association Christmas Cards

The design of the Association's Christmas card will be the same this year. The price will not be known until the printers have issued their 1970 brochure, which will probably be in late Spring or early Summer. The Association made a very small profit on the sale of last year's cards. It is hoped not to have to increase the price of the cards this year. An order form is enclosed with this News Letter for those who want to order early. Another order form, showing the price of the cards, will be issued with the November News Letter.

Regimental Cathedral Service

The Annual Service will be held in Guildford Cathedral at 1115 hrs on Sunday 14th June 1970. The preacher will be the Very Reverend A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, who was a former officer of the Buffs. All past members of our former Regiments and present members of The Queen's Regiment, together with their families, are invited to attend. Those in possession of medals are requested to wear them for this service. It would also help those arranging the seating, if Regimental ties are worn. The Band of the 1st Bn The Queen's Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut Colonel H. C. Millman, the Commanding Officer, will play during the Service and outside the Cathedral afterwards. The Dean of Guildford has kindly consented to a Regimental Tent being erected in the grounds of the Cathedral where beer, other drinks and light refreshments may be obtained after the Service. There will be no parade before the Service nor march past afterwards. Aldershot and District, Service 27, and Safeguard buses leave the Guildford Bus Station at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour, and go direct to the Cathedral. The journey takes about 10 minutes.

Extracts from the London Gazette

5 Queen's
Capt (A/Maj) F. B. Herd to be Major, 20th November 1969, with seniority 1st November 1967.
Lt A. Birtles to be Capt, 2nd January 1970.

Honorary Colonel
Bt Col T. A. Buchanan, DSO, MC, ERD, TD, DL, appointed Honorary Colonel, 6 Queen's.

Territorial Efficiency Decoration
2nd Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration, Major D. C. O. Savage, TD, 6 Queen's.
Efficiency Decoration (T & AVR) Major A. W. Cutcher, 6 Queen's.

Brigadier H. M. A. Hunter, CVO, DSO, MBE

We congratulate Brigadier Michael Hunter on being appointed Colonel, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire). Brigadier Hunter is well known in both our former Regiments, for he is the son of the late Brigadier H. N. A. Hunter, DSO who served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1900 to 1938. Originally commissioned to The Wiltshire Regiment, Michael Hunter commanded the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment in Italy from June 1944 to July 1945, and was awarded the DSO for his leadership.

News of 1 Queen's

Unfortunately most of the future events involving training in sunny parts of the world outlined in our last notes did not take place as other events overtook us. In May we duly assumed the role of Spearhead Battalion, and during the period the Commanding Officer disappeared for the best four day jolly in his life, on a highly secret recce to Bermuda. The cover plan involved us exercising in Canada! Needless to say the Battalion's services were not required in Bermuda and after a very successful training period at Stanford the Battalion departed on three weeks block leave. At this juncture all our excursions to various parts of the world were cancelled and we were told that we were to go to Northern Ireland. By the 6th August the recce party was there and on the 20th August the Battalion relieved 1 PWO on the streets of Londonderry where we remained until the 10th December.

Although living conditions in Londonderry were very rough, the soldiers did a magnificent job, initially in keeping the rival factions apart and later on acting as a police force. At times their patience was sorely tried. Each company did nine days on the streets and then returned to *HMS Sea Eagle*, the naval shore establishment in Londonderry, which was our base for three days rest. Sufficient has been published in the Press and shown on television about the situation in N. Ireland, so I will not try to describe it except to say that it was almost impossible to believe that we were actually still in the United Kingdom!! Our administrative backing was cut to a minimum and the Officers Mess Staff found themselves doing a rifleman's job on the streets. It was a hard and sometimes gruelling four months but all ranks felt that they had achieved their aim; Londonderry remained peaceful during our stay. On our departure we received many congratulatory messages and the people of Londonderry were sorry to see us go.

As soon as we had sorted ourselves out back at Lingfield, the Battalion had three weeks leave which included Christmas and the New Year and we returned for "work" once again in early January. The "work" after a short spell of completing annual classification consisted of drill, drill and more drill in preparation for the Public Duties in London which we started on the 1st March for six weeks. Such words of command as "Queen's Guard", "Buckingham Palace Detachment" and "Tower of London Guard" are all now commonplace and everyone knows their way round the west end of "The Mall". Very fortunately we are carrying out a

Principal Regimental and other Service Functions in 1970

Date and Time	Place	Function	Particulars
Sat. 2 May 1830 hrs.	Kingston	WOs and Sgts Association AGM followed by Annual Dinner	Secretary
Sat. 9 May 1200 hrs.	London	11th Queen's OCA Final Annual Reunion Lunch	Secretary
Fri. 29 and Sat. 30 May 1130 hrs.	Maresfield Camp Sussex	Glorious First of June Cricket Match v <i>HMS Excellent</i>	1 Queen's
Sat. 6 June 1830 hrs.	Kingston	A Coy 5 Queen's (V) and Cadre 6 Queen's (T) County Reception	
9, 10, or 11 June evening	London	Royal Marines Beat Retreat on Horse Guards Parade	Not yet available
Fri. 12 June 1830 hrs.	London	Queen's Surreys Officers Club Cocktail Party	Secretary
Sun. 14 June 1115 hrs.	Guildford	Regimental Association Annual Cathedral Service	Secretary
Sat. 27 June 1930 hrs.	Wembley	Military Musical Pageant in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund	Queen's Surreys Office
Sun. 17 Sept. 1430 hrs.	Eastney	Royal Marines Association Annual Church Parade	Queen's Surreys Office
Fri. 2 Oct. 1900 hrs. for 2000 hrs.	London	Queen's Surreys Officers Club Annual Dinner	Secretary
Sat. 3 Oct. 1900 hrs.	Kingston	WOs and Sgts Association Ladies Dinner and Dance	Secretary
Fri. 16 Oct. 1830 hrs.	Kingston	Regimental Association Annual Reunion	Secretary
Sun. 8 Nov.	Kingston Guildford	Remembrance Day Parade	Queen's Surreys Office A Coy 5 Queen's (V)

trial on the new Athol Grey Ceremonial Greatcoat, so our Guards are able to look much smarter than if we had only the old Khaki Greatcoat. Next month we are receiving about 15 officers and 250 Other Ranks from 4 Queen's on their disbandment. This additional manpower will bring us up to full strength prior to our move to Berlin in July for a two year tour.

Divisional and Regimental Functions

The following additional information to the table of events is notified.

"Glorious First of June" Cricket Match
The traditional cricket match with *HMS Excellent* will this year take place on 29th and 30th May, commencing at 11.30 a.m. each day. The match will be played at Maresfield Camp, Maresfield, Sussex, the station of The Queen's Own Hussars, as no suitable pitch is available at Hobbs Barracks, Lingfield.

Luncheon and tea facilities will be available to spectators on both days.

Divisional Depot Open Day
Events
The Queen's Division will hold their first Open Day at Basingbourn Barracks, Royston, Herts. on 1st August, 1970. The events will include Band Concerts, Station Displays, Arena Events and will culminate with Beating Retreat.

Refreshments
There will be a beer bar and teas will be available at 3/6d. a head. A cocktail party will be held in the Officers Mess, for officers (including retired officers of our former Regiments) and their ladies. Tickets are 25/- a head.

Attendance
Officers wishing to attend the Cocktail Party are requested to notify the Regimental Secretary, The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent on the enclosed proforma.

Secretaries of OCAs are requested to inform the Secretary of the Regimental Association by 15th June, 1970 of the approximate number of their Association attending.

The Journal of The Queen's Regiment

Some of our readers may not be aware of the excellent Regimental Journal published by our Regimental Headquarters at Canterbury. It is well illustrated with photographs and a cover picture contributed by each battalion in turn. In addition to news of all units of the Regiment, there are articles of general and Regimental interest and a forecast of events.

The Journal is published quarterly (March, June, September and December). The price is 5/- an issue or £1 a year, post free within the UK. Subscriptions should be paid to The Editor, The Journal of The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

The British Battalion

The 28th Anniversary of the formation in Malaya of the British Battalion by the 2nd Bn The East Surrey Regiment and the 1st Bn The Leicestershire Regiment was observed by the exchange of the following telegrams.

Regimental Headquarters,
The Queen's Regiment,
(Queen's Surreys Office),
20th December 1969.

On this twentieth day of December, 1969, the Anniversary of the formation of The British Battalion, we remember again the courage and fortitude of the Officers and Soldiers of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment when they became so closely associated in that splendid Battalion, both in action and subsequently as prisoners of war.

Major General F. A. H. Ling, Deputy Colonel (Surrey), The Queen's Regiment, and all Members, serving and retired, of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association, send to you and all Members of the Regimental Association of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, Greetings and All Good Wishes, coupled with the earnest hope that the links of comradeship, forged twenty-eight years ago, will continue as strong in the future as they do to-day.

Regimental Headquarters,
The Royal Leicestershire Regiment,
Leicester,
20th December 1969.

Major-General J. M. K. Spurling and All Ranks, Serving and Retired, of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and 4th Battalion. The Royal Anglian Regiment send greetings and all good wishes to Major-General F. A. H. Ling and All Ranks, Serving and Retired, of The East Surrey Regiment and of 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment, on 20th December, the anniversary of the formation of "The British Battalion". They still remember with pride the outstanding bravery in action and equally outstanding fortitude, devotion to duty, comradeship, and example to others as Prisoners of War of that magnificent Battalion formed from men of our two Regiments.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Golf Society

Autumn Meeting 1969

This year's Meeting was held in two extremes of weather for the time of the year. On Thursday, 9th October it was 75 degrees, or thereabouts, but unfortunately the next day was very foggy in more ways than one! At 0930 hours the visibility was only about 50 yards and this density persisted until very late in the morning. The majority of the players felt that the day's programme should be rearranged and that the Bogey Foursomes be played in the morning and the Autumn Bowl and Glasgow Greys Cup be competed for in the afternoon. Unfortunately Clive Wallis, the Captain, owing to pressure of business, was unable to be present and when the Honorary Secretary contacted him on the telephone later in the morning, agreed that this should be. An early lunch was had by most Members and as play started at about 1 p.m., it was not possible to play the Foursomes.

The attendance was depleted as the 1st Battalion was in Ulster carrying out their unenviable task of keeping the peace. Sixteen played on Thursday and 10 on Friday. Owing to business commitments the Honorary Secretary and Hole could not play in the afternoon on Friday and therefore had to scratch. It was pleasant to have present Paul Gray, Crutchfield and Cutcher who have not been for a long time, and we hope to have their support in the future.

Results

Thursday 9th October	
Heales Trophy	
Colonel P. G. Wreford-Brown (Senior Division)	33½ points
Top Scorer Junior Division	
Major C. W. Summers	28 points
Veterans Trophy	
Lt. Col. J. A. Lasbrey	35 points
(including anno Domini bonus of 6 points)	
Bogey Foursomes	
Colonel P. G. Wreford-Brown and R. L. Hazell + 6	
Friday 10th October	
The Autumn Bowl	
M. Power	Net 65
Glasgow Group Cup	
Colonel J. W. Sewell	Net 74
Best Last 9 Holes	
Senior Division: Colonel P. G. Wreford-Brown	Net 35
Junior Division: Major B. A. Crutchfield	Net 44
Nine Hidden Holes	
Senior Division: H. P. Mason	Net 36
Junior Division: Major P. A. Gray	Net 39
Bogey Foursomes: Cancelled	
Handicap Revision	
M. Power	From 8 to 5

The Sweep realised £43.15.0 and the Winners were: —
1st Captain R. T. W. Mellotte (Michael Power) £21.17.6.
2nd Alec Mason (Col. Wreford-Brown) £8.15.0.
3rd Michael Power (John Clark) £4.7.6.

Members are reminded that the Spring Meeting for 1970 will take place at Sudbrook Park on Thursday and Friday 7th and 8th May respectively, followed by the

General Meeting. It is hoped as many Members as possible will turn out at least for one day and they are reminded that any member entering, who for some unexpected reason cannot turn out, provided he lets the Hon. Sec. know before play starts, the Entrance Fee will be returned.

A Regimental Centenary

Lady Longley, the widow of Major General Sir John Longley, Colonel of The East Surrey Regiment from 1920 to 1939, celebrated her 100th birthday on 23 January 1970.

On behalf of all members of the Regimental Association The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Major General Ling, the President, sent greetings, congratulations and a bouquet of flowers. The following reply has been received from Lady Longley, written in her own hand.

Hays,
Sedgehill,
Shaftesbury,
Dorset.
27.1.70.

Dear General Ling,

I am writing to thank you for the most lovely floral tribute that I have ever seen sent me on my Birthday by you and my husband's old Regiment. I feel it a great honour to be so recognised by them, and that it would have given him as well as me much pleasure. The affairs of the Regiment will always give me great interest, and I am sure they are in good hands under you.

My sight and my hands are rather failing, but I hope this badly written letter will convey my warmest thanks.
Yours sincerely,
Sgd: Ida K. Longley.

Lady Longley's birthday party was attended by a number of old friends in the Regiment.

It may be appropriate to recall the following words from Sir John Longley's obituary in the Regimental Journal of The East Surrey Regiment of May 1953.

"It would not be right to end this appreciation without a word about the General's wife, Lady Longley, née Ida Molony, of County Clare. They were married in 1896, and since that date Lady Longley has not only been of the greatest help and moral support to her husband but she has also taken the keenest interest in all matters connected with the Regiment, and specially the welfare of 'the married families'."

News of the Associations

Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association

As we approach the end of another year in the events and activities of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association which is marked by the AGM and Dinner to be held on 2nd May, we are officially 20 years old. Over 530 members have joined since our inception, membership is still good today, and we are still gaining new members. Those who were sceptical about the

success of our Association since the inaugural meeting must surely concede that we made good and are here to stay.

Of course an Association such as ours relies on its own members to support all its activities and so ensure its continued success.

With the disbandment of the 6th TA Bn last year we are pleased to report that the new resident unit at Portsmouth Road, namely No. 221 Field Ambulance RAMC, readily assured us that we could continue to use the Sergeants Mess for our Committee Meetings and Socials.

The Association were invited by the RSM and members of the new unit to join forces for a Christmas Draw and Dance. This function was most successful and I don't believe many of our members went away empty handed.

The Sobraon Dance was held on 7th February and over 200 members and their guests attended. Music on this occasion was provided by Sidney Powsey and his Accordion Band, and a swinging evening was enjoyed by everyone, especially 20 ever young Chelsea Pensioners who were our guests on this occasion. Among our private guests we were pleasantly surprised to see Captain Peter Bruckman who will be remembered by our 2nd Bn members.

On 7th March 24 of our members were invited to the "In Pensioners Club" Royal Hospital Chelsea for a social evening. An excellent cabaret was enjoyed by those who attended and our thanks were conveyed to Jimmy Ives for looking after our members so well.

The Veterans Company

Major A. W. Cutcher, TD assumed the appointment of OC Veterans Company, 6th (Territorial) Bn, The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys) wef 1 November 1969, vice Major A. W. F. Paskins, MC.

4th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment OCA

The 50th Anniversary of the formation of the 4th Queen's OCA was held at Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon on 4 April 1970. A large gathering of Old Comrades and their guests had a most enjoyable evening, in the course of which a congratulatory telegram from HM the Queen was received and read out.

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

The Annual Reunion will be held at 7.30 for 8.0 p.m. on Saturday 30th May 1970 at the T & AVR Centre, Sandfield Terrace, Guildford, Surrey.

Any inquiries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Capt. J. H. Patterson, 22 Hazel Close, Woodhatch, Reigate, Surrey.

2/7th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment, OCA

The 24th Annual Reunion of the 2/7th Battalion took place at the Barley Mow, Horseferry Road, S.W.1 on Saturday 4th April 1970.

Some eighty members of the Battalion sat down to dinner, headed by the President of the Association, Brigadier A. P. Block, CB, CBE, DSO, and by the Chairman, Brigadier M. E. M. MacWilliam, DSO, MC,

TD, who all members were very glad to see on his return from Hong Kong.

Hugh Scammell (Major O. H. Scammell, MC) proposed the toast of "Absent Comrades" and reviewed the affairs of the Association, including plans for the 25th Reunion in 1971. It is hoped that a very large turnout for this occasion will be possible, and any member of the Battalion who has lost touch is asked to contact the Secretary, Harry Neale. His address is: 63 St Aidans Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E.22.

11th (Service) Lambeth Bn, The Queen's Royal Regiment, OCA

The final Annual Reunion Lunch will be held in Ye Olde Cock Tavern, Fleet Street on 9th May 1970. In the words of Mr. George Nevell, the Assistant Secretary, "the 11th Battalion The Queen's, OCA is being disbanded. It was formed in the 1920's to perpetuate the comradeship created by those who served with the 11th Battalion during the 1914-18 War. Advancing years have taken their toll of members, and many of those left are handicapped by age and the scars of war. Although the Association itself cannot remain in existence, many members will continue to associate with one another."

Correspondence

Gurkha Welfare Appeal

The following correspondence in connection with the Gurkha Welfare Appeal is published.

From: Controller, The Army Benevolent Fund.

To: Regimental Secretaries.

Dear Secretary,

A National Appeal to raise funds for the relief of distress among ex-Gurkha soldiers and their dependants, both now and in the future, is being launched by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House.

In response of this call, the Army Benevolent Fund has donated £5,000 to our Comrades in Arms for 150 years on behalf of all Corps and Regiments of the British Army. This is in addition to the annual grant made by the Fund to the Gurkha Brigade which amounts to around £6,000 a year and totals over £50,000 since the end of World War II.

I think your Association would like to know this. Some Corps and Regiments who have had particularly close links with the Gurkhas may wish to supplement this grant with one of their own, but you are of course under no obligation to do so as this Army Grant has been made by the Fund in your names in the normal way.

From: Secretary, Regimental Association.

To: Controller, The Army Benevolent Fund.

Dear General,

Thank you for your letter dated 8th December. In recognition of the close association between the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment and the 4th/1st Gurkha Rifles at Kohima in May 1944, we should like to augment your grant to the Gurkha Welfare Appeal by a donation of £20.

I enclose a cheque for that amount.

Yours sincerely,

P. E. Hill (Major),
Secretary, The Regimental Association,
The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Gurkha Welfare Appeal

Appeal Secretary:
Lt. Col. C. G. Wylie

25/31 Moorgate,
London, E.C.3.
Tel: 01-638 9560
28th December 1969

Dear Major Hill.

I would like to thank you for your most generous gift to the Gurkha Welfare Appeal.

You can be sure that your contribution will greatly assist Gurkhas and their dependants when they are in need of financial or medical help.

Thank you very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd: C. G. Wylie,
(Appeal Secretary)

Received donation £20.

Editor's Note

Members of our Association who may wish to send personal donations should do so direct to Colonel Wylie at the above address.

King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers

The following letter has been received from the Appeals Secretary of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, which was founded by Sister Agnes.

"This is the 70th Anniversary of Sister Agnes's and, as you so rarely hear from us, I thought you might like to hear the recent developments at the Hospital. Because of the increased demand for beds, an extension to Beaumont House and an additional Nurses Hostel were completed in April, 1969. We can now increase our annual intake from 1200 to 2000 and accept the wives and widows of regular and temporary officers as patients.

The charge is 25 guineas a week for a single room, against about £12.10.0 a day at the big London hospitals—although the beds cost us some 65 guineas a week. We are determined to keep our fees as low as we can but, in order to meet the difference between the actual cost and the amount we charge, we have to enlist more support. If you happen to know anyone who might be interested in subscribing to the Hospital, I should be only too glad to send full particulars, because I find many people are unaware that we can now accept the wives and widows of officers. All correspondence should be addressed to 6, Buckingham Place, London, S.W.1."

Footnote

A reduction in fees may be obtained by members of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Officers Club.

The Territorials in the Twenties

It is fifty years since the Territorial Army, properly so-called, succeeded the Territorial Force, and now yet another incarnation of the Territorial system, which seems to represent something undying in the British Military spirit, is advertising for recruits. The then-new TA of 1920, however, was to be an Army complete in itself, of fourteen Divisions, horse, foot and artillery. Let those now striving to obtain recruits after recent disappointments and setbacks, take heart from past experience. In 1920, recruiting was terribly slow. For a long time there were barely a dozen of us at "A" Coy's Drill Hall in Chart Lane, Reigate, despite the considerable inducement for working men in those days of Regular Army pay in camp and a bounty of £5 a year for trained men and £4 for recruits. There is some moral or other in the fact that nearly all the first attestations came from men who had served on the Western Front or in the 1/5th Queen's in Mesopotamia. It was with a certain (suppressed) amusement that these veterans, sporting 1914-18 ribbons, fell in with the two or three young recruits and did arms drill under our awe-inspiring CSM and PSI, "Barney" Hiney, who later became the 5th Queen's RSM.

In that first year the Company attained, I think, a strength of about 20. There was no annual camp; the camps were not resumed until the following year, but in the autumn we went off for three successive long weekends to the range at Westcott, near Dorking, to fire our "musketry" courses. Assembled there, the whole Battalion probably numbered no more than 100 or so in 1920. We lived in huts, were fed from field kitchens, and fired our courses; the star turn was a display of "rapid" by the Sergeants using tracer, and calculated to illustrate the devastating fire power of the SMLE in good hands. Our CO was the late Lieut. Colonel R. J. Few, DSO, who had been Adjutant of the 2/4th Queen's in Gallipoli. He was a rifle-shooting enthusiast, and a founder of the TA Rifle Association. The Adjutant was Captain J. B. Hayes, MC, liked and admired by all. We were fortunate in our officers, most of whom had served in the 1/5th Queen's during the war.

After a hard day's work on the range or in the butts it was a disadvantage of Westcott that the range was fairly remote from the nearest pub and from a main road. Great was the joy, therefore, when the RQMS arranged for a substantial barrel to be provided in his little store at the end of the butts, and we could queue for a filling—I suppose about a half-pint—in our enamel mugs. Those of us in the ranks were nearly all labouring men with a sprinkling of the skilled and semi-skilled, with the exception of myself and a man in another company. We two, by a coincidence, were reporters on our respective local newspapers. Aided and abetted by the second reporter on my paper, himself a former 2/5th and later 1st Queen's man in 1914-18, I always saw to it that TA events were well covered. Financially, we two reporters were no better off than the others, and a few days' Army pay as a Private, little as it now seems, was a welcome bonus. By modern standards life was incredibly rough, but I cannot say we were any the worse for it, and certainly did not feel any sense of grievance. And we had an invincible faith in the Queen's, the TA, and the future, a faith justified by subsequent events.

The article above was contributed by Captain B. H. Tripp.

Soldier and Seaman

Commander C. E. Kendall-Carpenter, THS (ret'd) is one of the oldest members of the Regimental Association and a loyal supporter. His military service dates from 1904 when he joined the 1st Volunteer Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) in which he served for two years. There can be few other old soldiers who were serving before the formation of the Territorial Force. On this date, 1st April 1908, when the 1st Volunteer Battalion assumed the title of the 4th Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) Kendall-Carpenter had turned his eyes towards the sea. Soon after, he joined the Trinity House Service which is responsible for lighthouses, lightships, beacons, buoyage, pilotage and the removal of wrecks.

It is so unusual to have a professional seaman among our members that we asked Commander Kendall-Carpenter for the story of his life at sea. He had a long and eventful career as will be seen from the following excerpts from his letter.

"Before the first World War I had been present at several Naval Reviews (my Service has the honour of piloting the Sovereign, when afloat in home waters). I was also present at the funeral procession of HM King Edward VII and the Coronation procession of HM King George V, the funeral procession of HM King George VI and the Coronation procession of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Earlier in 1914 I was sent to a special Service out East. Later in 1914 my ship (unarmed) got away from the German Cruiser "Emden". I spent some months in hospital after the affair. Later native troubles broke out in Ceylon, and I volunteered for duty ashore and

served for some months with the Military in quelling native riots. Then I was "borrowed" again by the Naval side of the family and was engaged in taking stern-wheelers and lighters to the Persian Gulf (for Townsend's relief); then unfortunately I went down with fever badly and was invalided home. On my way to England my ship narrowly escaped being sunk by a U boat in the Med.

Then followed medical boards and a spell on sick leave in this country, where I helped on a farm. Then I managed to sneak back and was again sent to the Navy and served in the Dover Patrol (Dunkirk and Belgian Coast). Ultimately I was given some leave, and during the time I was ashore my ship was sunk with heavy loss of life. I was due for another medical board when I heard that volunteers were wanted for service under the Navy in the White Sea. So I crept back again and sailed in a Russian Convoy. My ship was torpedoed and sank; most of us were picked up and I went back to England and joined another Russian Convoy—we were attacked, but escaped. When we reached the White Sea, the Russian Revolution was in full swing and nobody knew which side was uppermost. We were withdrawn and ordered to collect refugees and take them back to UK. We had British, French, Belgian civilians, with women and children, and a few White Russians (Military) in my ship. Eight ships left together, but only two of us got through safely. The other six were sunk.

Back in the UK I volunteered for the Dover Patrol again and was there until the end of the War. I was lucky enough to be able to take a *minor* part in the Zeebrugge affair in April 1918; and in November 1918, *before* the Armistice, my ship was first alongside the Zeebrugge Mole. The enemy were on the shore, but clear of the Mole, as they were withdrawing before our military forces. Then my old injuries began to play up and I had another spell in hospital.

Then back to my own Service in Home Waters, until World War II in which I served in Western Approaches, Dover Patrol and Hell Fire Corner (North Sea). I got hit again and spent nearly a year in hospital and then back to my old job, until I was axed, after 56 years service ashore and afloat, at home and abroad. Oh yes, I took part in the Victory Parade through London. I was invalided in both World Wars. Apart from the above minor details, life was just one damned thing after another—I am now touching 80, a puffy old gent who punts himself along with a stick."

We send our best wishes to our Ancient Mariner with thanks for his interesting narrative.

From Here and There

An ex-FEPOW in New Zealand

Mr. Jack Warren Childs (6140551) whose address is Box 100, Tapairu Road, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, writes:

"I joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1937 at Kingston Barracks at the age of 19 years, now being almost 52 years. The 2nd Battalion went to Shanghai in 1938, coming back to Malaya (Kedah) in 1940. I was taken prisoner by the Nips a couple of days before Xmas 1941, after trying to make contact with the evacuation boat from Penang along with a small group from our battalion. We were taken at Penang being in the gaol there before being taken to Taiping, then to Kaula Lumpur gaol finishing up at Changi.

I am living in a small town with a population of approx 2½ thousand. I am the local bricklayer, plasterer etc. I've been in this town since 1951. Every second person knows me. I am married with a boy aged nearly 20 years who is a male nurse at the main hospital about 4 miles away in a larger town named Waipukurau."

Mr. Childs would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers him. He says he was known by some as "Joe" Childs and by others as "Charlie" Childs.

Badges Wanted

Major C. B. E. Cowie, who served in The East Surrey Regiment, would be glad to hear from anyone who could supply the following Regimental badges needed for his collection:

13th Service Bn (Wandsworth)
23rd London Regiment
1st Surrey Rifles
also, Other Ranks collar badges and titles, 1939.

His address is Major C. B. E. Cowie, MBE, Langholm, 16 South Drive, Harrogate, Yorks.

Lieut. Colonel C. A. Clark, DSO, MC

Colonel "Nobby" Clark was in hospital for six weeks in February and March after an operation. He writes "Two or three weeks at home taking things quietly should, I hope, put me right". Those who know this irrepressible old warrior will realise the difficulty in ever getting him to take things quietly.

Colonel Clark, who joined The East Surrey Regiment in 1896, is undoubtedly the oldest Surrey. On behalf of all members of the Regimental Association we send him our good wishes for continued health and happiness.

Still Active

Dave Clemens, whom many old 2nd Battalion Surreys will remember as an Army long-distance runner, does not find time hanging heavy on his hands. Apart from a part-time job three nights a week, he attends the local Youth Club two nights a week where his old running rival, Bill Pratt, is the Warden. He is the Regional and Area Treasurer of the London and North Region, Civil and Public Services Association, a Vice-President of the Colchester Athletic Club and a member of the local FEPOW Club.

Mr. Clemens is also an active member of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association.

The Dunkirk Veterans Association

Mr. J. W. T. Evans has recently taken over as Secretary of the Woking Branch of the Dunkirk Veterans Association and would be delighted to hear from anyone who knew him and particularly from anyone who would like to join the Association. Mr. Evans will be remembered as a member of "A" Company of the old 5th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA). He now lives at 25 Harvey Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Change of Address

Captain Bill Frend who will be remembered in the 5th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA) from January 1947-56 and later as the Brigade IO of 131 Brigade, writes:

"Please note change of address. Have gone to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History at Glasgow. My last 'military' duty was to receive the First Clasp to TD from GOC Eastern Command on 18 May 1969 at Cambridge, and have now retired; but I am a member of the University Military Education Committee. I want very much to be kept in touch, especially with all ranks of 131 Bde HQ—a wonderful outfit. I hope we do everything possible for the revival of the TA."

His address is now Captain W. H. C. Frend, TD, Marbrae, Balmaha, Stirlingshire.

Keeping in Touch

After an interval of 23 years, ex-RSM Gordon James Jones (6086676) has resumed contact with the Regimental Association. Enlisting in the Queen's in 1936, he served with the 1st Battalion in India up to 1940, when he was attached to the 11th Indian Division and later captured by the Japanese. A reminiscence of the Japanese treatment of British prisoners of war was contributed by Sgt Jones, then serving in the 2nd Queen's, in the May 1948 issue of the Regimental Journal under the title of "Selerang Incident". On return to England in 1947, he rejoined the Regiment and served with the 1st Battalion in BAOR until transferring to the Intelligence Corps early in 1949. After service in Malaya, Northern Ireland and in Cyprus, he was posted again to Germany where he was RSM to the Intelligence Corps. Retiring in 1963 with the rank of WO I, Mr Jones now lives at 1 The Pasture, Pound Hill, Crawley, Sussex.

A reminiscence

"Nick" Jackson (6085146), who served in 1st and 2nd Queen's before and during the last War, would like to hear from old friends. He mentions in particular T. J. Anderson, G. W. Bolton, J. L. Boulton, A. F. Rose and W. H. Wallace. His address is:

Mr V. A. G. Jackson,
83, Queen's Hill Crescent,
Newport,
Monmouthshire.

Mr Jackson who had only recently learnt of the death of his old friend Sgt W. R. C. Clay (6085084) of the

1st Queen's, sent us this reminiscence of that burly, cheerful figure.

"I was very shocked to read of "Bill" passing away. To me he was someone who could never die:—he was a man that couldn't be beaten. Many will remember him as a hard case, but his close pals knew him as the best friend one could wish for. I could write a book on him, but space and time doesn't permit me to say much now. The last time I saw him, however, was on the Parade ground at Stoughton on 2nd September 1939. We were paraded ready to move off to we knew not where. Bill Clay, to his sorrow, was left behind and was saying his farewells to all his old pals. On facing myself he wished me 'all the best'. As I shook his hand I made some remark as 'I don't expect we will meet again'. The next I remember was Bill picking me up off the ground and slapping me back to life. That was the second knock out I took from him, the first being in the Gym Boxing ring. But we loved him; to us he was a gentle giant."

Calling old friends

Mr Harold George King (ex-6086532 Cpl King, 2 Queen's) would like to hear from his old comrades who served with him in the 2nd Battalion in the Middle East and in Burma.

Mr King had served for three years in the Territorial Army before enlisting into the Regular Army in October 1938. He was transferred to the Reserve in June 1946. His present address is

107 Hythe Road,
Dymchurch,
Romney Marsh,
Kent.

News from "Down Under"

Mr Bill Parry (10329), who enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment in 1911 and emigrated to Australia in 1920, writes:

"I am pleased to send you the enclosed money order to cover my subscription to the Regimental Association News Letter. I am always interested in news of the Regiment and its personnel.

Recently, we sent a bouquet (via Interflora) from my wife and myself to Lady Longley for her 100th Birthday and we hope it was delivered on time. She was a very wonderful person and I'm sure is remembered with much affection by all old POW of 1914-18.

We have read of your severe winter conditions and so much sickness whilst we have been having very hot weather and now some wet humid days.

Please convey my good wishes to all old Regimental chums and especially Brigadier Roupell if you should be in touch."

Mr Parry had first hand experience of the East Surrey Prisoners of War Fund presided over by Lady Longley. Taken prisoner while serving with the 1st Surreys, he spent most of the War in various POW Camps, but eventually succeeded in escaping and getting back to England in April 1918.

High Sheriff for the County of Surrey

Colonel Alan Randal Rees-Reynolds, CBE, has been appointed High Sheriff for the County of Surrey and was installed on 3rd April 1970.

Colonel Rees-Reynolds, who is 61 years of age, served in the Honourable Artillery Company, reaching the rank of Lance-Sergeant. He was commissioned to the 2/5th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA) on 30th May 1939, and was specially employed in the Middle East in 1942, being promoted Lieut-Colonel in December 1942 and Colonel in February 1944. He was awarded the CBE in 1945 and retired from the Army on 13 January 1946.

A solicitor by profession, his hobbies are shooting and fishing, and he lives at Priors Gate, Near Godalming, Surrey.

Holidays Afloat

Readers may be interested to learn that Major Paul Swanson who has recently retired is in business with a fleet of brand new four and six berth Cruisers which he is hiring out to people interested in exploring English and Welsh canals.

Full details can be obtained by writing to Bridge Canal Cruisers, Wrexham Road, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Star and Garter Home

The undermentioned old soldiers have been admitted to the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, this year.

Ex-L/Cpl James Victor Wood (21346), who served in the 2nd Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment in the 1914-18 War, in which he was wounded.

Ex-Sgt Charles Henry Greenfield (9827) who served in The East Surrey Regiment.

Information Wanted

We should be glad to receive information, and current addresses if possible, of the undermentioned.

2024188 ex-Sgt Louis William Robinson who joined The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1932. After service in the 2nd Queen's, he is believed to have been attached to 11th R. Hampshires in June 1944. Lieut Colonel E. F. Bolton, DSO, would like to hear from him.

6144012 ex-L/Cpl John Albert Mattingley, The East Surrey Regiment. He was a Prisoner of War in Stalag XXI D or Stalag VI C. Mrs. Mattingley lived at Chertsey during the War. A small parcel of photographs and personal papers belonging to L/Cpl Mattingley has been received by the Polish Embassy who wish to restore these belongings to their owner.

Vandalism at Memorial Hall

Captain J. H. Young, who served in the 5th Bn The Queen's in the 1914-18 War, has reported an instance of the senseless vandalism which is all too prevalent nowadays.

Captain Young's eldest son, Lieut. Henry John S. Young, was killed in action in Normandy in June 1944 while serving with 1/6th Queen's. About six years after the War, Captain Young had built at his own expense a Recreation Hall in memory of his son; and it was named the John Young Memorial Hall.

On visiting the place recently, Captain Young was distressed to find the building in a derelict state, with windows broken and the whole Hall dirty and neglected. Further, the memorial panel in memory of his son had been defaced.

It is hard to understand the mentality of people who do such things. Needless to say they are never caught, and so no action can ever be taken.

South African War

In a reply to a correspondent published in a newspaper last December, the South African War Veterans Association estimated that there are now only 200 survivors of the 400,000 men who served in South Africa between 1899 and 1902.

We know of the following in the Regiment, and should be interested to hear of any other survivors.

The Queen's Royal Regiment

General Sir Ivo Vesey, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO.
Pte George Hutson.

The East Surrey Regiment

Lieut Colonel C. A. Clark, DSO, MC.
Sgt E. E. Templer.

Regimental History—

The Queen's Royal Regiment

The Queen's Royal Regiment Chapel

In the last issue of the News Letter we asked for information on the Regimental Chapel in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. Mr. C. S. A. Avis, who joined the 1st Queen's in April 1910, writes:

"I was present with the 1st Battalion of The Queen's (R.W.S.) Regiment at the ceremony of unveiling the window in The Queen's Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on 4th October, 1913. The window was dedicated to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the formation of the Regiment. All ranks serving with the Regiment gave a voluntary/compulsory donation of one day's pay. Quite a large contribution for the lower ranks in those days of long ago."

Mr. Avis's recollection clears the query as to whether it was the Chapel itself or just the window which was dedicated in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the formation of the Regiment. We still do not know when the chapel became associated with the Queen's.

Any further information on this subject would be welcome.

Regimental Seniority

Mr. H. J. Rotherham, who served in the 22nd London and later the 1/6th Queen's, writes:

"In 1930 I was sent on a P.T. course held at Chelsea Barracks, and was attached to a battalion of the Coldstream Guards. The rest of the chaps on the course were all Guards NCOs, and one evening they were having an argument among themselves as to seniority of formation date of their respective Regiments.

"I kept out of it until CSM (as he was then) Brittain came into the room, surveyed the scene benignly, then turned to me and said: 'Wouldn't you like to be in the Guards, my boy?' 'Sir,' I replied, 'the date of the Queen's year of formation is on each one of my Regimental buttons. The Queen's are the 2nd Regiment of Foot and the senior English Regiment of the Line!' For once the redoubtable 'Tibby', as I think they called him, was at a loss for words."

There was more to young Corporal Rotherham's reply than he probably realised, because both Regiments are numbered 2nd and both claim seniority. The Coldstream, although ranking second as Footguards, were raised before the Grenadiers. Their motto is "Nulli Secundus".

In the Regiments of the Line, the Queen's are the premier English Regiment. The senior Regiment of all is the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

Freemasonry in The Queen's Royal Regiment

Mr. C. S. A. Avis, referring to Mr. S. Bays' note in the November '69 News Letter, contributes this interesting article.

"No paper on Military Masonic Lodges should omit a reference to the curious state of things at Gibraltar during the days of the eighteenth century. From 1786 every Military Lodge, and there were several in the fortress, whatever its Registry, on arriving at Gibraltar, became subject to the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia. Sometime after 1813, this particular form of Provincial Grand Lodge composed of Lodges of different Constitutions working together in harmony, ceased to exist. A Masonic Lodge was formed in the 2nd Regiment of Foot in 1754 and granted Warrant No. 244 under the jurisdiction of the Irish Constitution and worked under it until 1825, having survived the loss of its Warrant by shipwreck in 1809, and finally gave it up on being ordered to India. It is on record that a letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master of Andalusia in 1789 stating the ill-conduct of sundry Brethren of Lodge No. 244, held in the 2nd Regiment of Foot, and the consequent Censure laid on them by the Grand Lodge held there. It was quite common in the eighteenth century for a Military Lodge to be lost sight of soon after its establishment. Thus No. 390 in the 2nd Regiment of Foot was warranted on 2nd December, 1762, which was not again heard of in the Records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland after that year. This Lodge was cancelled in 1815. This is a curious instance of two

lodges under the same Constitution existing in one Regiment.

"The Irish system of ambulatory Warrants granted to Military lodges played a great part in the spread of freemasonry during the eighteenth century. The Grand Lodge of Ireland favoured this type of Warrant much more than the English and the Scottish Grand Lodges, and in many cases these Irish Lodges left behind them the light of Masonry in many parts of the World to which British armies penetrated during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of the greatest Masonic Constitutions of the World can trace their first springs to an itinerate Military Lodge.

"There is no record, at least I have been unable to find one, whether The Queen's Royal Regiment (2nd Foot) held another Military Warrant which travelled with the Regiment or formed a stationary masonic lodge elsewhere."

A Regimental Picnic

We have received from Mrs. Whittaker, daughter of the late Brigadier General R. Dawson of the Queen's, some delightful snapshots of a picnic held by the 1st and 2nd Queen's at Catalan Bay, Gibraltar in 1910.

This meeting of the 1st and 2nd Queen's was an interesting occasion. The 1st Battalion were on their way home from India. The 2nd Battalion, under Colonel Dawson, had only recently arrived on the Rock. On 16th February, 1910, the troopship Dufferin with the 1st Queen's aboard put in at Gibraltar, and one officer and 206 soldiers were transferred to the 2nd Battalion.

A picnic for the families of both battalions was organised at Catalan Bay on the East side of the Rock, and the pictures show the ladies in full-length dresses and large broad-brimmed hats sitting on the beach where the picnic tea had been laid out on long white tablecloths.

This was only the second time the two Regular battalions had met, the previous occasion being at Malta in 1894. We should be interested to hear of any readers who were present at this Regimental picnic in 1910.

The next occasion on which the 1st and 2nd Queen's were to meet was anything but a picnic. An account of their meeting at Gheluvelt in October 1914 was given in the November 1968 issue of the News Letter.

The Queen's 100 year old Colours

On the establishment of the Queen's Divisional Depot at Basingbourn recently, General Craddock, the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, suggested that any Colours of our former Regiments would probably be most acceptable to the Divisional Officers Mess.

General Ling, Deputy Colonel (Surrey) The Queen's Regiment, with the agreement of the Queen's Surreys Regimental Council, has offered the old six foot Colours carried by the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1847 until 1947. The Colonel Commandant of The Queen's Division, Major General Forrester, himself an

old Queen's man, has written as follows to Major General Ling.

"You will, I am sure, be hearing shortly from General Dick Craddock that it was with very great pleasure that I have accepted, on behalf of all members of The Queen's Division, your magnificent offer of the old six foot Colours of the former 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, carried from 1847 until 1947, for the Divisional Depot.

"I have also expressed to him my sincere appreciation and thanks, and I would like to take this opportunity of saying how honoured we are by your thoughtful and generous gesture.

"I know I speak for all members of The Queen's Division when I ask if you would be so good as to convey to all members of the former Queen's Royal Regiment, and especially to those of the 1st Battalion, our profound gratitude, adding I am confident that our Depot will treasure and safeguard these historic Colours in a manner appropriate to all they stand for".

This unique stand of Colours has been known to generations of Queen's men. They were presented to The Queen's (Second) Royal Regiment at Gosport on 10th July, 1847 by Lady Augusta Fitzclarence, the wife of the District Commander.

After a century of service, the old Colours were brought home from the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment in Singapore in the aircraft carrier, HMS *Glory*. They were received at Devonport on 15th October, 1947 by an escort from the Regiment, and, as was fitting on such an historic occasion, by an equivalent escort from HMS *Excellent*. On arrival at Guildford, the Colours headed by the Band and escorts, were marched through the Borough to Stoughton Barracks. Here, in the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir George Giffard, the old Colours were marched off parade for the last time after 100 years of service with the Regiment at home and abroad.

Regimental History— The East Surrey Regiment

The East Surrey Regiment Memorial Chapel

For many years Mrs. Madge Blunden, widow of Major "Bill" Blunden of The East Surrey Regiment, has been making kneelers in the Regimental colours and bearing selected Battle Honours, for use in the Regimental Chapel in Kingston Parish Church.

In December 1969 Mrs. Blunden completed a hassock bearing the dates "1702-1959" which has now been installed for the use of the priest officiating at services held in the Regimental Chapel. We are most grateful to Mrs. Blunden for her dedicated work.

Regimental Museum Medal Collection

Among recent gifts to the Regimental Museum is the Military Cross awarded to Captain E. St. J. N. Ryan, and presented by his sister Miss I. M. N. Ryan.

Captain Ryan joined the 12th Bn The East Surrey Regiment in October 1917 and served with them throughout. A year later, in October 1918, he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Gheluvelt near Menin, and was appointed to command C Company. Three weeks later the Battalion were in action on the Courtrai-Bossuyt Canal near Knokke. Much opposition was met with, particularly by C Company, as the enemy held strongly a tunnel with machine guns covering the line of advance. C Company was held up at first and lost many men, but later in the afternoon succeeded in forcing the position. Captain Ryan, recently decorated for his services, was killed in making the attempt.

The East Surrey Irish

In the eighty years between 1787 and 1867, the Thirty First had five tours of duty in Ireland, amounting to nearly 24 years, and it appears numbers of Irishmen served in the Regiment.

Captain E. G. M. Roe, who served in The East Surrey Regiment, writes:

"A former Regular sergeant of ours, whom I met during the War as a Home Guard colonel, told me that he had been employed in Ireland as a recruiting-sergeant in the Boer War, and apparently the practice for the East Surreys to recruit in Ireland was of long standing.

"During my own service an astonishingly high proportion of Irishmen (all volunteers, of course), found their way into the Regiment. The first platoon of 22 men I commanded contained 16 Irish, of whom four were deserters from the Eireann Army! When I was stationed in Belfast, the Recruiter there told me that when he informed recruits of their right to choose their corps, the answer more often than not was 'Oi'd like to sarve with the Thirty-First Fut!'"

Lieut Colonel J. M. Woodhouse, MBE, MC

In 1943 and 1944 the Battle Patrol of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment was commanded by Lieut "Charles" Woodhouse who had come to us from the Dorsets. Some of the daring exploits of the Battle Patrol are recounted in Volume IV of the History of The East Surrey Regiment, but the story comes to an end on 2nd March, 1943, when Woodhouse, then with a rifle company, was taken prisoner while on patrol. The Regimental History comments: "The loss of Lieut Woodhouse to the Battalion was serious, but everyone felt that the Germans had acquired a most difficult prisoner."

A number of people have wondered what became of this enterprising young officer. The following extracts from a recent letter from Colonel Woodhouse fill in some of the gaps.

"My own career after unsuccessful tunnelling in German prisons can be briefly told. I learned Russian after the War which got me on to the military 'int' net which I did not much enjoy, but from 1950 until 1964 I spent most of my time in the Special Air Service, commanding the Regular Regiment before I decided to retire. I have since had business connections with Colonel David Stirling who formed the SAS in the Western Desert. We

formed a Company called Watchguard International which trains Police escorts and para military police in various countries on a strictly commercial basis. We employ ex-SAS officers and NCOs and have kept it going. I am trying to write a book on the SAS development in the fifties and sixties—though more of a personal narrative than a serious study—fortunately there is a lot of written material available.

"I went to the 250th Anniversary of The East Surrey Regiment at Kingston, but I found it impossible to keep in touch, particularly as I was stationed abroad almost continuously from 1946 to 1964 except for two years as T.A. Adjutant of the Dorsets in 1952-54.

"It was a pleasure to be reminded by your letter of the 1st Bn East Surrey Regiment, and a year which of course was probably the most memorable, and certainly one of the happiest, in spite of our losses, which I have known!"

Our Allied Regiments

Canada

Lieut Colonel J. D. Heine, CD, Commanding The South Alberta Light Horse, reports that 1969 was an active and productive year for the Unit. A full training programme from individual to Unit training was carried out. The Light Armoured Squadron was responsible for Mobile Command Reserve Training which includes Gunnery, Signals, Observation Post Procedures, Harbours and Leaguring. At the end of the Summer Camp a Summer Concentration of the Light Armoured Regiment was held for one week.

The South Alberta-Light Horse Band was active during the year with parades, musical festival and charitable entertainments. The South Alberta Light Horse paraded as a unit several times throughout the year. The most notable being the Trooping of the Guidon and the Armistice Parade.

Colonel Heine concludes his report: "It is difficult but not impossible to remain the 'Finest Armoured Corps Militia Unit' in Canada".

The following footnote to Colonel Heine's report, on the activities of the South Alberta Light Horse Band will be of interest.

Colonel N. R. Ray, ED who was instrumental in restoring The South Alberta Light Horse to Regimental status, and who was its Commanding Officer from 1961 to 1964, recounts that when he assumed command, the Regiment had no official march. He obtained the music of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment march "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky", liked it and adopted the march for the South Alberta Light Horse.

Colonel Ray now reports that the Federal Government, through the Department of National Defence, recently selected "A Southerly Wind and a Cloudy Sky" as the most outstanding march of all regiments in the Province, and it has been officially adopted as the March for the entire Province of Alberta. Colonel Ray says it is often heard over the Canadian Broadcasting Company network.

Back Numbers of the News Letter

Wanted

Copies of our first issue, Number 1 of May 1967. Please send to The Editor, Regimental Association News Letter, Regimental Headquarters, The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys Office), Portsmouth Road, Kingston upon Thames.

Available

Copies of the following issues are all available: No. 2, November 1967; No. 3, May 1968; No. 4, November 1968; No. 5, May 1969 and No. 6, November 1969.

They are obtainable free from the Editor. A 5d. stamp should be sent for postage.

Surrey Army Cadet Force

Units of the Surrey Army Cadet Force are desperately short of Adult Staff. Vacancies exist for Junior Officers, Sergeant Majors and Sergeant Instructors, with military knowledge and experience, in the following areas:—

- (a) Reigate, Redhill and Dorking.
- (b) Chertsey and Addlestone.
- (c) Walton.
- (d) Bagshot and Chobham.
- (e) Guildford and Woking.

Inquiries as to terms of service, commitments, or offers of assistance, should be made to:—

Major R. E. Pounds, MBE,
Cadet Executive Officer,
Headquarters Surrey Army Cadet Force,
TAVR Centre,
Sandfield Terrace,
Guildford, Surrey.
Telephone No.: Guildford 76347.

Lady Grover's Hospital Fund for Officers

1. Lady Grover's Hospital Fund was founded to help serving and retired officers (male and female) to meet nursing and convalescent expenses incurred through the illness of their dependants.

2. Membership is open to
- (a) serving and retired officers for the benefit of their dependants
 - (b) the married daughters, over the age of 21, of such officers for their own benefit
 - (c) the widows of deceased officers for their own benefit and that of their children.

3. Annual subscriptions are

- (a) under 35, £2 12s. 6d.
- (b) over 35 but under 45, £3 13s. 6d.
- (c) 45 and over, £4 14s. 6d.

4. Further information may be obtained from:—
The Secretary,
Lady Grover's Hospital Fund for Officers' Families,
Royal Hospital,
Chelsea, S.W.3.

Army Rifle Association

The Army Target Rifle Club at Bisley is open to all ranks of the Regular Army, serving or retired. New members are very welcome. For all information, apply to:

Captain C. C. C. Cheshire, RTR,
Match Secretary, Army T.R. Club,
Vehicle Concepts Branch,
F.V.R.D.E. Chobham Lane,
Chertsey,
Surrey.

The Regular Forces Employment Association

This Association is part of the Regular Forces Resettlement Service. Its object is to find suitable civil employment for men and women when they leave the Services, and in the years thereafter. It is registered as a Charity and draws its income from Public Funds and from the Services Benevolent Organisations. All who have not held commissioned rank in the Regular Forces and who leave them with characters of "Good" or better after three years' service are eligible for the Association's Services.

The number of men and women leaving the Services has increased in the past ten years as a result of the reduction in the Armed Forces and, with unemployment continuing at a high figure in the country as a whole, the competition for employment remains very keen. It was in these conditions that the Association placed 10,700 men and women from the Services in employment, nearly all of which was of a permanent nature. This is done through the Association's 44 Branches which cover the whole of the United Kingdom and are run by Employment Officers, all of whom have been in the Service themselves and are in close touch with Employers and with the Department of Employment & Productivity.

The Association is at your service and the addresses and telephone numbers of its Branches can be obtained from the Regimental Association, from the nearest Post Office, or from your local Employment Exchange.

Regimental Histories

The under-mentioned histories are available from the Queen's Surreys Office. Prices include packing and postage.

History of The East Surrey Regiment, Volume IV (1920-1952), 22/-.

History of The Queen's Royal Regiment, Volume VIII (1924-1948), 21/-.

Short History of The Queen's Royal Regiment by Jock Haswell (Famous Regiments Series), 17/6d.

Orders should be accompanied by cheque or postal order made payable to "The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment".

Deaths

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

Kinsella On 17th September, 1969, Pte John Thomas Kinsella (6141835) aged 52. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1936 to 1946 and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese from 1942 to 1945.

Joyner On 10th September, 1969, QMS Edward Henry Joyner (6790), aged 86. Served in 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1900 to 1920. He was mentioned in despatches, and awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his services while attached to Brigade Headquarters in the 1914-18 War.

Weaver On 7th November, 1969, Pte John Wilton Weaver (1405), aged 82. Served in the 6th (Territorial) Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1912 to 1918.

Biggs On 9th November, 1969, Sgt Leonard Biggs (6085630), aged 58. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1933 to 1946.

Free On 9th November, 1969, Band Sergeant Ernest A. Free, aged 84. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1900 to 1911 and in The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) from 1911 to 1924. See obituary.

Barnes On 18th November, 1969, Pte Archie Barnes, aged 69. Served in 2/4th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1915 to 1919, and was in action at Gallipoli when only 14½ years old.

Birkett On 3rd December, 1969, Pte Henry Birkett (6078102), aged 66. Served in the 2nd Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1919 to 1928.

Neave On 1st January, 1970, Captain Edward William James Neave, MC. Served in 5th and 11th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment in the 1914-18 War. See obituary.

Redrup On 3rd January, 1970, Pte Charles Redrup, aged 75. Served in the 6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment (TA) from 1914 to 1919. He was a founder member of the Chertsey Branch of the British Legion.

Charman On 7th January, 1970, Pte Sidney John Charman, L/10369, aged 78. Served in the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1913 to 1920.

Jenkins On 7th January, 1970, Sgt William John Jenkins, BEM (22544600), aged 65. Served in 23rd London and other Regiments. See obituary.

Baldwin On 12th January, 1970, after a short illness, Albert Henry Frederick Baldwin, aged 80. Served in The East Surrey Regiment. Freddie Baldwin, who had been head of the well-known firm of A. H. Baldwin & Sons, Numismatists, in the Adelphi, London, was a genial and popular figure at the meetings of the Golf Society of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

Foster On 16th January, 1970, Major Romney Claude Godwin Foster, MC. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1914 to 1939. Major Foster was the author of Volumes VIII and IX of the History of The Queen's Royal Regiment. See obituary.

Creed On 19th January, 1970, Cpl Edwin Thomas Creed (430609), aged 86. Served in the 23rd London Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment from 1909 to 1919. See obituary.

Burgess On 20th January, 1970, Sgt Robert W. Burgess, aged 78. Served in the 7th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1914 to 1918. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry at the Hohenzollern Redoubt in April, 1916.

Halsey On 1st February, 1970, WO II Albert Henry Halsey (6088779), aged 59. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1938 to 1945 and was a Company Sergeant Major in 1/5th Queen's in the North Africa and Italy Campaigns.

Bowles On 3rd February, 1970, Cpl Douglas Austin Bowles (6144809), aged 50. Served in 1/6th Bn The East Surrey Regiment from May 1939 until severely wounded at Cassino in November 1944. As a result of his wounds Cpl Bowles had both legs amputated. After the War he was employed at the British Legion Poppy Factory.

Haggard On 8th February, 1970, Captain Christopher Amyand Haggard, aged 84. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment in 1914-18 War. See obituary.

Bates On 15th February, 1970, L/Cpl Henry Michael Bates (6136797). Served in the Royal Marines from 1917 to 1919 and in the 2nd Bn The East Surrey Regiment from 1924 to 1927.

Gaiters On 21st February, 1970, Pte Harry Gaiters who served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1914 to 1916 and later in The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Mr. Gaiters had been a patient in the Star and Garter Home at Richmond for the past seven years.

Bain On 23rd February, 1970, L/Cpl John Robert Bain (2556727), aged 67. Served in 2nd Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1922 to 1929. Jack Bain served for 32 years as a Registered Male Nurse at Netherne Hospital, Coudsdon.

Kempen On 25th February, 1970, Pte Frederick William Kempen, MM (6132662), aged 72. Served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1915 to 1931. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in 1918 with the 8th Surreys.

Barber On 31st March, 1970, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Sgt Lewis Bernard Barber (6137008), aged 61. A keen sportsman, he served in The East Surrey Regiment from 1925 to 1951, and was a pre-War member of the 2nd Battalion Band.

Oldridge On 8th April, 1970, Lieut Colonel Bernard Harry Oldridge, aged 79, who served in The Queen's Royal Regiment and also in the Naval Division with the RNVF.

Watson On 13th April, 1970, Lieut Colonel Anthony James Arnaud Watson, aged 60. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1931 to 1956. James Watson, who commanded the 2nd Queen's in 1946, will be remembered as a fine athlete.

Burbage On 28th March 1970, Sgt Thomas John Moody Burbage (6089896), aged 53. Served in 1/7th Queen's in the 1939-45 War and in the 1st Middlesex in Korea. He completed his service in 1 Queen's in 1960.

Steggles On 7th April, 1970, Sgt George Pearson Steggles (1814), aged 81. Served in 1/5th Queen's from 1912 to 1919 and in 11th Queen's from 1939 to 1941. George Steggles had been a patient in the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, for the past 9 years. In spite of his disability, he remained a cheerful, courageous, outward looking man and maintained a great interest in the affairs of the Regiment.

Hutson On 20th April, 1970, Pte George Hutson (3679), within a month of his 97th birthday. Served in The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1891 to 1902. See obituary.

Regimental Families

We regret to announce the death of the following ladies.

On 16th December 1969, after a long and painful illness, Mrs Beatrice Wood. She was the wife of Mr S. J. "Chippy" Wood, who served in the Signal Section of the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment in Hong Kong and India. His address is 51, Sutherland Road, Croydon, CR0 3QH. Surrey.

On 6th January 1970, Mrs Hilda Lois Young, wife of Captain J. H. Young, 5th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment.

On 19th January 1970, Mrs Cushion, widow of Drummer Dave Cushion of the 23rd London Regiment. Mrs Cushion was well known to all members of the 23rd London Regiment from 1915 onwards and was a stalwart supporter of all Regimental social functions.

On 21st January 1970, Mrs Marguerite Few, widow of Colonel Robert Jebb Few, DSO, TD, The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Obituaries

E. A. Free

Ernest Free, who has died in Jersey in his 85th year, was born in India where his father was serving in the Army. At the age of 14½ he enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment, and in November 1900 found himself back in India as a band boy in the 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment. When the Battalion returned to England in 1903, Free was appointed a Lance Corporal in the Band. He served in Jersey with the 1st Battalion from 1905 to 1908, and three years later was posted to the staff band of The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). He retired in 1924 with the rank of Band Sergeant after 24 years' service. Called up for service in the 1939-45 War, Free served as a Company Quarter Master Sergeant in the 11th Bn The Royal Hampshire Regiment from 1940 to 1943. After the War, Mr. Free re-formed the Royal Militia Island of Jersey Band and served as Band Sergeant until its disbandment. Mr. Free, who was a popular figure in Jersey, was of a genial disposition and carried himself with true military bearing.

Major E. W. J. Neave, MC, PhD, FCS

Edward Neave died on New Year's Day 1970. He enlisted soon after the outbreak of the 1914-18 War, and after service in the 5th Queen's, joined the 11th Battalion as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1918. He left the Battalion with the rank of Captain.

On the formation of the 11th Bn The Queen's Old Comrades Association, Major Neave soon became a very active member; and at the request of his comrades he undertook the writing of the Battalion History. He was a most modest comrade and the History makes no reference at all to his own exploits. No mention is made of his own bravery and devotion to duty, known very well to his comrades, and for which he was decorated with the Military Cross.

He was Chairman of the Old Comrades Association for many years and the members mourn the loss of a much loved comrade.

Cpl E. T. Creed

Tom Creed, who has died at the age of 86, enlisted as a boy in the Royal Navy in 1898. On completion of his service as a sailor, he joined the 23rd London Regiment and served as a Territorial for five years. On the outbreak of the 1914-18 War, he transferred to The East Surrey Regiment and was posted to the 8th Battalion. Cpl Creed took part in the famous Football Charge at Montauban in 1916 in which he was wounded. In 1953 the old soldier was admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Five years later at the age of 75, he left to get married, and, as he put it, "to live happily ever after". And so he has.

Major R. C. G. Foster, MC

All who have served in The Queen's Royal Regiment since World War I will greatly regret the passing of Major R. C. G. Foster, MC on the 16th January, 1970 after an operation. "Fuggins" to his many friends will be remembered for his unassuming kindly and generous nature.

He had the Regiment's traditions at heart and with his death we lose yet another of our few remaining officers who experienced the rigours of trench warfare in 1915-17, also one who could recount so many incidents connected with the past fifty years of the Regiment's history.

Educated at Marlborough he was studying Engineering at Queen's College, Oxford before obtaining a University

Commission to The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) in October 1914.

At the age of twenty two he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in France and took part in the Battles of The Somme and High Wood. As Bombing Officer of the Battalion he was awarded the Military Cross for his distinguished conduct in the attack on Mametz Wood (1st and 2nd July, 1916), when he and his patrol captured an officer, about fifty men and three machine guns. About March 1917 he was taken prisoner and sent to Holzminden POW Camp.

In 1919 he was posted to 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment in India and served with them on the North West Frontier (Medal and two clasps), in Khar-toum, Dover, Aldershot, and the Isle of Wight, except for a period as Adjutant of the 5th Battalion TA 1929-33.

He was promoted Major in July 1933, went to India in 1937 and served as 2nd in Command of the 1st Battalion at Allahabad until his retirement in March 1939.

Recalled in September 1939, Major Foster was too old for further active service but he was given several useful appointments including Chief Instructor to 168 OCTU (Aldershot) and 161 OCTU (Droitwich). The War over, it was only fitting that his scholastic nature and literary talent should be put to good use, and he was selected to write the History of The Queen's Royal Regiment 1924 to 1959, which includes World War II. Considering the great number of units involved and their various theatres of operations this was a monumental task; but Major Foster undertook it with relish and produced one of the best and most detailed Regimental Histories of the War.

To his widow and daughter we extend our deepest sympathy. E.F.B.

Major S. S. Moffett, MBE

Sam ("Iska") Moffett who died on 20th February, 1970, aged 67, enlisted in The East Surrey Regiment on 12th June, 1919. He served with the 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar from 1927-28, with the 1st Battalion in India from 1928 to 1933, and again with the 2nd Battalion in U.K. and China during the period 1933 to 1940.

In 1940 he joined the 11th Bn The East Surrey Regiment and was Company Sergeant Major of "A" Company until March 1941 when he was commissioned to The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. During his service with the latter Regiment he held several extra regimental appointments at home and overseas, and was awarded the MBE in 1955. He retired from the Army in September 1957.

Sam had a great sense of humour, and this did not desert him even in his latter years when he became practically blind. A staunch member of The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Warrant Officers and Sergeants Association, he regularly attended all functions right up to the time of his death.

To his wife and two daughters, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Sgt W. J. Jenkins, BEM

The following tribute has been written by Mr. F. W. Kedge, Chairman of the Regimental Association, 23rd London/42 RTR.

All members of the Regimental Association 23rd London/42nd RTR extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. (Nan) Jenkins and family in their sad loss.

Bill had only recently retired from work with the Shell Company and was looking forward to his years of ease. But it was not to be. He collapsed whilst attending a meeting of an R.A.O.B. Lodge of which he was an official, and did not regain consciousness.

His service with the 23rd London Regiment began in 1932 when he joined the Corps of Drums, on completion of a Regular engagement with the South Wales Borderers.

From that time onwards, except for the War years, when he was transferred to A.A. gunners, his whole life was bound up in 23rd London/42nd Tanks, and the Queen's Surreys, and he was prominent in every activity that was going.

He rejoined 42nd Tanks in 1947 on the re-formation on the TA and attained the rank of Squadron Sgt Major. He had been a BSM in the gunners. On reversion of 42nd Tanks to Infantry role in 1956/7 he transferred to the Band as a Sgt in which rank he served until final discharge on 7th February, 1967. During this period he was awarded the BEM for outstanding services to the Territorial Army. He was an excellent rifle shot and took part in many competitions in the Regimental, Brigade and Divisional shoots. He was also an outstanding bugler.

Among his many activities within the Regiment, mention must be made of his stewardship of the Sgts Mess bar and latterly of the Gazala Club bar, in both of which jobs he was at times assisted by Mrs. Jenkins. His management and accountancy in both these spheres were an outstanding example of how regimental institutions and accounts should be run. At the time of his passing, he was Secretary of 23rd/42nd RTR Old Comrades Association of which he was an enthusiastic and ardent supporter.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends in many places. The words of Scripture may be aptly applied:—"Well done thou good and faithful servant". Cremation took place at Morden on 15th January, 1970 and was attended by nearly a hundred of his friends from the Queen's Surreys, the 23rd London/42nd RTR Old Comrades Association, the Burma Star Association and the Shell Company.

Captain C. A. Haggard

Kit Haggard, who has died at the age of 84, was the elder of two brothers who served the Regiment well. Their grandfather, General Sir Edward Selby-Smyth, KCMG, was Colonel of The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1893 to 1896. Kit was commissioned in The Queen's in 1915 and with his brother Bevis (popularly known as "Fat Boy" and who was 10 years his junior), went to France with the 7th Battalion in July that year. A year later, when the 7th Queen's were engaged in the attack on Montauban, Kit Haggard, who was commanding a company, was wounded in the head.

In November 1916, he was promoted Captain for distinguished service in the Field, and transferred to The Middlesex Regiment. In April 1918 he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry on the Somme, and the following month was wounded again. After several staff appointments at the War Office, Captain Haggard retired in 1922 due to ill-health as a result of his wounds.

Kit was one of the old school. His high moral standards, his perfect manners and his love for The Queen's were qualities that those who knew him well found so endearing. But he was living in an age that he did not understand; and only the joy of seeing his old friends brought pleasure to him. He came to London, from the Nursing Home in Hampshire where he had lived for some years, a few days before he died. He suffered much from his wounds and, although he complained much about the decadence of modern youth, he never complained of the ill-health that had dogged him for so long. He died in his Club in London, happy to have seen some of his old friends while he was there.

Our sympathy goes to a brother and two sisters who survive him.

G. Hutson

With the passing of George Hutson within a few weeks of his 97th birthday, the Regiment loses its oldest soldier. Enlisting in the Queen's in 1891, Pte Hutson served in the 1st Battalion which formed part of the Malakand, later the Tirah, Field Force, and was awarded the India Medal 1895-1902 with Tirah Clasp. He served in South Africa in the 2nd Battalion and was awarded both South Africa War medals. Leaving the Army in 1902, George Hutson emigrated to Canada where he settled in the Province of Quebec. Last June Captain K. W. Brooks visited Mr. Hutson in Montreal. Writing in the last News Letter, Captain Brooks reported he had found the old warrior fit, well and of a smart and soldierlike appearance, and described him as looking "every inch an old Queen's man".